

**23rd September 2026**

**Performance Review of the Safer North Hampshire Community Safety  
Partnership 2025-26**

**Recommendation to the Crime and Disorder Joint Overview and Scrutiny  
Committee:**

1. The Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee reviews the performance of the Strategic CSP in relation to the discharge of its statutory functions as defined by section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998.
2. The Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee members summarise the findings and any recommendations of the annual meeting for the respective councils to consider at their own Overview and Scrutiny panels

**1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1. This report provides an overview of the performance of the Strategic Safer North Hampshire CSP. It is presented for consideration by the Crime and Disorder Joint Scrutiny Committee, comprising members from Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council (BDBC), Hart District Council (HDC) and Rushmoor Borough Council (RBC), which was set up in accordance with section 19 of the Police and Justice Act 2006.

**2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1. The Safer North Hampshire Strategic CSP was established in March 2015 following the merger of 3 separate CSPs operating in Basingstoke and Deane, Hart and Rushmoor. The requirements of the Police and Justice Act 2006 include an obligation for every local authority to have 'a crime and disorder committee with power to;
  - 2.1.1. review or scrutinise decisions made, or other actions taken, in connection with the discharge by the responsible authorities and of their crime and disorder functions.
  - 2.1.2. to make reports or recommendations to the local authority with respect to the discharge of those functions'.
- 2.2. Where CSPs operate beyond the boundary of just one local authority, the legislation requires that the local authorities establish a joint overview and

scrutiny committee to discharge the duties under the Police and Justice Act 2006 with regard to the decisions and functions of the one CSP.

- 2.3. The Chair of the CSP, members representing the statutory bodies during 2025-26, and representatives from each Council's Community safety team be present at the meeting, to respond to questions from the committee in relation to the Partnership Plan and progress report submitted as *Appendices 1 and 4*.

### **3. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 3.1. To review progress of the Strategic Safer North Hampshire Community Safety Partnership (hereinafter referred to as the 'CSP') against the identified Partnership Priorities for 2025-26, by members of the Crime and Disorder Joint Overview & Scrutiny Committee.

#### **Details**

- 3.2. Hart, Rushmoor and Basingstoke and Deane Councils began working together to deliver community safety under the banner of Safer North Hampshire in 2012. Following a review of the service, the partnership formally merged in March 2015.
- 3.3. The Joint CSP sits across all three areas to deliver its statutory duties in relation to Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998. This states that it is the duty of each authority to do all that it reasonably can in partnership to prevent, Crime and disorder in its area The misuse of drugs, alcohol and other substances in its areas and Re-offending in its area.
- 3.4. As set out in the terms of reference, the Joint CSP must;
  - Undertake an annual Strategic Assessment to inform the overarching strategic objectives for community safety
  - Undertake reviews of the Strategic Assessment priorities to ensure that they are still the same and resources are being directed appropriately
  - Work in partnership to develop a Partnership Plan which will drive project and programme delivery across the Safer North Hampshire area over the coming year
  - Deliver a robust response to Anti-Social Behaviour
  - Manage the performance of approved activities and endorse strategic action required to tackle barriers to success where identified
  - Work alongside the objectives identified in the Police and Crime Plan where relevant
- 3.5. The purpose of this Overview and Scrutiny Committee is:
  - To scrutinise decisions made or other action taken, in connection with the discharge of the crime and disorder functions by the Joint CSP
  - To monitor and review the performance of the Joint CSP
  - To make reports or recommendations to the Local Authorities and Joint CSP with respect to the discharge of the crime and disorder functions

- To review the Partnership Plan 2025-26
- 3.6. The priorities for 2025-26, which were informed by the issues identified and updated in the Strategic Assessment, are:
- Improving feelings of safety and health outcomes (public, virtual and private space)
  - Serious violence
  - Antisocial Behaviour
  - Domestic Abuse
  - Town Centre crime and ASB
- 3.7. The Police and Crime Plan 2024-28 priorities are:
- Police Visibility and Engagement
  - Business and Retail Crime
  - Crime in Rural Areas
  - Road Safety
  - Serious Violence
  - Anti-Social Behaviour
- 3.8. To identify and deliver on the priorities that matter most to local communities, CSP's are required to carry out several main tasks. These include:
- preparing an annual strategic assessment - this is a document identifying the crime and community safety priorities in the area, through analysis of information provided by partner agencies and the community.
  - producing a partnership plan, laying out the approach for addressing those priorities.
  - undertaking community consultation and engagement on crime and disorder issues.
  - sharing information among the responsible authorities within the CSP.
- 3.9. It is recognised community safety is not just about the police. Like every challenging outcome that local authorities and their partners deliver for their communities, community safety needs a wide range of people and organisations to be involved and contributing to address crime and its causes.
- 3.10. The main benefits of community safety partnerships:
- Holistic Response to Complex Problems- Crime is often linked to other factors, such as mental health, substance misuse, poverty, housing, education, and more. A partnership approach ensures issues are tackled from all angles, not just through enforcement.
  - Shared Intelligence and Resources- Partners like police, local councils, housing providers, health services, and charities share data and insights. This enables better problem profiling, early intervention, and coordinated responses.

- **Efficient Use of Resources-** Working together avoids duplication and makes best use of limited public funding. Joint initiatives (e.g., multi-agency patrols, shared case management) can deliver more for less.
- **Prevention and Early Intervention-** Community safety isn't just about reacting — it's about preventing crime before it happens. Schools, youth services, social workers, and health professionals play key roles in identifying and supporting at-risk individuals.
- **Builds Community Trust and Legitimacy-** When communities see agencies working together — visibly and consistently — it builds confidence and trust. Engagement with residents, voluntary groups, and neighbourhood forums ensures responses are locally informed and inclusive.
- **Informs Better Strategy and Policy-** Partnerships feed into strategic assessments and allow evidence-based decisions that reflect real, lived experiences across different sectors. In summary: Partnerships create safer communities by bringing together the right people, information, and interventions at the right time. Without them, efforts to address crime and antisocial behaviour risk being fragmented, reactive, and ultimately less effective.

#### **4. IMPLICATIONS (of proposed course of action)**

##### **Legal Implications**

- 4.1. Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 requires that all local authorities have a duty to consider crime and disorder implications.
- 4.2. There is a statutory requirement for a CSP covering each local authority area which has been fulfilled by having one CSP for North Hampshire.
- 4.3. Section 19 of the Police and Justice Act 2006 requires that every local authority has a committee with power to review or scrutinise decisions made, or other action taken, in connection with the discharge by the responsible authorities of their crime and disorder functions and to make reports or recommendations to the local authority with respect to the discharge of those functions.

##### **Financial Implications**

- 4.4. Coordination and administration of the CSP is jointly undertaken by the three councils (Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council, Hart District Council & Rushmoor Borough Council).
- 4.5. Each of the three local authorities contribute to the cost of analysts who produce specific documents in order to direct the work of the individual community safety teams. This work also informs the direction of the wider partnership. BDBC and HDC share this resource with management responsibility held by BDBC. RBC brought their analytical function back in-house in June 2023.

##### **Risk Management**

- 4.4 The CSP and its constituent partners constantly assess risk in the consideration of priorities and the delivery of activities – for example, there are judgements to be made when weighing up the obligations relating to information sharing against the need for data protection. Ultimately decisions are made in accordance with relevant legislation and guidance.

### **Equalities Impact Implications**

- 4.5 Public authorities have a Public Sector Equalities Duty under the Equality Act 2010 to consider and address equality issues in all their functions, insofar as is relevant and proportionate.
- 4.6 The work of the CSP seeks to mitigate any adverse impact on any of the protected characteristic groups, particularly those of vulnerable people and both victims and perpetrators of crime and anti-social behaviour. This work supports the main aims of the general duty to; promote equality and inclusivity to eliminate discrimination and foster good relations.
- 4.7 The work of the CSP contributes to health and wellbeing outcomes through improved joint working to support vulnerable people, particularly regarding people who are homeless or are experiencing mental health issues. Safeguarding of individuals is a key consideration of this. Community safety initiatives regarding environmental issues also help to improve the way people feel about living in their local area.
- 4.8 When considering the Safer North Hampshire Community Safety Partnership strategic priorities to, on protected characteristics and the implications on the Public Sector Equality Duty it can be concluded that this will be positive for all groups because it will continue to work on addressing community safety issues across the partnership area to help people feel safe and the local environment to flourish. Effective engagement with the local community relating to community safety will allow continued understanding of local communities needs and actions and initiatives can be tailored to address this.
- 4.9 Safer Communities priorities and initiatives should continue to be monitored to ensure unforeseen impacts on any other groups are addressed.

### **Consultation and Communication**

- 4.10 Delivering community safety often includes running scheduled campaigns throughout the year to raise awareness of risks and promote ways to stay safe, alongside regular local press releases on relevant issues.
- 4.11 Safer North Hampshire has a digital presence in the form of a website. Each partner organisation manages their own press and public communications at a local level.

## **5 CONCLUSIONS**

5.1 The Safer North Hampshire CSP continue to deliver against their statutory duty as defined in the Crime and Disorder Act 1998. However, the strategic partnership continually seeks improvements and make every effort to ensure that performance and delivery are the best they can be.

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## **Appendix 1**

### **ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT OF THE COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP**

**Cllr Christine Guinness, Chair of the Safer North Hampshire Community Safety Partnership (during the 2025-26 report period)**

## **1 INTRODUCTION**

1.1 The Safer North Hampshire Strategic Community Safety Partnership (CSP) is committed to fostering strategic collaboration aimed at reducing crime and the fear of crime. Its updated Terms of Reference (March 2025) reflect this shared purpose. The partnership promotes collective responsibility and a coordinated, evidence-led approach to addressing key priorities, with a strong focus on reducing crime, antisocial behaviour, and their wider impact on communities within the Safer North Hampshire area. The key activities of the strategic CSP are:

- To ensure commitment and engagement to the CSP from statutory and non-statutory agencies, ensuring delivery at an operational level in line with the Strategic Assessment and Partnership priorities.
  - To accept the findings and adopt the annual Strategic Assessment which informs the overarching strategic objectives for community safety.
  - To receive and acknowledge the findings of the 6-month review of the Strategic Assessment priorities to ensure that they are still the same and resources are being directed appropriately.
  - To agree the Partnership Plan which will drive project and programme delivery across the Safer North Hampshire area over the coming three-year period;
  - To manage the performance of approved activities and endorse strategic action required to tackle barriers to success where identified;
- and
- To identify synergies between the objectives identified in the Police and Crime Plan and the CSP priorities.

## **2 STRATEGIC ASSESSMENT AND PARTNERSHIP PLAN**

2.0 The Crime and Disorder Annual Strategic Assessment is a key document produced by the Community Safety Partnership (CSP) to help understand current and emerging crime, antisocial behaviour, and community safety

issues in a local area. It provides the evidence base for setting priorities and planning actions for the coming year.

2.1 The Strategic Assessment is based on data from the previous crime reporting year. This provides a reliable, evidence-based picture of crime and community safety trends over time, enabling informed planning and decision-making. Therefore, the datasets used to inform the strategic assessment are from the 2024/25 year (April-March). This was published and agreed by the CSP in Q2 2025/26.

2.2 The main purpose of the Strategic Assessment is to:

- Identify local crime and disorder trends.
  - Includes data on crime rates, antisocial behaviour, domestic abuse, youth crime, drug-related harm, and more.
- Understand underlying causes and risk factors.
  - Looks at contributing issues such as deprivation, mental health, repeat offending, and vulnerable locations or groups.
- Support evidence-based decision-making
  - Helps partners decide where to focus resources and how to tackle key issues effectively.
- Inform the Community Safety Partnership Plan
  - The findings are used to set or revise local priorities, interventions, and partnership workstreams.
- Enable partnership accountability.
  - By tracking progress and identifying gaps, it supports better performance management across services.

2.3 The Strategic Assessment focuses on the areas where data around crime and anti-social behaviour has risen and seeks to examine whether it is a longer-term trend which needs to be addressed by the partnership going forward. Included in the Strategic Assessment are evidence-based recommendations which can be considered by the partnership.

2.4 The Priorities identified for 2025/26 were:

- Improving feels of safety and health outcomes (public, virtual and private space)
- Serious violence
- Antisocial Behaviour
- Domestic Abuse
- Town Centre business crime and ASB

### **3 SUMMARY OF THE 2025/26 YEAR**

3.0 The 2025/26 Strategic Assessment is currently being produced and is expected to be published in Q2 2026/27. This will set out recommendations for the current year and recommend whether any updates are required to the partnership plan priorities, as well as to set out any recommendations for the partnership to consider.

- 3.1 The partnership recognises that an overview of crime trends for the 2025/26 year being scrutinised is important to set the scene for the purposes of the Overview and Scrutiny meeting, as can be seen below.
- 3.2 Across Safer North Hampshire 23,359 crimes were recorded in 2025/26. This figure represents a 3% (n673) reduction compared to the previous year when 24,032 crimes were recorded.
- 3.3 In 2025-26 there were decreases in theft offences (-15%, n1,111), criminal damage and arson (-3%, n55) and violence with injury (-4%, n114). Sexual offences (+5%, n47), robbery (+92%, n124), drug offences (+16%, n124) and possession of weapon offences (+27%, n69) increased.
- 3.4 Considerable reductions across all theft crime types including a 25% (n406) reduction in vehicle offences and 17% (n437) reduction in shoplifting offences were largely responsible for the overall reduction.
- 3.5 In 2025-26 there were 3,843 incidents of anti-social behaviour recorded by the police across Safer North Hampshire. This figure represents a 19% (n624) increase compared to the previous year when 3,219 incidents were recorded.

#### **4 MEETING PARTICIPATION AND ATTENDANCE**

- 4.0 During the 2025/26 year, quarterly strategic CSP meetings took place, in accordance with the CSP terms of reference.
- 4.1 In addition, CSP sub-groups focused on serious violence were held in both the Basingstoke and Deane and Hart and Rushmoor areas. The CSP also held a workshop at the North Hampshire Domestic Abuse Forum to help update and refresh our Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) plan.
- 4.2 DHR consideration panel meetings consisting of CSP organisations took place across all three CSP areas, with an increase in referrals received.

#### **5 ACHIEVEMENTS TOWARDS THE STRATEGIC ASSESSMENT PRIORITIES AND RECCOMENDATION**

- 5.0 The partnership worked towards delivering against the partnership plan priorities and considered the recommendations made in the latest strategic assessment.
- 5.1 The Joint CSP continues to look for ways to develop and improve. Over the past year partners have worked collaboratively to focus on the identified priorities and recommendations set out in the CSP Strategic Assessment.
- 5.2 Contributions from individual partner organisations as well as projects which have required a multi-agency approach towards the priorities and recommendations set out in the 2024-25 Strategic Assessment have been referenced in **Appendix 4**.

5.3 The following summarises some of the key achievements when considering both the partnership plan and recommendations made in the 24/25 Strategic Assessment:

5.4 **Feelings of Safety:**

5.5 Monitoring feelings of safety and health outcomes remains crucial. Whilst there has been an overall downward trend in antisocial behaviour and reported crime, it's important to acknowledge that this may not be reflected in residents' perceptions of safety. The CSP will continue to ensure that we have a representative understanding of how safe people feel in their local area and across other parts of the partnership area.

Partnership efforts to support delivery against this priority have taken place through a different means, including a variety of engagement and prevention activities.

5.6 **Serious Violence:**

5.7 In line with the Serious Violence Duty, it is essential to recognise the severe impact of serious violence, understand the role of risk and protective factors, and focus on local areas with high Indices of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) scores. Continued efforts are needed to monitor and influence the local situation regarding serious violence and to collaborate with multiple partners to enhance prevention strategies. The development of Serious Violence Strategic Needs Assessment (SNA) has been a positive step, guiding future actions.

5.8 **Domestic Abuse**

5.9 The Community Safety Partnership continues to take proactive steps in addressing domestic abuse, aligned with key strategic priorities. Strong links are maintained with the Hampshire-wide Domestic Abuse Partnership, while local Domestic Abuse Forums, coordinated by community safety teams, ensure a tailored response at the local level.

The police have established systems to identify and manage repeat victims and offenders, supported by the Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) process, which helps assess and mitigate high-risk cases.

Robust action plans are in place for Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHRs), which are monitored at county and partnership levels. However, recent changes in statutory partners' criteria for contributing to DHRs present a potential funding challenge for future commissioning.

5.10 **Antisocial Behaviour**

5.11 The Community Safety Partnership (CSP) continues to deliver strong and coordinated action to tackle antisocial behaviour (ASB) across the area. Well-established and effective Partnership Action Groups (PAGs), led by council community safety teams, enable multi-agency collaboration to address ASB affecting both individuals and communities.

Strategic and operational links with housing associations have been strengthened, with initiatives such as the Positive Pathways programme supporting a joint approach.

Through the clever and proportionate use of available ASB tools and powers—such as Community Protection Notices, Acceptable Behaviour Contracts, and Public Space Protection Orders—the Partnership has been able to address a range of antisocial behaviour concerns, preventing escalation and promoting safer communities swiftly and effectively.

The partnership acknowledges the need to explore new delivery methods considering reduced service availability, ensuring continued progress on ASB priorities.

#### **5.12 Town Centre related Crime and Antisocial Behaviour**

- 5.13 A range of issues which can impact on Town Centres, such as antisocial behaviour, violence, and crime such as shoplifting. The Partnership has taken a proactive and targeted approach to improving safety in town centre areas, aligned with key strategic priorities.

Regular dialogue with town centre businesses helps identify and respond to local issues, supported by collaborative forums. Persistent offenders are managed through coordinated casework with partners, often considering complex needs.

### **6 FUTURE RISKS AND CONSIDERATIONS FOR THE PARTERSHIP**

- 6.0 The Joint CSP will work to improve member knowledge and understanding and improve accountability through attendance, actions and tasking. It is recognised that there is a positive appetite for partnership working, however, the pressures on resources are significant and we must understand the gaps and how these impact on timescales and outcomes. It should also be noted that the CSP is a partnership and not a local authority resource.
- 6.1 Funding and resource challenges which exist across all services, can impact on the ability to deliver positive community safety outcomes. Clever use of future funding opportunities to support with community safety partnership priorities should be considered to ensure gaps in service provision (IE Youth Services, Domestic Abuse Related Death Review funding) can best be addressed.
- 6.2 Devolution and Local Government Reorganisation should be considered as work progresses on these agendas. There is already a strong foundation of partnership working across the partnership area which will provide good readiness for future change.
- 6.3 Further engagement of non-statutory partners will be actively encouraged to further strengthen the partnership work to reduce crime and disorder as well as tackling ASB. Their contributions towards the partnership priorities should be recognised.

- 6.4 The CSP will continue to engage significantly with the Hampshire Violence Reduction Unit (VRU) and within the Violence Reduction Partnership (VRP) to develop the Serious Violence Strategy, Strategic Needs Assessment and local level approaches to reducing serious violence, being mindful of significantly reduced funding for the VRU moving into 2026/27.
- 6.5 Early intervention work will be pursued wherever possible across all CSP partners for prevention of crime and ASB but also in improving the wellbeing of individuals within the Safer North Hampshire area.
- 6.6 Continued engagement with the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) to work collaborative and effectively across more serious and impactful crimes and in case review processes for wider learning and sharing of best practice.
- 6.7 Awareness of the increasing number of Domestic Abuse Related Death Reviews across the Hampshire area and the resource and funding implications which this presents for partner organisations, in particular the local authorities who are responsible for coordination.
- 6.8 Access to consistent, high-quality data is essential for problem profiling and targeted intervention, yet there is still a significant gap in health data availability to CSP analysts.
- 6.9 ASB remains a common concern, especially in relation to youth-related incidents, vehicle related nuisance, drug misuse, and public nuisance. These are frequently symptomatic of wider social issues, including mental health and housing instability.
- 6.10 Communities experiencing high levels of poverty and disadvantage are often disproportionately affected by crime and safety issues, exacerbating cycles of harm and mistrust. The CSP needs to be aware of this and the impact this has on local communities safety and health outcomes.
- 6.11 **CONCLUSION**
- 6.12 Throughout 2025/26, partners across the Safer North Hampshire Community Safety Partnership have collaborated to fulfil their duties under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998. The annual Strategic Assessment and six-monthly review have provided a robust evidence base to shape the priorities outlined in the partnership plan. This has enabled a coordinated response to crime, antisocial behaviour, and wider community safety concerns. The CSP's partnership plan aligns closely with the Police and Crime Commissioner's Police and Crime Plan, with both documents recognising and addressing the key issues impacting local communities and supporting shared community safety objectives.
- 6.13 There has been continued efforts from partners to recognise the importance of antisocial behaviour and the impact which this can have on local communities, with proactive coordinated efforts to identify and plan around issues having the most detrimental impact on local communities.

- 6.14 Across all five priorities outlined in the CSP's Partnership Plan, there have been numerous examples of proactive efforts to enhance community safety. Many of these positive outcomes have been achieved through strong collaboration and the use of innovative approaches to tackle often complex and challenging issues.
- 6.15 However, The Safer North Hampshire Community Safety Partnership acknowledges the ongoing challenges identified through the strategic assessment and other statutory responsibilities. It also recognises the influence of wider socio-economic factors, which can negatively affect levels of inequality, deprivation, public confidence, and community trust—factors that pose significant risks to achieving positive community safety outcomes.
- 6.16 Resourcing pressures and growing demand on partner organisations present additional challenges to delivering sustainable outcomes. It is therefore essential for the partnership to explore innovative and collaborative approaches to effectively meet the challenge of building safer communities.
- 6.17 While the statutory partners form the foundation of a successful Community Safety Partnership (CSP), it is equally important to acknowledge the valuable contributions of non-statutory members, other organisations, the voluntary sector, and local communities in helping to deliver the priorities outlined in the partnership plan.
- 6.18 The scrutiny process plays a vital role in supporting the effective development and delivery of community safety outcomes. Through reviewing decisions and actions taken by the Joint Community Safety Partnership (CSP), monitoring its performance, and assessing the delivery of its crime and disorder functions, the committee helps ensure transparency, accountability, and continuous improvement. By reviewing the 2025–26 Partnership Plan and preparing an annual report, the committee contributes valuable oversight, enabling informed recommendations for the CSP to implement. This process strengthens the partnership's ability to address local priorities and achieve meaningful, evidence-led community safety outcomes.

## Improving feelings of safety and health outcomes (public, virtual & private space)

### Aims

To achieve safeguarding of vulnerable residents, we will recognise the link between thriving communities and improved health outcomes, enable and promote community-led initiatives and self-referral to services and support, and increase confidence to report all crimes.



Main issues for Safer North Hampshire residents were

- Speeding
- Burglary residential
- Parking issues
- Drugs and related issues
- ASB issues
- Vehicle related nuisance
- Fly-tipping

**2,461**

Safe & Well visits carried out

Prioritise surveys to understand feelings of safety

## Serious Violence

### Aims

Working with the Violence Reduction Unit (VRU), the Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) taskforce and establishing effective strategic working groups focusing on the most serious violence in collaboration with partners.



Serious violence offences reduced by

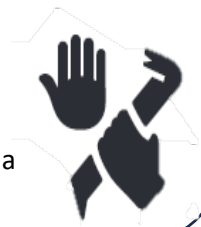
**15%**

Across Safer North Hants in 2024/25

No significant change in knife/blade crime

**22%**

of robberies involved the use of a weapon.



## Domestic Abuse



### Aims

Promote initiative that reduce the impact of trauma and consistent messaging across the area to ensure victims and perpetrators are recognised and supported as well as working alongside local initiatives which aim to reduce domestic abuse.

**3** DARDR in progress

**77%** of offences were violence against the person.

**68%** of victims were female

**2,250** adult referrals to Stop Domestic Abuse in 2024/25 – main concerns:

- Emotional abuse
- Controlling behaviour
- Physical abuse
- Financial abuse

Reports of domestic abuse increased by

**3%**

## Antisocial Behaviour



### Aims

Identify opportunities for early intervention with young people and proactively in neighbour disputes to reduce the number of higher harm offences and more severe neighbour nuisance issues.

**3%** increase in reported incidents of ASB

During 2024/25 the key issues across Safer North Hampshire were

**24%** Vehicle nuisance

**24%** Youth related

**14%** Neighbour nuisance

Public disorder linked to alcohol and drug use is a key factor influencing ASB reports

## Town Centre and business crime and anti-social behaviour

### Aims

Working collaboratively with our partners to improve and enhance town centres for our residents, businesses and visitors

Business crime made up **18%** of total crime across Safer North Hampshire in 2024/25

ASB in town centre beats accounted for

**21%**

of total reported incidents.



Shoplifting offences increased by

**23%**

across the CSP in the past year



## APPENDIX 3

### Glossary

<b>ABA</b>	Acceptable Behaviour Agreement	<b>MARAC</b>	Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference
<b>ABC</b>	Acceptable Behaviour Contract	<b>MARM</b>	Multi Agency Risk Management
<b>ASB</b>	Antisocial Behaviour	<b>MET</b>	Missing Exploited Trafficked
<b>BDBC</b>	Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council	<b>OPCC</b>	Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner
<b>CAMHS</b>	Children & Adolescent Mental Health Services	<b>PCC</b>	Police & Crime Commissioner
<b>CBO</b>	Criminal Behaviour Order	<b>PAG</b>	Partnership Action Group
<b>CPN</b>	Community Protection Notice	<b>RBC</b>	Rushmoor Borough Council
<b>CPW</b>	Community Protection Warning	<b>SNH</b>	Safer North Hampshire
<b>CSP</b>	Community Safety Partnership	<b>SVD</b>	Serious Violence Duty
<b>CTLP</b>	Counter Terrorism Local Profile	<b>TPM</b>	Tactical Planning Meeting
<b>DA</b>	Domestic Abuse	<b>VAWG</b>	Violence Against Women & Girls
<b>DAHA</b>	Domestic Abuse Housing Alliance	<b>VRP</b>	Violence Reduction Partnership
<b>DHR</b>	Domestic Homicide Review	<b>YCP</b>	Youth Crime Prevention
<b>DISC</b>	Reporting platform	<b>YOT</b>	Youth Offending Team
<b>DMM</b>	Daily Management Meeting (Police)		
<b>GNA</b>	Good Neighbour Agreement		
<b>HCC</b>	Hampshire County Council		
<b>HDC</b>	Hart District Council		
<b>HIOWFRS</b>	Hampshire & Isle of Wight Fire & Rescue Service		
<b>HKC</b>	Habitual Knife Carrier		
<b>IDVA</b>	Independent Domestic Violence Advocate		
<b>MAPPA</b>	Multi Agency Public Protection Arrangements		

# Safer North Hampshire Community Safety Partnership

## Joint Action Plan 2025/26

### Feelings of Safety

Improving feelings of safety within communities is important to help support thriving communities that are resilient to the detrimental impacts of crime and disorder. This can have a benefit to future health outcomes within communities with the two intrinsically linked.

There is a strong partnership working ethos embedded into work which takes place across the partnership area. This includes regular communication and engagement between partners to address issues together.

- Engagement in the modern slavery partnership, Prevent Partnership Board and Counter-terrorism local profile, Safeguarding adults board, Childrens Partnership, Domestic Abuse Partnership, Child Exploitation Group, Multi-Agency Conference, MARACs and MAPPAm meetings
- Various partnership meetings take place to address vulnerability and risk, such as through MARM meetings, ASB Case Conferences, People Panels etc.
- Continue to make referrals to organisations to better support individuals, particularly from agencies directly working with vulnerable people. This includes the Youth Offending Team (YOT) who have made referrals to CAMHS and for Therapeutic Interventions.
- The Fire Service will continue to complete Home Fire Safety Visits (formally Safe and Well) for vulnerable people across the partnership. Recognising the increased risk of fires in deprived areas, promotion of visits between partners will be encouraged.
- PEOPLE meetings to be scheduled monthly in Hart and Rushmoor to provide an opportunity for referral from wide range of partners to identify vulnerability and risk, and develop action plans to ensure appropriate support is offered/engaged with.
- Basingstoke – ASB Panel and Problem-Solving Focus Group to look at individuals and geographic locations which have an greater impact of ASB
- Hart Community Safety sends out monthly PAG PLACE documents which looks to identify issues in particular locations or within communities to achieve better outcomes.

Organisations will work together to share relevant news stories relating to community safety and to help encourage a feeling of safety and involvement in local issues affecting communities. This will include positive work and projects such as:

- Op Sceptre and appeals, Basingsafe event, crime prevention and awareness campaigns (Police) and community engagement through youth groups in Hart.
- Knife bin purchased by Hart Community Safety Team for police to use at community events.
- HART monthly eNewsletter shares key messages
- In Rushmoor and Hart, Think Safe/Stay Safe training to be delivered for year 6 children.

Encourage communities to report issues which are impacting them. This is to engage residents in community safety issues in their local areas, and to encourage communities to work together to be involved in the solutions. This has included:

- Direct promotion to community groups, individuals, or organisations to encourage reporting
- Continue to promote DISC to retailers, to encourage collaborative response and effective reporting to the police regarding ASB and shoplifting
- Arson awareness in secondary schools in Basingstoke

CSP partners to work with business partners to identify safety issues in their local area:

- Engagement communities by visiting Town Centres, building relationships with businesses in Rushmoor to respond to concerns about Community Safety issues being raised
- Continue to develop ways to engage underrepresented communities in the annual Rushmoor Community Safety survey to better understand feelings of safety and issues impacting them.

Partners will engage communities as part of the response to issues, including supporting several voluntary organisations such as;

- Community Speedwatch groups, Neighbourhood Watch etc
- Voluntarily roles in organisations such as the Police
- Supporting and contributing to the OPCC community safety grants scheme
- Implementation of the Strengthening Communities Strategy (Basingstoke)
- Vision4Youth and Fleet Phoenix youth organisations in Hart
- Train the Trainer course in active bystandership 'Community in Motion' funded by OPCC via Safer Streets 5 funding
- Health Partners continue to share key messages regarding Water Safety and Safe Sleeping for Babies in response to increased reporting of drowning and unsafe sleep deaths
- Health and Police partners working together to support mental health crisis'
- Yellow Brick Road Legacy project in Rushmoor, mentoring vulnerable young people.

Monitor insights, through the strategic assessment, from data sources such as Lets Talk, #Beewell and Knife Crime survey to increase understanding of community safety issues.

Partners will focus on communities being able to access services, such as use of language lines where there are language barriers, organisations own EDI action plans and policies which support improvements to improving service provision and access to services. Additionally, other partnership initiatives, such as the Hate Crime Working Group (Basingstoke), help to support communities.

- Fire Cadets are made up of very diverse groups of people. Work hard to ensure CYP delivery is inclusive.
- Collect and record EDI data regarding Home Fire Safety visits (S&Ws)

Police and other patrol-based organisations (Community Safety Officers in Basingstoke and Place Protection Officers in Rushmoor) will help to provide visible reassurance within communities to promote a feeling of safety.

- Basingstoke Police presence particularly on Friday and Saturday nights
- Local Engagement in wards with designated named officers and elected officials

Continue to forge links with neighbourhood watch and support with the promotion of new schemes and where neighbourhood watch can be involved in community safety projects

- 152 neighbourhood watch schemes exist in Basingstoke and Deane with 4987 neighbourhood watch users

## Serious Violence

Following the introduction of the Serious Violence Duty (SVD) there is now a statutory requirement for CSPs to comply with the duty which includes Serious Violence as a priority.

HIOWFERS have an internal SVD governance group able to make policy decisions on how to support the duty.

Targeted work with individuals involved in serious violence through Youth Justice Service. Yellow Brick Road Legacy project in Rushmoor will continue to support vulnerable young people.

Specified authority representation will continue at the Violence Reduction Partnership.

The CSP has two Serious Violence subgroups (Basingstoke and Deane, Hart and Rushmoor), these groups are established at a local level to develop action plans to support reducing serious violence in the local area.

Integrated Offender Management team continue to be integrated into the police daily management meeting and Tactical Planning Meeting.

In developing the CSPs VAWG action plan, links will be made to the county wide VAWG action plan to compliment efforts.

The Police will lead various operations with specific relation to serious violence. For instance Op Sentinel and most serious violence is monitored and managed by the priority crime team (PCT). Other tools, such as the Youth violence tracker in relevant beats and contextual and safeguarding referrals will be made to relevant partners (Police).

- OP SENTINEL – Home Office sponsored initiative to deliver short high visibility patrols in hotspot areas for MSV
- Operation SAFEHOLD – cross command and multi-agency response to specific serious violence offences linked to drug supply. Excellent outcomes achieved and reduction in risk
- OP FORTRESS – well led partnership approach to reduce vulnerability and tackle drug supply
- Op SCEPTRE – specific to knife crime prevention

Relevant partners will attend the Op MET (missing, exploited, trafficked) meetings to raise awareness of individuals at risk of going missing or being exploited.

Partners will work directly with the VRU to influence where funding should be provided for agencies working with individuals at risk of SV.

Partnership representation at the Prevent Partnership Board and relevant sub-groups will take place with local level information being fed in to inform the Counter Terrorism Local Profile (CTLP).

Attendance and involvement from relevant partners will also take place at the Channel Panel cases for individuals referred and identified as being at risk of extremism.

- Hart Safer Communities Manager to represent district safeguarding leads on the CORE group of the Prevent Partnership Board
- HIOWFERS – mandatory training for all personnel in competition of the Home Office Prevent training in induction and refreshers
- Channel Panel attendance/engagement at local level

Training opportunities will be delivered to schools in relation to knife crime and collaboration with the OPCC in relation to commissioned services and identified local need.

- Stay Safe work done within Hart Schools covers some Youth Related Violence and Exploitation covering dangers and risks associated with carrying knives
- HIOWFRS encourage young people on to Cadet and Prince's Trust course to complete the VRU survey.
- Prince's Trust learners completed awareness session about knife crime
- Regular Habitual Knife Carriers Meeting will continue to take place using police data of those known to be most at risk of carrying knives and partners will consider relevant management plans

High-Risk Serious Violence:

- Priority Crime Team remains fully staffed and focussed on tackling Drug Related Harm (DRH). increased resource, focus on drugs, serious violence
- IOM – high percentage of managed offenders

The health system continue to support the development of the Serious Violence Strategy and provide links to data as required.

## Domestic Abuse

The partnership will focus on Domestic Abuse through the coming past year with the following work carried out to support this priority:

Domestic Abuse is often 'hidden' and can be underreported.

Partners encourage victims to report domestic abuse through various means, such as through specific media campaigns at peak times for DA, such as high-profile football tournaments.

Right to Ask, Right to Know (Police) will be actively promoted to support the disclosure of information to protect a potential victim(s).

Health services to introduce including relevant information on their records relating to DA to help improve awareness amongst health practitioners.

Police Management of Domestic Abuse:

- Op Foundation (Police) will help to identify repeat perpetrators of DA and their risk factors.
- Op FOUNDATION to identify a discrete group of DA offenders managed under a Risk Management Plan and opportunity to place on to a perpetrator programme
- Continue to review DA cases to ensure appropriate consideration of Clare's Law – Right to Know/Right to Ask

Improved training around DA (health) and other training opportunities relating to DA advertised across the partnership, including Community in Motion Training.

North Hampshire Domestic Abuse Forum brings local level partners together to network and share information in relation to DA services and look for better ways to work together to improve outcomes for DA victims and perpetrators. The forums officially merged in January 2026 to improve efficiencies and with local government reorganisation in mind.

Violence Against Women and Girls has been a national and local priority and there is a local VAWG action plan as well as CSP representation on the Hampshire violence reduction

meeting which encompasses the VAWG work. There has also been a successful trial of VAWG walks offered to the local community (Police-Basingstoke) to help communities feel safer and to discuss issues where local communities (focused on women and girls) do not feel safe.

Home Fire Safety visits (formerly Safe and Well) are completed to support victims of DA.

Safeguarding referrals and referrals to relevant support services are made by partners where relevant, such as YOT/YCP referrals.

The CSP remains responsible for considering Domestic Abuse Related Death Reviews.

Public Education and Training related to DA:

- Hart Think Safe and Stay Safe training covers healthy relationships in schools
- Rushmoor Think Safe event will continue to cover healthy relationships.
- Prince Trust programme young people complete sessions on healthy relationships
- Internal safeguarding training is carried out within all authorities.
- 'Think family' within all safeguarding training to our CYP and prevention delivery staff

Domestic Violence Case Management

- There will continue to be an increased focus on VAWG through MARAC process
- Repeat victims are identified through Tactical Planning meeting
- High Risk DA cases managed at DMM, and suspects are considered as a priority (Priority 1 Offenders)
- High Risk DA cases allocated to a Detective to manage investigations
- Initial attendance at DA incidents tracked by Control Room to promote SLA compliance

BDBC became accredited by White Ribbon in October 2022, and have implemented the action plan.

- 12 White Ribbon Ambassadors (male) and Champions (female)
- We now have a dedicated IDVA (Independent Domestic Violence Advocate) to support people with housing needs who are fleeing domestic abuse
- 100+ colleagues have taken the White Ribbon promise

Health has established a D.A System Implementation Group (DASIG) for Health organisations only, with an action plan that links local and national research and updates including recommendations from DARDRs.

NHSE (what does the acronym stand for?) are developing a 'Routine Enquiry' task and finish group, and updates will be discussed and implemented by the DASIG.

Health is represented on the 'Children as Victims' group set up to address our response to this.

The ICS are supporting the NHSE initiative to look at the current processes for D.A and Suicide of integrated working and collaboration, along with Public Health who are leading on this.

## Antisocial Behaviour

Antisocial behaviour affecting people and places continues to be a CSP priority during the 25/26 year.

Partners continue to respond to ASB via various methods, including direct reports made to the police about antisocial behaviour happening at the time, to where a more coordinated approach was required, such as through direct work with housing associations or other agencies.

Police and other patrol organisations (such as BDBC CSPOs and RBC PPOs) provide highly visible patrols of areas where there was evidence of ASB and work closely with local communities to provide reassurance. Patrols will continue with detached young people in Rushmoor, seeking to engage at known hotspot or in response to specific issues.

#### Education in Schools:

Education in schools is a focus with relevant partners engaging with schools to educate young people:

- Think Safe and Stay Safe training for early intervention
- Informal visits from patrol-based organisations into schools to improve connectivity with young people in relation to ASB

Partners will focus on preventative measures to reduce the impact of ASB and to reduce the risk of future criminality by early intervention measures (specifically for young people). This includes early intervention measures such as the use of Acceptable Behaviour Contracts and various tools and powers available to relevant organisations, such as Community Protection Notices, Civil Injunctions or Criminal Behaviour Orders.

Various partnership meetings will take place throughout the year to discuss people and places related ASB (Basingstoke, Hart & Rushmoor), which brings partners together to develop partnership strategies to address ASB.

The fire service continues to operate cadet programmes in Basingstoke and Rushmoor.

Antisocial Behaviour Case Reviews will continue to be promoted. Each case review will require an independent chair of a senior level and Basingstoke, Hart, and Rushmoor Councils (who oversee the case review requests) have reciprocal arrangements to chair each other's triggers.

- Promoted through Hart eNewsletter by Hart Community Safety
- Health partners has Emerge Mind Advocacy which provides support when mental health is identified in ASB cases wither as victim or perpetrator

Early intervention opportunities such as Youth Crime Prevention (YCP) referrals continue to be made to the Youth Offending team (YOT) as well as management of individuals through Acceptable Behaviour Contracts.

Antisocial behaviour at car meets continues to be a focus for Police and partners. This will be coordinated at a county-wide and local level in response to issues and to manage displacement caused within district areas.

Potential responses could include:

- Signage increase
- Coordinated media campaign
- Local intelligence gathering to inform tactical response
- Enforcement opportunities and publicising enforcement action
- OP CHROMIUM – comprehensive approach to tackle nuisance car meets. Led by named Sergeant – intelligence led, preventative partnership work and target hardening, cross-command response plan using specialist Roads Policing teams, investigative review of offences identified and prosecution where proportionate

Engagement with the public is important to address antisocial behaviour and various local level meetings will take place as well as media appeals to make the public aware of specific operations targeting ASB, such as dispersal orders or stop and search orders (Police)

Partnerships:

- ASB Panel meetings led by BDBC Community Safety Team and People meeting held in Hart and Rushmoor
- Use of DISC in town centres to support information sharing
- Surgeries with public/councillors led by Designated Neighbourhood Officers
- Evolving work with Housing Providers, notably SNG to tackle ASB between householders
- Daily DMM, Police Tactical Planning and quarterly problem-solving meetings work across partners to tackle ASB

Identification of high risk ASB localities and action plans will be put place if necessary, including:

- Shoplifting ops and successes
- Business engagement
- Promotion of the town centre business reporting guide to encourage reports to the right organisations and empower businesses
- Applications made for police grip funding for patrols of ASB and SVhotspots

## Town Centre Crime and ASB

We recognise the impact of crime and ASB on town centres, for users and businesses. In response, targeted work and dedicated partnership groups will continue to monitor the situation and agree joint strategies to help reduce this behaviour.

- Farnborough town centre partnership action group continues to monitor and action ASB and other town centre issues (RBC)
- Yateley Partnership Action Group established and monitors youth ASB working closely with retailers
- GRIP patrols by PPOs will continue in Aldershot and Farnborough (RBC)
- Continue to use and promote DISC to share information between retailers and report incidents direct to police.
- Attend events in town centre to promote ASB (RBC)
- Ongoing use of Aldershot PSPO by RBC and Hampshire Police officers.
- Rushmoor to continue detached youth outreach patrols in known hotspot areas.