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Introduction by the Chair

Welcome to the South Derbyshire Community Safety Partnership (CSP) Partnership's Plan for 2020-2023. The Plan runs for three years but a lot can change in a year, so this Plan will be reviewed and refreshed annually. This is the first such review. This Plan provides information on the Partnership, its priorities and what action it will take to tackle crime and disorder and help families, businesses and other organisations to stay safer in South Derbyshire.

Preventing and responding to crime isn't just a job for the police. What makes South Derbyshire safe cannot fall to one organisation and there are a huge number of people working both in the public sector, voluntary and community organisations and local residents who are working hard on a daily basis to make South Derbyshire a safer place to be.

Community Safety Partnerships (or CSPs) exist by law and some agencies are statutory members: Local authorities, police, clinical commissioning groups, probation services, the fire and rescue services, and youth offending teams. Within South Derbyshire the local CVS (Community Voluntary Support) organisation and the local Police and Crime Commissioner are also key members of the Partnership.

South Derbyshire CSP fits into a County Wide Partnership structure and locally partners have to prioritise where to focus activity based very much on 'need' not 'want'.

The Plan sets out the Partnerships commitment to address the broader challenges and opportunities facing community safety over the next few years. It provides information on how the partnership has performed over the last year and gives an insight into the structure of the Community Safety Partnership working in Derbyshire and South Derbyshire.

The last 12 months have been extremely challenging for everyone. The Covid-19 pandemic and associated lockdowns have clearly had a big impact on everyone and everything and crime and disorder is no different.

The Pandemic has brought about new challenges for the Partnership and the agencies involved. Lock down has meant that more people have been spending time at home and unfortunately this has resulted in an increase in domestic incidents, neighbour related anti-social behaviour (ASB) and hate crime. The easing of lock down in May 2020 saw a huge increase in people visiting parks and the District's tourist sites such as Foremark Reservoir, Staunton Harold and Elvaston Castle. This caused significant increases in ASB at the locations as well as large scale traffic and parking issues.

Effective partnership working has been more important than ever over the past 12 months and has been critical in successfully tackling these new issues.

While it is hoped that worst of Covid-19 is over it will undoubtedly throw up more challenges over the next 12 months. Maintaining the excellent working relationships within the Partnership will be paramount in responding to these challenges and keeping the District safe.

I would like to take this opportunity to recognise the huge contribution partners have made over the past 12 months, not just in tackling crime and ASB but in supporting and assisting the community, especially the vulnerable in these extremely difficult times.

Partner organisations have had to be flexible, amending the way they operate and the services they provide and many have had to realign priorities and move resources into new areas. It has been admirable how this has been done so quickly and efficiently to ensure the public continue to receive the best service possible.

Chair of the South Derbyshire Community Safety

Changes in Community Safety

CHANGES IN THE COMMUNITY SAFETY LEGISLATION

In recent years there have been many changes both nationally and locally that impact upon the work of partners involved in community safety.

Safeguarding: Between 2014 and 2019 a number of pieces of legislation were introduced to provide authorities with additional tools, powers and statutory duties to tackle community safety and safeguarding issues. These include the Care Act 2014, Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 (and subsequent amendments in 2019), Serious Crime Act 2015, Modern Slavery Act 2015 and Psychoactive Substances Act 2016.

These pieces of legislation introduced a range of duties including new reporting, referral and decision-making mechanisms, staff awareness requirements and impacts on contract management to be included in the everyday work of relevant organisations.

More recently statutory guidance was introduced regarding inter-agency working to safeguard and promote the welfare of children in 'Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018'. This legislation intrinsically links the work of the Safer Communities Board and CSP's with that of other strategic boards such as the Derbyshire Adults and Childrens Safeguarding Boards.

General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR): This came into effect on May 25, 2018 and whilst not solely related to community safety activities, it has resulted in partners reviewing and refreshing their information sharing practices.

Additional Police Officers: In July 2019, the Prime Minister and the Home Secretary announced Plans to recruit an additional 20,000 police officers over the next three years. Derbyshire has been allocated an extra 283 officers during this time.

Domestic Abuse Bill 2020:

The prevention of abuse and the protection of victims lies at the heart of the Bill. When introduced the measures in the Bill seek to:

- promote awareness - to put abuse at the top of everyone's agenda, including by legislating for the first time for a statutory definition of domestic abuse
- protect and support victims, including by introducing a new Domestic Abuse Protection Notice and Order
- transform the justice response, including by helping victims to give their best evidence in the criminal courts through the use of video evidence, screens and other special measures, and ensuring that victims of abuse do not suffer further trauma in family court proceedings by being cross-examined by their abuser
- improve performance – the new Domestic Abuse Commissioner will help drive consistency and better performance in the response to domestic abuse across all local areas and agencies

Serious Violence: The Serious Violence Bill 2019-20 was announced in December 2019. The Bill proposes to amend the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 to ensure that serious violence is an explicit priority for CSP's. This requires a multi-agency approach to tackle the root causes of violent crime by placing an emphasis on intervention with young people and acknowledging that law enforcement alone cannot tackle violence.

Under the Strategy, a number of Violence Reduction Units were established in the areas most affected by serious violence. These areas have received a significant level of additional resources to enable them to develop a response. Derby or Derbyshire have not been identified under this programme.

Statutory Responsibilities

Community Trigger

Legislation requires that each Community Safety Partnership publishes information with regard to the use of the Community Trigger: -

The number of applications for ASB Case Reviews:

Two Community Trigger applications were received in South Derbyshire in 2020/21.

The number of applications for ASB Case Reviews that did not meet the threshold:

No applications were received that did not meet the threshold.

The number of ASB Case Reviews conducted:

Two ASB Case Review was conducted in 2020/21.

The number of ASB Case Reviews that resulted in recommendations being made:

Two ASB Case Reviews took place which resulted in recommendations being made.

The updated Community Trigger guidance will also include the requirement for the information to be on the CSP page of the Council website:

This information can be found on the South Derbyshire CSP page of the Council's website

Prevent Duty

The Prevent Duty places a requirement on specified authorities to have due regard to the need to prevent people being drawn into extremism and terrorism. Those specified authorities include Local Authorities, Police, Early Years/ Childcare and Education sector, NHS, Prison and Probation services. The updated Channel Guidance is due to be released in June 2020. Agencies with the Prevent Duty have been consulted and it is hoped that this guidance will further strengthen the processes we use to safeguard individuals at risk of becoming involved in extremism and terrorism.

Domestic Homicide Review's

The requirement for CSP's to conduct Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHR) came into effect in 2011. A DHR is a review of the circumstances in which the death of a person aged 16 or over has, or appears to have, resulted from violence, abuse or neglect by: -

- (a) a person to whom he was related or with whom he was or had been in an intimate personal relationship, or
- (b) a member of the same household as himself, held with a view to identifying the lessons to be learnt from the death.

In Derbyshire this has been delegated to the Safer Communities Board, with the County Council leading on their co-ordination. There is reliance on those local agencies to share information and participate when required.

Modern Slavery

Section 52 (A duty to notify) of the Modern Slavery Act 2015 requires that where specified public authorities have reasonable grounds to believe that a person may be a victim of slavery or human trafficking, it must notify the Home Office;

- Police Forces and British Transport Police;
- Councils – County, District and Borough;
- National Crime Agency;
- Gangmasters Licensing Authority;
- Border/ Immigration Enforcement.

Serious Violence

As stated on Page 4 of this Plan the government will amend the Crime and Disorder Act to ensure that serious violence is an explicit priority for CSP's.

Derbyshire Priorities

Derbyshire has mature partnership arrangements in place and partners are committed to addressing community safety issues

Within Derbyshire there are eight district based Community Safety Partnerships. At a County level the Derbyshire Safer Communities Board provides strategic leadership and direction. The Chairs of each CSP sit on the Board along with senior representatives from each of the responsible authorities and other key stakeholders.

These Partnerships are required to undertake an annual assessment and formulate a Community Safety Agreement at a County level to address crime and disorder, substance misuse, anti-social behaviour and re-offending.

A Derbyshire Partnership Strategic Risk and Threat event was held in January 2020. This process sought to identify where the partnership already had strong arrangements in place and where development work was required in order to ensure an appropriate and robust partnership response. Partners then considered the priorities outlined above and identified where the focus should be for this agreement.

Priorities

There are a number of long-standing priorities, which the Board will continue to support. These are priorities for which there is a strong structure in place to oversee delivery and to identify and address gaps in provision. It is acknowledged that investment in these priorities needs to be maintained in order to ensure performance is sustained and identified areas for development are progressed.

These are:

- **Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence**
- **Anti-Social Behaviour**

- **Modern Slavery**
- **Prevent (Counter Terrorism)**
- **Hate Crime**

In addition to these, two development priorities have been identified. These are areas of business, where the Board needs to invest additional resource to either gain a better understanding of the issues and/ or development work is required to implement a more comprehensive and co-ordinated response from partners. These are;

- **Organised Crime, including County Lines**
- **Serious Violence**

It is acknowledged that in relation to the developmental priorities, the Board needs to focus on the aspects of their delivery which fall within its remit. An example of this is Mental Health, which has a significant impact on operational delivery of Community Safety but falls under the remit of the Derbyshire Health and Wellbeing Board from a governance perspective. To that end, it will be critical that the Board continues to work with the other Strategic Boards to ensure a comprehensive response is achieved.

It was recognised during the process that community safety harm caused by substance misuse and cyber-crime, whilst not strategic priorities in their own right, are intrinsically linked to the delivery of the priorities identified and will therefore need to continue to be resourced.

In delivery of the priorities outlined above, there should be specific focus on:

- **Prevention and Early Intervention**
- **Data and Information Sharing**

South Derbyshire CSP Priorities

At an event held in February 2020, members of the South Derbyshire Community Safety Partnership Strategic Group agreed three Community Safety priorities for the new 2020- 2023 Partnership Plan.

In light of the Covid-19 pandemic and the associated increases in certain crime types over the last 12 months, the priorities have been reviewed to ensure they are still relevant and where Partnership resources should be focused.

The main increases in crime have been in ASB, domestic abuse, and hate crime and therefore the Partnership agrees that the existing priority headings are still relevant and resources should still be focused on these areas. Due to the increase in hate crime, this has now been added as a specific area of focus under the protecting those most at risk priority.

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)

Anti-Social Behaviour is a term used for any behaviour that causes alarm, harassment or distress to anyone. This can range from neighbours falling out to groups of youth's causing a nuisance. Whatever the behaviour there are a range of tools and powers available to the Police and Local Authorities which can be used to take action against prolific offenders. The Partnership will also look to provide diversionary activities for young people and to help and support families of young people who are causing ASB. The key areas of work we will focus on are: -

- Enforcement (using ASB Crime & Police Act 14)
- Diversion
- Hot spot response
- Early intervention

Protecting those most at risk

The CSP has a duty to protect all residents but especially those who are most at risk, this includes children, elderly people, victims of crime and abuse and people with disabilities.

Information will be shared with partners, local service providers will be engaged with to ensure help and support is offered to anyone that needs it. The key areas of work the Partnership will focus on are: -

- Children as offenders and victims;
- Domestic Abuse and Serious Sexual Violence;
- Substance misuse;
- Victim support and Safeguarding.
- Hate crime

Organised Crime

Serious and organised crime is defined as individuals Planning, coordinating and committing serious offences, whether individually, in groups and/ or as part of transnational networks. Organised crime can include child sexual exploitation; illegal drugs; fraud; other economic crime; modern slavery and human trafficking; and cyber crime. CSP's have a duty to help pursue offenders, prepare the community against the threats, prevent people engaging in serious crime and to protect individuals from becoming victims. Key areas of work include:

- County Lines and exploitation
- Serious violence
- Acquisitive crime
- Modern slavery
- Rural crime

'Golden Threads'

Golden Threads are cross cutting themes that will run through all three priorities. The below were agreed to be key areas for consideration for the Partnership in tackling the three new priorities: -

- Mental Health Community engagement
- Prevention and Education

Action Taken

The Partnership continues to work together and with the community to offer a diverse range of crime reduction, educational activities and public engagement events.

During the past year, due to Covid-19 restrictions, certain Partnership initiatives were unable to be held. It was not possible to host Liberation Day or to provide youth diversionary activities or input into schools. For several months, due to lock down the Safer Homes Scheme was also unable to operate. During this time the Safer Homes Operative was redeployed and delivered food and medicine parcels to vulnerable people who were unable to leave the house themselves.

Over the past 12 months the following work has been completed by the Partnership:

Anti-Social Behaviour

Held multi-agency Partnership meetings in response to the issues caused with huge numbers of visitors at Foremark Reservoir. Additional signage, joint patrols and the additional of double yellow lines were some of the initiatives introduced to help address the issues.

Co-ordinated, joint patrols at Swadlincote Parks.

CCTV installed at Maurice Lea Park.

Recruited Covid Marshals to assist with managing Covid regulations in Swadlincote Town Centre .

Issued 95 Community Protection Notice Warnings (CPNW's) to individuals committing ASB .

Issued 25 Community Protection Notices (CPN's) for breaches of the above CPNW's.

Bi-monthly Area ASB meetings held with Housing, Safer Neighbourhood Team, Schools and Children's Services.

Weekly Covid-19 Tasking meetings held with Police, Environmental Health and Communities Team to ensure any hot spots for covid breaches are tackled

Restarted the six local Area Forums, via Microsoft Teams, to enable parish Councils and residents to communicate with and raise any issues with Police or Council .

Organised Crime

Assisted Police enforcement through supporting additional Buddi trackers for prolific offenders.

Monthly Integrated Offender Management (IOM) meetings held to review prolific offenders.

Monitored county lines and cuckooed properties at monthly tasking meetings with Police and Housing and Social Care.

Supported the Rural Crime Team through provision of signage and social media postings.

Ongoing attendance at the South Division Local Organised Crime Partnership Board, which looks at organised crime gangs operating in the South of Derbyshire area

Protecting those most at Risk

Secured properties through the CVS-run Safer Homes Scheme. This includes domestic violence victims and victims of cuckooing. The scheme has been disrupted this year due to Covid-19 but visits have still be made to high risk victims referred by the Police.

Set up a new multi agency South Derbyshire Domestic Abuse Group which has been meeting bi-monthly since August.

Supported the 16 days of Action Domestic Abuse Campaign during November. Daily messages promoting Derbyshire Services and messages from survivors were shared on social media platforms.

Raised awareness of Covid-19 related scams through social media messaging and media campaigns.

Crime Figures

Recorded crime has decreased marginally (2.3%) across Derbyshire over the last 12 months (to Jan 2021). This is largely due to significant decreases in acquisitive crime caused by the Covid-19 pandemic.

Large increases were again seen in violence without injury (24%) and public disorder (35%) due to the changes in recording procedures which were introduced in May 2019 following the publication of Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire and Rescue Service (HMICFRS) Crime Data Integrity inspection report. As a result of this inspection Derbyshire Police put in place an extensive programme of activity to drive these improvements in recording.

The programme included: proactive internal communications, training and guidance for officers and staff and significant process changes such as increased recording at the first point of contact. As a result of this activity, Derbyshire Police has recorded significant increases in crime, in particular, Violence against the Person, Public Order and Sexual Offences, since June 2019.

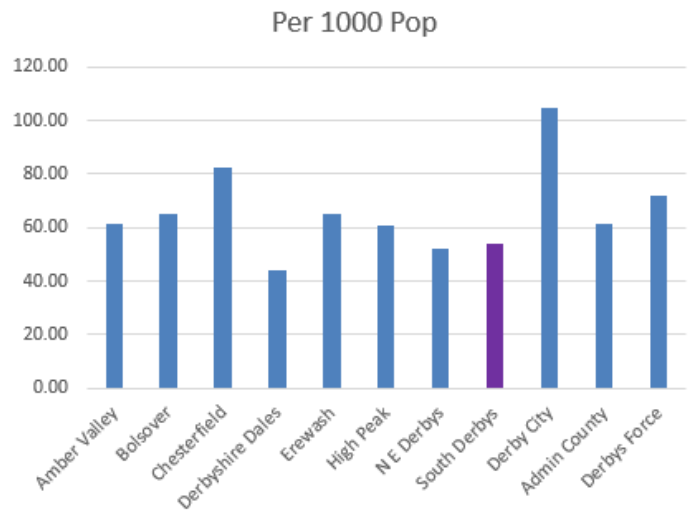
There was also a large increase in ASB calls for the Police recorded across Derbyshire (41.8%). This was due to Covid-19 breaches being recorded as ASB and the increase in neighbour issues and large groups gathering in parks and tourist sites after the easing of lockdown.

South Derbyshire has seen a very similar pattern of crime increases and decreases (as Derbyshire) over the last 12 months due to Covid-19 and the changes in recording crimes which were introduced in May/June 2019.

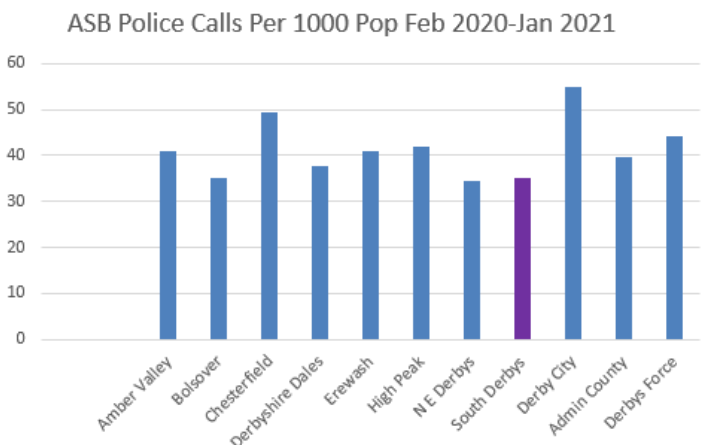
Large increase were recorded in Violence without Injury (32%) and Public disorder (55%). Large decreases were recorded in all acquisitive crime types (shoplifting, burglary, theft of and from vehicles and other theft. ASB calls for Police figures increased by 85%.

Total crime figures per 1000 population across the County show South Derbyshire has the third lowest after North East Derbyshire and Derbyshire Dales.

The table below shows Total crime rates in Derbyshire Feb 2020-Jan 2021



The table below shows that South Derbyshire has had the third lowest ASB calls to service figures in the County after Bolsover and North East Derbyshire over the last 12 months despite the large increase.




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