



ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, 18 JUNE 2015

10.00 am CC2, COUNTY HALL, LEWES

MEMBERSHIP - Councillor Peter Pragnell (Chair)
Councillors Trevor Webb (Vice Chair), Peter Charlton, Charles Clark,
Angharad Davies, Jim Sheppard and John Ungar

A G E N D A

- 1 Minutes of the meeting held on 19 March 2015 *(Pages 3 - 8)*
- 2 Apologies for absence
- 3 Disclosures of interests
Disclosures by all members present of personal interests in matters on the agenda, the nature of any interest and whether the member regards the interest as prejudicial under the terms of the Code of Conduct.
- 4 Urgent items
Notification of items which the Chair considers to be urgent and proposes to take at the appropriate part of the agenda. Any members who wish to raise urgent items are asked, wherever possible, to notify the Chair before the start of the meeting. In so doing, they must state the special circumstances which they consider justify the matter being considered urgent.
- 5 Work of the Drug and Alcohol Action Team (DAAT) Board *(Pages 9 - 14)*
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- 7 Scrutiny committee future work programme *(Pages 95 - 98)*
- 8 Forward Plan *(Pages 99 - 106)*
The latest edition of the Forward Plan. The Committee is asked to make comments or request further information.
- 9 Any other items previously notified under agenda item 4

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Agenda Item 1

ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MINUTES of a meeting of the Adult Social Care and Community Safety Scrutiny Committee held at Committee Room, County Hall, Lewes on 19 March 2015.

PRESENT: Councillors Peter Pragnell (Chair), John Barnes, Charles Clark, Michael Ensor, John Ungar, Trevor Webb (Vice Chair)

Officers:
Keith Hinkley, Director of Adult Social Care and Health;
Samantha Williams, Assistant Director, Planning, Performance and Engagement
Vicky Smith, Head of Policy and Service Development
Barry Atkins, Head of Strategic Commissioning – Older People and Carers
Martin Jenks, Scrutiny Lead Officer
Harvey Winder, Democratic Services Officer

Also present:
Peter Sutcliffe, Hailsham Trust (for Item 6)
Jan Cutting, Rother Voluntary Action (for Item 6)
Councillor David Elkin, Lead Member for Resources
Councillor Kathryn Field

31 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 13 NOVEMBER 2014

31.1. RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the minutes of the last meeting held on 13 November 2014.

32 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

31.1. Apologies were received from Councillor Angharad Davies (substitute Councillor Michael Ensor) and Cllr Peter Charlton.

33 DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

33.1. None declared.

34 URGENT ITEMS

34.1. None notified.

35 REPORTS

35.1. Copies of the reports referred to below are included in the minute book.

36 RPPR SAVINGS PLAN: CARE PACKAGE REDUCTIONS

36.1. The Committee considered a report by the Director of Adult Social Care and Health updating it on the impact of reductions to individual care packages of (on average) 30%; a saving that was agreed through the Reconciling Policy, Performance and Resources (RPPR) process as part of the Department's savings plan for 2013/14 to 2015/16.

36.2. The following additional points were made in response to questions from the Committee about the Carer Survey:

- Benchmarking data for the results of the Carer Survey at a South East and national level should be available by November 2015.
- In East Sussex, 77.4% of known carers receive a service from East Sussex County Council's Adult Social Care Department (ASC), compared to 100% in many other local authorities. This is because ASC defines "information, advice and signposting" provided to carers as information, advice and signposting tailored to the specific needs of a carer, whereas other local authorities define it as general information provided to a carer; for example, leaflets posted to their address (which ASC also provides). The Care Act 2014, which comes into force on 1 April 2015, will require all local authorities to provide this personalised and tailored information and advice.
- The proportion of carers who report that they have been included or consulted in discussions about the person they care for has fallen between 2012/13 and 2014/15. However, this figure is expected to rise to 100% at the time of the next Carer Survey because the Care Act 2014 contains a provision that entitles carers to their own assessment irrespective of the needs of the cared for person, meaning that they will be consulted individually.
- In response to a reduction in the proportion of carers who find it easy to find information about services, ASC conducted an internet survey to discover how people access information online. Most carers search for information via Google (rather than starting their search from the East Sussex County Council website homepage) and the information that ASC provides is being streamlined and optimised to reflect carers' searching habits.
- Negative responses in the Carers Survey are not treated as a formal complaint against ASC, which are handled through a specific formal complaints process. Therefore, individual "dissatisfied" respondents to the Carers Survey will generally not receive a direct response from ASC (as they would with a formal complaint), but their data will be used to help inform the Department about how it can improve services for carers. However, if any responses to the survey raise safeguarding issues, ASC will make contact with the individual.
- Whilst there has been a 30% reduction in care packages, ASC community care budget is demand led. This affects the pace at which savings can be made by the Department as it has to continue to meet the level of need for those who are eligible for care in East Sussex, regardless of its savings commitments. The new eligibility criteria due to published in the Care Act 2014 guidelines in October 2015 are likely to have an impact on demand for the service (as they will do nationally) and this could affect the Department's ability to make future savings.

36.3. The Committee RESOLVED to request that:

- 1) the updated Equality Impact Assessment is emailed to the Committee;

- 2) the benchmarking data for the Carer Survey is emailed to the Committee when available;
- 3) a report is brought to the 12 November 2015 meeting of the Committee containing an update on the continued impact of the reduction of care packages; a 6 month review of how the Care Act has been implemented; and how the Act has affected demand on services.

37 STRENGTHENING LOCAL COMMUNITIES FOR ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND HEALTH

37.1. The Committee considered a report and presentation by the Director of Adult Social Care and Health informing it of the progress to date of the Building Stronger Bridges pilot project and the work with the national charity Pub is the Hub, both of which are part of the Strengthening Local Communities work programme.

37.2. The following additional information was provided by the Director of Adult Social Care and Health and a representative of the Hailsham Trust in response to questions regarding the Building Stronger Bridges (BSB) pilot project and Pub is the Hub:

- Under the Care Act 2014 (which comes into force on 1 April 2015), local authorities have a general duty to help prevent people developing care and support needs. This will mean that local authorities will have to consider what facilities and resources are available locally. The work of the BSB pilot project (and the Strengthening Local Communities work programme in general) will help to ensure that East Sussex County Council is proactively meeting this responsibility.
- The BSB pilot aims to increase the number of clients who are referred by ASC Service Placement Teams to voluntary groups by facilitating the establishment of Good Neighbour Groups around the county. The BSB pilot project has commissioned six organisations, including the Hailsham Trust, to establish Good Neighbour Groups across the county.
- The Hailsham Trust confirmed that it did not contact local district or county councillors during its recruitment drives for volunteers for Good Neighbour Groups; instead it took a 'bottom up' approach to recruitment by holding its own neighbourhood meetings and leafleting local areas.
- The Hailsham Trust clarified that it now has three operational Good Neighbour Groups with 50 volunteers and between 50 and 60 clients.
- Anyone who volunteers to befriend someone through the Good Neighbour Groups, including those from existing voluntary organisations, must pass a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check and receive safeguarding training.
- The vast majority of clients referred to the Good Neighbour Groups have been happy for people to befriend them.
- The Pub in the Hub scheme is offered to ASC clients who have been referred to the Building Stronger Bridges scheme; and who have a pub in their local community that has signed up to it.

37.3 The Committee RESOLVED: 1) to endorse the Building Stronger Bridges pilot project and the work with the national charity, Pub is the Hub;

2) Request that, in future, district and county council elected members are informed, as a matter of course, about any proposed Good Neighbour Groups in their ward or division so that they may offer their local expertise in helping to recruit volunteers.

38 OLDER PEOPLE'S DIRECTLY PROVIDED DAY SERVICES

38.1. The Committee considered a report by the Director of Adult Social Care and Health which provided an update on the progress of transferring the services provided at the Isabel Blackman Centre, Phoenix Centre and Charter Centre to the Sussex Community Development Agency (SCDA) following the conclusion of a tendering process.

38.2. The following information was provided in response to questions regarding the new provider of day services:

- The current value of the day centres is not indicative of their potential value to the new provider. The service specification permits SCDA to promote the existing service to self-funding clients or personal budget holding clients; as well as expand the range of services offered at the day centres to attract more clients, for example, lunch clubs designed to reduce isolation. SCDA would have already calculated the potential of the market before making its bid.
- In order to accommodate new services at the Centres, SCDA and the Council will need to agree how the transport needs of clients wishing to attend new services can be accommodated by the transport providers.
- The Council retains the head lease for the buildings but the overhead cost of setting up the new service is met by the SCDA. The Council's liability for the service is the same as it would be for most contracted services: if the provider fails, the Council would meet the needs of clients using the service by making alternative arrangements, but would not bail out the failing provider.
- The Transfer of Undertakings – Protection of Employment (TUPE) negotiations between the Council and SCDA are ongoing and will not be completed by the planned date of the end of April. There are several reasons for this:
 - the TUPE process is always complex and relies more on individual circumstances, rather than a formulaic process;
 - TUPE is a process that the SCDA may not have undertaken before;
 - the TUPE process could not begin until after it was known who was the provider (this was made clear in the Cabinet papers);
 - the ongoing TUPE discussions are around managing liabilities associated with pensions, which is very complex, and made more complex by the fact that current employees are from three different providers: the Council, AGE UK and Appetito.
- There will be costs associated with the amount of time it has taken to implement TUPE but these are covered in the contingency budget and will be offset by savings that will be achieved by taking more time to ensure that the agreed TUPE is sustainable for both partners.
- The terms and conditions and employment status of staff remain identical after a TUPE and would not be renegotiated.

38.3. RESOLVED: to request a presentation at the 12 November meeting from the Sussex Community Development Agency on how they are planning to provide the older people's day services going forward.

39 RECONCILING POLICY, PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES (RPPR) 2015/16

39.1. The Committee considered a report by the Director of Adult Social Care and Health that provided an opportunity for it to review its input into the Reconciling Policy, Performance and Resources (RPPR) process during 2014/15 and to identify lessons for the 2015/16 process.

39.2. In order to have more effective and greater input into the Reconciling Policy, Performance and Resources (RPPR) for 2015/16, the Committee agreed that:

- Scrutiny will have more impact the earlier on it is involved in the RPPR process.
- Scrutiny will be able to make better savings recommendations if it is given more information about the potential impact of savings.
- An away day should be held with the Director of Adult Social Care and Health before detailed proposals are developed to discuss scrutiny's involvement in the RPPR process.

39.3. RESOLVED: to request an away day before detailed savings proposals are developed in order to begin the RPPR process.

40 SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FUTURE WORK PROGRAMME

40.1. The Committee considered its work programme for the forthcoming year.

40.2. The committee requested an update at the 17 September committee meeting on the current position of the adult mental health service and the effect on the service from the Health and Wellbeing Board mental health crisis concordat and the East Sussex Better Together programme.

41 FORWARD PLAN

41.1 The Committee considered the Forward Plan for the period to 30 June 2015.

41.2 RESOLVED to note the Forward Plan.

The meeting ended at 1.13 pm

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Report to: Adult Social Care and Community Safety Scrutiny Committee

Date of meeting: 18 June 2015

By: Director of Adult Social Care and Health

Title: Work of the Drug and Alcohol Action Team (DAAT) Board including Drug and Alcohol Recovery Service and mutual aid

Purpose: To update on progress against DAAT delivery plan

RECOMMENDATIONS





The Committee is recommended to consider and note the progress made under the new provision

1 Background

- 1.1 On 1 April 2014 a newly commissioned service, which integrated both drug and alcohol recovery services and provided greater coverage across the County was implemented. The name of the new service, delivered through Crime Reduction Initiatives (CRI), was put out to a range of stakeholders and service users and now operates under the name STAR (Support and Treatment for Adults in Recovery)
- 1.2 This report provides an update to members of the Committee on the implementation of the new service.
- 1.3 In October 2014 Sussex Partnership NHS Trust (SPFT) served notice to CRI that they would no longer be a delivery partner in this service. This meant that CRI became the sole provider of STAR.
- 1.4 Throughout the transition we managed the process through a detailed project plan and monitoring performance against the commissioned targets. Public Health England are satisfied that the transition has been managed well with no significant impact on service delivery.
- 1.5 The STAR service has been commissioned on a Payment by Results (PbR) basis, whereby the majority of payments (82%) will be made on activity based on agreed levels of performance. The total value of STAR is capped at £5.0m per year.

2 Supporting information

- 2.1 Due to technical issues at Public Health England there has been a delay in the upload of NDTMS data to enable us to monitor performance against benchmarks. CRI have still submitted monthly data report to East Sussex County Council. Therefore all comparison data is up to December 2014 but we have STAR data up to March 2015.
- 2.2 The data for Quarter 3 (October 2014-December 2014) shows that the new model has significantly improved the rate of representations:

	Baseline period		D.O.T	Latest period	
	(%)	(n)		(%)	(n)
Opiate	22.0%	9 / 41		16.2%	6 / 37
Non-opiate	5.3%	2 / 38		3.6%	1 / 28
Alcohol	11.5%	36 / 312		8.3%	17 / 206
Alcohol and non-opiate	11.6%	14 / 121		10.3%	9 / 87

Notes: n) = number of re-presentations / number of completions

Baseline period: Completion period: 01/04/2013 to 30/09/2013, Re-presentations up to: 31/03/2014

Latest Period: Completion period: 01/04/2014 to 30/09/2014, Re-presentations up to: 31/03/2015

Benchmarking comparison: (opiate, non-opiate & alcohol/non-opiate): Top quartile range for local comparators, (alcohol only): National average

Direction of travel (D.O.T): Current data measured against the baseline (B). Due to rounding small differences may not be visible in displayed percentages, but are taken into account in D.O.T. calculation

This compares well to national data and validates the recovery approach and the move away from the medical model of treatment.

2.3 Against the targets for starting treatment with STAR the service is meeting these despite the disruption caused by the SPFT withdrawal: rising to 549 starts in January 2015 against the target of 562.

2.4 Against the targets for reviewing the care for those in treatment the service is exceeding these: achieving 380 reviews against the target of 220.

2.5 Against the targets for completions there is a shortfall against the targets but this is anticipated to be resolved by the next quarter (April to June 2015).

2.6 Alcohol targets and performance follow a similar pattern, although it is noted from data reports that completions have improved since autumn 2014 for both cohorts.

2.7 The drop in representations and the gradual improvement in completion shows that the recovery model in STAR is supporting service users to attain a sustainable long term recovery.

3. Conclusion and reasons for recommendations

3.1 This report updates members on the newly commissioned service and the way that challenges in the first year have been met.

3.2 The committee is asked to note and consider the report and approve the implementation process.

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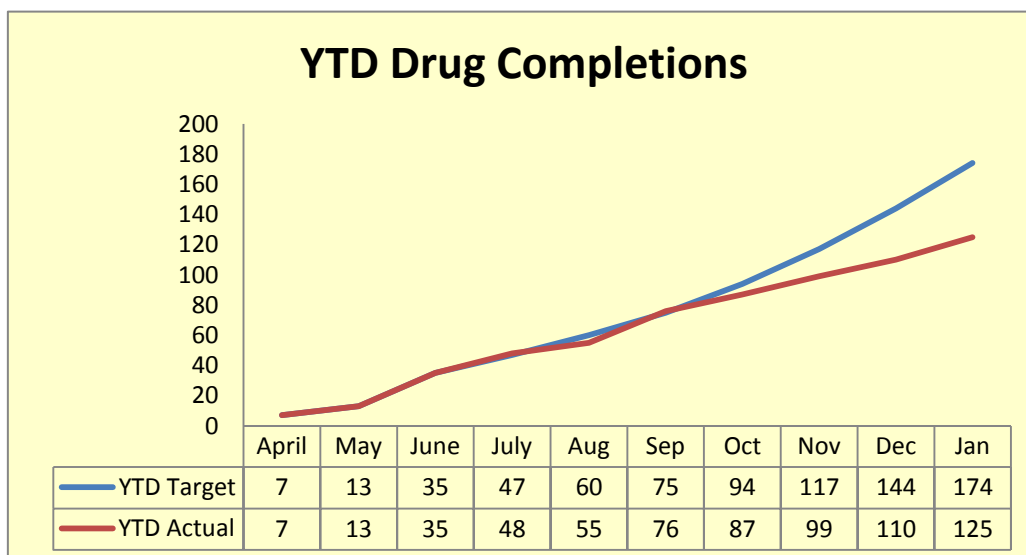
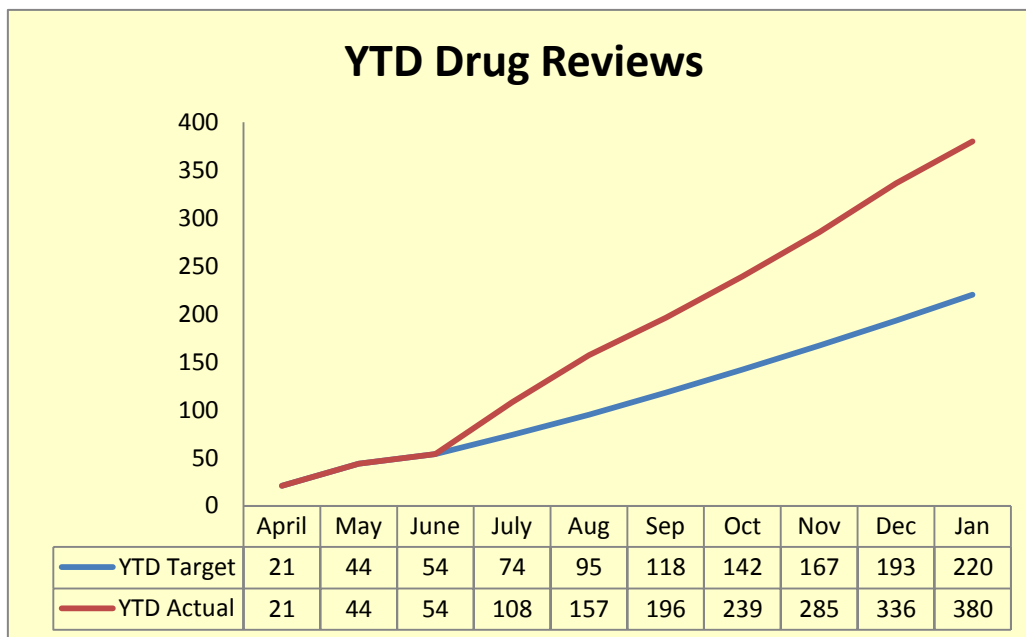
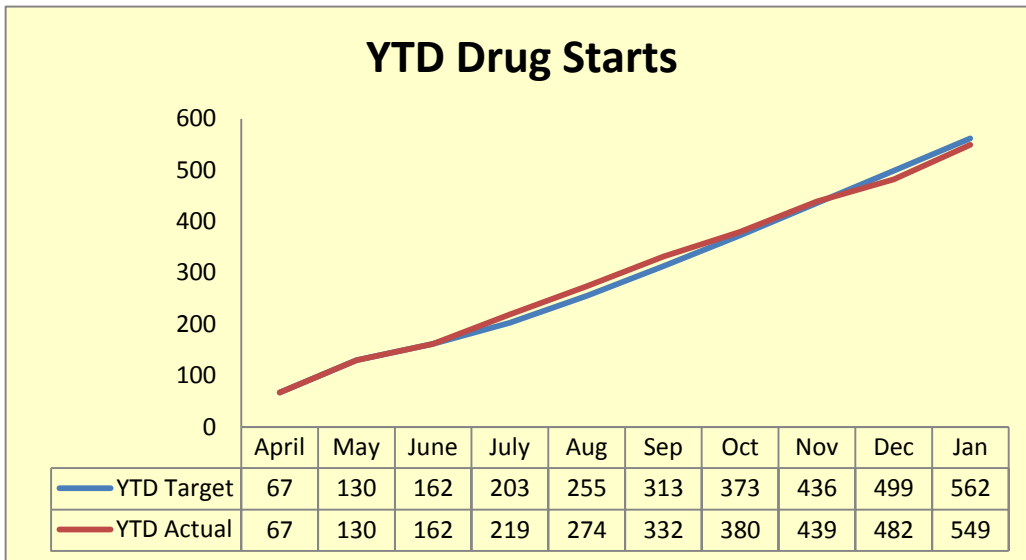
This report impacts on all wards across the County.

APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Year To Date Totals

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East Sussex YTD Drug Charts



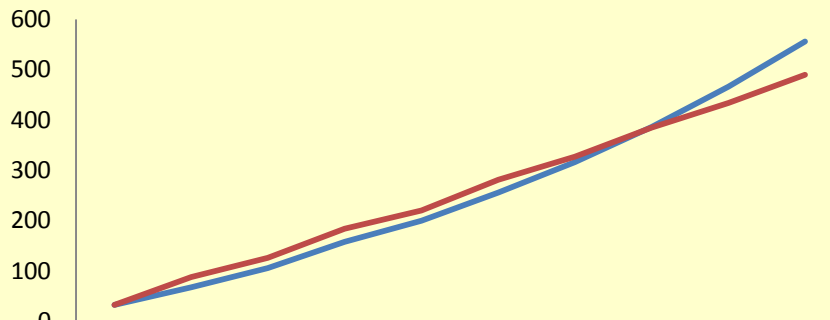
Data Sources

For starts and completions of both drug and alcohol, CRi Structured Treatment Report

For reviews of both drug and alcohol, NDTMS extract of those in their 3rd month of structured treatment

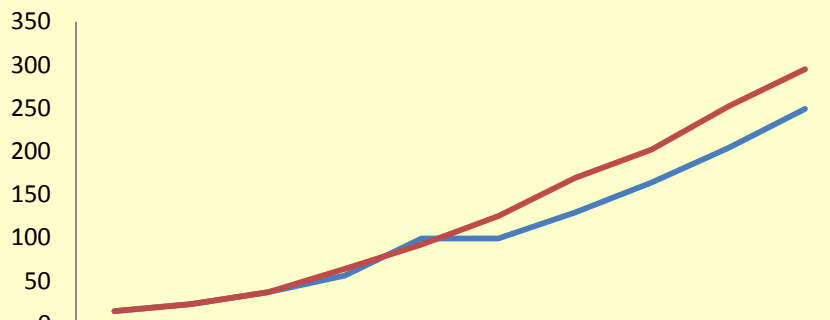
East Sussex YTD Alcohol Charts

YTD Alcohol Starts



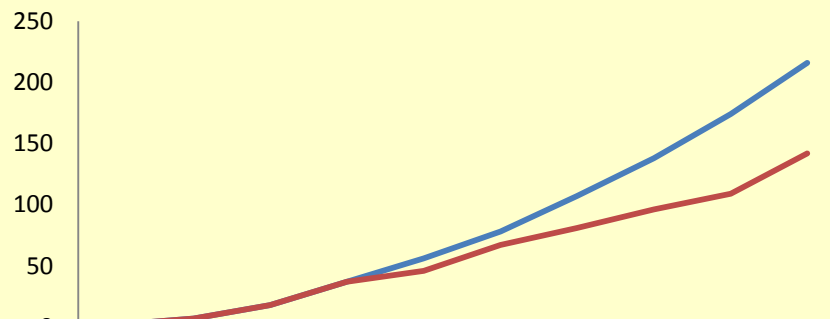
	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
— YTD Target	33	68	106	158	200	256	316	386	466	556
— YTD Actual	33	88	126	184	220	281	327	385	434	490

YTD Alcohol Reviews



	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
— YTD Target	15	23	37	56	99	99	129	164	204	249
— YTD Actual	15	23	37	64	92	125	169	202	252	295

YTD Alcohol Completions



	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
— YTD Target	2	7	18	37	56	78	107	138	174	216
— YTD Actual	2	7	18	37	46	67	81	96	109	142

Data Sources

For starts and completions of both drug and alcohol, CRI Structured Treatment Report

For reviews of both drug and alcohol, NDTMS extract of those in their 3rd month of structured treatment

Report to: Adult Social Care and Community Safety Scrutiny Committee

Date of meeting: 18 June 2015

By: Director of Adult Social Care and Health

Title: Annual Review of Safer Communities Performance, Priorities and Issues

Purpose: To update the Committee on performance in relation to safer communities in 2014/15 and the priorities and issues for 2015/16 highlighted in the Partnership Business Plan

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee is recommended to:

- 1) Consider and comment on performance in 2014/15 and the priorities and issues identified for 2015/16.**
 - 2) Identify any issues they wish to include in its future work programme.**
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1 Background

1.1 The County Council's priorities for community safety are informed by the East Sussex Safer Communities Partners Business Plan 2015/16 which has been agreed by the partnership and is attached at **Appendix 1** of this report.

2 Supporting information

2.1 There are no specific financial implications arising from this report. The Safer Communities budget position for 2014/15 showed £297,253 being carried forward to 2015 which is the sum of the Local Area Agreement accrual (£246,000) and the carried forward underspend/reserve (£51,253). The reserve carried forward will be required to fund the shortfall in the base budget for 2015/16.

The Police and Crime Commissioner has indicated that the allocation of £275,000 from the Sussex Safer Community Fund will be maintained at this level for 2015/16.

Performance Summary

2.2 During 2014/15, overall crime in East Sussex has increased by 15.7% when compared to the previous year. This comes after significant reductions over the past 8 years. However, this increase is in part down to the changes in recording practices that were introduced across the country and the drive to increase the reporting of Sexual Offences, Hate Crimes and Domestic Abuse will have also impacted on this figure.

2.3 The number of cases discussed at Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conferences (MARACs) in the county continues to rise. A total of 535 cases were discussed at MARAC in East Sussex during 2014/15, an increase of 40 on the same period in the previous year. While this rise in volume is welcome, by April 2014, MARACs in the county had moved from a monthly to a weekly cycle resulting in an increasingly effective process for the safeguarding of domestic violence victims, children and others at risk.

2.4 The total numbers of police recorded reports of anti-social behaviour (ASB) in East Sussex continue to fall. Sussex Police recorded a total of 15,965 reports during 2014/15, a reduction of 891 on the previous year. Although this reduction does not align with the Police and Crime Plan, the Sussex Police Local Neighbourhood Survey shows that negative perceptions of ASB¹ amongst the public have also reduced, with only 16.9% of those surveyed explaining that they thought ASB was a fairly big or very big problem, compared to 27.3% in 2013/14.

¹ The survey asks the public if they perceive various strands of ASB as a fairly big or very big problem

Partnership Priorities 2015/16

2.6 Each year, the Safer Communities Partnership undertakes a Strategic Intelligence Assessment to examine emerging trends in relation to community safety and to inform the business plan priorities for the coming year. This year the priorities for the partnership are, anti-social behaviour and hate crime; domestic abuse; reducing offending; preventing violent extremism; road safety; sexual violence; street communities; substance misuse. The full descriptions of the priorities are set out in the attached **Business Plan**.

Community Safety Developments in East Sussex 2015/16

2.7 This financial year will see a number of significant developments in safer communities work; the selection of new priority areas of preventing violent extremism and street communities; commissioning of domestic and sexual abuse services, the implementation of East Sussex County Council's White Ribbon action plan and the development of a Local Policing Model for Sussex.

2.8 In response to the growing security threat the Government introduced the Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015. This legislation has introduced a number of new duties for local authorities. A Counter Terrorism Local profile has just been published and this highlights the threats to East Sussex, some of which will require further work by East Sussex County Council. From 1st July 2015 East Sussex County Council will have a legal obligation to comply with the new Prevent statutory duty. More information on the role of the County Council in Preventing Violent Extremism can be found in the **Scrutiny Information Pack**.

2.9 Street Communities includes rough sleepers as well as those who are in hostels or Bed and Breakfast, squatting or sofa surfing. In East Sussex the percentage of women within this group is higher than the national average at 25% and they represent a particularly vulnerable sub group. Members of the street community generally have significant mental health, drug, alcohol and physical health problems, but have difficulty engaging with health and support services. In order to address these issues the Safer Communities Partnership has established a Steering Group and is in the process of developing a multi-agency action plan to address the issues raised.

2.10 There have been a number of significant developments relating to domestic abuse including; increased investment from the Police and Crime Commissioner, Joint Commissioning, alignment of Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conferences, and the White Ribbon Award. These developments are discussed in more detail in **Scrutiny Information Pack**.

2.11 The Local Policing Model sets out the vision for policing Sussex in 2020 as a service that protects the community, is relentless in the pursuit of criminals and has an empowered workforce with integrity at its core. The new model, which will be implemented in stages over the next four years, shapes the service so that Sussex Police is best equipped to deal with emerging threats, within its financial constraints. This will result in a smaller organisation but one that works differently, giving officers and staff the tools they need to deliver a service to the public in the way they best want it. The key changes for the future are contained in the **Scrutiny Information Pack**.

3. Conclusion and reasons for recommendations

3.1 The Safer Communities Partnership has agreed their priorities for partnership working for 2015/16. Two new priorities have been selected, preventing violent extremism and street communities. There have been many achievements delivered by the Partnership and East Sussex County Council including gaining the White Ribbon Campaign award. The Police and Crime Commissioner has provided additional investment in victim services for domestic abuse and sexual violence. The Partnership will be working closely with Sussex Police as the new Policing Model is developed.

3.2 The Committee is asked to consider and comment on the performance and achievements of the Partnership and their plans for 2015/16.

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This report impacts on all wards across the County.

APPENDICES

- Appendix 1 – Safer Communities Partnership Business Plan 2015/16
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Foreword

Welcome to our East Sussex Safer Communities Business Plan for 2015/16.

“Successful and innovative partnership working to tackle crime, disorder, anti-social behaviour and substance misuse.”

Community Safety remains one of the top priorities for the people of East Sussex. The Safer Communities Partnership is the key strategic partnership in overseeing the plans to tackle crime, disorder, anti-social behaviour and reoffending. Our partnership involves a range of agencies that are committed to ensuring East Sussex remains a safe place for residents and visitors.

This business plan sets out how partners will work together to deliver our community safety priorities for 2015/16. It also highlights what we have achieved for 2014/15 and what we are planning to do to improve the services to support local people for the future.

I am looking forward to working with all our partners to deliver the community safety priorities. I welcome the new challenges and opportunities that lie ahead. This plan will inevitably develop further as we progress, but the overall aim will be to make East Sussex an even safer place to live, work and visit.

If you have any questions on the work of the Safer Communities Partnership, please get in touch with the Safer East Sussex Team by phoning 01323 466013, emailing safercommunities@eastsussex.gov.uk or by visiting our website www.safeineastsussex.org.uk



Councillor Bill Bentley

Lead Member for Adult Social Care and
Chair of the East Sussex Safer Communities Board

About this Plan

Every year the East Sussex Safer Communities Partnership undertakes a strategic assessment of community safety in order to select priorities for joint work and plan activity for the forthcoming year. The priorities selected by the partnership are based on analysis of data and residents' perceptions of crime, anti-social behaviour and substance misuse.

When selecting their priorities the partnership also takes into account those of the Police and Crime Commissioner and District and Borough Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs). The assessment also assists the District and Borough CSPs in selecting their local priorities.

This plan describes the priorities for the partnership, achievements, what the community thinks and what needs to happen next. Following production of the plan, we will develop more detailed action plans, setting out how these priorities will be delivered with associated outcomes.

This plan also details both County and District and Borough level safer communities priorities. There are a number of shared local and county-wide priority areas, in addition to priorities which relate to specific District and Borough areas. The delivery mechanisms for this Business Plan will be designed to ensure both local and county-wide issues and objectives are being considered, therefore maximising the use of our collective resources.

Delivery of both local and county-wide safer communities plans constitutes the East Sussex offer to local residents. The East Sussex Safer Communities Partnership is therefore committed to ensuring its work connects both local and county-wide activities.

The plan also outlines how we will listen to and respond to community concerns.

The Resources and Performance group within the East Sussex Safer Communities Partnership has responsibility for monitoring performance and delivery against this plan, and is accountable to the East Sussex Safer Communities Board.

The organisations that make up the East Sussex Safer Communities Partnership are:



Executive Summary

The priorities selected by the East Sussex Safer Communities Partnership for 2015/16 are:

Anti Social Behaviour (ASB) and Hate Crime: To support and protect vulnerable victims of ASB and hate crime by ensuring processes and initiatives are focused on the more vulnerable within our communities.

Why it is a priority: While considerable progress has been made over the last four years in reducing reported ASB, it continues to be a regularly identified issue and a priority amongst the residents of East Sussex.

ASB came out as one of the two top community safety priorities that residents thought were the most important for us to tackle.

Key Lead: Safer East Sussex Team

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Domestic Abuse: To ensure residents and communities are free from domestic abuse and are less socially tolerant of it. To increase people's ability to have healthy relationships, increase safety for people at risk of abuse and hold perpetrators to account, requiring them to change their behaviour.

Why it is a priority: Domestic abuse happens in all communities, regardless of deprivation, education, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, ethnicity or ability. However, while men can and do experience domestic abuse, the majority of victims are women, while most of those who perpetrate abuse are men.

Key Leads: Jointly commissioned with East Sussex County Council and Brighton and Hove City Council

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Offending and Re-Offending: To work in partnership to identify offenders and re-offenders to address their needs, change their behaviours and reduce the likelihood of future offending and the number of victims.

Why it is a priority: Nationally, it is estimated that 50% of crime is committed by 10% of offenders; the most prolific (0.5%) commit 10% of crimes. Repeat offenders are often some of the most socially excluded in society. They will typically have chronic and complex health and social problems such as substance misuse, mental health needs, homelessness, unemployment and debt.

Key Leads: National Probation Service
Kent, Surrey and Sussex Criminal Rehabilitation Company

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Youth Offending: To continue to reduce first time entrants into the criminal justice system, reoffending in young people and the use of custody by tailoring effective interventions based on risk that where appropriate involve the whole family.

Why it is a priority: To ensure there are appropriate interventions available to meet the needs of girls and young women. There will also be a focus on reducing offending by children and young people in care as they can be over represented in the criminal justice system.

Key Leads: Youth Offending Team

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Prevent - Preventing Violent Extremism: We will work in partnership to support Prevent and encourage professionals to be aware of the risks of terrorism and to be able to report them appropriately by developing professional curiosity as part of their regular responsibilities.

Why it is a priority: The Counter-Terrorism and Security Bill seeks to place a duty on specified authorities to 'have due regard, in the exercise of its functions, to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism'.

Channel - the existing programme for people at risk of radicalisation will be put on a statutory basis to improve the consistency of its delivery and ensure the participation of all the appropriate organisations.

Key Lead: Safer East Sussex Team

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Road Safety: To improve road safety across East Sussex by reducing the number of people killed and seriously injured, and reducing the incidents of anti-social driving by encouraging closer involvement of the community.

Why it is a priority: There are frequent concerns about the rising number of people who are killed or seriously injured on East Sussex's roads. Anti-social driving also continues to be a problem across the County with speeding as a common theme.

Key Lead: East Sussex Fire and Rescue Service

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Sexual Violence: To increase the safety and wellbeing of people who experience rape or sexual violence & abuse including their confidence to report, improve people's understanding of consent, reduce the acceptance of sexual abuse or exploitation and hold perpetrators to account.

Why it is a priority: National data from the Crime Survey for England and Wales shows that women aged 16 to 19 were most likely to be victims of sexual assault. Offences largely go unreported due to shame, fear of being blamed, not believed or other factors. Recent reports such as the Jay report and Louse Casey's follow up report both concerning Rotherham and the Serious Case Review following Operation Bullfinch in Oxfordshire have highlighted the need to raise awareness and to strengthen the response to the sexual exploitation of children.

Key Leads: Jointly commissioned with East Sussex County Council and Brighton and Hove City Council

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Street Communities: To increase partnership working to help bring together local services that are in place to meet the needs of the street community. This will help to identify and address the concerns associated with street communities, including crime, anti-social behaviour, homelessness and substance misuse.

Why it is a priority: An integrated response to the issues will encourage the street community to make meaningful changes to their lives whilst also helping to reduce the demand on resources including police, health services, local districts and borough council departments.

Key Lead: Safer East Sussex Team

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Substance Misuse: To reduce the crime, anti-social behaviour and social harms caused by substance misuse. This will include targeting those who commit offences to purchase drugs, supporting people in their recovery and expanding on the work that has already begun in relation to the issue of novel psychoactive substances.

Why it is a priority: The number of young people with heroin or cocaine as their main problem drug is in decline, however the use of novel psychoactive substances is increasing and the social and health harms are of growing concern.

Key Lead: Drug and Alcohol Action Team (DAAT)
Safer East Sussex Team

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The threat from serious and organised crime is equally corrosive to local communities and national security (estimated to cost the UK more than £24 billion¹ a year). The East Sussex Community Safety Partnerships, will wherever possible look to ensure that in responding to the priorities they seek to prevent, disrupt and tackle those involved and associated with such crime and endeavour to support the most vulnerable.

The priorities selected by the District and Borough Community Safety Partnerships can be found in the overview section on **page 35**.

¹ Serious and organised crime strategy (October 2013)

Engagement and Communication

Central to planning community safety activity in East Sussex is how we engage and listen to the concerns of our communities.

It is also important that we can tell the community how we are tackling their concerns therefore we will continue to adopt and use creative and accessible ways to gather community concerns in order to feed this into our work.

There are three areas of engagement we use and have available to us:



We have produced an Engagement Plan which describes in further detail this work and more importantly how we use feedback and engagement activities to inform our work.

Communications play a crucial role in building public confidence in the work all partnership agencies carry out, and we use various avenues of communication to ensure community safety messages are widely received.

Focussed communication work will either:



A communication calendar is refreshed on an annual basis to include partnership campaigns, national and local campaigns relevant to community safety. The team also undertake specific campaigns in line with the annual priorities. We have produced a Communication Plan which outlines in further detail the work undertaken.

Anti Social Behaviour and Hate Crime

To support and protect vulnerable victims of Anti Social Behaviour (ASB) and hate crime by ensuring processes and initiatives are focused on the more vulnerable within our communities. We will do this by raising awareness of the impact of ASB and hate on those that suffer from mental health issues and disability, to work closer with partners in mental health and disability teams and through the effective use of the reformed ASB powers.

Why it is a priority

While considerable progress has been made over the last four years in reducing reported ASB, it continues to be a regularly identified issue and a priority amongst the residents of East Sussex. ASB came out as one of the two top community safety priorities that residents thought were the most important for us to tackle (*East Sussex County Council Reputation Survey 2014*).

- The Sussex Police ASB Repeat Victim Survey showed that one-third of respondents (31%) identified themselves as disabled. This distribution is significantly higher than the UK population. Of those respondents that reported a disability, around one third (36%) reported some form of mental health issue or learning difficulty.
- Alcohol was a contributory factor in 12.5% of reported ASB in the 12 months to July 2014. Eastbourne and Hastings saw the highest proportion of 'Alcohol Related' ASB in the 12 months to July 2014 with 17.4% and 15.1% respectively.
- The Safer East Sussex Team have undertaken engagement activities with equalities groups and many of these groups highlighted that recognising the impact on victims and knowing what support was available was a concern for many of them.
- The Office of the Sussex Police Crime Commissioner (PCC) has looked to increase the reporting of ASB as a measure of public confidence in the Police. Responding to and tackling anti-social behaviour is a top priority for the public and the Commissioner.
- Recent data seems to indicate that while reported ASB is falling in most parts of the county, the town centres of Eastbourne and Hastings are not following this trend and are seeing incidents increase.
- There were 264 Hate incidents reported in the county for the 12 months to July 2014, which is an increase of 7.8% (+19) on the same period in the previous year.



What the community thinks

"Anti Social behaviour we feel is the most important priority as it affects us mostly in our everyday lives"

Eastbourne Learning Disability Forum

"When it comes to gender equality, race and sexuality, the definition is more blurred when it comes to learning disabilities"

Prince's Trust Team Leader Sussex Downs

"My husband and I were going through a very traumatic time and the women that visited us were understanding, kind and helpful. They helped us to feel less isolated and kept in contact until we felt calmer"

Safe from Harm Client

"Anti social behaviour happens everywhere"

Hastings Disability Forum

Achievements so far...

Safe from Harm Service

88%

of people reported an increase in how safe they felt from the beginning of the Safe from Harm intervention to the end.

E-CINS case management system is now being used collaboratively across East Sussex by partners to manage ASB cases.



There has been a rise in reported Hate Incidents which is believed to be a positive sign in confidence to report this type of incident and an increased awareness around the reporting of hate.

Over the next 12 months, we will...

- **ASB County Conference** – To deliver a practitioner conference to share good practice in the use of the new legislation, deliver workshops on keyworking, mental health, housing matters and hate crime in order to identify and establish partner responsibilities.
- **Ensure consistent and accountable processes are in place for the Anti Social Behaviour Risk Assessment Conference (ASBRAC)** – Setting the minimum requirements for an effective multi-agency ASBRAC process in order that there are consistent practices in place.
- **Clearer engagement from health providers, to help support vulnerable victims of ASB** – particularly those with mental health conditions, as well as for the partnership to have a better understanding of how health providers support vulnerable victims of ASB.
- **Best Practice Guide** – To gather evidence of good practice in the implementation and use of new ASB legislation at a local level as well as identifying cost effective benefits.
- **Restorative Justice Projects** – To support the delivery of the two restorative justice projects in partnership with the Youth Offending Team (YOT) which will increase awareness: making the public and practitioners aware of restorative justice as an option and to develop our understanding of the impact on younger victims, offenders and the community.
- **Develop third party hate crime reporting centres across East Sussex** which will enable people to report to people they may be familiar with



Case study

A referral was received in February 2014 from Homeworks and the Safe from Harm worker phoned Ms F to make contact and introduce himself. A meeting was arranged and it became clear that there had been ASB happening for the past 2 years. This consisted of noise, threats, loud music, banging on walls and harassment from her next door neighbour. Ms F was suffering from severe self-confidence issues and had no family or friends locally and wanted to make a significant geographical move to where her family live.

Due to her health issues, she was not strong enough to attend any courses and so our worker researched confidence building materials and also personal safety advice, met with her and supported her with this. She was very grateful and felt that this approach had had a positive effect on her.

At a further meeting with Ms F, she had received news from the local authority that whilst they had accepted her for re-housing, they had not given her any points as a result of the ASB. Our worker spoke with them and agreed to send them an email outlining the issues and this resulted in her doubling her points in order to speed up the bidding process. Ms F is now accommodated in a new area where she is starting to rebuild her support networks.

Domestic abuse

To ensure residents and communities are free from domestic abuse and are less socially tolerant of it. To increase people's ability to have healthy relationships, increase safety for people at risk of abuse and hold perpetrators to account, requiring them to change their behaviour.

Why it is a priority

Domestic abuse happens in all communities, regardless of deprivation, education, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, ethnicity or ability. However, while men can and do experience domestic abuse, the majority of victims are women, while most of those who perpetrate abuse being men. The impact of this comes at a cost to society and affects the development of children who have the potential of becoming witnesses, victims or potential perpetrators of domestic abuse.

- The Crime Reduction Initiatives (CRI) Domestic Abuse Service provides support for victims / survivors at medium or high risk of domestic abuse while the two local Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conferences (MARACs) have the responsibility for coordinating a multi-agency risk management plan to protect those at highest risk.
- In the 12 months to September 2014, 527 victims were assessed as being at high risk of serious harm or homicide (210 in Hastings and Rother and 317 in Eastbourne, Lewes and Wealden). An increase of **39 (+8%)** on the same period in the previous year.
- Just under half (43%) of the domestic-violence related assaults were committed by ex-partners, with a further 31% assailants reported to be current partners. Attacks perpetrated by family members accounted for 19% of the domestic violence related cases referred to Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC) last year.
- Figures from the Saturn Centre (the Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC)) indicate that of the **505** cases referred into the SARC during March 2013 – April 2014, **294 (58%)** happened within the home, either being the victims, assailants or jointly owned property.
- Many perpetrators of domestic violence and abuse have parental responsibilities. In the 12 months to September 2014, there were a total of 591 children living in the households of the cases discussed at MARACs.
- Since November 2012, **stalking** has been a specific crime under the Protection from Harassment Act 1997. Stalking remains under-reported and will require awareness raising of these issues as well as how best to train and equip people to identify and manage incidents.
- The death of Mrs B, who had been a resident in East Sussex shortly before moving to Brighton & Hove where she was killed, was jointly reviewed by the Community Safety Partnership in that area (*the Safe in the City Partnership*). This review was published in 2014.



What the community thinks

"People should be made more aware of what could be considered abuse and how to spot it."

Sussex Youth Commission Report

"I found it helpful that you could talk and know that you are not on your own and don't need to be ashamed."

Domestic Abuse Strategy 2014-19

Engagement activities with the community highlighted that domestic abuse was an important area to focus on.

Safe in East Sussex Equalities Newsletter

"It is important to think that our employees could be potential victims and / or abusers - it is a real spur to action"

Feedback from the domestic abuse hurts everyone conference, 2014

Achievements so far...

East Sussex County Council, Eastbourne and Hastings Towns were awarded White Ribbon Status to demonstrate commitment to 'never commit, condone or remain silent about violence against women and girls'.



Supporting businesses with domestic abuse policies and white ribbon status

Effective changes have been implemented to the MARAC process for the benefit of high risk victims of domestic abuse.

East Sussex Safer Communities Partnership
Domestic Abuse Strategy
2014-2019



The Domestic Abuse Strategy 2014-19 was published in November. Outcomes of the strategy include:

- Increased social intolerance and reduced acceptance
- People have safe, equal and abuse free relationships
- Increased survivor safety and wellbeing
- Perpetrators are held to account and are required to change their behaviour

Over the next 12 months, we will...

- Commission a joint Domestic Violence & Abuse and Rape, Sexual Violence & Abuse Service with Brighton & Hove from October 2015 to 2018.
- Scope out ways in which to engage with communities who are less likely to report and / or at most risk of domestic abuse, including younger people, pregnant women, older people, lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans (LGBT) and people from black minority ethnic (BME) communities – including links to harmful practices like Female Genital Mutilation (FGM), Forced Marriage and ‘Honour’ Based Violence.
- Develop ways to engage with young people who experience domestic violence & abuse, aligned to work of SWIFT, as part of the Pan Sussex funding secured for Child Independent Domestic Violence Advisors (IDVAs).
- Further increase capacity within the MARAC process to identify victims with additional vulnerabilities, repeat victims and action plans that are not working well or are not sufficient
- Develop joint work with Brighton & Hove to increase resilience.
- Introduce IT solutions to support improve information sharing.

Case study

B was referred to the East Sussex Domestic Abuse service in the first instance by the police.

“The police told me they would refer me to Domestic Abuse Service, I was then contacted by the Domestic Abuse Service and they offered an appointment. The service supported me with everything really. They supported me while I gave the police a statement. This is something I would have struggled with without their support. The Domestic Abuse Service put in place safety measures at home and the whole court process was explained to me. The Domestic Abuse Service spoke to other agencies and updated me on the whole situation, I felt they were fighting my corner. I had emotional support throughout and afterwards, this was ongoing situation that got worse before it got better. I couldn’t have done it without the support from the Domestic Abuse Service. I would say to other people in a similar situation: Don’t hesitate to get support from the Domestic Abuse Service, they are on your side. I thought there was nowhere to go and that the situation would never change, I felt at times there was no way out, but there is.”

Offending and Re-Offending

To work in partnership to identify offenders and re-offenders to address their needs, change their behaviours and reduce the likelihood of future offending and the number of victims.

Why it is a priority

- Nationally, it is estimated that 50% of crime is committed by 10% of offenders; the most prolific (0.5%) commit 10% of crimes. Repeat offenders are often some of the most socially excluded in society. They will typically have chronic and complex health and social problems such as substance misuse, mental health needs, homelessness, unemployment and debt.
- Integrated Offender Management (IOM) is an approach to working with groups of offenders promoted by the Home Office and Ministry of Justice. Our IOM partnership makes a critical contribution to reducing the levels of offending and reoffending across East Sussex. by ensuring that our response to crime is coordinated and that the objectives of community safety partnerships, the Police and Crime plan ,local authorities, probation services and the Sussex Criminal Justice Board are shared.
- A critical part of the approach is to identify and address factors that are influencing or could influence the offenders criminal behaviour. These include dynamic factors such as access to accommodation, employment, finance benefit and debt, children families and support networks and drug misuse all of which are amenable to change. Restrictive measures may also be used to help reduce the likelihood of reoffending.
- From the 1 February 2015 offenders sentenced to under 12 months imprisonment will be managed in the community by probation services on their release. Reoffending rates amongst this group are high with 58% committing further crimes within a year of their release. We will be working together to develop a partnership strategy to meet this fresh challenge.
- It is important that we maintain a focus on proving suitable stable accommodation and housing support services when looking at reducing re-offending. Research suggests that stable accommodation can make a difference of over 20% in terms of reduction in reconviction, and ex-prisoners with an address on release are three times more likely to get a job. Getting offenders into settled and suitable accommodation and supporting them to maintain it can be the foundation of every other part of rehabilitation, resettlement and risk management.

Achievements so far...

Delivering Community based sports projects have reduced re-offending and assisted with integrating offenders back into the community

Greater emphasis on Restorative Justice at Integrated Offender Management (IOM) meetings and an increase in IOM team members trained to deliver post sentence Restorative Justice Conferences

Effective management of Prolific and Priority Offenders within East Sussex has seen their numbers reduced by

5%



As the result of reduced offending and suitable interventions having been put in place, the number of offenders within the cohort that require IOM management has been reduced by around

15%

Over the next 12 months, we will...

- Secure a commitment from all partners to sustain and develop our partnership approach to reducing offending and reoffending.
- Implement our partnership performance management framework
- Develop a partnership 'Through the Gate' strategy
- Further integrate and improve our links with Family Key Work provision in East Sussex for offenders and their families
- Review and improve the use of restorative justice approaches for victims and offenders across East Sussex
- Enable offenders to access and maintain suitable accommodation
- Strengthen links with the 'Liaison and Diversion' services operating in court and custody suites to improve offender access to programmes designed to address their substance misuse, mental health and/or learning disability needs

Case study

James lifestyle has been characterised by his homelessness, alcohol and drug misuse. He was recently diagnosed with depression and drug induced psychosis. At the age of forty three he has accrued 46 convictions for a total of 90 offences which date back to 1986. The majority of his offending has been acquisitive in nature to fund his substance misuse and day to day existence.

When James's was released on licence as a Priority Offender from prison in 2014 he had been engaged with a volunteer mentor from Sussex Pathways who worked with him and his offender manager within the Integrated Offender Management Team (IOM) in planning his release and supporting him through the process. With his Offender Manager James identified that his main priorities with the IOM team were to address his homelessness and substance misuse. Through the Local Housing Authority key worker he accessed the emergency fund for B&B and subsequently secured a tenancy of a one bed room flat. He reported for intensive supervision to his Offender Manager and was subject to regular police visits as he had expressed vulnerability from previous drug associates. James was also made subject to drug testing which was facilitated by the local drugs agency, and worked with this agency to address his substance misuse. As James developed a stable and pro social lifestyle he was also encouraged to attend his GP and mental health services to support his long term life plan.

Youth Offending

To continue to reduce first time entrants into the criminal justice system, reoffending in young people and the use of custody by tailoring effective interventions based on risk that where appropriate involve the whole family. A priority for 2015/16 will be to ensure there are appropriate interventions available to meet the needs of girls and young women. There will also be a focus on reducing offending by children and young people in care as they can be over represented in the criminal justice system.

Why it is a priority

The Youth Offending Team (YOT) in East Sussex continues to perform well with a reduction in first time entrants, low numbers of young people sentenced to custody. The reoffending rates compare favourably with those of local neighbours and similar. However, the young people remaining in the system are now more complex and high risk.

- The numbers of young people entering the criminal justice system are now very low. We need to ensure there are support and interventions in place to maintain this reduction.
- A large proportion of the young people sentenced to custody received this sentence as a result of non compliance with their community orders. Young people leaving custody are more likely to reoffend, with a national reoffending rate for this cohort of **36%**. A focus is therefore required to improve the compliance of this small cohort of young people in order to avoid custodial sentences and reduce their reoffending.
- There was a recent Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Prisons (HMIP) Thematic inspection report on girls in the criminal justice system which highlighted to need for gender specific assessment and interventions. Approximately **25%** of the YOT caseload is female.
- We know that looked after young people are over represented in the criminal justice system nationally. Children in care and care leavers represent approximately **1%** of the population (Care Leavers Association, 2013), yet almost a third of children in prison have been looked after by a local authority at some point (HMIP 2012). Approximately **15%** of the East Sussex YOT caseload are LAC (looked after children), either looked after by East Sussex County Council or by another local authority.



**East Sussex
Youth Offending Team**



Achievements so far...

There was a further
29% reduction in first time
entrants when compared to 2013/14

Only nine young people were
sentenced to custody in 2014/15.
This is a slight increase on last year,
but still the second lowest in the
last **ten years**

67%

of young people who offended
between April 2012 and March 2013
have not gone on to offend in the
following 12 months

71%

of young people were in full time
education training or employment at
the end of their orders

The Pan Sussex Protocols to Reduce the Prosecution of Children in Care
were reviewed last year

What we need to do next

- Ensure the pathway in place are effective in diverting young people away from the criminal justice system
- Continue to develop the Pan Sussex youth element of the Police and Court Liaison and Diversion scheme.
- To ensure continuous improvement in the quality of Assessment, Planning, Intervention and Supervision (APIS) in order to reduce reoffending. This will include working towards a one plan model where possible.
- Work with partners across the South East, including the secure estate, to develop effective resettlement arrangements
- To develop the family interventions within the YOT to ensure all appropriate families getting the most suitable intervention to meet their needs
- To develop the practice around the delivery and interventions for working with girls and young women.
- To implement the Pan Sussex Protocols to reduce the criminalisation of children in care.

Case study

“Concerns were raised from the YOT, Police and Courts that there was a high level of calls and appearances in court relating to a small group of residents in a privately owned children’s home. These residents were all looked after by other authorities rather than by East Sussex County Council. Many of the incidents were of a minor nature including hitting a care worker with a pillow and setting of a fire alarm. It appeared that the home was using the police rather than managing the young people’s behaviour.

The Police and the YOT jointly visited the home to inform them of the recently reviewed pan Sussex protocols to Reduce the Prosecution of Children in Care and to offer support and advice. A single point of contact was established for the home from the Police and the YOT. This meant the home had a named person to seek advice from where necessary. The home agreed to pay for the YOT to train their front line staff in restorative justice practice. The magistrates have been kept informed of the developments. The concerns were also shared with the placing local authorities at a senior level.”

Prevent - Preventing Violent Extremism

We will work in partnership to support Prevent and encourage professionals to be aware of the risks of terrorism and to be able to report them appropriately by developing professional curiosity as part of their regular responsibilities.

Why it is a priority

The Prevent strategy, published by the government in 2011, is part of the overall counter-terrorism strategy, known as CONTEST.

The Prevent programme is an integral part of the wider counter terrorism strategy and aims to stop people from becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism by challenging extremist ideology, helping to protect institutions from extremists and tackling the radicalisation of vulnerable people.

- The threat level to the UK has increased to 'severe' and world events over recent months have increased the need for communities as well as professionals to be more aware and should understand what radicalisation means and why people may be vulnerable to it.
- The Counter - Terrorism and Security Bill seeks to place a duty on specified authorities to 'have due regard, in the exercise of its functions, to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism'. 'Channel' the existing programme for people at risk of radicalisation will be put on a statutory basis to improve the consistency of its delivery and ensure the participation of all the appropriate organisations.
- Terrorism can emerge from many different communities and the UK faces a continuing threat from international and domestic terrorism.
- Sussex's location provides challenges for preventing the emergence of violent extremism and terrorism. The county has areas with diverse communities introducing vulnerabilities in terms of community tensions, racial tensions and grievances caused by local, national or international events.
- Communities defeat terrorism and it is not solely a police responsibility to identify and support vulnerable people. Responsibility for shaping environments and perceptions is shared across government departments. The aims of the 'Prevent' strategy will be delivered when conditions that contribute to radicalisation, and indicators of vulnerability, are recognised and considered within the 'daily business' of local authorities, the police, schools, universities and prisons; all working with local communities (*Prevent, progress and prospects report, HMIC, 2009*).

What the community thinks

"It can be anybody – personal views influence extremism"

Sixth form student Hastings

"Tackling the threat of extremism in England's schools is to be made a higher priority"

Education Secretary Nicky Morgan

"Bad stigma attached to certain ethnic minority groups which lead to people being unintentionally afraid of them"

Sixth form student Hastings

"Everybody, from law enforcement, to businesses, to the general public, has a role to play in keeping the UK safe from terrorism"

*Assistant Chief Constable Stuart Cundy,
Head of the Surrey and Sussex
Specialist Crime Command*

Achievements so far...



The production of *Prevent* guidance which provides a clear framework for professionals with which to respond to safeguarding concerns

Establishing the Channel Panel in East Sussex



Incorporating *Prevent* into Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) Child protection training, designated teacher training and into school e-safety and ICT support services

Over the next 12 months, we will...

- **Community Focus** - To develop wider awareness and knowledge of the *Prevent* agenda within communities. This will be done by working with specific community groups in order to develop sustainable initiatives and for communities to take more of an active role in the Prevent agenda.
- **Practitioner Training** - This will continue and will include what measures are available to prevent people from becoming drawn into terrorism and how to obtain support for people who may be being exploited by radicalising influences. Practitioners will be encouraged to consider the risks from terrorism and violent extremism as part of their regular responsibilities.
- **Review the Channel Panel Process** - We will be clarifying recording procedures, security and vetting levels for communications and staff attending and providing clarity on roles surrounding the coordination of future panels.
- **Communications** - We plan to inform and raise awareness with communities, residents and businesses on what they can do to help keep our county a safe place to live and work in. We will do this by using various communication methods to reassure and provide updates on county developments.



Road Safety

To improve road safety across East Sussex by reducing the number of people killed and seriously injured, and reducing the incidents of anti-social driving by encouraging closer involvement of the community.

Why it is a priority

- While the number of people killed or seriously injured (KSI) on East Sussex's roads fell between 2010 and 2012, in the last 12 months to August 2014, the number of KSI casualties in East Sussex have risen by 19% (+61).
- The groups considered to be the highest risk of being involved in KSI collisions are considered to be occupational drivers, non-motorised road users (pedestrians, pedal cycles and mobility scooters), powered two-wheelers and young people (16 to 24).
- Anti-social driving continues to be a problem across the County with speeding as a common theme; this includes driving in excess of the speed limit as well as inappropriate speed for the conditions. Many communities complain about inconsiderate parking and dangerous parking outside schools and careless driving including the use of mobile phones.
- Operation Crackdown is a Sussex based reporting system that allows members of the public to report anti-social driving to the Police. In 2014 there were 5,499 reports of antisocial driving in East Sussex to Operation Crackdown.

What the community thinks

Road safety was the top community safety priority that residents thought was the most important to tackle.

East Sussex Reputation Survey (2014)

"I have reported on Crackdown several times. It only takes a few minutes - if everyone did it, dangerous drivers would get the message that they can not just get away with it."

Operation Crackdown Report - Anti-social driving



Achievements so far...

Road Safety Leads established in each Community Safety Partnership.

Casualty data including causation factors provided down to ward level to allow Joint Action Groups to decide on appropriate preventative activity.

Road safety campaigns supported by the East Sussex Coordination Group providing communication messages to assist local delivery during national Road Safety Week



Over the next 12 months, we will...

The local delivery of road safety activities is undertaken at District and Borough level by Community Safety Partnerships. An example of these activities include:

- Wealden District Council completed a review in 2014 of road safety in the district following concerns by the elected members about the rising number of people who are KSI on the district's roads. The report makes 13 recommendations about the way forward which include education; enforcement and engineering.
- Hastings and Rother road safety group will undertake and support local education & enforcement programmes including experienced drivers, safer cycling and safer parking.
- Safer Rother Partnership is commissioning research into KSIs on Rother roads to identify target groups and behaviours to help focus future road safety activities.
- Tackling anti-social parking outside schools in Lewes District

Countywide activities will include:

- Continuing support from the Sussex Safer Roads Partnership to achieve local objectives
- Monitoring and reviewing data from the Sussex Safer Roads Partnership.

Sexual Violence

To increase the safety and wellbeing of people who experience rape or sexual violence & abuse including their confidence to report, improve people's understanding of consent, reduce the acceptance of sexual abuse or exploitation and hold perpetrators to account.

Why it is a priority

National data from the Crime Survey for England and Wales shows that women aged 16 to 19 were most likely to be victims of sexual assault, 19.6% of women and 2.7% of men report experiencing a sexual assault since the age of 16. Reported rape can be viewed as the visible tip of the iceberg when it comes to the scale of sexual violence in our society. Offences of this nature largely go un-reported due to shame, fear of being blamed, not believed or other factors.

- Learning from the wider national reports into the Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) has underlined the need to consider how local agencies in East Sussex can work together to both establish the prevalence of victims and to disrupt the activity of perpetrators.
- In East Sussex in the last 24 months to August 2014, Serious Sexual Offences have increased by 167 (+51%) and by 96 (+24.1%) in the 12 months to August 2014.
- Locally we have used the methodology advocated by the National Working Group on CSE to develop a strategy document that has been signed off by the LSCB and to establish the necessary strategic groups to deliver it effectively. This includes arriving at an agreed data set on prevalence.
- The Saturn Centre is a partnership service funded by Sussex Police, West Sussex County Council, East Sussex County Council and Brighton & Hove City Council and NHS England. In 2013/14, there were 133 referrals to the Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC) from East Sussex, which was an increase of 26 clients on the previous year (+24%).
- In 2012/13, The WISE Project (a specialist sexual exploitation service for 13-25 year olds managed by the Sussex Central YMCA) received 86 referrals including those believed to be at risk of and those experiencing CSE.
- Of the 86 referrals, 63 were provided one-to-one case work and 67% were looked after or had been in the care system at one time. 23 of the young people either did not engage or did not want the support of the service.
- The extent to which sexual exploitation, including commercially through prostitution and the sex industry and modern slavery is occurring is unknown and will require awareness raising of these issues as well as how best to train and equip people to identify and manage incidents.
- From October 2013 to March 14 – 69 victims (as a full year estimate 138) where referred to the specialist sexual violence service providers by Survivors' Network.



What the community thinks

"Having counselling when I was waiting for my trial was really important. I'm not sure I'd have stuck with it otherwise"

Sexual Violence Survivor

84% of young people had experienced some form of unwanted sexual incidents.

Consent Consultation - Sussex South Downs College, 2014

"Enable victims many forms of contact and reporting abuse and help people understand the process of reporting"

Sussex Youth Commission Report

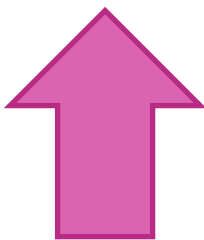
"We need to ensure that any door is the right door if you want to talk about sexual violence"

Provider Comment

Achievements so far...



The Independent Sexual Violence Adviser Service (ISVA) was jointly commissioned with Brighton & Hove



From October to December 2014 there were 55 referrals into the ISVA service for East Sussex, compared to 34 for the same period in 2013, an increase of 62%.

The Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC) was re-commissioned in partnership with NHS England, the Police and other Upper Tier Local Authorities



What we need to do next

- Commission the Domestic Violence & Abuse and Rape, Sexual Violence & Abuse Service for October 2015 to 2018.
- Undertake a Consent campaign as a pilot and scoping exercise as to the actual gap around the knowledge of consent.
- Support the development of a Paediatric SARC to work with children under 14 and develop ways to engage with young people who experience sexual violence and abuse.
- Develop ways to engage with young people who experience domestic violence & abuse, aligned to work of SWIFT, as part of the Pan Sussex funding secured for Child Independent Sexual Violence Advisors.
- Review the provision of talking therapies available to people who have experienced sexual violence to better meet need.
- Ongoing work with police staff and partner agencies to improve recognition and understanding of CSE as part of Operation Kite.
- Implement the CSE action plan.

Case study

“A was abused by her father when she was a child. Although she had reported it at the time the police had not taken the case further. The recent extensive coverage in the news relating to Jimmy Saville and other high profile sexual assault cases had made her feel that she may now be believed and she went to the police again. This time the case was progressed. Talking about her experiences however led to significant emotional distress, she started to experience flashbacks and was struggling to leave the house. She was facing a disciplinary at work for her frequent absence. The local Rape Crisis Centre, Survivors' Network, helped her to liaise with her employer and to access counselling. She was able to attend court and her father was convicted and will serve a significant sentence.”

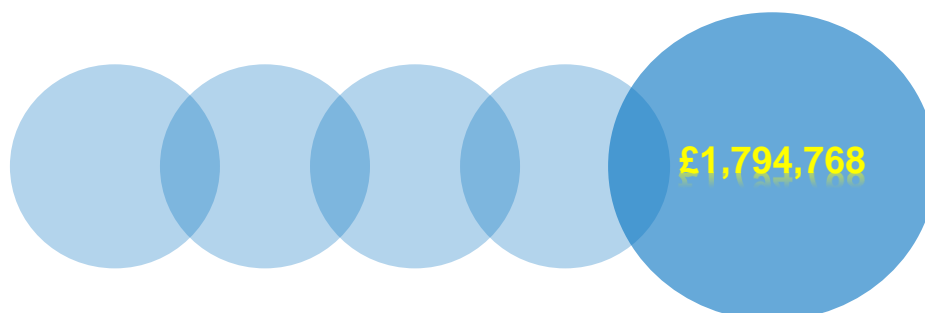
Street Communities

To increase partnership working to help bring together local services that are in place to meet the needs of the street community. This will help to identify and address the concerns associated with street communities, including crime, anti-social behaviour, homelessness and substance misuse.

Why it is a priority

A member of the street community is defined by Sussex Police as: 'A person who spends a significant amount of time on the streets or other public area and who may or may not have accommodation and will have a substance misuse issue and / or a mental health issue and / or have a chaotic history'. There are a number of associated concerns, and some of the reasons on why it is a priority include:

- The failure to prevent homelessness could lead to a number of issues which would have a negative impact upon individuals, local authorities and the public.
- Anti Social Behaviour (ASB) reports concerning rough sleepers over the last 12 months have included issues such as abusive or aggressive behaviour, assaults and discarded needles, amongst others.
- People with complex needs are at serious risk of falling through the cracks in service provision. There needs to be an integrated response across health, housing and social care.
- For the 12 months to July 2014, **88%** of all ASB reports of Street Drinkers came from Eastbourne and Hastings. This compares to **83%** for the same period in 2011/12 and **90%** in 2012/13.
- The number of incidents of reported street drinking has increased by an estimated **11%** this year compared to 2012/13.
- In Eastbourne, 33 of those who attended the Pop-Up Hub had been arrested for various offences during their time on the streets. These 33 individuals had been arrested 1,076 times at an estimated cost to the public purse of:



What the community thinks

Police Local Neighbourhood Survey data indicated ASB was a priority, and 'Drunk or Rowdy Behaviour in Public Places' was the highest within this category.

Some of the issues raised by Hastings town centre businesses include hiding cans / bottles when in view of Police officers, drug dealing by the public toilets, shoplifting and begging.

Achievements so far...

In East Sussex, all districts and boroughs have adopted the Governments 'No Second Night Out' standard which requires each area to ensure the right services are in place to assist homeless people.

**NO SECOND
NIGHT OUT**

Following the Eastbourne Hub the Police recorded a

24%



reduction in client arrests

A total of 23 clients attending the Eastbourne Hub were supported with temporary accommodation – 17 in Bed & Breakfast and 6 in the Night Shelter.

For clients who attended the Hastings Hub, there were 12 less arrests in the three months following in comparison to the three months before the hub.

Feedback in relation to the Hastings Hub showed improved engagement with services and access to accommodation has been achieved through enhanced multi-agency working.

Over the next 12 months, we will...

- There is a need to set up a strategic group to bring agencies together to ensure a coordinated approach is taken to identify the most vulnerable clients and address the issues identified.
- Develop an action plan that includes the mapping of local service provision and review the referral pathways that exist. This will also highlight any gaps in service provision and provide an evidence base for new initiatives to be implemented.
- Increased partnership working to help bring together the many charity and local authority run initiatives and services to meet the needs of those identified, to include improved access to drug and alcohol services and physical and mental health support.
- Further research to be carried out across the county to identify whether there are links with modern slavery and human trafficking and to what extent this is an issue.

Case study

“Client D1 was female aged 34 and Client D2 was male aged 27. Prior to be accommodated in B&B, both had been sleeping rough for in the region of 3 years.

Client D1 was assessed by St Mungo’s Broadway as suffering from depression, being suicidal and with aggressive behaviour. She had committed 11 offences including shoplifting, assault and drugs, which had involved 18 arrests and a prison sentence.

Client D2 was assessed by St Mungo’s Broadway was assessed as suffering from depression. He had committed 58 offences, which had involved 55 arrests and a prison sentence.

Both clients were in sporadic contact with CRI in relation to their drug use.

The couple were placed in B&B for a total of 85 nights pending helping them to secure private rented accommodation with a rent deposit.”

***Eastbourne Pop-Up Hub Pilot Evaluation, Graham Maunders Associates
(August 2014)***

Substance Misuse

To reduce the crime, anti-social behaviour and social harms caused by substance misuse. This will include targeting those who commit offences to purchase drugs, supporting people in their recovery and expanding on the work that has already begun in relation to the issue of New Psychoactive Substances (NPS).

Why it is a priority

Across East Sussex the Drugs and Alcohol Action Team (DAAT) have responsibility for commissioning the local drug and alcohol support services informed by drug and alcohol needs assessments.



The East Sussex Safer Communities Partnership addresses the crime and antisocial behaviour caused by substance misuse.

Substance misuse can affect many aspects of an individual's life as well as impact on the wider society and this can be far reaching.



- In the 12 months to August 2014, there has been a 26.5% increase in drug trafficking and supply offences, and shoplifting has increased by 6%.
- When looking at burglary, thefts and robbery, test on arrest data shows that in the first two quarters of the year, 49% of the accused in Hastings tested positive for either heroin, cocaine or both and in Eastbourne this figure is 31%.
- There has been a shift in focus in the way drug treatment is delivered, with a renewed focus on 'recovery' and in particular the development of recovery communities to provide mutual aid support to help free people from the harmful impact that substances can have.
- There is little evidence into the understanding of the full impact of NPS use, however between 2012 to 2013, the number of young people with heroin or cocaine as their main problem drug declined, countered by increases in the figures for amphetamines (including 'legal highs' and club drugs).
- Nationally evidence suggests that young people drinking less alcohol, but those that are drinking do so more heavily and consequently are more susceptible to alcohol related harms; often alcohol is either provided by parents or at least with parents knowledge.

What the community thinks

Police Local Neighbourhood Survey data indicated Anti Social Behaviour (ASB) was a priority, and 'Drunk or Rowdy Behaviour in Public Places' was the highest within this category.

The reputation survey carried out in January 2014, identified 25% of residents felt ASB was important, with underage drinking being in the top three ASB concerns.

Across East Sussex, burglary was the third highest priority for community safety in the reputation tracker survey.

The Sussex Police Crime Commissioner (PCC) Youth Commission would like to see further preventative work done in schools to address the risks of drugs and alcohol and also highlighted the growing emergence of NPS use.

Achievements so far...

The Alcohol Diversion Scheme - people who are arrested for drunken behaviour can attend an alcohol awareness workshop run by STAR and pay a reduced fine.



Effective referral pathways continue to operate with young people receiving an assessment and intervention with the Under 19's Substance Misuse Service within 15 working days of referral.

In the 12 months to June 2014, **63.5%** of clients who had entered treatment through the criminal justice route left in a planned way.



East Sussex Recovery Alliance

There are 8 recovery groups being co-ordinated by East Sussex Recovery Alliance (ESRA) as well as a range of groups running at STAR covering a range of issues from carers' support to Cannabis use.

Two schemes have been introduced in order to reduce anti-social behaviour and crime associated with those who drink higher strength alcohol. In Hastings this is known as the 'Reduce the Strength' campaign and in Eastbourne the 'Sensible on Strength' campaign.



Over the next 12 months, we will...

- We will engage with young people to gain their insight into sexual consent, alcohol and the law. Work will continue to identify effective ways of engaging with those deemed as most vulnerable, and any subsequent work will hopefully help to reduce the number of serious sexual offences.
- The supply and use of NPS Products from identified premises will be addressed in a joint operation between the Safer East Sussex Team, Sussex Police and East Sussex Trading Standards.
- Consultation will take place with young people regarding the use of NPS, including their possible health impacts which will inform future work required to address the health and social problems identified.
- A new Recovery Café is being established with support from the Safer East Sussex Team, East Sussex DAAT Board and CRI as well as other partners. The aim is to encourage sustained recovery as well as being integral to the wider community as a viable social enterprise.
- Parental supply of alcohol is an issue that needs to be addressed effectively. There is further need to obtain research around best practice in relation to targeted campaigns at parents, and then look locally at what resources are available in order to have an impact. This will also tie in with the work done in schools.

Case study

“I moved to Hastings, from The Wirral, two and a half years ago after finishing treatment. I joined East Sussex Recovery Alliance (ESRA) as a volunteer because I knew that staying connected and active was vital to me maintaining my recovery. When I first joined, I had very little confidence in myself and didn't believe that I had anything to offer anyone. However, I got a lot of support and friendship from my peers in ESRA, as well as the opportunity to do various training courses and to take part in activities, and even have my voice heard as an 'expert by experience'. I was soon encouraged to become a facilitator for the Women's group and I also took on the role of secretary, taking minutes at the weekly forum meetings. I then went on to train as a Self Management and Recovery Training (SMART) facilitator and began to run SMART groups in the wider community. When the part time post of Admin Assistant came up, I was encouraged and supported to apply by my peers in ESRA, so I am now in a paid position, which is more than I believed I was capable of. ESRA has been a massive part of my sustaining my recovery and rebuilding my life.”

Police and Crime Priorities

The Police and Crime priorities for 2015/16 are:

- Crime and Community Safety
- Victim Focus
- Public Confidence
- Value for Money

Local objectives for each of these priorities have been set by the Police and Crime Commissioner. These are of course not an exhaustive list but do reflect the expectations of the public.

Crime and Community Safety

- Keeping Sussex a low crime area
- Commission new and lasting initiatives to reduce re-offending
- Take account of community priorities and their contributing factors (such as alcohol and drugs)

Measure: Reduce the recorded crimes per 1,000 population.

Victim Focus

- Improve the experience that victims and witnesses have of the criminal justice system
- Enhance, develop and commission initiatives to bring justice for victims
- Effective policing, responsive to the needs of victims and the vulnerable

Measure: Support improvements to victim satisfaction in their overall experience of the criminal justice system.

Public Confidence

- Build trust in the police and the criminal justice system
- Remove proceeds of crime from criminals and reinvest that money in our communities
- Encourage the development of volunteering to make us Safer in Sussex

Measure: Increase the reporting of domestic abuse and violence, serious sexual offences, anti-social behaviour and hate crimes.

Value for Money

- Improve efficiency across the criminal justice system
- Further collaboration & partnership working
- Effective and innovative commissioning of services and procurement of assets

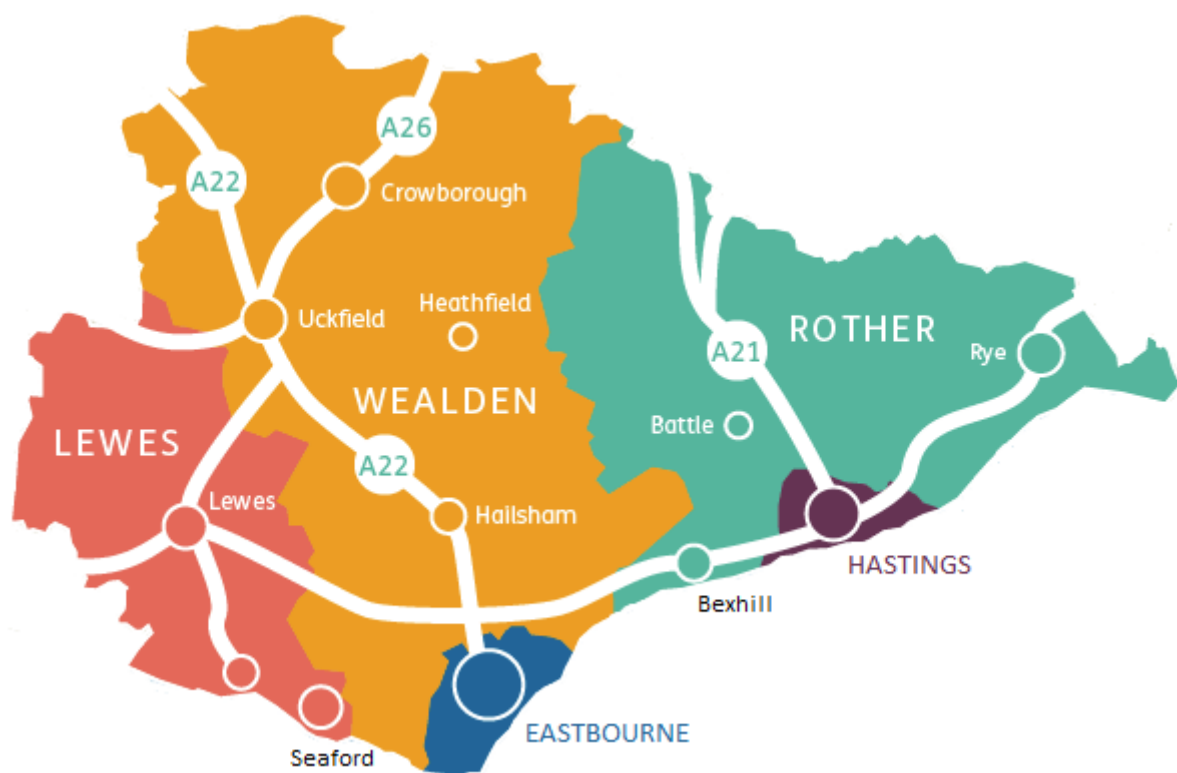
Measure: Working with Sussex Police and partners to meet the financial challenges ahead whilst delivering Crime & Community Safety, Victim Focus and Public Confidence objectives and identifying opportunities to improve.

District and Borough Overviews

There are five local Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) in East Sussex:

- Eastbourne Community Safety Partnership
- Safer Hastings Partnership
- Lewes Community Safety Partnership
- Safer Rother Partnership
- Safer Wealden Partnership.

The local partnership priorities follow, to deliver the priorities each partnership has a separate action plan.



Eastbourne Community Safety Partnership

“Our vision is to improve people’s lives in Eastbourne’s Communities by working in partnership to reduce the levels of crime and anti-social behaviour and to manage the fear of crime”.



What are the priorities and why?

- **Community Engagement and Public** – To continue to engage with the communities we serve and meet their needs in relation to community safety and public re-assurance.
- **Environmental and Anti-Social Behaviour** – Reducing graffiti, fly-tipping, litter and dog fouling contributes to an improvement in the quality of life for the residents of Eastbourne.
- **Road Safety** – Anti-social driving, including speeding, is a major concern of our communities.
- **Volume Crime** – The continued reduction of offences such as burglary, robbery and vehicle crime, makes Eastbourne a better place to live, work and visit.
- **Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) and Hate Crime** – It is essential to give effective support to vulnerable and high risk victims of hate crime and ASB, as well as bringing offenders to justice.
- **Alcohol Related Crime and Disorder** – To reduce the negative impacts of the night-time economy on the town centre.
- **Domestic Violence and Sexual Offences** – To increase the reporting of such offences, provide support to victims and bring offenders to justice.
- **Prevent Strategy** – To prevent the radicalisation of vulnerable members of our communities, thereby contributing to a reduction in extremism.
- **Street Communities** – Not only do street drinkers and rough sleepers cause a major nuisance to residents and visitors, they are amongst the highest levels of victims of crime and are amongst the most vulnerable in our community.
- **Substance Misuse and New Psychoactive Substances** – Causal links to crime, anti-social behaviour and health.

What the community thinks...

Environmental ASB is a major concern of residents in our communities.

Anti-social driving including speeding is regularly reported as a concern at our Neighbourhood Panels.

Dealing in illegal drugs is a big concern of residents who live in the town centre.

Street drinkers in the town centre and on the seafront result in a large number of complaints which highlights the concerns of businesses and residents.

Achievements so far...

Since 2005 crime has reduced in Eastbourne by over **40%**

Since 2009 the Eastbourne's 'Cumulative Impact Policy' to limit the growth of licensed premises in the town centre has positively impacted the level of public place violent crime and ASB.

Neighbourhood Management initiatives throughout the town have brought communities together to reduce crime and ASB and improve the quality of life of those communities.



The partnership is supporting long term initiatives to help members of the street community change their lifestyle and was the first in East Sussex to initiate a 'Street Pop Up Hub.'

Over the next 12 months, we will...

The Eastbourne Community Safety Partnership will continue to:

- Implement the Community Safety Partnership's 40 point action plan;
- Engage with our communities, including, Neighbourhood Panels, Neighbourhood Management, Neighbourhood Watch, 'Talk to Us' initiatives and the annual 999 event, to listen to the concerns of our communities and promote our partnership successes;
- Promote and develop our partnership case management and capabilities (ECINS) for all high risk victims, including domestic violence, hate crime, ASB, sexual offences and street community;
- Support and invest in the youth initiatives and projects to divert from crime and ASB;
- Support voluntary organisations which can have a major impact on improving community safety and public perception, including Neighbourhood Watch;
- Work smarter to overcome public sector financial constraints and develop new ways of working and seeking finance to support our initiatives / priorities.

Safer Hastings Partnership

“The Safer Hastings Partnership will continue to support the most vulnerable victims of crime & antisocial behaviour and work to reduce the levels of crime and the fear of crime”.



What are the priorities and why?

- **Alcohol Related Violent Crime and Disorder** – To better manage street drinkers and the evening economy.
- **Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence** – Hastings has high levels of reported cases.
- **Substance Misuse** – Alcohol and drugs are strongly linked to offending.
- **Reducing Re-Offending** – Managing prolific offenders is key to reducing crime.
- **Anti Social Behaviour and Hate Crime** – We must support high risk and vulnerable victims.
- **Environmental Crime** – Tackling issues like littering, dog fouling and graffiti is important to most people in Hastings.
- **Road Safety** – Crashes involving death and serious injury have increased.
- **Prevent Strategy** – To prevent the radicalisation of vulnerable members of our communities.

What the community thinks...

“It is most important for the Police & Council to tackle antisocial behaviour”

“Speeding vehicles is a big problem in their neighbourhood”

“Dog fouling is a particular problem in Hastings”

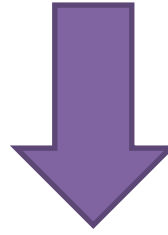
“Tackling drug misuse is very important to people in the town”

Achievements so far...

Since 2001 to 2002, crime in Hastings has reduced from over 14,000 to around

7,500

today



Partners achieved 'White Ribbon Accreditation' in 2014 recognising local work to support victims of domestic abuse

The Safer Hastings Partnership has received regional and national awards for their youth engagement work



The Safer Hastings Partnership has a good record in reducing violent crime and antisocial behaviour by funding projects like Hastings Bar Watch, Taxi Marshalls and positive activities for young people

Over the next 12 months, we will...

The Safer Hastings Partnership needs to:

- Support the implementation of changes in service delivery following the restructure of Sussex Police;
- Fully utilise the range of tools and powers introduced by the 'Anti-social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014';
- Fully support the new Hastings and Rother Road Safety Group;
- Continue to develop better partnership working with the Health Service;
- Continue to work in partnership to reduce the impact that the street community is having, particularly in areas such as central St Leonards.

Lewes Community Safety Partnership

“Our vision is to improve people’s lives in Lewes’s Communities by working in partnership to reduce the levels of crime and anti-social behaviour and to manage the fear of crime.”



What are the priorities and why?

- **Work in partnership to seek long lasting solutions to Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB):** ASB remains a priority to the community and the police and partner agencies continue to receive many calls. The effects of anti-social behaviour disproportionately affects the health and well being of residents and communities.
- **Reduce acquisitive crime:** This crime is a concern in the Lewes District due to the crime numbers and the area can be a prime target for this type of crime.
- **Encourage the reporting of Domestic Abuse incidents:** Lewes was at the forefront of the White Ribbon campaign and it continues to be a priority to encourage victims to report incidents to the police. Domestic violence is widely know to be a under reported crime and this priority aims to reverse this.
- **Reduce the number of Dwelling Fires:** We continue to work with partners to identify those most vulnerable from fire in our community, so that prevention support can be promptly delivered, such as Home Safety Visits, smoke alarm installations, well-being checks and further referral links to other agencies.
- **Reduce the number of Killed & Seriously Injured on Lewes District’s roads:** We continue to focus on making our roads safer for all road users across the district as the level remain unacceptably high.
- **Promote community safety initiatives to reduce crime and the fear of crime:** The actual crime in Lewes continues to be low but there is a disproportionate fear of crime that requires the partnership to reassure the public and promote the work that all partners undertake.

What the community thinks...

“Dog Fouling continues to be a problem for residents in the Lewes District with a small minority of dog walkers blighting the lives of others.”

“Residents continue to inform the Police that anti-social driving and speeding across the district are a big problem.”

“Great news that there is talk of Shopwatch - we really think it could be the best prevention. We only opened our Lewes business in October and we have been shocked to find that shoplifting is so rife here!”

(Lewes Town Centre Retailer)

“Anti-social driving and parking continues to be a problem for the community and something that is regularly reported.”

Achievements so far...

Lewes 'Electric Blanket Testing' proved successful again this year with a total of 168 blankets tested but only a **29%** failure rate. It included 1 blanket that was subject to a national recall in 2013. Previous failure rates are usually in the 45 - 50% range.



Working with the police & local businesses, the Community Safety Partnership has supported the establishment of a Shopwatch Scheme which will enable better communication and information flow between shops and the police, helping to reduce theft offences in Lewes town centre.

Working with the Police Community Speedwatch in the Lewes District continues to grow and is being rolled out to new towns and villages across the District.

Fire Service has undertaken 1,600 Home Safety visits over the last year, with over **90%** delivered to vulnerable households. This has helped reduce accidental fires in the home by a predicted **15%** by year end.

Over the next 12 months, we will...

- The Joint Action Group continues to meet monthly throughout the year. It acts as the delivery arm of the CSP to implement actions to resolve current and forthcoming issues that affect the community. It also receives bids from partner agencies and community groups to fund projects which meet the partnerships priorities. These well attended meetings are action focussed and co-ordinate activities to respond to emerging issues in the community.
- Agencies across the Lewes District have been trained in the use of E-CINS which provide a secure information sharing cloud based tool to allow more effective partnership working. The tool has already been used successfully in dealing with a number of cases where the joint working and sharing of information has led to successful interventions and improve the well being and quality of life of residents.
- The Lewes Community Safety Partnership are finalising their plans for the year ahead and allocating the necessary resources to the various aspects of the plan.
- Continue to work with partners to identify those most vulnerable from fire in our community, so that prevention supported can promptly undertaken, such as Home Safety Visits, smoke alarm installations, well being checks and further referral links to other agencies.
- Continue with our focus on making our roads safer for all users, cyclists, pedestrians and motorists. Target prevention work to drive down the KSI (Killed & Seriously Injured) figures across the Lewes District. Such as the SDSA (Safe Drive Stay Alive) campaign targeted at young drivers, who are an identified vulnerable group of motorists.
- Work closely with local partners and the business sector to reduce unwanted fire calls from automatic fire alarms, although we are currently showing a 24% reduction, we must continue to drive down these types of calls.

Safer Rother Partnership

“We aim to ensure that Rother remains a safe place to live, work and visit by working in partnership to reduce the levels of crime and anti-social behaviour and managing the fear of crime.”



What are the priorities and why?

- **Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) and Hate Crime** – To strengthen partnership interventions around ASB and Hate Crime which impact on the local community and victims and to carry out targeted work in problem areas.
- **Road Safety** – The Safer Rother Partnership has developed a range of interventions to address speeding, anti-social driving and road safety issues. However, additional work needs to be focused on the causes of more serious accidents on roads in Rother.
- **Reducing Offending and Re-offending** – A small number of people commit crime and anti-social behaviour, but they have a significant impact on Rother communities. We will be continuing work across partner agencies to reduce the impact of these offenders and support rehabilitation.
- **Violent Crime including violence within a domestic setting** – To respond to the move from public place violence to an increase in domestic setting violence, including intergenerational, young people and rural residents.
- **Historical and Emerging Crimes that impact on the community** – Historically, Rother has suffered from sudden increase in crime, often caused by criminals travelling across Districts, Boroughs, Counties and Police Forces. These crimes impact on Rother. The Partnership will also focus on emerging issues such as cyber-crime, scams, Child Sexual Exploitation and human trafficking, when they impact on Rother residents.

What the community thinks...

Anti-social driving and speeding are important issues, particularly in rural areas.

Agencies need to work together to stop Anti-Social Behaviour. **It doesn't matter which agency it belongs to.**

Young people need more to do, would prevent young people being involved in ASB.

Residents report concern about beggars and the street community.

Achievements so far...

Delivered effective Road Safety Education projects with partners, e.g. Community Speedwatch, Young Drivers event, Biker Down Training. The Safer Rother Roads Group is now working in partnership across Hastings.



Effective rehabilitation and offender management based interventions to reduce ASB and crime, including securing and maintaining tenancies.

Research into violent crime within Rother and the production of social media tool by and for young people.

Variable Messaging Machine used effectively across Rother for crime and community safety messages all year round e.g. road safety, Operation Radcott, White Ribbon, burglary alerts.

Over the next 12 months, we will...

- The Safer Rother Partnership works to reduce crime and the impact of crime committed by those already convicted of offences. The Partnership does this through participation in Offender Management and Public Protection schemes, youth programmes and community/neighbourhood based interventions, whilst providing support with housing and access to services to aid rehabilitation. Prevention and early intervention programmes will continue to be delivered.
- Anti-Social Behaviour and Hate Crime work in 2015-16 will focus on the effective implementation of the new tools and powers within the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 for example the Community Remedy and Community Protection Notices.
- Continue work on projects to understand the changes in violent crime in Rother and to deliver effective initiatives. In 2015-16 we will focus work on hotspots for domestic abuse, while maintaining our ongoing work on domestic based abuse.
- Research will be commissioned to fully understand the Killed and Seriously Injured (KSI) incidents on Rother roads, including research into reasons, locations and solutions. This research will be used to target resources to reduce KSIs and educate drivers on Rother's roads to reduce the risks of KSIs.
- Police and Partnership interventions with neighbouring areas and shared information and operations will continue to be a priority when Rother experiences an increase in shoplifting, begging, and cross border crime such as burglary, thefts from rural and farm buildings, caravan break-in's, oil and fuel.
- The Partnership will continue its day to day work with all agencies to reduce the risk of crime, antisocial behaviour and prevent offending.

Safer Wealden Partnership

“Improving people’s lives in Wealden by working in partnership to reduce the levels of crime and anti-social behaviour and to manage the fear of crime.”



Safer Wealden Partnership

Working Together to Keep Wealden Safer

What are the priorities and why?

- **Reduce the amount of anti-social behaviour experienced by residents in Wealden** – dealing with anti-social behaviour remains a priority for the community and it gives rise to many calls to the Police and other partner agencies. The effects of anti-social behaviour can adversely affect the quality of life of individuals and communities.
- **Reduce the number of people killed or seriously injured on Wealden's Roads** - Wealden has the worst statistics for the number of people killed or seriously injured on its roads across the whole of East Sussex and the South East Region. According to one Research Company, Wealden’s roads are the 5th most risky for young drivers in Britain out of 379 other district and boroughs. Road Safety is also of key concern to many parishes and towns across the district.
- **Reduce the amount of household burglary and burglary from sheds, outbuildings and commercial premises** - This crime is of concern in Wealden due to the crime numbers and the area can be a prime target given the rural nature of many properties and communities.
- **Reduce the amount of environmental crime in Wealden, with a focus on fly-tipping, littering and dog fouling.** Levels of environmental crime remain stubbornly high and can have a real impact on the way people feel about the area in which they live. In addition the isolated nature of many of the district’s roads lend themselves to fly-tipping incidents.
- **Raise awareness and promote the help and support services available for victims of domestic abuse and increase enforcement.** It is known that the levels of domestic abuse are under-reported and that services to support people are not widely known about, especially in rural areas.
- **The Safer Wealden Partnership will be a proactive in response to emerging threats and priorities and will also deliver a number of projects to improve general community safety, including increased community engagement.** The partnership offers a number of projects such as ‘Safety in Action, aimed at primary school children, and electric blanket testing for the elderly. No-one knows what is around the corner and the Partnership is adaptable and flexible in their approach and ready to respond to whatever threat emerges.

What the community thinks...

According to the East Sussex County Council Reputation Survey, the public placed road safety and antisocial behaviour at the top of their list of community safety priorities.

According to the Sussex Police Local Neighbourhood Survey burglary and domestic abuse are the top crime priorities for the Wealden area

Visibility of the police should be key priority for Sussex Police according to the public in the Wealden area.

When asked which types of anti-social behaviour was most important to tackle in the Wealden area the public listed dog fouling, under-age drinking, littering, nuisance neighbours and careless and inconsiderate driving (ESCC).

Achievements so far...

Wealden District Council has recently completed a review of road safety in the area which will inform the work of the Safer Wealden Road Safety Action Group in the coming year.



Sussex Police and other members of the Safer Wealden Partnership have been working hard to reduce the number of burglaries from people's sheds, garages and outbuildings, a crime that matches the rural nature of Wealden.

The Wealden 'Electric Blanket Testing' project failed 35% of the 237 blankets tested during the three day event in October. The engineer who carried out the tests found one blanket that had scorch marks on where the element was broken!



The 'Safety in Action' project, now in its 23rd Year aims to teach children in a realistic and interactive manner about community and personal safety. This year in June over 1,100 children from 28 primary schools visited the project, which is held at Bowles Outdoor Centre in Eridge and at Herstmonceux Castle. Plans are already underway for 2015.

Over the next 12 months, we will...

- The Safer Wealden Partnership are finalising their plans for the year ahead and allocating the necessary resources to the various aspects of the plan.
- The Joint Action Group, which meets monthly throughout the year, reviews all the plans in place, work undertaken and what more needs to be done. It also receives bids from partner agencies and community groups to commit funds to projects which delivery criteria match the Partnerships priorities. These well attended meetings are action focussed and co-ordinate all relevant activity.
- Following the review of road safety undertaken by Wealden District Council, entitled: 'Driving the Message Home' the Wealden Road Safety Action Group, which reports to the Joint Action Group and the Safer Wealden Partnership are drawing up a detailed action plan in which there are four target groups / activities, which will be acted upon during the coming year.
- Partnership agencies of the Safer Wealden Partnership have now been trained on the use of E-CINS, which is a cloud based information sharing tool. Staff from the various agencies are now signing up as users, familiarising themselves with the tools capabilities and will soon be able to share information on various activities, projects and individuals to make the work we all do more effective.

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Safer Communities Scrutiny Information Pack

June 2015

This pack contains information on Domestic Abuse, Sexual Violence and Abuse Preventing Violent Extremism and the Local Policing Model.

1. Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence and Abuse

2014/15 saw a number of significant developments in relation to Domestic Abuse and Sexual abuse.

Additional Investment

Victims of Domestic and Sexual Abuse benefited from £61,350 additional investment from the OPCC, specifically to better support victims and witnesses by sustaining and/or developing capacity locally that seeks to achieve the outcomes in the Partnership Business Plan and Action Plan. This included:

- Increasing capacity to support victim/survivors of rape and sexual violence, as part of existing joint commissioning arrangements with Brighton & Hove (in response to increasing demand)
- Sustaining capacity to support medium victim/survivors of domestic violence and abuse (in response to increasing demand)
- Contributing, with other local authorities in Sussex, to a Specialist Domestic Abuse Support Coordinator employed by South East Coast Ambulance Service (SeCamb), which built on a successful pilot to improve the service provided to victim/ survivors of abuse through increased staff awareness to enable early identification and referral of patients who are experiencing abuse, and to facilitate access to specialist support services.

Commissioning

East Sussex has developed a shared approach to the commissioning of future specialist services for victim/survivors of Domestic and Sexual Abuse with Brighton & Hove City Council and other commissioners (including the OPCC). This is supported a pooled budget and single procurement process for future specialist services; this process commenced in January 2015 with the successful provider(s) due to be in place by October 2015, providing a more consistent model of support, built around a single point of contact.

To support these arrangements, a Joint Strategic Commissioner has been appointed, with strategic leadership for domestic and sexual violence and focused on the implementation of linked areas of work across East Sussex and Brighton & Hove. Supporting the Commissioner, both East Sussex and Brighton & Hove will coordinate activity (including a proposed integration of existing staff functions to create a Domestic and Sexual Violence Unit) to make the best use of resources and maximise impact.

Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference

Since January 2015, East Sussex and Brighton & Hove have been developing a project to align Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) functions for the highest risk

cases. This is focused on shared working practices. Although this work is an early stage, it has demonstrated the potential to achieve more through the alignment or sharing of resources. Building on this, the Pan Sussex Executive Group has endorsed a proposal to scope a pan Sussex approach, to ensure a consistent response across Sussex supported by a shared operational framework. This builds on the changes to the MARAC process that were piloted in East Sussex in 2014, and which have had a positive impact on the management of cases including complex cases.

Talking Therapies for Victims of Rape and Sexual Violence

A developing area of work is provision of talking therapies for victims of rape and sexual violence. This has historically been managed via the Safer in East Sussex Team, supported by a Public Health Contribution. There are a number of issues in relation to these arrangements, including the access to support, suitability of clinical governance, integration other provision around trauma or talking therapies and management of demand. Development work is planned with Mental Health Commissioners to develop a simplified care pathway during 15/16. This would also enable a response to a gap in provision for adult victims of Child Sexual Abuse (CSA) are a gap, for whom there is currently limited support available.

Paediatric Sexual Assault Referral Centre

NHS England is leading on the development of a Paediatric Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC), to provide a specialist service for children and young people under the age of 14 who are victims of rape, sexual violence & abuse. Further funding was provided by the OPCC to develop specialist services to support young victims of domestic and sexual violence in their own intimate relationships linked to national Young Person's Violence Advisor programme.

Attrition Rates

Attrition (the number of cases finalised at court which do not result in a prosecution) remains a matter of concern. The Criminal Justice Board has commissioned an options analysis to consider whether Sussex should invest in this model; timetables for this work are due to be confirmed. In parallel, the partnership is working with specialist services to review and develop Criminal Justice specialist work in courts post from April - September 2015. This process is underway and will include developing working relationships with the newly commissioned Witness Service. Training for magistrates is also being prioritised for delivery in 2015/16.

Increased Reporting

There is an upward trend in reporting of both Domestic and Sexual Abuse (In the 12 months to the end of September 2014, a total of 7,152 domestic abuse incidents and crimes were reported in East Sussex, an increase of 852 (+13.5%) on the same period in the previous year; Serious Sexual Offences increased by 96 (+24.1%) in the 12 months to August 2014). While the commissioning of future specialist services presents an opportunity to review the current model of support for victims, including achieving value for money, in the medium term there will be a need to consider the partnerships response to increasing reporting of these crime types including a business case for increased investment.

White Ribbon

Every year three million women and girls in the UK experience rape, domestic abuse, forced marriage, stalking, sexual exploitation, trafficking, female genital mutilation (FGM) or honour crimes. To show support as a Council against this abuse, East Sussex County Council applied for and gained The White Ribbon Campaign award. The award is for organisations demonstrating their commitment to the following aims of the campaign:

- Involving men so that the message increases in effectiveness and reach.
- Addressing and changing social norms that leads to violent behaviour against women.
- Increasing awareness on the issue and providing services aimed at reducing the incidence of domestic abuse.
- Mobilising the entire local community under the goal of ending violence against women and girls. As a part of the campaign is for male leaders to take an active stand as Ambassadors and to act as positive role models to their local communities, the male members of the Corporate Management Team and Councillors have applied to become Ambassadors, with our Chief Executive, championing the campaign.

<p>information channels</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide information on support and programmes for survivors, children & perpetrators. • Commemorate United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women (25th November) which is also White Ribbon Day, 16 days of action, and undertake awareness raising throughout the year. 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intranet & Internet pages were updated with links to white ribbon pledges. • Articles were included in the Local Safeguarding Children's Board & Safer East Sussex Newsletter. • A key stakeholder engagement day took place on the 25 November 2014 (White Ribbon Day). Over 120 people attended, including a mixture of schools, youth support workers, governors, Councillors and local businesses. The event highlighted the impact of domestic abuse on children, what employers can do to support employees affected by domestic abuse, and raised awareness of the White Ribbon Campaign. Each delegate was given a white ribbon to wear on the day, and were called to action by writing their own personal pledge. • Engaged with High Sherriff and Lord Lieutenant as community leaders and invited to the Ambassadors training. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure men from minority communities and the Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual & Transgender (LGB & T) communities are offered relevant information 	<p>Louisa Havers Claire Caddick</p>	<p>March 2016</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Black Minority Ethnic (BME) Groups have fed back that the current leaflets seem to be more aimed at professionals. • Feedback to be sought from employee BME forums & Employee LGB & T forums on current information, revision to leaflets to be in line with feedback. 	
<p>1.2</p>	<p>Links to Domestic Abuse Strategy outcomes:</p>	<p>1 Increased social intolerance and reduced acceptance 2. People have safe, equal and abuse free relationships 3. Increased survivor safety and wellbeing</p>		
<p>Actions</p>		<p>Lead Officer</p>	<p>Timescale</p>	<p>Progress update</p>
<p>Support partner organisations to raise awareness of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • White Ribbon Campaign (25th November 2014) 		<p>Louisa Havers Claire Caddick</p>	<p>Annual</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • East Sussex County Council, Eastbourne and Hastings Towns were awarded White Ribbon Status in November 2014. • Each local Community Safety Partnership has identified White Ribbon activity as a priority, partners are working together to reduce duplication and maximise raising awareness. • Current domestic abuse leaflets are distributed across the County,

				although these will be reviewed by March 2016 as part of the communications action in section 1.1
1.3	Links to Domestic Abuse Strategy outcomes:	1. Increased social intolerance and reduced acceptance 2. People have safe, equal and abuse free relationships 3. Increased survivor safety and wellbeing		
Actions		Lead Officer	Timescale	Progress update
Internal and External Web information to be up to date and accessible:				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An Intranet page has been created around domestic abuse, which includes the staff policy and guidance, links to the domestic abuse e-learning module, counselling page, safer communities partnership website, national help line numbers and local services. Internet page to be refreshed as part of the web content refresh project. Webpages to include information and advice on all aspects of violence against women & girls, including non-physical forms of violence and coercive control. Include local support service details and where to get information on how to separate safely.
East Sussex County Council information on domestic abuse on Intranet to be created.		Louisa Havers	November 2014	
East Sussex County Council information on domestic abuse in public areas and links on relevant internet pages to be refreshed.		Claire Caddick	March 2015	

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2. Training & Information				
2.1	Links to Domestic Abuse Strategy outcomes:	1. Increased social intolerance and reduced acceptance 2. People have safe, equal and abuse free relationships 3. Increased survivor safety and wellbeing		

Actions		Lead Officer	Timescale	Progress update
Ensure all Councillors receive domestic abuse and training on violence against women & girls to support their roles as community leaders and raise awareness of this issue.		Louisa Havers	February / March 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The raising awareness workshop with guest speaker, Chris Green from the White Ribbon Campaign for Ambassadors and Champions was rescheduled from the original date in February 2015 to 1 July 2015.
Ensure all staff receive domestic abuse and training on violence against women & girls:		Louisa Havers	November 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are a range of courses available for staff within the County Council, specialist courses are available for those working directly with families, adults and children. This links to the training section of the Domestic Abuse Strategy Action Plan to develop, commission and deliver a revised programme of domestic abuse training to provide different levels of training and facilitate within all public facing agencies including primary and secondary health care settings. E-training on domestic abuse is available to all staff now, module to be reviewed to ensure includes relevant violence against women & girls information.
2.2	Links to Domestic Abuse Strategy outcomes:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Increased social intolerance and reduced acceptance 2. People have safe, equal and abuse free relationships 3. Increased survivor safety and wellbeing 		
Actions		Lead Officer	Timescale	Progress update

Implement a Domestic Abuse Policy for all staff	Louisa Havers	November 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A recent domestic homicide review conducted with Brighton & Hove identified a number of recommendations including supporting local business in regard to domestic violence and abuse, including raising awareness of this issue among staff, ensuring that employers know how to respond to domestic violence and abuse, and having the capacity to offer proactive support in the event of a serious incident or homicide. As part of these recommendations, an approach has been agreed and managers will have briefing sessions to support the roll out of the policy, and to support implementation.
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3. Community Engagement

3.1	Links to Domestic Abuse Strategy outcomes:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Increased social intolerance and reduced acceptance 2. People have safe, equal and abuse free relationships 3. Increased survivor safety and wellbeing 		
Actions		Lead Officer	Timescale	Progress update
Involve the local community in decision making through holding local awareness events.		Joint DA & SA Strategy & Partnership Officer Claire Caddick	November 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Over 200 pledges were obtained from Eastbourne and Hastings fresher's fairs. See section 1.1 for update on 'domestic abuse hurts everyone' event.
3.2	Links to Domestic Abuse Strategy outcomes:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Increased social intolerance and reduced acceptance 2. People have safe, equal and abuse free relationships 3. Increased survivor safety and wellbeing 		

Actions	Lead Officer	Timescale	Progress update
<p>Network with all other public authorities, departments and local women organisations to raise awareness and ensure adequate funding for service provision.</p>	<p>Louisa Havers</p> <p>Joint DA & SA Strategy & Partnership Officer</p>	<p>March 2015</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Safer Communities Strategic Needs Assessment for 2015/16 was signed off in November 2014 and was used to inform the priority setting and funding discussions that took place in November 2014 & January 2015. • The East Sussex Safer Communities Partnership Business Plan was signed off at the Safer Communities Board on 17 March 2015. This included priority sections on Domestic Abuse and Sexual Abuse. This will also include Child Sexual Exploitation and involve working closely with the Community Safety team. • Additional monies from the Police and Crime Commissioner will contribute towards increased ISVA (Independent Sexual Violence Adviser), IDVA (Independent Domestic Violence Adviser) and Domestic Abuse Coordinator for SECAMB (1 year funding).
<p>Raise community groups awareness of White Ribbon:</p> <p>Engage with local sports clubs, both amateur and professional and encourage them to participate in White Ribbon Campaign and to apply for White Ribbon Sport Club Award.</p> <p>Engage with music venues, encourage them to participate in White Ribbon Venue Award Scheme</p> <p>Engage with schools and colleges and encourage them to participate in the White Ribbon Schools Award Scheme.</p>	<p>Joint DA & SA Strategy & Partnership Officer</p> <p>Claire Caddick</p>	<p>November 2015</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bannatynes in Hastings expressed an interest in pledging commitment to the White Ribbon Campaign and will publicise this at the “Domestic Abuse Hurts Everyone” event. Eastbourne Town has engaged the football clubs in Eastbourne, and is looking to sponsored matches. • Engage with licensing team regarding door staff wearing white ribbons and participating in White Ribbon Venue award scheme • Schools were invited to the 25th November event “Domestic abuse hurts everyone” .Two schools requested information on applying for White Ribbon Status. • A White Ribbon information pack for schools has been developed and this was presented to the Independent Schools Group on 13 May 2015. This will also be sent out electronically to schools reps on the LSCB Board. Bedes School has confirmed they will apply for White Ribbon Status.

East Sussex County Council PREVENT Plan 2015/16

Introduction:

- The Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 requires specified authorities (local authorities, the police, prisons, providers of probation services, schools, colleges, universities and the Health sector) to have due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism. The general Prevent “Duty” for statutory agencies starts on the 1st July 2015. These new duties have been introduced to ensure a consistent approach nationally to protecting and safeguarding people who may be vulnerable from being drawn into violent extremism or susceptible to radicalisation.
- The Counter-Terrorism and Security Act also introduces a statutory ‘Channel’ duty for local authorities to ensure that a multi-agency panel exists in their area, to chair the panel and to develop a support plan. The Channel duty, placing Channel on a legislative footing as part of this Act, comes into force on 12th April 2015. Channel is the name for the process of identifying and referring a person for early intervention and support.
- In fulfilling the new Prevent duty, local authorities, including elected Members and senior officers will be expected to be carrying out activity in the following key areas outlined in the plan. These include:
 - Prevent Duty
 - Assessment and Support Duty : Channel Panels
 - Education and Specified Authorities (support and guidance role)

The overarching aims of this plan are:

- To outline the scope of the new Prevent duty under Section 29 of the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 in relation to East Sussex County Council
- To outline the scope of the new Channel duty under Sections 36 to 41 of the act requiring local authorities to establish and coordinate panel activity
- To include support and guidance we provide to Education and Childcare Specified Authorities
- To ensure the relevant teams/ staff implement the duty effectively
- To ensure we are compliant with the new duties as a local authority

Further reading in relation to the new duties for Local Authorities can be found here:

Prevent Duty Guidance March 2015 <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/prevent-duty-guidance>

1. Prevent Duty

Partnership					
Duty	Progress	Milestones	Outcomes	Lead	Completion Date
Establish or make use of an existing local multi-agency group to agree risk and co-ordinate Prevent activity Page 77	<p>The Prevent Tactical Group (PTG) which has been led by Sussex Police within East Sussex has been the existing multi agency group where Prevent work has been developed and shared and is well established</p> <p>A Prevent working group has been established made up of relevant partners to make the transition into the new Prevent Board</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prevent working group develop terms of reference and membership for new Prevent Board Prevent event to be arranged to invite all the relevant partners and provide an overview of the new duties and functions of the Board Update Prevent Tactical Group (PTG) on developments of new Board on 10th June Preparation and arrangement of Board meetings and venues for 2015/16 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> East Sussex Prevent Board established with specified authorities represented to agree risk and coordinate Prevent activity 	Safer East Sussex Team	July 2015
Links to be made to other statutory partnerships such as Local Safeguarding Children Boards Safeguarding Adults Boards, Channel panels	Links have already been made with these partnerships and Prevent has featured well with updates and awareness sessions with staff.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Membership of the new Board to include other statutory partnerships 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Links made with other statutory partners 	Safer East Sussex Team	July 2015

and Youth Offending					
Local or regional Prevent co-ordinators have access to senior local authority leadership to give advice and support.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COMT briefings on Prevent • Chairs of Community Safety Partnerships provided with updates and progress • Prevent report/newsletter circulated to senior local authority leadership • Prevent Board report presented to scrutiny 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advice and support provided to senior ESCC leadership 	Safer East Sussex Team	July 2015 Ongoing
Local multi-agency arrangements to be put in place to effectively monitor the impact of Prevent work	Sussex police have been monitoring the impact of Prevent work and we expect some of this practice to be shared with relevant partners in the future	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Prevent working group will agree initial arrangements as to how this will be managed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrangements in place to monitor Prevent work 	Prevent Board	July 2015
Effective dialogue and coordination with community-based organisations	Prevent links are already established with ASC in relation to community engagement and also with the Equality and Participation Team (CS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop Prevent conference/network involving community based organisations to ensure effective dialogue takes place • Specified authorities to share existing relationships and coordination activities at a local level through the Board 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Effective dialogue and coordination with community based organisations 	Prevent Board	July 2015

Risk Assessment

Duty	Progress	Milestones	Outcomes	Lead	Completion Date
Use the existing counter-terrorism local profiles (CTLPs), to assess the risk of individuals being drawn into terrorism.	The CTLP for East Sussex is being developed by Sussex Police. This will include an annual strategic assessment of the risk and will be prepared by Police. It will include identified threats and recommendations for dealing with these risks, community tensions, hate crimes and emerging trends.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CTLP prepared in order for the Prevent Board to begin to assess the risk locally 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assessment of risk completed using the CTLP 	Prevent Board	July 2015
This risk assessment should also be informed by engagement with Prevent co-ordinators, schools, registered childcare providers, universities, colleges, local prisons, probation services, health, immigration enforcement Youth Offending Teams and others, as well as by a local authority's own knowledge of its area.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The working group will agree initial arrangements as to how to consult with partners through the prevent Board Possible annual network event to gather views and information from Board members 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Risk assessment also informed by relevant local partner engagement 	Prevent Board	July 2015
Local authorities to incorporate the duty into existing policies and procedures, so it becomes	Prevent is incorporated into the Safeguarding Adults Policy 2015 Prevent guidance and referral processes are on the staff intranet	Prevent communications plan within ESCC to incorporate: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New legislative duty Background 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ASC and CS (LSCB) safeguarding 	Safer East Sussex Team	July 2015

part of the day-to-day work of the authority.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan for ESCC • Training and awareness resources • Channel 	procedures include Prevent and Channel referral processes		
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Action Plan

Duty	Progress	Milestones	Outcomes	Lead	Completion Date
Any local authority that assesses, through the multi-agency group, that there is a risk should develop a Prevent action plan. This will enable the local authority to comply with the duty and address whatever risks have been identified.	Head of Performance, Engagement and Safer Communities Adult Social Care will chair the Board initially and representation from the Safer East Sussex Team will enable ESCC to comply with this duty	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify staff/resource to carry out and deliver actions within the Prevent action plan which ESCC needs to act on • Develop action plan template 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identified risks recorded in the Prevent action plan to evidence compliance with the duty 	ESCC Project Support Officer	July 2015
These local action plans will identify, prioritise and facilitate delivery of projects, activities or specific interventions to reduce the risk of people being drawn into terrorism in each local authority. Many of these projects and activities will be community based.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Prevent Action Plan will highlight what has been identified and ensure projects and activities are prioritised according to risk • Review projects and activities and scope what activities could be utilised within the plan for intervention/support • Possible discussions with B & H and WSCC in relation to 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Prevent action plan in place with clear actions and outcomes for ESCC 	ESCC Project Support Officer	July 2015

		sharing some projects			
Staff Training					
Duty	Progress	Milestones	Outcomes	Lead	Completion Date
Local authorities will be expected to ensure appropriate frontline staff, including those of it's contractors, have a good understanding of Prevent are trained to recognise vulnerability to being drawn into terrorism and are aware of available programmes to deal with this issue.	<p>Prevent Awareness has begun to be embedded in ASC and CS safeguarding training</p> <p>LSCB Prevent workshops arranged for 2015</p> <p>Prevent additions have been added to CP training and CPDT leads in Schools</p> <p>Prevent additions have been added to ASC safeguarding training and half day refresher courses</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To share Prevent duties with contacts within the Contracts Register ,the Contracts Purchasing Unit and Legal Services Lansdown Children's Home staff receive appropriate training in identifying and managing those at risk of being drawn into terrorism (The under-18 secure estate comes under the duty for Prisons and probation but will fall under ESCC for this duty) Plan/record and coordinate workshops to raise awareness of Prevent (WRAP) for ESCC frontline staff Develop Schools and Childcare Prevent support pack/toolkit New staff induction module developed Early Help (CS) practitioners identified to lead on Prevent 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ESCC frontline staff are appropriately trained and have a good understanding of Prevent Clear communications internally to ESCC staff around the new duties CS Early Help staff coordinating Prevent support East/West 	<p>ESCC Project Support Officer</p> <p>Alistair McGrory Operations Manager - Targeted Youth Support</p>	Ongoing

<p>Local authority staff will be expected to make appropriate referrals to Channel (a programme which provides support to individuals who are at risk of being drawn into terrorism which is put on a statutory footing by Chapter 2 of Part 5 of the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015) and ensure that Channel is supported by the appropriate organisation and expertise.</p>	<p>Guidance on how to make a referral to Channel is included within our guidance for ESCC staff</p> <p><i>Prevent: Protecting vulnerable people from being drawn into violent extremism</i> (Word, 455KB) and already included in Prevent Awareness Sessions – this work will continue and document reviewed to reflect new duties</p> <p>Channel Panel established 2014 with relevant members in line with Home Office guidance</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guidance on how to make a referral to Channel is included within our guidance for ESCC staff <i>Prevent: Protecting vulnerable people from being drawn into violent extremism</i> (Word, 455KB) and already included in Prevent Awareness Sessions – this work will continue and document reviewed to reflect new duties Review the Channel Panel process and streamline in line with MARAC processes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clear pathways and referral criteria outlined in processes ESCC staff make appropriate referrals to the Channel panel 	<p>Safer East Sussex Team</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
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Use of Local Authority Resources

Duty	Progress	Milestones	Outcomes	Lead	Completion Date
<p>Local Authorities to ensure that publicly-owned venues and resources do not provide a platform for extremists and are not used to disseminate extremist views. This includes considering whether IT equipment available to the</p>	<p>Extremist Speakers Framework which has been produced by ACPO to be used as good practice guide in adjusting rental agreements</p> <p>Property Strategy aware of</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information contained within our rental agreements that will give us the right to prevent certain types of behaviours. People's Network Acceptable 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ESCC publicly owned venues and resources are not used to disseminate extremist views 	<p>Property Strategy Business Services Department</p> <p>People's</p>	<p>July 2015</p>

general public should use filtering solutions that limit access to terrorist and extremist material.	legislation and new duty requirements	Use Policy to include relevant wording in relation to accessing terrorist and extremist material		Network Development Manager	
We expect local authorities to ensure that organisations who work with the local authority on Prevent are not engaged in any extremist activity or espouse extremist views.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suitable background checks made with any potential partner activity around Prevent 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organisations ESCC work with are, to the best of our knowledge, not engaged in any extremist activity 	Safer East Sussex Team Sussex Police	Ongoing
Local authorities to take the opportunity when new contracts for the delivery of their services are being made to ensure that the principles of the duty are written in to those contracts in a suitable form.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To share Prevent duties with contacts within the Contracts Register ,the Contracts Purchasing Unit and Legal Services Prevent addition into relevant clauses within ESCC contracts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New contracts for delivery of services on behalf of ESCC have principles of the duty written in 	Contracts Purchasing Unit	Ongoing

Other Agencies and Organisations Supporting Children

Duty	Progress	Milestones	Outcomes	Lead	Completion Date

<p>A range of private and voluntary agencies and organisations provide services or, in some cases, exercise functions in relation to children. The duty applies to those bodies, which include, for example, children's homes and independent fostering agencies and bodies exercising local authority functions whether under voluntary delegation arrangements or via the use of statutory intervention powers. These bodies should ensure they are part of their local authorities' safeguarding arrangements and that staff are aware of and know how to contribute to Prevent-related activity in their area where appropriate.</p>	<p>LSCB aware and will be meeting to discuss how best this is disseminated</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pan Sussex Child Protection and Safeguarding Procedures Manual to include Prevent and local Channel processes <p>(This manual contains the Sussex Children Protection and Safeguarding Procedures which cover the areas served by the Brighton & Hove, East Sussex and West Sussex Safeguarding Children Boards is regularly updated, twice yearly).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A range of private and voluntary agencies have access to and information on the new duty through the local authority (LSCB) arrangements 	<p>LSCB</p>	<p>July 2015</p>
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Duty	Progress	Milestones	Outcomes	Lead	Completion Date
<p>Local authorities should take steps to understand the range of activity and settings in their areas and take appropriate and proportionate steps to ensure that children attending such settings are properly safeguarded. In assessing the risks associated with such settings, local authorities should have regard to whether the settings subscribe to voluntary accreditation schemes and any other evidence about the extent to which the providers are taking steps to safeguard the children in their care. Where safeguarding concerns arise, local authorities should actively consider how to make use of the full range of powers available to them to reduce the risks to children, including relevant planning</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FLESS team to be provided with Prevent Awareness Training (Safeguarding is built into current visits by the Elective Home Education Team) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FLESS safeguarding processes to highlight the duty 	<p>Flexible Learning Educational Support Service (FLESS)</p>	<p>July 2015</p>

and health and safety powers.					
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2. Assessment and Support: Channel Panels

'Channel' is a multi-agency safeguarding programme which operates throughout England and Wales. It provides tailored support to people who have been identified as at risk of being drawn into terrorism. The support offered can come from any of the partners on the panel, which include the local authority, police, education, and health providers. Support will often involve experts who understand extremist ideology. Engagement with the programme is entirely voluntary at all stages.

Assessment and Support: Local Panels					
Duty	Progress	Milestones	Outcomes	Lead	Completion Date
Require local authorities to ensure a multiagency panel exists and chair the panel	Channel panel exists but not currently chaired by ESCC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review existing Panel and update membership - identify local authority Chair for adults/children. Arrange Channel chair training when chair . Preparation of panel processes and information sharing agreement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ESCC have a multiagency panel and chair the panel 	Safer East Sussex Team	July 2015
Require the panel to develop a support plan for accepted cases and signpost to other support where cases are not accepted		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop support plan guidance Process embedded within guidance for ESCC staff <i>Prevent: Protecting vulnerable people from being drawn into violent extremism</i> Pre Channel referral pathway developed for children/young 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support plan used for accepted cases. Clear pathways for signposting cases not accepted Children/young people referred to Social Work/Early 	ESCC Project Support Officer Alistair McGrory Operations Manager - Targeted Youth	July 2015

		people as part of the MASH (multi agency safeguarding hub)	help or no further action/support required	Support	
Place a duty to cooperate on panel partners; require partners to pay due regard to the guidance		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amend ESCC guidance <i>Prevent: Protecting vulnerable people from being drawn into violent extremism to include duty to cooperate</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Panel partners compliant with guidance to cooperate 	Safer East Sussex Team	July 2015

3. Education and Specified Authorities

The education and childcare specified authorities in Schedule 6 to the Act are as follows:

- The proprietors of maintained schools, non-maintained special schools, maintained nursery schools, independent schools (including academies and free schools) and alternative provision academies
- Pupil referral units
- Registered early years childcare providers
- Registered later years childcare providers
- Providers of holiday schemes for disabled children

- Persons exercising local authority functions under a direction of the Secretary of State when the local authority is performing inadequately; and
- Persons authorised by virtue of an order made under section 70 of the Deregulation and Contracting Out Act 1994 to exercise a function specified in Schedule 36A to the Education Act 1996

Schools and Registered Childcare Providers
Risk Assessment

Duty	Progress	Milestones	Outcomes	Lead	Completion Date
Specified authorities are expected to assess the risk of children being drawn into terrorism, including support for extremist ideas that are part of terrorist ideology. This should be based on an understanding, shared with partners, of the potential risk in the local area	Enquiries with Education Improvement Partnerships and Governance Services regarding appropriate pathways for communication to schools Schools risk assessment template produced	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparation of appropriate template/report relevant to schools and childcare providers providing information of the potential risk in the local area. This will be based on the CTLP and Prevent Board Action Plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schools and registered childcare providers receive a summary report of the CTLP on an annual basis to ensure they incorporate the local assessment of potential risk in the local area when assessing children/pupils 	Project Support Officer and Children's Services	September 2015 Ongoing
Specified authorities		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparation of 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schools and Childcare 		September

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<p>will need to demonstrate that they are protecting children and young people from being drawn into terrorism by having robust safeguarding policies in place to identify children at risk, and intervening as appropriate.</p> <p>Institutions will need to consider the level of risk to identify the most appropriate referral, which could include Channel or Children's Social Care, for example. These policies should set out clear protocols for ensuring that any visiting speakers – whether invited by staff or by children themselves – are suitable and appropriately supervised</p>		<p>electronic Prevent Toolkit for Schools and Childcare providers in relation to the New Duties</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enquiries with Education Improvement Partnerships and Governance Services re: appropriate pathways for communication to schools • Child Protection Designated Teachers Forum (East and West) presentation on emendations to policies • ESCC Early Years Team Prevent briefing – they support settings and provide strategic leadership in driving improving standards in East Sussex in line with county and national priorities and statutory frameworks. 	<p>providers can demonstrate they have current information within safeguarding policies to evidence compliance with Prevent/Channel processes in the local area</p>	<p>Project Support Officer and Children's Services</p>	<p>2015</p>
Working in Partnership					
Duty	Progress	Milestones	Outcomes	Lead	Completion

					Date
In England, governing bodies and proprietors of all schools and registered childcare providers should ensure that their safeguarding arrangements take into account the policies and procedures of the Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB). In Wales, Local Service Boards provide strategic oversight		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pan Sussex Child Protection and Safeguarding Procedures Manual to include Prevent and local Channel processes • Governor Services disseminate new duty requirements and share updated local safeguarding arrangements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governing bodies and proprietors of all schools and registered childcare providers have safeguarding arrangements which take into account the LSCB policies and procedures 	LSCB	September 2015
Staff Training					
Duty	Progress	Milestones	Outcomes	Lead	Completion Date
Specified authorities should make sure that staff have training that gives them the knowledge and	Several schools have had workshops to raise awareness of Prevent and the Police Prevent Engagement Officer has delivered several	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training cycle prepared for Senior Leadership Teams, Safeguarding Leads, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior leadership staff have appropriate knowledge and understanding of local 	Project Support Officer and	September 2015 ongoing

confidence to identify children at risk of being drawn into terrorism, and to challenge extremist ideas which can be used to legitimise terrorism and are shared by terrorist groups. They should know where and how to refer children and young people for further help. Prevent awareness training will be a key part of this	sessions to staff and pupils across East Sussex Train the trainer events for WRAP have taken place with many schools in attendance	Designated and Deputy Designated Teacher <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training dates and schedule shared with schools and registered childcare providers 	arrangements to disseminate to staff	Children's Services / LSCB	
IT Policies					
Duty	Progress	Milestones	Outcomes	Lead	Completion Date
Specified authorities will be expected to ensure children are safe from terrorist and extremist material when accessing the internet in school, including by establishing	ESCC e-Safeguarding Support Part of this service includes; PREVENT - A guide to implementing policy into practice E-Sussex, E-Safe Safeguarding all children in East Sussex all the time.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ICT policy and practice guidance for Schools and childcare providers • Acceptable Use Policy of the school for pupils and staff to ensure that use of material related 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children are safe from extremist material when accessing the internet at school 	ESCC e-Safeguarding Support	September 2015 Ongoing

<p>appropriate levels of filtering.</p>	<p>This document provides an Educational Institution Prevent Assessment document and includes a good practice checklist.</p>	<p>to violent extremism is prohibited; and ensure pupils, staff and governors are clear on the policy, monitoring practices and the sanctions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff, pupils and parents are aware of the issues regarding risk and responsible use • Internet filtering systems prevent or block users' access to unsuitable material. When the filtering system is turned on, users cannot open or link to sites that the filtering system recognises as unsuitable. Many filtering systems will also provide facilities to filter incoming and outgoing email. 			
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2. The Local Policing Model

Sussex Police Vision

“In 2020 the Sussex Police force will protect its communities, prioritising those who are most vulnerable to harm, and be relentless in the pursuit of criminals. We will operate efficiently to a reduced budget; being a modern, trusted workforce with integrity at our core. The absence of crime and disorder, together with strong community engagement, will be our measure of success”

Chief Constable Giles York

The Local Policing Model, directed by the Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner's Police and Crime Plan sets out local policing in terms of prevention, response and investigation, operating seamlessly across Sussex. It removes silo working and improves consistency and partnership working. The vision for policing Sussex in 2020 is that we will be a service that protects the community, is relentless in the pursuit of criminals and has an empowered workforce with integrity at its core. The Serving Sussex 2015 programme made cost savings of more than £50 million since 2010 and seeks now to save a further £56 million by 2020. Although Sussex Police has taken measures to reduce expenditure and improve efficiency and effectiveness over the last five years, there is recognition that these changes will not be sufficient to meet the forecast fiscal challenges up to 2020. The issue is that, without wider transformation, Sussex Police may have to take decisions to reduce expenditure in ways that will have a detrimental effect on policing outcomes.

The new model, which will be implemented in stages over the next four years, shapes the service so that Sussex Police are best equipped to deal with emerging threats, within our financial constraints. This will result in a smaller organisation but one that works differently, giving officers and staff the tools they need to deliver a service to the public in the way they best want it.

Key changes for the future:

- Public safety is a priority, response teams will have the same strength and they won't be constrained by organisational boundaries of East Sussex, West Sussex and Brighton & Hove - the most appropriate officer will respond to those most in need.
- A resolution facility, staffed by officers, will provide professional advice on the phone or online to resolve issues remotely at the initial point of contact. Where a problem would be more effectively dealt with by a partner, people will be directed to them.
- More online services will be available to meet people's changing needs - to report crime and find out information.
- Officers will be equipped with mobile devices to easily access information and complete administrative tasks whilst out in the community, reducing the need to spend time at police stations.
- Officers will carry out intelligence-led work, focusing on the most vulnerable and crime hotspots
- PCSO roles will change, they will be equipped with a wider range of skills and become more flexible so that they can focus on those most in need, actively contributing to reducing crime, alongside partners.
- Officers will be trained in relation to a range of problem solving issues, reducing the need for specialist officers.
- With a flexible model, officers and staff can be moved around to where they are needed at a given time.
- There will be a named person for each ward in the county who can be contacted if needed.

- Victims and witnesses will have one officer dedicated to their case, reducing the need for handovers.
- Officers will provide joint services with partners, including Surrey Police.
- Officers and staff will work closely with partners, including co-locating whenever there are benefits to the community, thereby reducing costs.
- Policing districts will combine for effective command, consistency and partnership working.
- Our officers and staff will be trusted to use their discretion to do the right thing for the public we serve without multiple layers of supervision in place.

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Work Programme for Adult Social Care and Community Safety Scrutiny Committee



Future work at a glance

Updated: June 2015

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Items that appear regularly at committee	
<p>The Council's Forward Plan</p>	<p>The latest version of the Council's Forward Plan is included on each scrutiny committee agenda. The Forward Plan lists all the key County Council decisions that are to be taken within the next few months together with contact information to find out more. It is updated monthly.</p> <p>The purpose of doing this is to help committee Members identify important issues for more detailed scrutiny <i>before</i> key decisions are taken. This has proved to be significantly more effective than challenging a decision once it has been taken. As a last resort, the call-in procedure is available if scrutiny Members think a Cabinet or Lead Member decision has been taken incorrectly.</p> <p>Requests for further information about individual items on the Forward Plan should be addressed to the listed contact. Possible scrutiny issues should be raised with the scrutiny team or committee Chairman, ideally before a scrutiny committee meeting.</p>
<p>Committee work programme</p>	<p>This provides an opportunity for the committee to review the scrutiny work programme for future meetings and to highlight any additional issues they wish to add to the programme.</p>

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Future Committee agenda items		Author
17 September 2015		
Safeguarding vulnerable adults	To consider the annual report on safeguarding vulnerable adults in East Sussex.	Angie Turner, Head of Adult Safeguarding
Adult Mental Health	A report on the current position of the adult mental health service and the effect on the service from the Health and Wellbeing Board mental health crisis concordat and the East Sussex Better Together programme	Keith Hinkley, Director of Adult Social Care and Health
Reconciling Policy, Performance and Resources (RPPR) 2015/16	Reconciling Policy, Performance and Resources is the Council's business and budget planning process. The Committee will begin its input to the 2015/16 process by considering existing portfolio and savings plans and requesting any further information needed to inform its consideration of 2015/16 plans later in the year.	Becky Shaw, Chief Executive
12 November 2015		
Care Act 2014	<p>An update on the implications of the Care Act 2014. To include an assessment of future pressures, an update on the national guidance for eligibility criteria and the end of year position.</p> <p>Also to include a further update on the impact of care package reductions being delivered as part of the departmental savings plan and how they have been affected by the introduction of the Care Act 2014.</p>	Keith Hinkley, Director of Adult Social Care and Health
Provider of Older people's day services	A presentation by the new provider of older people's day services on their ideas for promoting and broadening the scope of the service	Barry Atkins, Head of Strategic Commissioning – Older People and Carers

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EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL'S FORWARD PLAN

The Leader of the County Council is required to publish a forward plan setting out matters which the Leader believes will be the subject of a key decision by the Cabinet or individual Cabinet member in the period covered by the Plan (the subsequent four months). The Council's Constitution states that a key decision is one that involves

- (a) expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, significant having regard to the expenditure of the County Council's budget, namely above £500,000 per annum; or
- (b) is significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more electoral divisions.

As a matter of good practice, the Council's Forward Plan includes other items in addition to key decisions that are to be considered by the Cabinet/individual members. This additional information is provided to inform local residents of all matters to be considered, with the exception of issues which are dealt with under the urgency provisions.

For each decision included on the Plan the following information is provided:

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- the name of the individual or body that is to make the decision and the date of the meeting
 - the title of the report and decision to be considered
 - groups that will be consulted prior to the decision being taken
 - a list of other appropriate documents
 - the name and telephone number of the contact officer for each item.

The Plan is updated and published every month on the Council's web-site two weeks before the start of the period to be covered.

Meetings of the Cabinet/individual members are open to the public (with the exception of discussion regarding reports which contain exempt/confidential information). Copies of agenda and reports for meetings are available on the web site in advance of meetings. For further details on the time of meetings and general information about the Plan please contact Andy Cottell at County Hall, St Anne's Crescent, Lewes, BN7 1SW, or telephone 01273 481955 or send an e-mail to andy.cottell@eastsussex.gov.uk.

For further detailed information regarding specific issues to be considered by the Cabinet/individual member please contact the named contact officer for the item concerned.

EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

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For copies of reports or other documents please contact the officer listed on the Plan or phone 01273 335138

FORWARD PLAN – EXECUTIVE DECISIONS (including Key Decisions) –1 June 2015 TO 30 September 2015

Additional notices in relation to Key Decisions and/or private decisions are available on the Council's website via the following link:

<http://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/yourcouncil/about/committees/download.htm>

Cabinet membership:

Councillor Keith Glazier - Lead Member for Strategic Management and Economic Development

Councillor David Elkin – Lead Member for Resources

Councillor Chris Dowling – Lead Member for Community Services

Councillor Rupert Simmons – Lead Member for Economy

Councillor Carl Maynard – Lead Member for Transport and Environment

Councillor Bill Bentley – Lead Member for Adult Social Care

Councillor Sylvia Tidy – Lead Member for Children and Families

Councillor Nick Bennett – Lead Member for Learning and School Effectiveness

Date for Decision	Decision Taker	Decision/Key Issue	Decision to be taken wholly or partly in private (P) or Key Decision (KD)	Consultation	List of Documents to be submitted to decision maker	Contact Officer
8 Jun 2015	Lead Member for Learning and School Effectiveness	Hastings Academy Trust - process for ending sponsorship		Local Members	Report, other documents may also be submitted	
8 Jun 2015	Lead Member for Learning and School Effectiveness	Review of the implementation of the home to school transport policy regarding children living within the shared community areas			Report, other documents may also be submitted	Gary Langford 01273 481758
8 Jun 2015	Lead Member for Learning and School Effectiveness	To consider the consultation on Discretionary Transport			Report, other documents may also be submitted	Sara Candler 01273 336670

16 Jun 2015	Lead Member for Resources	Annual write off of debts	Fully exempt		Report, other documents may also be submitted	Janyce Danielczyk 01273 481893
16 Jun 2015	Lead Member for Resources	Disposal of Rose Cottage, Bexhill		Local Members	Report, other documents may also be submitted	Roger Simmons 01273 335522
16 Jun 2015	Lead Member for Resources	Gray's School appropriation for planning purposes		Local Members	Report, other documents may also be submitted	Roger Simmons 01273 335522
22 Jun 2015	Lead Member for Transport and Environment	Petition requesting controlled parking in the Rylstone Road area of Eastbourne To consider the response to a petition calling upon the County Council to introduce controlled parking to the Rylstone Road area of Eastbourne.		Local Members	Report, other documents may also be submitted	Michael Blaney 01424 726142
22 Jun 2015	Lead Member for Transport and Environment	To consider a petition calling for a pelican crossing outside St Thomas a Becket School, Eastbourne		Local Members	Report, other documents may also be submitted	Helen Pace 01273 482235
22 Jun 2015	Lead Member for Transport and Environment	To consider a petition calling on the County Council to address excess speeds of traffic in Flitterbrook Lane and Bakery Lane, Punnetts Town, Heathfield.		Local Member	Report, other documents may also be submitted	Andrew Keer 01273 336682
22 Jun 2015	Lead Member for Transport and Environment	To consider a petition calling on the County Council to reduce the speed limit on Shortbridge Road and Golf Course Lane, Piltdown to 40mph		Local Members	Report, other documents may also be submitted	Michael Higgs 01273 482106

22 Jun 2015	Lead Member for Transport and Environment	To consider a petition requesting an HGV ban along the B2100		Local Member	Report, other documents may also be added	Alan Cook 01273 482263
22 Jun 2015	Lead Member for Transport and Environment	To consider the 20mph scheme in Malling, Lewes		Local Member	Report, other documents may also be submitted	Michael Higgs 01273 482106
22 Jun 2015	Lead Member for Transport and Environment	To consider the provision of an on street advisory disabled bay in Sandown Road, Hastings		Local Members	Report, other documents may also be submitted	
29 Jun 2015	Cabinet	Ashdown Forest Trust Fund 2014/15			Report, other documents may also be submitted	Marie Nickalls 01273 482146
29 Jun 2015	Cabinet	External Audit Plan 2014/15			Report, other documents may also be submitted	Ola Owolabi 01273 482017
29 Jun 2015	Cabinet	Quarter 4 - Council Monitoring			Report, other documents may also be submitted	Jane Mackney 01273 482146
29 Jun 2015	Lead Member for Strategic Management and Economic Development	Queensway Gateway Road, Hastings: funding agreement with Seachange Sussex		Local Members	Report, other documents may also be submitted	Jonathan Wheeler 01273 482212
29 Jun 2015	Cabinet	Review of the East Sussex Local Flood Risk Management Plan's Delivery Plan			Flood Risk Management	Nick Claxton 01273 481407

					Strategy (2013-16) Delivery Plan, and report, other documents may also be submitted.	
29 Jun 2015	Cabinet	South East 7 Update			Report, other documents may also be submitted	Lee Banner 01273 481857
29 Jun 2015	Cabinet	State of the County			Report, other documents may also be submitted	Jane Mackney 01273 482146
7 Jul 2015	Lead Member for Economy	European Regional Development Fund - Support for Low Carbon Sector Business			Report, other documents may also be submitted	Andy Arnold 01273 481606
13 Jul 2015	Lead Member for Learning and School Effectiveness	Primary school age range changes			Report, other documents may also be submitted	Gary Langford 01273 481758
13 Jul 2015	Lead Member for Children and Families	Proposed de-designation of Langney Children's Centre			Report, other documents may also be submitted	
14 Jul 2015	Lead Member for Resources	Bexhill and Hastings Link Road land transaction		Local Members	Report, other documents may also be submitted	Roger Simmons 01273 335522
14 Jul 2015	Lead Member for	Hastings Library and Register Office			Report, other	

	Community Services	Redevelopment			documents may also be submitted	
15 Jul 2015	Lead Member for Economy	Illegal Money Lending Team - Authorisation of Birmingham City Council to investigate and institute proceedings against illegal money lenders operating within the East Sussex County Council area			Report, other documents may also be submitted	Lucy Corrie
20 Jul 2015	Lead Member for Transport and Environment	Bancroft Road Bexhill - Proposed Adoption		Local Members	Report, other documents may also be submitted	
20 Jul 2015	Lead Member for Transport and Environment	Petition to East Sussex County Council to reduce the speed limit to 20mph on Station Road, Groombridge.		Local Members	Report, other documents may also be submitted	Michael Higgs 01273 482106
20 Jul 2015	Lead Member for Transport and Environment	To consider Road Safety Priorities			Report, other documents may also be submitted	Brian Banks 01424 724558
20 Jul 2015	Lead Member for Transport and Environment	To consider the identified sites in Bexhill where formal parking restrictions have been requested and identify the most appropriate way to take them forward		Local Members	Report, other documents may also be submitted	Brian Banks 01424 724558
20 Jul 2015	Lead Member for Transport and Environment	To consider the petition to improve safety on the roads and lanes around Arlington		Local Member	Report, other documents may also be submitted	Michael Higgs 01273 482106
22 Sep 2015	Cabinet	Internal Audit Strategy 2015/16 and Annual Plan			Report, other documents may	Russell Banks 01273 481447

					also be submitted	
21 Jul 2015	Cabinet	Surrey County Council Partnership - Business Plan			Report, other documents may also be submitted	
22 Sep 2015	Cabinet	Waste & Minerals Sites Plan - Regulation 19 Consultation		South Downs National Park Authority and Brighton & Hove City Council		
22 Sep 2015	Cabinet	Internal Audit: Annual report and opinion			Report and other documents may also be submitted	Russell Banks 01273 481447
13 Oct 2015	Cabinet	Treasury Management - annual report			Report, other documents may also be submitted	Ola Owolabi 01273 482017
13 Oct 2015	Cabinet	Treasury management Stewardship report for 2014/15 and Mid Year review for 2015/16		Local Members	Report, other documents may also be submitted	Ola Owolabi 01273 482017
20 Oct 2015	Lead Member for Resources	Transaction at Dunbar Drive, Hailsham	Fully exempt	Local Members	Reports, other documents may also be submitted	Roger Simmons 01273 335522
10 Nov 2015	Cabinet	Area review of school places - stakeholder meetings outcomes & proposals			Report, other documents may also be submitted	Lisa Schrevel 01273 481617

12 Nov 2015	Lead Member for Learning and School Effectiveness	Consultation on Discretionary Home to School Transport, final decision			Report, other documents may also be submitted	Sara Candler 01273 336670
	Lead Member for Community Services	Change of Processes & Fees for Licensing Renewals of Approved Marriage Premises To establish a more efficient process for the renewal of licencing of Approved Marriage Premises, and as part of that process, to agree the fees for licencing for 2016/17.			Report, other documents may also be submitted	