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Foreword

Successful and innovative partnership working to ensure we make the most effective and efficient use of resources in the field of community safety

Welcome to our East Sussex Safer Communities Business Plan for 2017/18 to 2019/20.

Community Safety remains a key priority within East Sussex. The Safer Communities Partnership, which involves a range of agencies, is the key strategic partnership in overseeing the community safety agenda and is committed to ensuring East Sussex remains a safe place for residents and visitors.

However, it is evident that as we move forwards, the broader threat of exploitation is something that should be considered within the field of community safety. Many of the threats identified through our engagement with a range of individuals, from directors to services users, who work, live and support various people in East Sussex, crossover into the sphere of exploitation of both vulnerable adults and young people, and it is clear that these should therefore not be considered in isolation. There are commonalities between all of these areas, with vulnerable individuals within our communities being targeted and exploited by others for personal, commercial or financial gain.

Also of note, is that much like the previous year, a common theme throughout our work is vulnerable people with complex needs, which would relate to any one or a combination of substance misuse, accommodation and mental and physical health.

It is therefore essential that we continue to ensure we are making the most efficient and effective use of resources across the East Sussex Safer Communities Partnership. Sustaining existing work within the partnership, such as the Safe Place Scheme, and developing new and existing relationships with partners is of particular importance to ensure that we are supporting vulnerable individuals within the community and helping them feel safe and confident in their everyday lives.

During 2017/18, we will once again hold a partnership engagement event to ensure more focused activity around our work streams, and provide further opportunities for the wider partnership to contribute to activity. It will also ensure we continue with the broader engagement of stakeholders including practitioners, young people, equalities representative and the third sector.

The process we adopted during 2016/17 brought some new areas of work to the forefront on the community safety agenda, and we will be working with partners to develop our knowledge and intelligence around these, and ensure it is shared in an efficient and timely manner in order to better inform local work.

This is a three year business plan, which will be refreshed annually, and sets out how partners will work together to deliver our community safety priorities. It also highlights what we have achieved during 2016/17 and what we are planning to do to improve the services to support local people for the future.

I am once again 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, and the overall aim will be to make East Sussex an even safer place to live, work and visit.



Councillor Bill Bentley

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

About This Plan

The Modern Crime Prevention Strategy was published by the Home Office in March 2016. It updates the way we think about crime prevention, aiming to build on the successes of the past while making the most of new research, techniques and technology. The actions within the strategy represent the start of a shift in the way all partners work together to prevent crime. It is hoped that the impact of the new approach will not just be seen in crime rates themselves, but also in public perceptions of crime, the Plans of the Police and Crime Commissioner and member of organisations like Neighbourhood Watch.

The East Sussex Safer Communities Partnership undertakes a strategic assessment of community safety in order to select work streams and plan activity for the year ahead. To ensure the partnership is embracing the new government strategy, the Strategic Assessment of Community Safety 2016 was produced using MoRiLE (Management of Risk in Law Enforcement), which helps us to look at the threat, risk and harm of an issue and the impact it has. It provides an evidence base for selecting partnership priorities.

This year, there has therefore been a shift in the way we have undertaken our strategic assessment and business planning processes which can be seen in the [next section](#).

When selecting their work streams, the partnership takes into account those of the Police and Crime Commissioner, Sussex Police 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 work streams for the partnership, achievements and what needs to happen next. Following production of the plan, we will develop more detailed action plans, setting out how these work streams will be delivered with associated outcomes.

This plan also details both county and district and borough level community safety work streams. There are a number of shared local and countywide areas of work, in addition to work streams which relate to specific district and borough areas. However, to echo the trial merging of CSPs across the county, CSPs are looking to agree areas of joint focus where appropriate. The delivery mechanism for this business plan will also be designed to ensure both local and countywide issues and objectives are being considered, therefore maximising the use of our collective resources.

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 East Sussex community safety partnership priorities are cross cutting and so we will continue to work closely with the Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner, Local Safeguarding Children's Board and Safeguarding Adults Board on shared work streams, particularly those that involve working with local communities and partners to keep Sussex safe.



Partnership Business Planning Process 2017/18

STEP ONE

We involved as many people as possible in identifying local threats to community safety



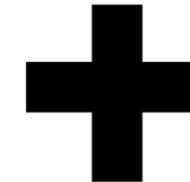
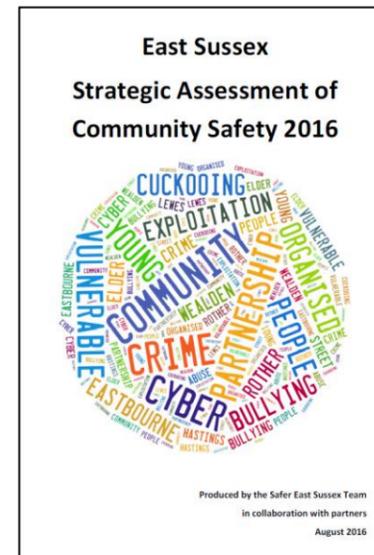
Safer People, Safer Places Engagement Event
17th May 2016

140 attendees from directors to services users, who work, live and support various people in East Sussex, discussed what they feel the main community concerns are in the county

What people told us was very valuable and helped us inform our work...

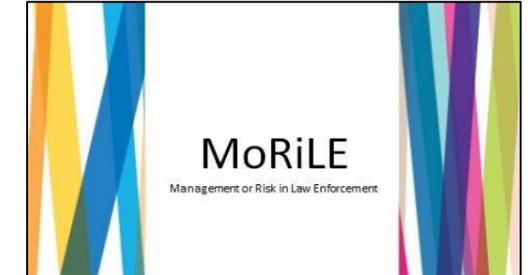
STEP TWO

We found out more information about these areas and other areas we know about



STEP THREE

We assessed the risk for these areas



MoRiLE helps us to look at the threat, risk and harm of an issue and the impact it has. It provides an evidence base for selecting partnership priorities



STEP FOUR

People talked about what was happening in these areas and what more can be done



Safer People, Safer Places Business Planning Event
27th September 2016

Partners looked at the Strategic Assessment of Community Safety 2016 and talked about the partnership plan for the future. The key question that was asked was 'what more can the partnership do to address the concerns raised?'

Feedback and discussions from this event helped decide what to do next...

PARTNERSHIP PRIORITIES

Identified through our annual business planning process as posing the most threat, risk and harm to communities in East Sussex

Serious Organised Crime: Identify vulnerable adults at risk of fraud and rogue trading and develop targeted preventative support

Serious Organised Crime: Begin to explore cyber-crime with a focus on cyber bullying and online safety

Serious Organised Crime: Explore further opportunities for partners to engage in early preventative work in relation to organised crime and the exploitation of young people, including links to County Lines

Serious Organised Crime: Gain a better understanding of the risk of modern slavery

WORK STREAMS IDENTIFIED THROUGH OTHER PARTNERSHIP PROCESSES

Require further work for the countywide partnership

Prevent

Hate Crime

Confidential Inquiry into Drug Related Deaths

Drug and Alcohol Strategy

Recommissioning of the East Sussex Drug and Alcohol Service

Development of a partnership offending plan

Domestic Abuse Strategy

Continued delivery of MARAC

Piloting Women's Aid 'Ask Me' scheme

Ensuring consistent care pathways in relation to violence and abuse

WORK STREAMS OVERSEEN BY OTHER PARTNERSHIP STRUCTURES

East Sussex Better Together Housing and Health Sub Group

- Working with partners across Sussex to develop a Homeless Prevention bid for the DCLG Homelessness Prevention Fund

East Sussex Safeguarding Adults Board

- Oversee adult safeguarding including elder abuse

Multi-Agency Child Sexual Exploitation (MACSE) Operational and Strategic Groups

- Accountable to the LSCB and oversees CSE agenda which is to be broadened out to include drugs exploitation of children and young people

Road Safety

- The Sussex Safer Roads Partnership (SSRP) works to create a safer environment for all road users across Sussex
- The East Sussex Road Safety Co-ordination Group co-ordinates road safety across the county
- Collisions resulting in KSIs will be included in the 3 year public health funded Safer Streets project

Engagement and Communication

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

The East Sussex Reputation Tracker Survey, which is carried out annually, gathers information from a cross section of approximately 1,000 residents to find out about their perceptions on key issues. This year, the community safety questions will focus on crime and anti-social behaviour. This will hopefully give us a better insight as to what residents feel are the biggest issues in their community. This information will assist us in planning and informing our preventative work with partners in this area.



The new model of partnership working incorporates a wider partnership engagement event each year to engage partners in the process. This new model will ensure more focused activity around our work streams, and provide more opportunities for the wider partnership to contribute to activity. It will also enable broader engagement with stakeholders including practitioners, equalities representatives, businesses and the third sector.

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. Last year, we reviewed our current communication methods by surveying recipients, and the majority of people who responded felt the content was relevant and accessible.

A monthly e-bulletin provides a snapshot of recent work that has been undertaken in the partnership and our bi-monthly newsletter features an in-depth focus on one of our priority areas. This includes looking at initiatives across the districts and boroughs which are in place to deal with community safety concerns.



Our Twitter account continues to grow, and increased by 184 in 2016 to over 1,300 followers.

Our website is being updated in line with our new priorities and we are looking at ways of ensuring the community can have their say on what's important to them.



It is our intention during 2017/18 to continue to increase the communication on the work the partnership does. This includes increasing our subscribers of the e-bulletin and continuing to reach a wider audience on Twitter. We will be looking at using Hootsuite analytics and functionality to understand peak viewing times and schedule our tweets accordingly. In addition, we have increased the number of team members with access to our social media accounts, which should increase our tweet volume and in return, raise the profile of the partnership.

Partnership Priorities

Serious Organised Crime: Vulnerable victims of fraud and rogue trading associated with serious organised crime

Identify vulnerable adults at risk of fraud and rogue trading and develop targeted preventative support.

Why is it a priority?



Increasingly, fraud is becoming more complex and deceptive, much of which is targeted at vulnerable and elderly people. Technology is enabling fraudsters to carry out attacks more quickly and employ more complex behaviours to remain undetected. The nature of fraud victimisation is not only financial. The emotional impact is significant and includes guilt, misplaced trust and diminished confidence, resulting in detrimental effects on physical and mental health and increased social isolation.

Victims are often, although not exclusively vulnerable through age, and with an aging population in East Sussex, this is something that we need to be mindful of.

There also appears to be correlation between the amount of money sent and the victims having poor mental and physical health, with those most vulnerable sending the most money. Some chronic victims even struggle to identify themselves as victims, as responding to mail gives them a sense of purpose and helps with feelings of loneliness.

Achievements so far...



Locally, we have effective links between Trading Standards, Sussex Police, National Scams Team, East Sussex Fire and Rescue Service and Adult Social Care. The direction of this work has been cemented by the establishment of the Scams Working Group, which brings together individuals from statutory agencies with responsibility for protecting vulnerable victims of fraud. The group are currently working together to develop a shared understanding of the profile of victims and locations to collectively target preventative activities in relation to scams in areas identified as having a high risk population. Working collectively with the voluntary, community and housing sectors, the group will look to build on existing work to support victims of scams and help build resilience in the community.

Friends Against Scams is a National Trading Standards (NTS) Scams Team initiative. NTS Scams Team works across England & Wales and engage with partner agencies to identify and support victims of scams. As part of this, the East Sussex Against Scams Partnership (ESASP) has been established, which is a partnership of organisations committed to taking a stand against scams and aims to make East Sussex a scam-free county. A charter has been developed and partners have joined together to commit to the East Sussex Against Scams Partnership Charter and its three key aims:

Raising awareness and de-stigmatising scams

Prevention and protection that everyone should have against scams

Identification of victims and consistent recording of scams



ESASP have implemented a Scamnesty campaign aimed to reach people in vulnerable circumstances, especially those who are the most socially isolated, and protect them from being targeted by criminals. The Scamnesty campaign encourages East Sussex residents to anonymously deposit unwanted scam mail which is then disposed of confidentially. Friends Against Scams have also been running free scams awareness sessions in East Sussex libraries designed to protect and prevent people from becoming victims of scams by empowering communities to 'Take a Stand Against Scams'.

Over the next 12 months we will...

- Continue to work together to develop a shared understanding of the profile of victims and their location. We will work collectively in line with safeguarding adults principles to prevent adults vulnerable to abuse and neglect from falling victim to scams and fraud.
- Establish a collaborative research group involving the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, Adult Social Care, Trading Standards and National Scams Team to learn more about the victims of fraud in order to better understand how we can work together to build the resilience of vulnerable groups.
- Explore additional risk indicators that could prevent further victims of scams and fraud.

Serious Organised Crime: Cyber crime

Begin to explore cyber crime with a focus on cyber bullying and online safety.

Why is it a priority?

Crime as we know it is changing. As we've embraced technology and moved online, it has too, and people are now more likely to be a victim of an online crime than a traditional crime. The internet means that for cyber crime in particular, criminals can now target many thousands of potential victims with a single keystroke. Recent preliminary estimates published by ONS suggest there could be as many as 5.1m fraud offences per year in this country, and 2.5m cyber crimes¹.

Cyber bullying is rife on the internet and most young people will experience it or see it at some time. Due to advancements in technology, cyber bullying can happen 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and it can go viral

very fast. For many cyber bullying affects their everyday lives and is a constant source of distress and worry. With mobile technology being so freely available it is an ongoing issue and one that is relentless. It has been well documented that cyber bullying has resulted in tragic events including suicide, and self-harm and clearly, more needs to be done in order to protect vulnerable children and adults from online bullying².



Cyber bullying is also part of the much wider issue of exploiting the vulnerabilities of young people, which also includes threats such as grooming and even radicalisation and extremism.

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Achievements so far...

East Sussex's Safer Communities Partnership has launched a ground-breaking new resource to support schools and youth settings safeguard children and young people from radicalisation and extremism. The resource entitled Think: Protect: Connect comprise of six carefully scripted workshops to increase children and young people's critical thinking skills, together with their awareness, knowledge and understanding of radicalisation, extremism and online propaganda techniques used by extremist groups. The resource is being delivered in Primary Schools across the County.



¹ Modern Crime Prevention Strategy:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/509831/6.1770_Modern_Crime_Prevention_Strategy_final_WEB_version.pdf

² <http://www.bullying.co.uk/cyberbullying/>

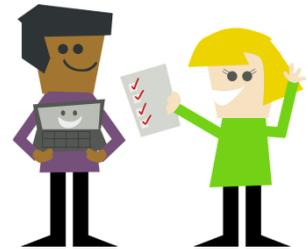
³ 10 things you need to know about cyber bullying: <https://www.internetmatters.org/issues/cyberbullying/learn-about-it/>



Cyber bullying and Hate Crime Awareness training has been offered to all primary schools in East Sussex. Between April and September 2016 a total of 51 sessions were undertaken, primarily with pupils although a small number were aimed at parents and governing bodies. Subjects covered in these sessions include equality and diversity, cyber bullying and criminal responsibilities

Over the next 12 months we will...

- Undertake further research and scoping to gain a better understanding of this area. Working in partnership, we will explore different sources of information and attempt to build a more robust picture of cyber crime in East Sussex.
- We will include and develop cyberbullying and online safety programmes within the wider Prevention Programme being developed for Schools with partner organisations. This programme will involve collaboration with partners on the wider Community Safety Education and Awareness work in relation to risk, harm and threat to vulnerable young people. It will offer a current, modern and creative programme to young people on personal safety and community safety which is well planned and co-ordinated which provides up to date information and provides clear and factual advice and support on relevant and topical areas.
- Explore the options of collaborating with relevant partners to deliver a regional event which promotes awareness of the trends in cyber- crime affecting young people and to provide an all-round grasp of the principal dangers, and equip professionals with the understanding, skills and confidence to enable children and young people to stay safe.



Serious Organised Crime: Vulnerable young people being exploited and recruited by organised crime groups

Explore further opportunities for partners to engage in early preventative work in relation to County Lines, organised crime and the exploitation of young people.

Why is it a priority?

Young people (under 18) continue to be exploited by county lines gangs. Children from urban areas are recruited by gangs to courier drugs and money to county locations. Since initial reporting, there has been an increase in awareness of the use of local and urban children to convey drugs into and supply them throughout county lines markets. This poses many risks to young people, not least violence, intimidation, unhygienic and unsafe practices, falling into Class A drug use and in some cases child sexual exploitation.

Although awareness has increased, both nationally and locally it is difficult to ascertain accurate figures, which means we do not know the true scale of child exploitation by gangs. It is therefore likely that many children fail to be safeguarded. County lines gang activity generates considerable harm at both the urban core and within the county market location, generating a need for multi-agency responses, with safeguarding at the very fore of priorities.⁴



Achievements so far...

We have been working with partners to understand more about the exploitation and recruitment of young people in connection with organised crime. We have been identifying and developing ways in which we can spot risks and identify when young people need support, and started to scope a multi-agency response to a wider prevention programme.

The partnership have seen some acute cases come to light in the last 6 months where positive joint working by Police, Under 19's Substance Misuse Service, Youth Offending and Children's Social Care has appropriately identified children who are being exploited in this manner as victims rather than perpetrators. This approach has allowed us to put in place packages of support for these children whilst at the same time allowing the police to disrupt the criminal behaviour that has been led by adults either based locally or out of area.

Case Study

A 14 year old child was identified by Sussex Police during a planned drugs operation in Eastbourne. He was identified as a child from a London Borough who had been missing for 2 weeks and was arrested along with an adult male in Eastbourne in possession of significant amounts of illicit drugs. He was returned to London and accommodated by them. Sussex Police are treating him as a victim not a perpetrator.

Research undertaken locally by the manager of the U19s Substance Misuse Service looked at the correlation between CSE, safeguarding referral and substance misuse treatment. This work identified a clearly shared client group and an adult exploitation connection. The outcome of this report has resulted in the decision to broaden the strategic and operational agenda of the Multi Agency Child Sexual Exploitation

⁴ NCA: County Line Gang Violence, Exploitation & Drug Supply 2016
<http://www.nationalcrimeagency.gov.uk/news/958-county-lines-drug-networks-now-a-nation-wide-issue>

(MACSE) groups to also address the wider threat of exploitation to include drugs and the “county lines” threat as it is reported. For more information about the work of the MACSE groups please see [Work Streams Overseen by Other Partnership Structures](#).



We have been working with Early Help Services, local borough councils and Sussex Police to deliver assertive outreach via mobile and detached projects. This outreach work is targeting young people who are causing ASB issues in identified parts of Eastbourne and Hastings but who also have their own specific needs including homelessness and other vulnerability factors including indicators associated with CSE and exploitation. Partners have identified specific cohorts of young people to target and will look to develop bespoke projects, some of which will coincide with the February Half Term and Easter Holidays.

We have been undertaking a mapping process to identify children / young people in or at risk of being involved in SOC in East Sussex. This has involved gathering a variety of data from the youth offending team on drug offences and missing person data for example in order to pull the indicators together we know contribute towards the risk of a young person being more susceptible to exploitation by criminal groups/gangs. Once complete we will share this ‘profile’ with Schools and other agencies who work with and support young people in order to offer interventions at a much earlier stage.

Over the next 12 months we will...

- Incorporate the Serious Organised Crime Toolkit into a Wider Prevention Programme for Schools and ensure professionals working with young people at risk are aware of this resource.
- Develop support packages and awareness of organised crime to an identified cohort of young people who can be targeted with suitable diversion and intervention activities. This will include supporting the outreach work being developed by Early Help Teams.
- Inform and engage with relevant agencies to ensure young people at risk of exploitation from organised crime groups are seen very much as victims than perpetrators and look to inform local procedures to this effect. We will work with the LSCB and relevant partners to ensure organised crime groups are looked at as a safeguarding risk to young people and that local guidance reflects this.



Serious Organised Crime: Modern Slavery

Gain a better understanding of the risk of modern slavery

Why is it a priority?

The scale of modern slavery in the UK is significant. Modern slavery crimes are being committed across the country and there have been year on year increases in the number of victims identified. A large number of active organised crime groups are involved in modern slavery. But it is also committed by individual opportunistic perpetrators. HM Government's Modern Slavery Strategy⁵ estimates the current number of potential victims of trafficking in the UK to be between 10,000 and 13,000. This includes both victims trafficked into the UK, as well as British adults and children.

Within the Sussex Police Force Strategic Assessment, Modern Slavery was assessed as high risk due to the severe and long-term impact that it has upon the vulnerable, the high level of public expectation and the need for a multi-agency response to tackling it effectively. Modern Slavery has therefore remained on the Sussex Police Control Strategy to ensure a focus on enhancing understanding and improving the multi-agency response to the issue, as has been achieved with other high risk issues such as Child Sexual Exploitation.

Other drivers are the inclusion of Modern Slavery as a type of abuse within the Care Act 2014 that provides the statutory footing for adult safeguarding responses.

Achievements so far...

In March 2016, the Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB), in partnership with the Local Safeguarding Children's Board (LSCB) and the East Sussex Safer Communities Partnership, hosted a conference that was open to any professional working with children and/or adults. The event, held in Eastbourne, focussed on 'Modern Slavery, Human Trafficking and Missing People', and included speakers from Sussex Police and UK charities 'Missing People'¹ and 'A21'¹. Over 130 delegates attended, representing a broad range of agencies supporting vulnerable adults and children.



Continuing the work to raise awareness, and ensuring staff have the right skills and knowledge, the Local Safeguarding Children Board and the Safeguarding Adults Board have jointly commissioned 'Human Trafficking prevention and identification' training, with this being delivered by A21. This training is designed to educate frontline professionals about the issue of human trafficking, how to identify victims and how to respond and communicate appropriately with them.

⁵ Modern Slavery Strategy:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/383764/Modern_Slavery_Strategy_FINAL_DEC2015.pdf

Over the next 12 months we will...

Undertake further research and development of knowledge to gain a better understanding of this area. Working in partnership with the LSCB and the SAB, we will explore different sources of information and attempt to build a more robust picture of modern slavery in East Sussex. This will include:

- Drawing on work by Sussex Police Force to understand the threat posed by Modern Slavery, from a Sussex perspective, as well as the national picture of Modern Slavery which is being developed in the National Crime Agency
- Holding an East Sussex focused event to develop a local picture of the scale of Modern Slavery, as well as vulnerabilities as a result of the county's geography, infrastructure and communities.

Our focus locally will be to:

- Developing information and resources to promote general awareness raising
- Delivering targeted awareness raising activities for specific groups – in February 2017 a series of free training sessions will be held for licensed traders (such as Taxi Drivers) on a range of crime types, including CSE, Rape and Sexual Offences and also Modern Slavery and Trafficking
- Review the existing training for staff
- Learning from activity at a Borough and District level e.g. the Hastings Anti-Trafficking Hub.

We will also establish local strategic oversight and accountability of the Modern Slavery agenda. The East Sussex Safer Communities Partnership, along with the LSCB and SAB, will need to ensure that leadership and accountability for Modern Slavery is clear and that information is effectively shared in order to protect vulnerable adults and children from harm. The Boards/Partnerships will work together and take a pragmatic approach to achieve the best outcomes for people and ensure there is no duplication of effort.

As Modern Slavery is a complex crime, with victims and perpetrators moving across local authority boundaries, we will take a wider regional focus to identify opportunities to work collaboratively with other statutory and voluntary partners across Sussex. Following an initial Pan-Sussex meeting in December 2016, we will hold a Pan-Sussex event in the New Year to explore options on Sussex wide level on how best to respond to Modern Slavery, support victims and delivery share priorities.

Our focus regionally will be to:

- Ensure robust policy and practice including referral pathways. One of our aims will be to incorporate any updated policy and practice information for Modern Slavery within the updated Sussex Safeguarding Policy and Procedures
- Establish strategic oversight and accountability of Modern Slavery agenda
- Develop models for provision of victims including work with the National Referral Mechanism (NRM), as well as other options for a local response for both individual victims and larger groups e.g. reception centres.

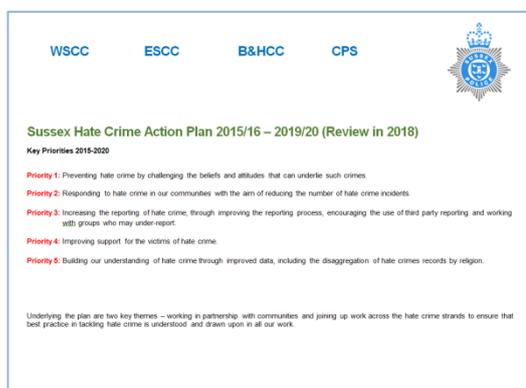
Work Streams Identified Through Other Partnership Processes

Hate Crime

Hate crime is defined as ‘any criminal offence which is perceived, by the victim or any other person, to be motivated by hostility or prejudice towards someone based on a personal characteristic.’ This common definition was agreed in 2007 by the police, Crown Prosecution Service, Prison Service (now the National Offender Management Service) and other agencies that make up the criminal justice system⁶. However, according to the Independent Crime Survey for England and Wales the difference between police figures and the crime survey show that hate crimes continue to be significantly under reported.

Achievements so far...

A Hate Crime Action Plan has been developed by Sussex Police in line with Action Against Hate, which is the UK Government’s plan for tackling hate crime (July 2016). Underpinning the plan are two key themes; working in partnership with communities and joining up work across the hate crime strands to ensure that best practice in tackling hate crime is understood and drawn upon in all our work.



Over the next 12 months we will...

Be contributing to the Sussex Police Hate Crime Action Plan by:

- Increasing the reporting of hate crime, through improving the reporting process, encouraging the use of third party reporting and working with groups who may under-report.
- Preventing hate crime by challenging the beliefs and attitudes that can underlie such crimes.
- Responding to hate crime in our communities with the aim of reducing the number of hate crime incidents.
- Improving support for the victims of hate crime.
- Building our understanding of hate crime through improved data, including the disaggregation of hate crimes records by religion.



⁶ Hate Crime, England and Wales, 2015/16:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/559319/hate-crime-1516-hosb1116.pdf

Prevent

The Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015 introduced a number of new duties for local authorities and the Safer East Sussex Team has taken the lead in implementing these duties and ensuring compliance with the legislation on behalf of East Sussex County Council. The East Sussex Prevent Board assesses the countywide risk of people being drawn into terrorism and coordinates Prevent partnership activity according to section 29 of the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015.

It is expected that in 2017/18 local authorities will adopt the lead position in the assessment and support of vulnerable persons, with the support of the function and with the assistance of Police Prevent Officers.

Achievements so far...

East Sussex Safer Communities Partnership has launched a ground-breaking new resource to support schools and young settings to safeguard children and young people from radicalisation and extremism. The resource entitled Think: Protect: Connect comprise of six carefully scripted workshops to increase children and young people's critical thinking skills, together with their awareness, knowledge and understanding of radicalisation, extremism and online propaganda techniques used by extremist groups.



We have also been successful in being awarded funding from Innovate UK – Prevent Home Office Funding to develop a range of innovative 'autism friendly' resources aimed at safeguarding young people with autism from online radicalisation and extremism, by building their personal and online digital resilience and critical thinking skills. To enable their parents and carers to understand more about extremism they will be offered direct support in the form of a series of workshops that will run alongside those for young people.

Over the next 12 months we will...

- Continue to roll out the Think, Protect, Connect programme to East Sussex Schools and to use the programme as a low level intervention for young people referred to Prevent. This toolkit aims to provide schools other youth settings with a range of innovative resources to safeguard children and young people from online radicalisation and extremism
- Keep abreast of changes to the National Counter Terrorism Strategy (CONTEST) and in particular the Prevent Strategy. The Home Office have carried out internal reviews of both these strategies and we await the outcomes.
- Monitor the way Channel is coordinated. During 2016 a number of local authorities have been trialling a new model of coordinating Channel outside the current framework and we will wait to see how this will affect existing referral pathways.
- Publish and disseminate our new Autism friendly version of Think; Protect; Connect under our contract with the Home Office.



Drugs and Alcohol

Care and Treatment

While we remain keen to reduce the crime, anti-social behaviour and social harms caused by substance misuse there has been a shift in the drug and alcohol agenda, with a greater focus now being on developing and sustaining recovery communities within the county. We are also looking to change the emphasis from bedded care and residential rehab to community detox and peer support for people in recovery.

Achievements so far...



An East Sussex Drug and Alcohol Innovation Fund was made available for pioneering work. In total, 8 projects were funded and each will run for 2 years. The projects will be supported by the Community Development Officer as they are rolled out in different areas of the county. These services will support people to maintain abstinence and build positive social networks.

We have changed the emphasis of our treatment service from successful completions to unique users so that we can ensure that we have the most complex people accessing the service and reduce representations.

We have transferred the responsibility for residential rehabilitation to our specialise third sector provider who will be building on their experience in Kent and West Sussex in order to improve value for money, reduce reliance on bedded care, and better use inpatient detox outside of the rigid framework.

Over the next 12 months we will...

- Continue to support the development of new and existing recovery groups within the county.
- Undertake two confidential inquiries into those drug related deaths that have occurred within East Sussex. We will include a brief 'reflection' on each death to consider whether there are any indications of opportunities for earlier intervention and whether there are lessons to be learnt that would enable the DAAT to focus resources on areas of work that could reduce the frequency and underlying causes of drug related deaths within the county. We will present our findings to the Resources and Performance Group and work with partners to discuss and implement any findings or recommendations as appropriate.
- Complete the drug and alcohol strategy, which will focus on the priorities identified through our consultation with clients, families, community groups and professionals, which were dual diagnosis, protected characteristics, housing, and Education, Training and Employment. This work will also link with the principles of the East Sussex Better Together and will inform the recommissioning of our drug and alcohol treatment service in 2017/18.



Reducing Alcohol Related Harm

Alcohol misuse is a sizeable problem in the UK, costing the NHS £3.5 billion a year⁷ and costing the economy over £17 billion per year when accounting for alcohol-related crime and lost productivity costs. Whilst the majority of people who consume alcohol do so within safe levels, more than 10 million people consume more than the recommended daily limits.⁸ And though alcohol consumption has been declining in recent years, alcohol-related harm is still at record levels. In England, alcohol misuse is the biggest risk factor attributable to early mortality, ill-health and disability for those aged 15 to 49 years, and the fifth most important for all ages.⁹

Achievements so far...

In order to involve the public in developing solutions for tackling alcohol-related harm, Public Health, with the support of the Hastings Community Alcohol Partnership, commissioned an alcohol inquiry. An Inquiry Group was established in the summer to explore the question 'what can we all do to make it easier for people to have a healthier relationship with alcohol?' They considered a number of areas and various local experts were called upon to give evidence to help them consider the issue. The Inquiry group have now made their recommendations and are working in partnership with local agencies to develop action plans for implementation.



Two social marketing projects, focusing on alcohol, have been commissioned by Hastings and Rother CCG. One aims to reduce alcohol experimentation and consumption in 11-15 year olds and the other aims to reduce alcohol-related A&E attendances and ambulance callouts, while contributing to reducing alcohol related harm in 17-25 year olds. Both projects are on-going and involve collaborative work across a number of organisations.

A report entitled *Alcohol Harm in East Sussex* focuses on the health aspects of alcohol and pulls together information on alcohol-related behaviours and health outcomes in East Sussex. It is being used to inform local work with a focus on those areas where the harms are highest.

Over the next 12 months we will...

- Participate in a Regional alcohol sector-led improvement initiative, which involves partners completing a self-assessment as well as having the opportunity to be peer assessed by another area. Based on the findings, we will identify future priorities both in terms of how we work and what we prioritise to work on together.
- Up-date the alcohol harm report in 2017
- Work with the Hastings Alcohol Inquiry Panel to ensure local people play an on-going and active role in shaping solutions to reduce alcohol related harm.
- Continue working on the social marketing projects with young people.

⁷ Local Government Organisation (January 2013), Public health and alcohol licensing in England: LGA and Alcohol Research UK briefing.

⁸ Office for National Statistics (February 2015), Alcohol-related Deaths in the United Kingdom.

⁹ Public Health England (2016) The Public Health Burden of Alcohol and the Effectiveness and Cost-Effectiveness of Alcohol Control Policies: An evidence review. Crown copyright 2016.

Domestic Violence & Abuse, Stalking and Rape & Sexual Violence and Abuse

Domestic Violence & Abuse, Stalking and Rape, Sexual Violence and Abuse are existing work packages that will continue to be progressed. The overarching aim is that local residents and communities are free from these forms of violence and abuse by delivering the following outcomes:



Achievements so far...

The Portal¹⁰ continues to provide a single point of access and helps victim/survivors of domestic and sexual violence and abuse to find advice and support in East Sussex and Brighton & Hove. Other commissioned services also provide support to victims of domestic violence and abuse across the county, including Refuge (which operates five refuges in East Sussex) and Home Works (which provides flexible and tailored support to prevent homelessness). Interventions with perpetrators of domestic violence and abuse are delivered through a joint Children's Social Care and the Kent Community Rehabilitation Company 'Building Better Relationships' (BBR) programme. During 2016 new service offers have been funded or tested, including:

- Work in health care setting, with domestic violence and abuse specialists located in a local hospital and in Primary Care (funded by the Hastings & Rother Clinical Commissioning Group)
- Piloting joint work with Adult Social Care through co-location of specialist worker from The Portal in Health and Social Care Connect (funded by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner)
- Co-locating a post in the MASH to coordinate the responses to children at level 3 and 4 of the Continuum of Need exposed to domestic violence and abuse. This replicates an existing model of work developed for child victims of sexual abuse (funded by Public Health and NHS England)
- Developing a children and adult safeguarding service response for vulnerable young people and adults who have been identified as suspected victims of exploitation, coercion and control (funded by Public Health)

We have continued to work to raise awareness, and ensuring staff have the right skills and knowledge, by:

- Reviewing Domestic Abuse Training and launching a new course for practitioners from Children's Services and Adult Social Care and other professionals. This is delivered in partnership by the Local Safeguarding Children's Board (LSCB), Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB) and Safer Communities Partnership to reflect the need to adopt the 'Whole Family' approach
- Launching a Champions Network¹¹, to bring together practitioners from a range of agencies and to further strengthen community and agency responses across the County
- Marking the 16 Days of Action and secured White Ribbon Status,



¹⁰ The Portal is a partnership of leading Sussex Domestic and Sexual Abuse Charities including RISE, Survivors' Network and CGL. www.theportal.org.uk

¹¹ <http://www.safeineastsussex.org.uk/get-involved.html>

alongside a range of events and activities hosted by District and Borough Community Safety Partnerships. Locally, Eastbourne, Lewes, Wealden and Hastings have all secured White Ribbon status.

We have also continued to deliver the Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) for the highest risk victims of domestic violence and abuse, with a focus on continuous improvement and ensuring that professionals can access training with the roll out of courses on risk identification and referral¹².



Sadly, in 2015 and 2016, there were three homicides in the county where the victim's death was due to, or suspected to have been caused by, domestic violence and abuse. Each is subject of a 'Domestic Homicide Review' which aims identify how local professionals and organisations can improve the way they work together – the partnership will develop action plans to respond to any findings, with the reviews published once approved by the Home Office and events for professionals to be held to disseminate learning.

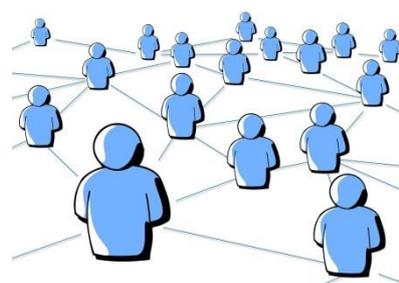
The East Sussex Safer Communities Partnership has also continued to work closely with the LSCB, which has identified domestic violence and abuse as a priority for 2015-18, and the SAB, to ensure that responses to violence and abuse – including policy, procedures and pathways – are robust. We will also continue to delivery targeted awareness raising activities for specific groups. In February 2017 there are a range of free training sessions for licensed traders (such as Taxi Drivers) focused on Child Sexual Exploitation, Rape and Sexual Offences and also Modern Slavery and Trafficking, as well as a Coercive Control Conference

Over the next 12 months we will...

Review the existing Domestic Abuse Strategy and develop a shared strategy for Domestic Violence & Abuse, Sexual Violence and other forms of Violence against Women and Girls with Brighton & Hove. This strategy will set out our shared strategic aims, as well as identifying priorities specific to East Sussex including how we will work with District and Boroughs. Our work will be built around the key themes from HM Government's strategy to end violence against women and girls¹³ and will include delivering or commissioning the following:

Prevention:

- Continuing to raise awareness of what constitutes violence and abuse, in particular focusing reaching different communities or addressing emerging risks like stalking and harassment
- Supporting the LSCB's work with children and young people, such as the promotion protocol for the recognition and working with DVA in schools
- Piloting the Women's Aid 'Ask Me' Scheme to create safe spaces in the local community to increase public awareness and promote opportunities for disclosures.



Provision of service

- Continue to support The Portal, Refuge and Home Works and other accommodation services
- Work with specialist services and other commissioners to generate added value and test different models of delivery
- Develop proposals to further develop support for victim/survivors with a focus on Private Law Family Proceedings, those experiencing Stalking and Harassment, and a trauma pathway to improve access to talking therapies.

¹² <http://www.safeineastsussex.org.uk/MARAC-help.html>

¹³ <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/strategy-to-end-violence-against-women-and-girls-2016-to-2020>

Partnership working

- Ensure frontline practitioners have the confidence and skills to identify and respond to violence and abuse including further developing multi-agency training around forced marriage, honour based violence and sexual violence
- Develop resources for professionals including guidance to improve 'safety netting' and to support step down from specialist or commissioned services
- Review the finding from the review of the MARAC to ensure that MARACs are better able to manage volume, address complex or repeat cases and integrate into Child and Adult 'front doors'

Pursing perpetrators

- Review interventions to challenge perpetrators, in particular repeat offenders and perpetrators of stalking and harassment.

Reducing Re-Offending

The Home Office estimates that nationally 0.5% of offenders commit 10% of offences; in addition 10% of offenders commit 50% of offences. A significant proportion of crime is committed by a relatively small group of persistent or prolific offenders who cause harm and distress to individuals and to our communities.



Integrated Offender Management (IOM) brings a cross-agency response to this cohort. The most persistent and problematic offenders are identified and managed jointly by partner agencies working together. The primary objectives are to; reduce the negative impact of crime and reoffending, reduce the number of people who become victims of crime and to help improve the public's confidence in the criminal justice system.

However, we also need to be mindful that this cohort is also vulnerable and requires support from partners, especially in terms of employment, education and training, accommodation, substance misuse, and physical and mental health issues.

The East Sussex Youth Offending Team (YOT) aims to prevent offending by children and young people mainly aged 10-17 who have offended and received a caution from the police or who have been sentenced by the court to a community or custodial penalty. The YOT consists of staff recruited from the Police, Probation, Children's Services (including Education), Health and the voluntary sector).

Young people involved in the Youth Justice System identified as presenting a high risk of harm or likelihood of committing further offences have transferred directly from the Youth Offending Team to the National probation Service or the Kent Surrey and Sussex Community Rehabilitation Company under IOM.

Achievements so far...

- Reformed East Sussex is funded through a variety of grants. Reformed East Sussex improves the employability of those in recovery, those affected by the criminal justice system and those clients also managed by the IOM scheme. Since the Eastbourne IOM Client project work started in July 2016, 8 clients have engaged with the service. 6 of these are studying for the CSCS card, 3 are working or have worked in a voluntary placement and a further 3 have secured permanent employment. The project will run until July 2018.



Reformed Eastbourne
CIC Services

- Inspire also received funding from the East Sussex Safer Communities Partnership and the Police Crime Commissioner to allow co-located Women's Support Workers (WSW) to meet women in police custody centres and continue support in the community. The aim is to divert women at the first point of contact with the criminal justice system through the use of the Women's Conditional Caution (WCC) or voluntary engagement. The Kent Surrey and Sussex Community Rehabilitation Company have dedicated a full time responsible officer to the Inspire hub who specialises in working with female service users.
- We have developed an infographic which looks at figures and statistics in relation to female offenders, and Education, Employment and Training (ETE) needs with offenders in the county. It also identifies gaps in services for women offenders in East Sussex and gaps in relation to education, training and employment opportunities. This will be used to inform the multi-agency offending plan that will be developed over the next 12 months.



Over the next 12 months we will...

Participate in the work being undertaken across Sussex around the three priority areas identified by the Joint Strategic Reducing Re-Offending Group as follows;

- **Continuity of Healthcare from Prison to community:** Successful re-integration to the community requires consideration of the offender's health and how their health will affect their families and communities. We will improve compliance of offenders with treatment plans for when they return to the community. We will work with key partners; NHS England, Health, Mental Health providers and Kent, Surrey and Sussex Community Rehabilitation Company (KSSCRC) to improve joint working processes.
- **Transforming Women's Justice:** Participate in the evaluation of women's custody pilots in East Sussex, West Sussex, Brighton and Hove. Evaluation of the pilots will be undertaken by the University of Surrey. We will also look to develop spaces where women only services can be delivered.
- **Strategic Integrated Offender Management:** We will establish an IOM delivery group and develop an offending plan. Service users are RAGGED according to their risk and need so that resources are allocated according to those who commit the most crime in East Sussex. The IOM is delivered through joint working with Sussex Police, the Kent Surrey and Sussex Community Rehabilitation Company, the National Probation Service and representatives from key partner agencies. The progress of service users is then monitored through monthly meetings co-chaired by the CRC and Sussex Police.

The offending plan developed by the IOM delivery group will concentrate on the following key areas identified by the partnership:

Accommodation: We will participate in the development of the Housing First Pilot and support all bids for accommodation support for offenders and people with complex needs.

Employment, Training and Education (ETE): These are essential pathways to reducing offending, and lack of current work experience, qualifications, poorly paid work and employer prejudice contributes to high unemployment rates amongst former offenders. Specialist services are needed in order to gain experience and qualifications, and we will therefore look at those offenders in East Sussex with an ETE need and the services that are available.

Improving processes: We will look to develop the Integrated Offender Management (IOM) Scheme to include a wider range of offences and improve IOM processes by introducing an East Sussex IOM Delivery Group.

Serious organised crime: Serious Organised Crime Prevention Orders are obtained and enforced by the Serious Organised Crime Unit (SOCU) and monitoring carried out by local IOM teams. We will look at how specialist knowledge and training around serious organised crime groups can be incorporated into existing models. We will work with the Sussex Police Divisional Intelligence Unit (DIU) to better share intelligence.

Armed Forces Community

At the beginning of 2016 structures for work around veterans and their families included the Sussex Armed Forces Network (SAFN) which was established in 2011 by NHS Sussex. The SAFN is managed and supported by the 7 Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) through the Sussex Strategic Clinical Commissioning Executive Committee. Unlike other County Councils there was no Civil Military Partnership Board in East Sussex. Therefore, in August of that year the Safer Communities Partnership subsumed the community safety aspects for veterans and their families and now performs the functions of a Civil Military Partnership Board.

In order to implement this change the lead officer from the SAFN became a member of the Resources and Performance Group and the Safer Communities Board. In addition, the partnership ensures that two other key contacts from the Ministry of Defence and Royal British Legion are invited to our engagement events.



Over the next 12 months we will...

- Work with our local service providers to identify people who have been in the armed forces, and continue to support those local providers working with the Sussex Armed Forces Network (SAFN) to raise awareness and undertake training to provide support to veterans. This will also include work with our drug and alcohol service.

Work Streams Overseen by Other Partnership Structures

East Sussex Better Together Health and Housing Sub-Group

East Sussex Better Together (ESBT) is our 150-week programme to transform health and social care services. It's about making sure we use our combined £850million annual budget to achieve the best possible services for local people. The programme started in August 2014 and is led by two local NHS clinical commissioning groups, East Sussex County Council, East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust and Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust.

The Health and Housing Sub Group is a strategic forum which feeds into the ESBT and Connecting For You programs. One of their key priorities is homelessness which covers those with complex and multiple needs and rough sleepers.



Hastings Borough Council as the lead authority bid, and was successful, at gaining funding from the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) for the Prevention of Rough Sleepers programme. The funding, for a two year project, will be used to fund new roles for staff to evaluate assessment processes across health, housing and social care in East Sussex with the intention of realigning services to what is the 'front line' identifying those at the highest risk of rough sleeping.

Secondly Eastbourne and Hastings joined a bid to the DCLG with Brighton, Worthing and Adur to access Social Impact Bonds (SIB) for a new service targeted at entrenched rough sleepers. Across all areas 150 individuals will be identified and a 'Housing First' service commissioned on a payment by results basis. The SIB is worth £1m over the period of the project and we will work closely with statutory services and existing providers on the development of this project. The progress of both of these projects will be governed through the Health & Housing Subgroup with updates for the Community Safety Partnership on a regular basis.

East Sussex Safeguarding Adults Board

The Care Act 2014 sets out the first ever statutory framework for adult safeguarding, which stipulates local authorities' responsibilities, and those with whom they work, to protect adults who may be at risk of abuse or neglect. One of these responsibilities requires the local authority to establish a Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB) in their area.

The SAB has three core duties:

Publish a strategic plan setting out how it will meet its main objectives and what members will do to achieve this

Publish an annual report detailing what the SAB has done during the year as well as detailing the findings of any Safeguarding Adult Reviews (SARs)

Conduct any Safeguarding Adult Review in accordance with section 44 of the Care Act

In terms of community safety and the threats identified within the Strategic Assessment of Community Safety 2016 that are not outlined elsewhere in the Business Plan, it is important to note the Safeguarding Adults Board oversees adult safeguarding practice that includes the threat of elder abuse with appropriate partners. In light of a recent multi-agency review, e-learning and face to face training is being reviewed and will look at the need for more focus on domestic abuse within the older population. The Falls Toolkit has been reviewed and updated by the Safeguarding Development Team in Adult Social Care and Self-neglect multi-agency training has been developed by the Safeguarding Adults Board Training and Workforce Development subgroup. The Client and Carer Safeguarding Advisory Network (CCSAN), has made links with Age UK East Sussex, raising awareness of elder abuse, the role of carers and sharing knowledge.

Multi-Agency Child Sexual Exploitation (MACSE) Operational and Strategic Groups

The Multi Agency Child Sexual Exploitation (MACSE) operational and strategic groups are now well established in East Sussex. Accountability for the agenda is to the Local Safeguarding Children's Board (LSCB) with membership and reporting links to the Youth Offending Team Chief Executive Group and the Safer Communities Board. The East and West operational "bronze" groups are co -chaired by Social Care and Sussex Police operational leads and provide the multi-agency oversight of risks and safety planning for individual children and groups of children, identified as being vulnerable or involved in CSE within East Sussex.



All Youth Offending Team practitioners are aware of linkage between serious organised crime and child exploitation. Practitioners look for signs throughout their assessment process and will refer into the MACSE operational meetings where appropriate. The Youth Offending Team (YOT) is represented at all levels of the MACSE meetings. Where issues are identified with a number of YOT young people, the YOT will host multi-agency mapping meetings and feed any significant information into the MASCE meetings. The YOT PC will also attend these meetings and ensure relevant intelligence is fed back to the police.

Over the last few months LSCB partners have made specific attempts to widen the remit of the 2 Bronze operational MACSE panels to include children identified at risk of wider criminal exploitation as well as sexual exploitation. There are now cases active at both MACSE panels where wider criminal exploitation (i.e. suspected involvement in drug supply) is the dominant risk factor. Information has been shared with all of the Duty and Assessment Team Practice Managers and specific awareness raising work is ongoing with the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) and Single Point of Advice (SPOA) multi agency teams.

Road Safety

The Sussex Safer Roads Partnership (SSRP) comprises Sussex Police, East and West Sussex County Councils, East and West Sussex Fire and Rescue Services, Brighton and Hove City Council and Highways England, and believes that together, we can create a safer environment for all road users, significantly reduce life-changing injuries and eliminate fatalities.

Locally, the East Sussex Road Safety Co-ordination Group co-ordinates road safety across the County. This is a multi-agency group that comprises Sussex Safer Roads Partnership (SSRP), Sussex Police, ESFRS, all five District and Borough Community Safety Partnerships, East Sussex Highways and Public Health and the Institute of Advanced Motorists.



Data relating to casualties and from Operation Crackdown (an anti-social driving reporting portal) is provided to District and Boroughs in order that current risks and trends can be addressed. In addition SSRP analysts provide bespoke analysis where appropriate.

The use of data is vital in understanding risk and how to mitigate it. For example a perceived risk associated with aging drivers was explored within the Strategic Assessment of Community Safety 2016 but the conclusion was that there is not enough information to suggest this issue needed to be monitored. The basic analysis that has been undertaken did not support a re-profiling of work already prioritised in relation to road safety.

East Sussex County Council has undertaken a three year Safer Roads project aimed at reducing the numbers of people killed or seriously injured in East Sussex. Utilising funding from Public Health the project will identify education and behaviour change programmes including those that have been piloted elsewhere, such as Wealden's 'We're Keeping an Eye on You'. The project will look nationally at best practice and at what initiatives other authorities / road safety partners have undertaken as it develops a behaviour change programme to reduce the number of people killed and seriously injured in East Sussex.



Water Safety

Over the last three year period 48 people have drowned in East Sussex. If the number of people who were recorded as having drowned as a result of a fall from Beachy Head is included that number increases to 121. Nationally over 400 people drown each year making drowning the third most common cause of death amongst young people aged 10-18.

The risks associated with water are not confined to the coast. Nationally more people drown in inland water than the sea in flooded quarries, lakes, canals and rivers.

Whilst accurate data on the number of people left with life changing injuries as a result of a water related incident is not at present recorded expert views are that for every drowning there are 8 life changing injuries (such as paralysis, brain damage due to lack of oxygen etc.)



Locally drowning incidents hit the headlines during the summer of 2016 with the tragic deaths of 7 people in two incidents at Camber Sands which have resulted in a significantly higher profile for drowning prevention. District & Borough Councils are very much involved in water safety and it is likely that incidents will continue to be scrutinised. The tragedy prompted an evidence session held by the Transport Committee in Parliament on 5 December 2016 to scrutinise the structure and coordination of organisations that work to prevent and respond to emergency incidents around the coastline.

In 2016 the National Water Safety Forum published the first UK Drowning Prevention Strategy with an aim to reduce accidental drowning fatalities by 50% by 2026. East Sussex Fire & Rescue Service has its own Water Safety Strategy and is working collaboratively with the Royal Life Saving Society, Royal National Lifeboat Institution and a number of District and Boroughs.

Police and Crime Plan

The Police & Crime Commissioner (PCC) has a statutory duty to set the policing and crime objectives for their area through a Police & Crime Plan.

A new Police & Crime Plan for 2017/21 has been developed which sets out the strategic policing objectives for how policing services will be delivered in Sussex across 2017/21. An Operational Delivery Plan sets out how the Chief Constable will deliver policing services to achieve the strategic policing objectives of the Police & Crime Plan.

The PCC has confirmed the following four policing and crime objectives, each containing three underpinning aims, for 2017/21 as follows

Strengthen local policing

- Ensure local policing services are accessible
- Provide effective specialist capabilities to support local policing
- Maintain engagement in the delivery of local policing services to improve public confidence

Work with local communities and partners to keep Sussex safe

- Encourage and support local communities to prevent crime and disorder
- Work with partners to reduce offending and reoffending
- Catch criminals and prevent serious and organised crime and terrorism

Protect our vulnerable and help victims cope and recover from crime and abuse

- Commission high-quality services which support victims
- Prioritise access to services for vulnerable victims
- Enhance our understanding and meet the needs of victims in Sussex

Improve access to justice for victims and witnesses

- Ensure victims and witnesses have the most positive experience of the criminal justice system
- Support vulnerable victims and witnesses
- Maximise the use of technology to improve access to justice for all

Also of note, the PCC has supported the Chief Constable in the development of a new Local Policing Model (LPM). The Local Policing Programme (LPP) is charged with implementing the LPM and encompasses crime prevention, response and investigation based on threat, risk and harm. Now that implementation has begun, the PCC continues to hold the Chief Constable to account for the delivery of the LPP, including monitoring progress and challenging, where appropriate, on behalf of the public.

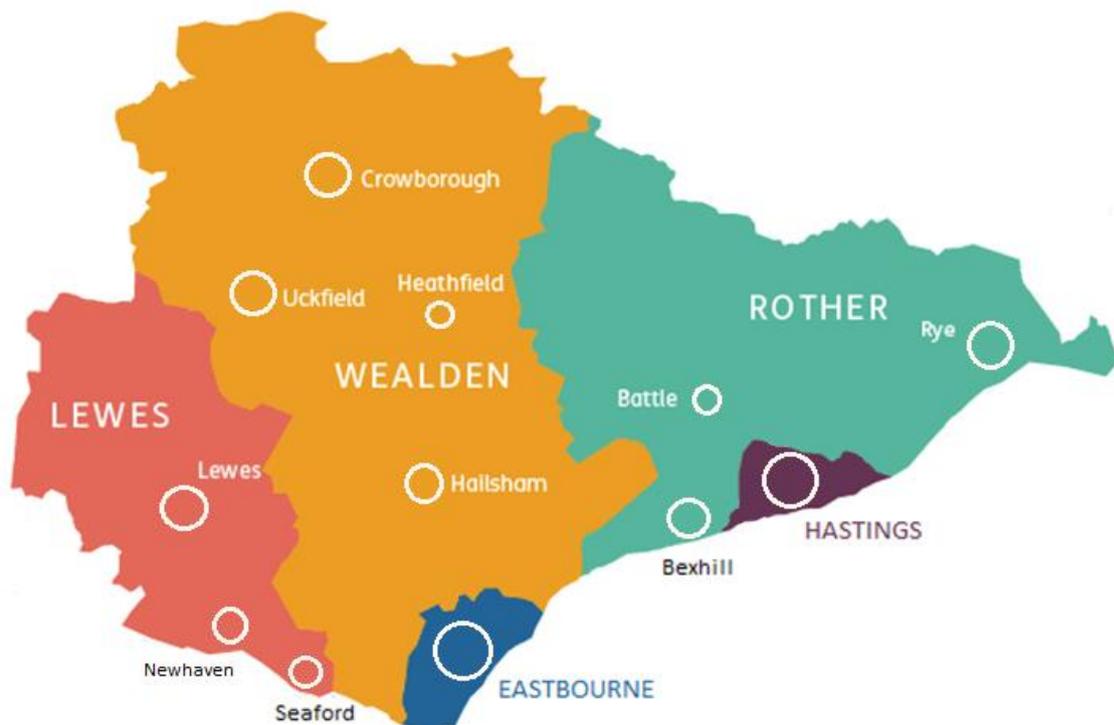
District and Borough Overviews

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

- Eastbourne and Lewes Community Safety Partnership
- Safer Wealden Partnership
- Safer Hastings Partnership and Safer Rother Partnership are trialling a joint Community Safety Partnership

The Community Safety Partnerships looked at reviewing their existing arrangements in line with the revised policing models.

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 Reassurance** – To continue to engage with the communities we serve and meet their needs in relation to community safety and public reassurance.
- **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** – To support the Police and other agencies in their work 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 Abuse and Sexual Offences** – To support the Police and other agencies in increasing the reporting of such offences, working with victims and bringing 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 Psychoactive Substances** – Causal links to crime, anti-social behaviour and health.
- **Cybercrime, Scams & Rogue Trading** – To market prevention advice and support agencies such as the Police and Trading Standards in working with victims and bringing offenders to justice.

What the community thinks...

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

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%

Neighbourhood management projects such as North Street and Shackleton Close have empowered communities with an effective response to crime and anti-social behaviour.

Since 2009 the Eastbourne's 'Cumulative Impact Policy' to limit the growth of licensed premises in the town centre has positively impacted on the level crime & ASB associated with the night time economy.



2016 has seen a reduction in shop lifting due to the effective delivery of the Business Warden pilot.

The partnership continues to support long term initiatives to help members of the street community and was the first in East Sussex to set up a 'Multiple and Complex Needs' group.

Over the next 12 months, we will...

The Eastbourne Community Safety Partnership will continue to:

- Implement the Community Safety Partnership's 39 point action plan;
- Continue to deliver successful Neighbourhood Management projects by engaging with and empowering communities to take action against crime and anti-social behaviour.
- Support and invest in youth initiatives and projects to divert from crime and ASB.
- Encourage and support communities to take positive action against speeding and anti-social driving by establishing community initiatives and engaging with local schools.
- Review the changes made to our strategic structure whilst continuing to improve how we work at an operational level – promoting efficient partnership work and encouraging greater agency involvement.
- Support voluntary organisations which can have a major impact on improving community safety and public perception, including Neighbourhood Watch and the Eastbourne Street Pastors.
- Develop an effective and consistent prevention message to tackle cybercrime, scams & rogue trading – supporting the work of the Police and Trading Standards.

Safer Hastings Partnership

“The Safer Hastings Partnership supports the most vulnerable victims of crime & antisocial behaviour and works to reduce the levels of crime and fear”.



What are the priorities and why?

- **Street & community related anti-social behaviour** – Addressing antisocial behaviour in all its forms impacting on residents, local businesses and visitors
- **Alcohol related violent crime** – Reducing the likelihood of people living, studying or visiting the town becoming the victim of alcohol related violence and ASB
- **Youth crime** – Ensuring vulnerable young people are treated fairly, supported and punished appropriately
- **Domestic abuse and sexual violence** – Encouraging the reporting of incidents and being directed to effective help and support
- **Tackling hate crime** – Encouraging reporting and supporting vulnerable victims.
- **Environmental crime** – Tackling those issues that make the Borough seem unattractive, like drug paraphernalia, litter and removing graffiti.
- **Road safety** – improving the safety of all highway and byway users.

What the community thinks...

In Hastings and St Leonards dealing with ASB remains the highest priority for residents

Recent research interviewing local young people showed ongoing underage drinking. This has led to community based antisocial behaviour

Public place drinking and alcohol fuelled disorder remains high in the two town centres

Inconsiderate driving and antisocial parking & careless / inconsiderate driving are important issues to local people

Complex multi-partnership issues; dog fouling, rough sleeping issues were dealt with in partnership, in a difficult seafront location.



The Safer Hastings Partnership have used Community Protection Notices to deal anti-social behaviour where it is having a big impact on the local community

The Community Police Hub remains open in Central St Leonards addressing local issues

Funding has been provided to secure several vulnerable locations across the Borough

The Safer Hastings Partnership further extended the town's 'Reduce the Strength' scheme, increasing the number of Off Licences not selling 'super strength' beer, lager and cider.

Over the next 12 months, we will...

Work with Sussex Police in seeking to reduce the impact of their restructuring and reduction in numbers of police officers, police community support officers and police staff

- Support development of a multi-agency taskforce to address local community safety priorities in Hastings & St Leonards-on-Sea, aiming to reduce crime the impact they have on residents businesses and visitors to the Borough
- Promote, through the White Ribbon campaign, encouragement of reporting of domestic abuse incidents and offences, ensuring appropriate support and advice is available to victims
- Introduce new restrictions on drinking alcohol and associated ASB in some public areas across the Borough supported by businesses and the wider community
- Work in partnership to reduce opportunities for vulnerable people to be exploited by those engaged in drug trafficking or other criminal activity
- Develop the Safer Hastings & Rother Road Safety Group to address local anti-social driving and inappropriate highway and footway use

Lewes District Community Safety Partnership

“Our vision is to improve people’s lives in Lewes District’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 & Public Reassurance** – To continue to engage with the communities we serve and meet their needs in relation to community safety and public reassurance.
- **Environmental Anti-Social Behaviour** – Reducing arson, graffiti, fly-tipping, litter and dog fouling contributes to an improvement in the quality of life for the residents of Lewes District.
- **Road Safety** – To reduce the number of killed & seriously injured on Lewes District’s roads and to tackle anti-social driving.
- **Volume Crime** – The continued reduction of offences such as burglary, robbery and vehicle crime, makes Lewes District a better place to live, work and visit.
- **Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) and Hate Crime** – To support the Police and other agencies in their work to give effective support to vulnerable and high risk victims of hate crime and ASB, as well as bringing offenders to justice.
- **Domestic Abuse and Sexual Offences** – To support the Police and other agencies in increasing the reporting of such offences as well as their work with victims and bringing offenders to justice.
- **Reduce the number of Dwelling Fires** – To support East Sussex Fire & Rescue Service and other agencies in their work to identify those most vulnerable from fire so that prevention support can be delivered.
- **Prevent Strategy** – To prevent the radicalisation of vulnerable members of our communities, thereby contributing to a reduction in extremism.
- **Substance Misuse and Psychoactive Substances** – Causal links to crime, anti-social behaviour and health.
- **Cybercrime, Scams & Rogue Trading** – To market prevention advice and support agencies such as the Police and Trading Standards in working with victims and bringing offenders to justice.

What the community thinks...

Begging in the Lewes high-street and youth ASB is becoming a major concern for residents' of Lewes District

The top types of ASB that residents' said were the most important to tackle were:
Careless / inconsiderate driving
Illegal parking
Dog fouling
Drinking in public places

Achievements so far...

Nomad CCTV cameras have been purchased to help tackle Criminal Damage and wider ASB within the District

Paws on Watch has been effectively launched across Lewes District

The 'Fly-tipping Reduction Campaign' has fully prevented further offences at four out of six sites

The joint Sussex Police and ESF&RS safety visit initiative has been launched to help increase reporting of Domestic Abuse

The Peacehaven Task Force has begun addressing crime & anti-social behaviour in the town

We have achieved our White Ribbon reaccreditation in partnership with Eastbourne.



Over the next 12 months, we will...

- Develop an effective and consistent prevention message to tackle cybercrime, scams & rogue trading - supporting the work of the Police and Trading Standards.
- Continue to extend the Paws on Watch initiative across Lewes District.
- Review the changes made to our strategic structure whilst continuing to improve how we work at an operational level – promoting efficient partnership work and encouraging greater agency involvement.
- Support the Peacehaven Task Force in addressing the issues within the Town – empowering communities to take action against crime and anti-social behaviour.
- Continue our work to raise awareness, particularly in rural communities, of the domestic abuse support which is available.
- Launch the Lewes District Road Safety Action Group to reduce the number of people killed and seriously injured on the district's roads.
- Continue to reduce the number of Dwelling Fires by promoting Home Safety Visits and investigate all suspicious fires.
- Further develop Neighbourhood Watch and support other voluntary organisations which have a major impact on improving community safety and public perception.

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 continue to develop partnership interventions around ASB and Hate Crime which impact on victims and the local Rother community and to carry out targeted work in problem areas.
- **Road Safety** – Road safety, reducing the number of people killed and seriously injured on roads in Rother and reducing the impact of anti-social driving on our community continue to be priorities.
- **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.
- **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 when they impact on Rother residents.
- **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.

What the community thinks...

The top Anti-social Behaviour issues were careless/inconsiderate driving (35.8%) and Illegal Parking (27.9%)

Residents expressed concern about homelessness and rough sleeping in 2016-17

There were 4,257 crimes reported to Sussex Police in Rother in the 12 months ending December 2016

Killed and Seriously Injured and all casualty risk is still one of the highest concerns on roads in Rother

Residents surveyed are most concerned about Anti-Social Behaviour; 34.3% compared to 23.9% the year before

Achievements so far...

Reduce the significant impact of anti-social neighbours on vulnerable and high risk victims. This has been accomplished through effective and innovative partnership working.

Developing multi-agency interventions to promote recognition of and increase reporting of controlling and coercive behaviour.

We are trialling a Joint Partnership Board with the Safer Hastings Partnership.

A review is due in 2017/18.



Joint Partnership work on Road Safety education interventions through the Safer Hastings & Rother Road Safety Group

Over the next 12 months we will...

- Continue to work in partnership to reduce crime and the impact of crime committed by those already convicted of offences. We do this through officer work in Offender Management and Public Protection schemes, and neighbourhood interventions. We also provide support with housing and access to services to assist offender's rehabilitation.
- Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) and Hate Crime work in 2017-18 will focus on developing new responses, and continue the review and implementation of the tools and powers within the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014. Further work will be delivered to address youth related ASB.
- Continue to work with Rother District Council to deliver the PREVENT agenda requirements within Rother. In addition this year the Partnership will also work with Rother District Council and to monitor and address concerns through community tension initiatives around hate crime, human trafficking and refugees as they present within the community.
- The Safer Rother and the Safer Hastings Partnership will refocus their work together to deliver a range of interventions to address KSI's, speeding, anti-social driving and road safety issues through the joint Road Safety Group.
- 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, burglary, begging, and cross border crime such as thefts from rural and farm buildings, caravan break-in's, oil and fuel. Additional work will be carried out on Rough Sleeping and displacement of the Street Community from Hastings.
- Engage with partners to identify interventions required with vulnerable adults and serious organised crime such as scams and Operation Signature.
- Continue its day to day work with all agencies to reduce the risk of crime, anti-social behaviour and prevent offending.
- Review and evaluate the trial of the Safer Hastings and Safer Rother Joint Partnership Board.

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** – anti-social behaviour can blight the lives of local residents and although not a large problem in Wealden, agencies work together to tackle it when it occurs. There are also many preventative projects in place organised and run by partners.
- **Reduce the number of people killed or seriously injured on Wealden’s roads** – safety on the roads and the prevention of anti-social driving is vitally important to communities in Wealden. The district also has one of the worst records for serious crashes in the county. The rural nature of the area and most roads being single carriageway compounds the problem.
- **Reduce the amount of household burglary and burglary from sheds, outbuildings and commercial premises** – this crime can be devastating for people affected by it. The nature of the district, with many properties being isolated can make them more vulnerable.
- **Take steps to protect vulnerable residents from rogue traders** – there has been a marked increase in these occurrences over the last year. Older people seem to be particularly targeted by these doorstep tradespeople, who will cause worry and stress about an issue, usually relating to the victim’s property or garden and then demand cash to put it right.
- **Raise awareness and promote the help and support services available for victims of domestic abuse** – the number of reported cases of domestic abuse has risen in recent years as has domestic abuse crime.
- **The Safer Wealden Partnership will be proactive in response to emerging threats and priorities such as the ‘Prevent’ and ‘Serious Organised Crime’ agendas and will also deliver a number of projects to improve general community safety, including increased community engagement** – the partnership and its constituent agencies offer a number of projects to improve community safety. In addition the partnership is alive to increased threats and is playing its part in the Prevent and Serious Organised Crime agendas.

What the community thinks

A survey undertaken by Ipsos Mori for the Public Health Team at East Sussex County Council between November 2015 and February 2016 revealed that 88% of Wealden’s residents are either ‘very’ or ‘fairly strongly’ satisfied with their local area as a place to live. The majority of residents felt quite happy about leaving their home when they wanted or needed to , only 4% cited fear of crime as a reason that would make them feel less willing to go out.

Achievements so far...

The 'Paws on Watch' project has seen nearly 300 dog walkers recruited from across the district to keep their eyes open and to report anything suspicious or out of the ordinary to the Police whilst out on dog walks. Members of the scheme receive a badge and tag for their dog's collar (wearing them is optional) they also provide their email address and post code to the police who hold these details on a secure database. Members can then be contacted, so if there is particular spate of crime in an area 'Paws on Watch' members can be particularly vigilant.



Wealden remains the area in East Sussex with the lowest crime rate per 10,000 population.

The number of reports of anti-social behaviour continues to fall, which is excellent news for local residents. The 'Friday Night Project' run by Hailsham Town Council and partly funded by the Safer Wealden Partnership continues to flourish and sees young people given the opportunity to try out a variety of activities and acts a diversion, thereby reducing levels of anti-social behaviour.



Roadside signs designed using insights from the behavioural sciences have proved to be having an effect on drivers' behaviour. Signs aimed at reducing speed have been pilot tested in monitored areas, where there has been a history of the speed limits being exceeded. The use of the signs reduced the average speeds in those areas. In addition results from an on-line questionnaire revealed that the signs would have an effect on 92% of respondent's behaviour, and the most common reaction would be for them to check their speed. We are now as sure as we can be that the design is right and plan to roll out the signs to areas in the district where speed is an issue. Work has already begun on other messages, using the same background design, about other road safety issues such as the use of mobile phones, non-wearing of seat-belts and drink/drug driving.

Over the next 12 months, we will...

- Continue to work together as a Safer Wealden Partnership to tackle crime and reduce the fear of crime.
- Continue to be intelligence led and focus on crimes which affect communities the most.
- Where possible, use insights from the behavioural sciences to inform our approach to preventing crime and improving road safety.