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Cambridge Community Safety Partnership Community Safety Plan 2014-17

Year Three (2016/2017)

Introduction from Cambridge Community Safety Partnership Board Members

The Cambridge Community Safety Partnership (CSP) brings together a number of agencies and organisations concerned with tackling and reducing crime and antisocial behaviour in Cambridge. Some organisations, like the City Council and the police, are statutory members, but voluntary groups and businesses are also represented and play an important role.

Our key role is to understand the kind of community safety issues Cambridge is experiencing; decide which of these are the most important to deal with; and then decide what actions we can take collectively, adding value to the day-to-day work undertaken by our individual agencies and organisations. We detail these actions in our [Community Safety Plan](#) which we update each year.

To help us to do this we commission a [Strategic Assessment](#) annually which looks at a range of detailed information that exists about crime, disorder, substance abuse and other community matters that are affecting Cambridge. In the light of this information the assessment makes recommendations about how best to keep the Community Safety Plan priorities on track for the next year.

Area Committees regularly consider the issues that are of concern to the public in their community and these concerns are adopted by the Neighbourhood Policing teams in partnership with other agencies. The priorities set at Area Committees are also taken into account when developing our plan.

Every three years we take a more in-depth look at everything we were doing and consider whether we were on track and working on the priorities that are relevant to the different communities within Cambridge. We did this in 2014 and decided that having considered the Strategic Assessment and consulted with the public and given the success of the partnership over several years, with year on year reductions in overall crime, it was a good time to concentrate on longer term strategic issues. The [Strategic Assessment 2015](#) confirms that this continues to be the right approach for 2016/17.

The Strategic Assessment 2015 also recommended that the partnership makes strong links between violence and the other priorities listed; noting the reductions already accomplished through the alcohol related violence crime task group and seek to embed this as business as usual.

In producing our plan we have been mindful of the pledges of the Police and Crime Commissioner in his [crime plan 2013-16](#) and the requirement to 'have regard' to the priorities that will be established by the commissioner in his plan.

The Cambridge Community Safety Partnership Board decided that the priorities for 2016/17 would be:

- All violence including domestic violence
- Exploitation
- Personal property crime
- Antisocial behaviour within vulnerable groups

To continue to track and support County led work on:

- Reducing re-offending

The Partnership will keep a watching brief on road safety issues by:

- Raising concerns with the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Road Safety Partnership
- Addressing local issues through the neighbourhood profiles at Area Committees.

In Section 1 we tell you more about our priorities. We look at why these were chosen in the first place, why they are relevant, and how we see the issues in the third year of our three-year plan.

For each of the priorities, the lead officer produces an update. Like other Cambridge CSP papers, these reports are open public documents and are available on the [Cambridge CSP webpage](#).

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1. Community Safety Plan: Year Three (2016/2017) Priorities

Priority 1: All Violence including Domestic Violence - To continue to prioritise domestic abuse and embed tactics for alcohol-related violence. To develop an understanding of and partnership response to less serious violence.

Why have we chosen this priority?

The Cambridge Community Safety Partnership recognises the personal impact that Domestic Abuse and other crimes of violence can have on victims, their families, the community, as well as the cost to emergency and treatment services. Success has been achieved in continuing to reduce the number of incidents of violence with injury. The number of recorded crimes of violence where injury does not occur continues to rise. It is not uncommon to see victims as perpetrators of similar crimes and for them to fall into the category of young people.

The Cambridge Community Safety Partnership intends to target interventions towards young people and areas of deprivation. The Partnership knows that some increase in recording is accounted for in better practice. Partners report that Cambridge City does not feel like a more violent place however the Partnership wants to understand more about the cause of the rise.

The partnership intends to make strong links between violence and the other priorities listed, for example tackling violence where used as control within exploitation, and within alcohol related street drinking where it is part of the ongoing street based ASB issue.

What do we aim to do?

Maintain the Alcohol-Related Violent Crime (ARVC) task group, continuing to focus on violent crime directly linked to the consumption of alcohol and retain its proactive and forward looking approach. Refresh the analysis of recorded crime to direct the action of the sub groups, in particular in Market and Abbey Wards and identify which are to focus on next pursuing greater participation by involving the communities and local councillors.

To continue to target city wide violent crime to create a safe and secure environment for those who live, visit and work in Cambridge by using the group's understanding of city and national events or celebrations and ensure that they are peaceful and enjoyed by all.

What we hope to achieve?

A reduction in violence (which is not domestic abuse).

To increase awareness raising of services and reporting of Domestic Abuse.
The actions of the White Ribbon Campaign for Year Two completed.

Lead Officer: Communities Chief Inspector, Cambridgeshire Constabulary
Deputy Lead Officer for Domestic Abuse: Head of Youth Offending Services,
County Council

Priority 2: Exploitation – in particular, the sexual exploitation of women and children. The Priority will build on police intelligence and work out the most effective way to work on this collectively, as a Partnership.

Why have we chosen this priority?

Little information is known about the locations and people engaged in various models of exploitation in Cambridge City, including the sex trade where people may have been trafficked into or around the UK and who may be being exploited, held against their will or otherwise subject of criminal activity.

What do we aim to do?

Through Operation Mantus proactively identify the type and extent of criminal activity, identify vulnerable persons who have been or are at risk of human trafficking, including sexual exploitation, organised crime and anti-social behaviour and develop safe exit plans, enforcement opportunities and referral pathways to safeguard them.

Identify locations that are being used by sex workers within Cambridge City.

Identify, disrupt, catch and convict individuals and organised crime groups who are concerned in the human trafficking of vulnerable persons into and around the City.

Target harden premises identified as regularly used by sex workers in order to prevent their use for this purpose.

Work with other Regional Police Forces, Immigration, European Police Forces, HMRC and Partners to ensure the approach complements wider national and international, enforcement and safeguarding.

Identify and recover criminally acquired assets.

What we hope to achieve?

A better understanding of exploitation within the City in order that interventions can be developed as soon as possible to safeguard the most vulnerable.

Lead Officer: Community Risk Manager, Cambridgeshire Fire & Rescue Service

Deputy Lead Officer: Detective Inspector, Cambridgeshire Constabulary

Priority 3: Personal Property Crime - To continue this priority and respond to recent increases in personal property crime – In particular responding to dwelling burglary increases through a partnership approach to prevention.

Why have we chosen this priority?

The unpleasant crime of dwelling burglary has risen over the year. The impact upon victims can be significant including physical and psychological harms and the partnership intends to minimise the chance of residents and visitors being victimised.

What do we aim to do?

Through Operation Hunter the lead officer will continue to make appropriate local arrangements with partners to deliver action focused on reducing dwelling burglary by concentrating on disrupting, diverting and convicting offenders and delivering targeted crime prevention activity. This includes managing offenders in the community through the Integrated Offender Management Scheme (IOM). For those perpetrators likely to fall into criminality who do not qualify for IOM the local policing team will continue to signpost those to diversion services and where that is not successful consider enforcement options.

Work with local businesses and residents to improve property security and target hardening, engaging the community at area committees and educating potential victims.

Continue to deliver community safety advice using social media, printed media and bespoke events to educate potential victims. Investigators will be dispatched directly to the scene of a burglary to improve the quality of investigations. Predictive mapping will be used to direct action to the areas most at risk of dwelling burglaries in the near future. Those addresses adjacent to homes targeted for burglary will receive visits and information from the partnership to alert them to the need to take great care with property security and encourage them to report activity they think may be linked to burglary (Cocooning). The Neighbourhood Watch Schemes will be tasked to share this information with the community and to act as our eyes and ears passing information back to the Police.

The lead officer will be responsible for communicating the progress of the plans to area committees, the CSP, media and partners.

The lead officer will work with the stakeholders to establish what activity works and identify opportunities to do things more efficiently, leaving behind what doesn't work.

What we hope to achieve?

A reduction in dwelling burglary.

Lead Officer: Communities Chief Inspector, Cambridgeshire Constabulary

Priority 4: Antisocial behaviour within Vulnerable Groups - To undertake this focused priority in particular supporting vulnerable individuals (e.g. people with mental ill health).

Why have we chosen this priority?

[The Strategic Assessment 2015](#) notes that police recorded incidents of antisocial behaviour have been decreasing both locally and nationally over a number of years now. The Cambridge Community Safety Partnership has acknowledged this decrease in their plans of the past two years and has concentrated its work on vulnerable victims and offenders, testing out new ways of working including a pilot scheme, to address street based antisocial behaviour.

A review of this pilot '[Supporting People and Preventing Antisocial Behaviour](#)' sets out the learning from the project and has recommendations for rolling out the model to the general population who engage in street based antisocial behaviour or who are victims.

The Strategic Assessment notes that poor mental health can put people at increased risk of victimisation. The mental ill health of both victims and perpetrators continues to be a concern expressed by front line officers when dealing with complex antisocial behaviour cases. This is an area where there is still much work to be done to understand the impact of mental health on community safety and to incorporate best practice to address the issues.

What do we aim to do?

We will continue the work to support the most vulnerable in the community who are often dependent on drugs and alcohol and have mental health issues. At the same time we will use enforcement where appropriate and necessary to protect the quality of life of for those who live, visit and work in Cambridge.

We will work through the multi-agency Task and Target group to develop individual action plans for people who have been involved with antisocial behaviour and are willing to engage with support services to address their alcohol or drug dependency.

We intend to foster better working relations between frontline workers, in particular with colleagues in the mental health professions, by improving the information available about mental health services and the referral pathways to all support services.

What we hope to achieve?

A reduction in antisocial incidents associated with keywords (begging, homeless, drunk, alcohol and abusive language) within the extended City Centre area against the baseline for 2015/16.

Develop a training and networking programme to improve partnership working with mental health services and other support services where necessary.

Lead Officer: Safer Communities Manager, Cambridge City Council

Tracking and supporting the county led work on re-offending

The Partnership has also committed to tracking and supporting County led work on re-offending. The work to address re-offending is carried out mainly but not exclusively by the Integrated Offender Management (IOM) Scheme, the scheme manages the most prolific adult offender.

The aims of the scheme will be delivered via the joint working arrangements brought together through the Cambridge Community Safety Partnership and other relevant partnerships, such as the Cambridgeshire Domestic Abuse Partnership, Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB), Children's Area Partnerships and Health and Wellbeing Board.

Keeping a watching Brief on road safety issues

The Partnership will keep a watching brief on road safety issues by raising concerns with the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Road Safety Partnership and addressing local issues through the neighbourhood profiles at Area Committees.

Contact us

Any comments or queries on this Year Three (2016/17) version of the Community Safety Plan, should be addressed to:

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