



Appendix A

Western Suffolk Community Safety Partnership Plan 2019-22

The Western Suffolk Community Safety Partnership (WSCSP) is a statutory body with a responsibility to:

- Make an assessment of community safety issues
- Produce a plan which responds to those issues
- Review and report on progress against that plan
- Carry out Domestic Homicide Reviews

The partnership is made up of statutory representatives from local councils in West Suffolk, Mid Suffolk and Babergh, Suffolk Police, Registered Social Landlords, Suffolk County Council, Probation and the Clinical Commissioning Group. The Youth Offending Service and Havebury Housing Partnership are long-serving co-opted members.

The WSCSP works to support community/voluntary groups to secure funding to deliver projects/initiatives which meet an identified community safety issue, which are a threat or risk or will cause the greatest harm to the community.

How does this work?

WSCSP has a duty to consider the more strategic overarching issues which are affecting community safety in Western Suffolk. These are issues which may not affect our communities on a day to day basis, but are a threat to overall safety in Suffolk and undermine families and communities. These will be identified by making an assessment of crime and community safety in partnership with Suffolk County Council and Suffolk Police.

Who we will work with?

In addition to the statutory agencies of the partnership working together, we also have strong links with the following groups;

Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) :

The PCC is fully supportive of CSPs and their work and in turn, CSPs have a duty to take due regard of the Police and Crime Commissioner's Police and Crime Plan. The WSCSP plan reflects those issues in the PCP which result in producing the greatest threat, risk and harm to our communities.

Strong and Safe Communities Group (SSCG):

Commissioned by the Health and Wellbeing Board the SSCG works alongside Community Safety Partnerships and other partnership groups; it does not replicate or duplicate what is already happening. Community safety is a key determinant for health and wellbeing and this tactical county wide group has been developed with an aim to give a light touch coordinated response, with a view of getting a better understanding of the whole picture in community safety, drawing agendas together, identifying gaps and responding.

Communication with the CSP is vital if they are to deliver locally, which is where they are best placed to carry out community engagement. CSP chairs are members of the SSCG.

The key priorities for the SSCG are as follows:

- a) **County Lines** drugs markets established by criminals from out of the county. This includes supporting victims of substance misuse, tackling drug dealing and supply, safeguarding vulnerable adults at risk of 'cuckooing', and young people being used to 'run' drugs and who could be sexually exploited.
- b) **Violence against Women and Girls (including men and boys)**. This includes domestic abuse, sexual violence, modern day slavery and sexual exploitation.
- c) **Domestic Homicide reviews**, including ensuring that the WSCSP continues to carry out effective reviews, refines processes and shares learning across Suffolk.
- d) **Hate Crime** – this includes the identification and support for victims of hate crime by raising awareness and building confidence in reporting hate crime incidences.
- e) **Prevent** - this is one of the stands of the Government's CONTEST strategy to counter extremism and terrorism. The 'prevent' stand aims to raise awareness to stop people becoming drawn into terrorism and ensure that they are given appropriate advice and support at an early stage.

These reflect the strategic priorities of the WSCSP. The WSCSP have identified the following actions which they can undertake to support this work at a local level

- Convening ad hoc meetings to receive briefings on these issues and discuss their impact and relevance to West Suffolk.
- Working with community groups and the voluntary sector in early intervention and prevention work commissioning
- Ensuring principals of relevant agencies and groups are in attendance
- Establishing responsibility for and communication between designated principals within relevant agencies and groups
- Requesting plans of action to respond as appropriate

The intention is not to duplicate any work that individual agencies may be doing but to understand the relevance to Community Safety for residents in Western Suffolk and maximise the opportunities for coordinating a response and intelligence between agencies in the West.

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