

Cambridge Community Safety Partnership Plan 2014 – 2017

Achievements in Year Two 2015/16

The priorities for 2015/16 were:

Strategic

- To focus on a local strategic approach to domestic abuse with particular need to reduce victimisation, raise awareness and increase reporting rates
- To understand the impact of mental health, alcohol and drug misuse on violent crime and anti-social behaviour

Tactical

- Alcohol-related violent crime
- Antisocial behaviour
- Personal property crime

Track and support the county wide work being carried out on reducing re-offending

Keeping a watching brief on road safety issues

The partner agencies worked together in each of the priority areas, sharing resources and focusing core business activity to achieve our aims. Each of the member agencies contributed to the work of the Partnership, putting in staffing resources or expertise. We also carried out a number of projects specifically focused on priority issues and these are detailed below.

1. What we did in each priority area in 2015/16

To focus on a local strategic approach to domestic abuse with particular need to reduce victimisation, raise awareness and increase reporting rates

- Cambridge City Domestic Abuse Forum was launched in February 2015 and was supported by the Cambridge City Council Domestic Abuse Co-ordinator. Two sub groups were formed for Commercial Employers and another for Educational Institutions. The CSP funded awareness raising materials to help tackle myths and prejudices relating to domestic abuse and to increase reporting rates. These have included publicity leaflets for the general public and toolkits for professionals.
- A Survivors Conference, as part of the Forum, was funded by the CSP and uniquely brought together survivors and domestic violence service-providers in dialogue, to jointly explore the provision of services to victims of domestic

violence/abuse to inform future developments. This was held during the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence Campaign from 25 November, International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, to 10 December, Human Rights Day. Cambridgeshire Constabulary held a month-long awareness campaign, highlighting the signs of domestic abuse and encouraged reporting.

- White Ribbon Campaign, since Cambridge City Council achieved the Town Award in February 2015, an action plan has been delivered locally with the support of the six city White Ribbon Campaign Male Ambassadors. Activities have included an awareness raising stall held outside the Guildhall and a talk held for Religious Leaders from different faiths at the fire station.
- A Domestic Abuse Awareness Raising event, funded by the CSP, was held for professionals and front-line staff at Anglia Ruskin University in July 2015. Following this event, one of the Male Ambassadors, who was a guest speaker, was invited and gave a presentation to the Cambridgeshire Magistrates at Peterborough Magistrates Court.
- The Impact Team (now part of a team called Crime Investigation Team) based at Parkside Police Station, continued with their role making links with vulnerable victims of Domestic Violence to build trust and confidence and intelligently investigating breach of restraining orders and bail conditions.
- The Problem Solving Team at Parkside Police Station ran an information event for Child Protection Leads in the City and South Cambridgeshire schools. It highlighted the risks and possible signs of victimisation to help with safeguarding. In addition, they promoted the CSP funded 'Chelsea's Choice'.
- Productions of 'Chelsea's Choice', a CSP funded project, were provided by the social enterprise 'AlterEgo Creative Solutions' to Year 9/10 pupils in Cambridge City as part of a county programme, which included performances in communities. The play covered the themes of sexual consent, drugs and alcohol, child sexual exploitation and healthy relationships. The play was followed by workshops to discuss the different issues with young people and communities.
- The Bobby Scheme, co-ordinated by the Cambridgeshire Police Shrievally Trust and funded by the CSP, visited and secured the homes of 36 high risk Domestic Abuse victims with 59 children in the households from 1 April – 31 December 2015.
- Cambridgeshire Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (DASV) Partnership, the CSP continued to work with them, attending the Implementation Board and promoted their Campaign around older women in collaboration with Action on Elder Abuse.
- E-learning domestic abuse basic training became available online to all professionals via the new Cambridgeshire Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (DASV) Partnership website: <http://www.cambsdasv.org.uk/website>.

- Training of frontline staff continued and the incorporation of domestic abuse training into the learning and development programme of Cambridge City Council.

To understand the impact of mental health, alcohol and drug misuse on violent crime and antisocial behaviour

- With a Board Member from Cambridgeshire and Peterborough NHS Foundation Trust, representing mental health services, we have started to identify the gaps in data and information, particularly around the diagnosis and treatment of people with both mental health and drug and/or alcohol issues.
- Research by the Cambridgeshire Research Group (Cambridgeshire County Council's Research and Performance Function) was funded by the Partnership to provide understanding of the impacts of mental health on crime and anti-social behaviour issues to inform our future work and will be published in 2016.
- We evaluated the street based anti-social behaviour pilot and used the findings of the evaluation to influence further work in the area of understanding the impact of mental health and substance misuse on crime and anti-social behaviour.
- We continued to run the pilot scheme with a group of people involved in anti-social behaviour to examine the support they receive in relation to their mental health, and possible alcohol and drug issues, and identify any potential gaps and barriers to providing an appropriate service.

Reducing alcohol related violent crime

- A Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) was implemented by Cambridge City Council in Mill Road, Petersfield and the front garden of Ditchburn Place and has been successful in reducing anti-social behaviour. Street Life Police Officers and the Safer Communities Team at Cambridge City Council have worked together to address any issues of displacement.
- The City's Problem Solving Group coordinated action to tackle individuals and families in a multi-agency approach. Community outreach activities took place in the one pilot ward to promote community safety, safer drinking and local services available for those who might be experiencing domestic abuse.
- A partnership alcohol harm reduction campaign "Have You Ever" ran until the end of January 2016, with the "Morning After" advertising messages shared at four City venues.
- Security Industry Authority, Cambac and Police have worked with venues to increase the number of pubs and clubs using breathalysers in the night time economy along with Security Companies considering the introduction of body worn cameras for staff.

- Operation Manzo took place on 18 December and involved the Security Industry Agency (SIA), Police and other partners reviewing SIA licences held by door staff, the prevalence of drugs on surfaces within pubs and clubs and checking that license conditions within venues were being adhered to.
- Taxi Marshal Scheme, organised by Cambridge Business Against Crime (CAMBAC) and funded by the CSP, provided marshals for the month of December 2015 on St Andrews Street taxi rank. This project takes pressure off the police by providing a visible presence at a known hot spot for violence, effectively speeding up the dispersal of people in the night time economy to avoid pinch points and raised tensions. We will have the total number of people marshalled through the rank, vulnerable lone females given priority and people marshalled through on New Year's Eve for the final report.
- Care Venue, an alternative medical treatment and care facility, operated on the 18 and 31 December 2015 in St Columbas Church. 24 people were provided with medical treatment, with 7 transported to A&E following initial treatment, and an uncaptured number of people were also treated by Care Facility staff on the streets. Organisations involved were 254 Medical Regiment, East of England Ambulance Service Trust, St John Ambulance, Street Pastors and Cambridgeshire Police. This project reduced the pressure on Addenbrooke's Hospital A&E Department.
- Safe Refuge, organised by the Street Pastors in St Columbas Church, was supported by the Community Safety Partnership to provide a professional door supervisor to enable the project to operate on a permanent Saturday night basis. It successfully operated on 50 of the 52 available Saturday nights during the year and in addition on 19 and 31 December 2015. 1207 people used the facility in 2015, compared to 1152 in 2014, for purposes ranging from a safe place to wait, for pastoral care or practical assistance such as a blanket or foot protection.

Addressing antisocial behaviour (ASB)

- Cambridgeshire Constabulary has continued to focus on identifying those in our communities that are most vulnerable or at risk, combined with the focus on accurate and ethical crime recording. As a result, there has been an increase in public confidence to report, alongside robust local Police scrutiny processes around crime and incident reporting.
- Cambridge City Council Teams have been liaising closely with the Police and Homelessness agencies to tackle problematic rough sleeping in various locations. These areas have been referred to City Councils multi-agency task and target meeting for regular action planning and monitoring and complainants are being updated on a regular basis.
- Supporting People and Preventing Antisocial Behaviour Project Pilot worked across agencies with people who have been involved with street based ASB and have complex support needs due to mental health issues and possible

alcohol and drug misuse. Action plans were produced with partner support agencies to develop models to best serve the needs of the individual and identified any potential gaps and barriers to providing an appropriate service. The pilot findings suggested that there was need to look at alternative ways to facilitate engagement with the most entrenched individuals. As part of this the most problematic cases are referred through the Task and Target group to discuss action plans which include support and robust enforcement if they continue to be problematic. Future work with partner agencies will use innovative solutions to address the street drinking and begging with raising awareness of the support that is available.

- Communications Programme, alongside an extensive programme of surgeries and residents meetings, the City Council ASB Team has been very successful in reaching out to residents with whom they may not have previously engaged. For example attending a successful meeting between residents and traders at Mitchams Corner to discuss street life ASB. Relationships with private accommodation providers such as Anglia Ruskin University and landlords are being developed further.
- A Programme of Interactive Presentations to Young People by the Cambridge City Council Safer Communities Team has been developed and delivered to 900 year 8, 10 and 11 students in schools in the south of the city. These have been well received and the programme includes talking about ASB, alcohol awareness and healthy relationships. The team also participated in the year 5 students Safety Zone sessions arranged by the fire service.
- Neighbourhood Resolution Panels (NRP), continued to provide positive outcomes to those affected by crime, ASB or neighbour disputes by enabling people to work together to find some kind of meaningful resolution. 8 referrals were received from Environmental Health, ASB officers, and Police service, with 1 self-referral. Of those 8, 4 have been allocated to Facilitators for neighbourhood resolution, with 1 case about to go to a panel meeting. 2 panel meetings were held in January 2016, which were both successful with signed agreements at each one. Positive feedback was received from all parties afterwards in which they all said “they would recommend the service to others”. A stall was held at the Volunteers Fair in the Guildhall on 31 January 2016, which had over 900 attendees.
- PREVENT, part of the UK’s counter terrorism strategy, training has been delivered by the Safer Communities Team to 160 Cambridge City Council frontline staff from 7 December – 3 March 2016.

Responding to emerging trends of personal property crime

- A daily review of recorded crime by Cambridgeshire Police continues to identify opportunities to tackle the characteristics of offender/victim/location to enable prevention, intelligence and enforcement activities to take place prioritised against the greatest risk of harm.

- Cycle Crime Task Group with CSP funds, provided a variety of cycle marking products, cycle registration promotion and correct locking information in the city. The priority has been to continue educating potential victims to help with enforcement activity, to try to reunite owners with property and undertake target hardening in hot spot areas. Stakeholders have included Cambridge Cycling Campaign, Station Cycles, Cambridge City Council Cycling/Walking Officer, Cambridge University, Cambridgeshire Constabulary, British Transport Police (BTP), Police Service Volunteers and Neighbourhood Watch.
- Bobby Scheme, CSP funded, from April – December 2015, visited 144 victims of burglary and vulnerable residents to help secure their homes. Home Fire Security checks were done at the time of the visits and smoke alarms installed where necessary. This project is effective in dealing with incidents of victimisation and reduces fear for victims.
- Burglary Target Hardening Project, funded by the CSP, provided packs for 250 homes in the city chosen from predictive burglary crime maps and hot spot areas to reduce burglary offences. This followed a similar initiative in a hotspot area, where there have been no reported burglaries since. The burglary packs consist of a home security leaflet/check list, a property marking kit and window stickers to advertise that property is marked and registered, therefore less attractive to steal.

Tracking and supporting the County led work on re-offending

- Integrated Offender Management (IOM) continues to work effectively across the city and engage with offenders.
- All IOM offenders continue to be managed on the ECINS system countywide, which enables information sharing across the multiple partners within the county and the city.