

Community Safety in Derbyshire

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Definition of Community Safety

“Protecting people’s right to live in confidence and without fear for their own or other people’s safety.”

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Statutory Duties

- To have a Community Safety Partnership (CSP) responsible for reducing crime and disorder, substance misuse and re-offending in each local authority area. CSP's are made up of six 'Responsible Authorities', these are;
 - Local Authorities (County, District and Borough)
 - Police
 - Probation (NPS & CRC)
 - Fire & Rescue Service
 - Clinical Commissioning Groups (Health)
- Duty to co-operate with the Police and Crime Commissioner (reciprocal duty)
- *It should be acknowledged that other partners and stakeholders support activity around community safety*

Statutory Duties (CSPs)

CSPs have a number of statutory requirements, these are:

- Undertake an Annual Strategic Assessment
- To develop and implement a three year Partnership Plan (refreshed annually) to tackle crime and disorder, anti-social behaviour, reducing reoffending and substance misuse
- Undertake Domestic Homicide Review (in Derbyshire this has been delegated to the Safer Communities Board and the process is overseen by the Head of Community Safety at Derbyshire County Council)
- To co-operate with the Police and Crime Commissioner

Statutory Duties (County level)

- Have a Countywide Strategy Group – in Derbyshire this is the Safer Communities Board
- Produce an Annual Strategic Assessment
- Produce a three year rolling Countywide Community Safety Agreement
- Have provision of an Information Sharing Agreement and share specified data sets
- Co-operate with the Police and Crime Commissioner

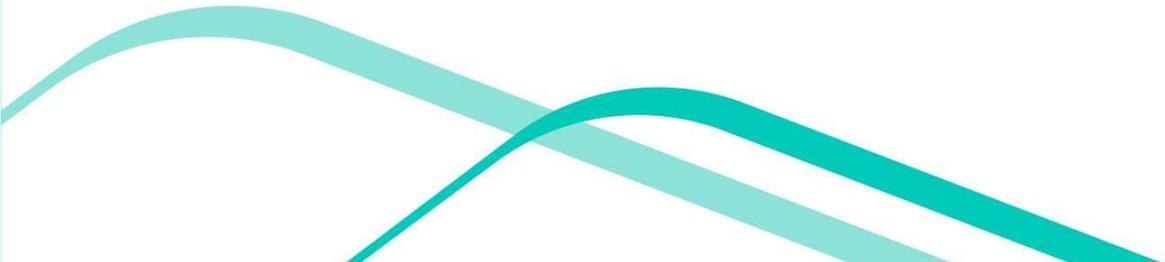
Local Authorities also have additional Statutory Duties relating to community safety;

- Under S17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 – ‘Without prejudice to any other obligation imposed on it, it shall be the duty of each authorityto do all that it reasonably can to prevent, crime and disorder (including anti-social and other behaviour adversely affecting the local environment); the misuse of drugs, alcohol and other substances and re-offending in its area’
- Under The Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 – Have due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism. (see below for further details) Including;
- Demonstrating an awareness and understanding of the risk of radicalisation;
- Maintaining appropriate records to show compliance with their responsibilities;
- Working with partners to protect the public, prevent crime and promote strong integrated communities.
- Section 52 of the Modern Slavery Act 2015 places a duty on specified public authorities (this also applies to the Police) to notify to the Home Office of potential victims of modern slavery (see below for further details).

Existing Priorities 2018/20

- Anti-Social Behaviour
- Cyber Crime
- Domestic Abuse
- Economic Crime*
- Killed and Seriously Injured Road Collisions*
- Organised Crime Groups
- Organised Immigration Crime, Human Trafficking and Exploitation
- Rape and Serious Sexual Assault
- Safeguarding Adults*
- Safeguarding Children*
- Serious Acquisitive Crime
- Substance Misuse
- Terrorism and Domestic Extremism

* Managed by other Boards

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Countywide review of Community Safety

- Review of Safer Communities Board Structures – Agreed August 2018
 - Review of Local Working Arrangements – Agreed July 2019
 - Police internal review of partnership working – Reported August 2019
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What did we learn?

- Significant amounts of activity being delivered by multiple partners at both a local level and against a number of work streams
 - There is a strong commitment to partnership working
 - Whilst Board structures needed to be updated and streamlined, it is fundamentally fit for purpose
 - Governance between strategic boards needed to be clarified
 - There is no appetite to change the current footprint of Community Safety Partnerships e.g. merge CSPs
 - A need to balance local responses with consistency of service delivery
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What did we learn?

- Awareness of Community Safety structures needs to be increased across partner organisations in order to improve active engagement
- Closer working at an operational level needed to be considered
- Need to improve engagement at a county level with Police Divisions
- The Strategic Assessment process needed to be revisited.
- The Derbyshire Community Safety Agreement 2017/20 is no longer fit for purpose and needs to be rewritten
- Multiple priorities meaning nothing is prioritised!

Action already taken

- Improved engagement with Police Divisions
 - Divisional staff attending the Core Group
 - Meetings established with Head of Community Safety and Divisional Commanders
- Improvements to Strategic Assessment process – first step
- Governance between Strategic Boards has been clarified
- Derbyshire Safer Communities Board;
 - Sub-Group structure streamlined and reporting arrangements agreed
 - Revised membership and updated Terms of Reference
 - Meetings cycle for Core Group and SCB moved to quarterly meetings
- Closer operational working arrangements with partners;
 - DCC CSU staff working from CSP offices
 - Hot Desking Arrangements

Strategic Risk & Threat Process

- Following the Strategic Risk and Threat event held in January 2020, the following priorities were agreed:
 - Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence
 - Anti-Social Behaviour
 - Modern Slavery
 - Prevent (Counter Terrorism)
 - Hate Crime
- **Two development priorities** have been identified these include Organised Crime including County Lines.
- It was recognised during the process that **community safety harm caused by substance misuse and cyber-crime** whilst not strategic priorities in their own right, are intrinsically linked to the delivery of the priorities identified and will therefore need to continue to be resourced
- In delivery of the priorities outlined above, there should be specific focus on;
 - Prevention and Early Intervention
 - Data and Information Sharing

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Any Questions ?

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