



The Gosport Community Safety Partnership's Community Safety Plan - 2016/17



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As Chairman of Gosport Community Safety Partnership (CSP) I am pleased to introduce our 2016 – 2017 Plan.

the Isle of Wight even safer by improving the safety of communities, cutting crime and reducing re-offending.

1. Foreword



John Beavis

Cllr John Beavis MBE
Gosport CSP Chairperson

The CSP has continued to contribute to significant reductions in Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB). The Partnership recognises the importance of purposeful engagement with the residents of Gosport, to provide information and reassurance in helping to identify solutions to local problems and to influence priorities and decision making. Successful engagement with the community is considered a high priority for the Partnership. To ensure continued success in reducing the problems of crime and ASB, the CSP Plan 2016 - 2017 has been developed in consultation with statutory partners and key stakeholder.

Neighbourhood Policing Teams (NPTs) are a visible presence within local communities. As well as being out and about in their areas, they attend local resident meetings, hold forums and share information via social networking sites. This means that our local teams have effective dialogue with the people who live and work in our community, which helps them to understand the issues affecting them and work together to bring about lasting solutions. This, in turn, is helping to make Gosport a better and safer place to live.

The Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) in his Police and Crime Plan has placed Community Safety high on the list of priorities. His vision is to make Hampshire and

The PCC is firmly committed to strong Neighbourhood policing; he believes in developing stronger communities that are more resilient to crime and disorder and reducing crime, and the fear of crime, in hotspot areas is a priority. There is a clear commitment to working in partnership with other organisations, whether they are statutory, voluntary or private. This will involve co-commissioning, agreeing priorities and timescales, but also by encouraging others to work together more effectively.

Over the coming year the Partnership is committed to continue reducing the impact of crime and ASB on people's everyday lives and increasing the feeling of safety amongst Gosport communities. This will be achieved by listening to community concerns, by the delivery of evidenced-based targeted interventions and by supporting local individuals and groups who work hard to assist with the prevention of crime and ASB in our community. With the financial challenges ahead partnership working is as important as ever and we look forward to another very successful year for Gosport's CSP.

John Beavis

Cllr John Beavis MBE
Gosport CSP Chairperson

2. INTRODUCTION

Gosport CSP is a statutory body which brings together a number of agencies concerned with tackling and reducing crime and ASB in Gosport. The CSP has a statutory obligation to produce an annual Plan which addresses the key Community Safety priorities identified through the Strategic Summary. Both the CSP Plan and the Strategic Summary are available on the Safer Gosport website www.safergosport.co.uk

The CSP Plan covers the period April 2016 to March 2017 and will provide a summary of the key issues identified in the Strategic Summary (November 2015). The plan will also include the results of the Community Survey undertaken at the Safer Gosport Community Day (March 2016) and will identify the CSP Vision and Priorities. Lastly, the CSP Delivery Plan will identify the specific Objectives and Actions which will be undertaken and how progress will be monitored.



3. PRIORITIES

3.1 Strategic Summary Key Findings:

- Locally and nationally there has been an increase in recorded violence and domestic violence which is believed to be in part due to a renewed focus on crime recording standards but the level of violent crime in Gosport remains above that of the national average and it is imperative it remains a priority for the CSP.
- Locally and nationally there has been an increase in the reporting of serious sexual offences likely to be related to the increase in high profile historic abuse cases. It is a priority for the CSP to ensure all partners understand their responsibility and have a proactive approach to identifying children vulnerable to sexual exploitation.

3.2 Performance Summary:

This data was provided by Hampshire Constabulary and compares the 2015-2016 financial year to the 2014-2015 financial year.

- 28.5% decrease in ASB Incidents
- 36.1% decrease in Cycle Theft
- 52.9% increase in Violent Crime
- 77.7% increase in Sexual Offences

3.3 Community Survey:

A total of 111 responses were received by members of the public during the survey carried out at the Safer Gosport Community Day. The key findings are as follows:

- 94% (104) of respondents feel safe in Gosport.
- When asked to prioritise the CSPs focus over the forthcoming year respondents indicated that 'protecting vulnerable people' should be the key priority for the CSP.

3.4 CSP Priorities

Vision: To improve the safety of Gosport communities

Gosport CSP will do this by:

- Reducing ASB and Violent Crime
- Protecting vulnerable members of the community
- Tackling drug and alcohol misuse
- Supporting families and individuals to prevent offending behaviour
- Increasing the feeling of safety amongst Gosport communities

4. REDUCING ASB & VIOLENT CRIME

Despite a decrease in recorded ASB incidents this remains the highest priority for Gosport residents because of the impact it has on people's quality of life. There has been a recorded increase in Violent Crime and it continues to account for the greatest proportion of all recorded crime within Gosport. The risk of harm associated with Violent Crime, both physically and emotionally, is significant.

Over the coming year the Partnership is committed to reducing the impact of ASB & Violent Crime on people's everyday lives. This will be delivered by providing a quality service to victims through the delivery of evidenced-based targeted interventions and delivering initiatives which will assist with the prevention of ASB and disorder.

The Partnership will:

- Deliver and continue to develop the Summer Passport Scheme which offers positive diversionary activities for young people of secondary school age.
- Deliver a Taxi Marshal scheme during periods of peak demand to provide a reassuring presence and a visible deterrent to disorder related to the Night Time Economy (NTE).
- Support the most vulnerable individuals, deal with the most persistent offenders and target the most problematic locations through co-ordination of referrals made to the Partnership Action Group (PAG).
- Support local delivery of the Break 4 Change programme which provides support for families affected by adolescent-parent violence.

- Promote and increase the use of mediation as a tool for early intervention in neighbour disputes.



5. PROTECTING VULNERABLE MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY

The increase in recorded Domestic Violence and Child Abuse incidents may be in part due to raised awareness nationally however it is imperative that partners remain focused on the most vulnerable members of our society particularly victims of Domestic Abuse, children at risk of sexual exploitation and vulnerable adults, including those vulnerable to extremism.

Over the coming year the Partnership seeks to increasing awareness and access to support for those affected by Domestic Abuse.

The Partnership will:

- Improve timely access to information about local services for those who are affected by Domestic Abuse and co-ordinate awareness raising events such as White Ribbon Day.
- Support the MARAC process through information sharing and promotion of the conference amongst Community Safety partners.
- Ensure a co-ordinated response to Missing, Exploited and Trafficked (MET) persons by establishing links with County-wide support and a referral pathway to Y Services specialised support.
- Raise awareness of Modern Day Slavery, communicate appropriate referral routes and establish links with the Modern Day Slavery Partnership.
- Deliver the PREVENT strategy through the CSP to build safer communities by identifying and supporting individuals at risk of becoming involved in extremism.



6. TACKLING DRUG & ALCOHOL MISUSE

Although the level of Drug and Alcohol misuse is difficult to accurately assess because of problems with recording, it is known that approximately one in ten offences committed are affected by drink or drugs, with the true figure likely to be much higher. Some of the most serious violence that has occurred within Gosport over the past few years has had substantiated links with alcohol and drugs with local identified issues in relation to Mephedrone and Novel Psychoactive Substance (NPS) use.

Over the coming year the Partnership seeks to reduce the harm caused by alcohol and drug related offending through a combination of education, enforcement and support.

The Partnership will:

- Co-ordinate the delivery of Tapestry Targeted Detached Youth Work by Motiv8.
- Ensure local delivery of Hampshire's Substance Misuse Strategy and link in with the Strategic Partnership.
- Support and promote the work of the About Turn project which engages with people affected by substance misuse and assists with a reduction in offending.
- Establish comprehensive links with Gosport's Health & Well Being Board to ensure a co-ordinate response to substance misuse.



7. SUPPORTING FAMILIES & INDIVIDUALS TO PREVENT OFFENDING BEHAVIOUR

The work of programmes such as Integrated Offender Management (IOM), Supporting Troubled Families and the introduction of Early Help Hub has shown that to effectively deal with offending behaviour support is often needed to address wider issues including accommodation, employment or physical and mental health needs. Co-ordinated action is needed from partners to ensure preventative work compliments any enforcement action taken.

Over the forthcoming year the Partnership will deliver a co-ordinated response to ensure preventative work compliments any enforcement action needed.

The Partnership will:

- Identify young people at risk of committing ASB and ensure appropriate prevention and support is implemented through the Supporting Families programme.
- Promote and attend the weekly Early Help Hub meeting to develop and action plan for families who are in need of additional support.
- Support partners with the delivery and development of projects offering support for young people at risk of offending e.g. DIVERT, Cop Car and the Phoenix Project.
- Promote Restorative Justice (RJ) conferencing, delivered by Restorative Solutions, by raising awareness amongst partners of the criteria and referral process and of the RJ concept with members of the public.



8. INCREASING THE FEELING OF SAFETY AMONGST GOSPORT COMMUNITIES

The overarching aim of the CSP, to improve the safety of Gosport communities, will be achieved by the continued reductions in crime and ASB. However, it is therefore essential the CSP increases the connectedness with Gosport communities to promote positive messages, to ensure priorities are identified and then addressed, resulting in increased reassurance.

Over the coming year the Partnership is committed to increasing the feeling of safety amongst Gosport communities by working closely with the local community to ensure their priorities are identified and residents have confidence that the Partnership will effectively address these issues.

The Partnership will:

- Deliver the annual Safer Gosport Community Day which proactively connects with our communities and gives members of the public the opportunity to engage with key stakeholders.
- Promote the work of the partnership by strengthening links with the local media and building on the successful use of Social Media.
- Develop the scope of the Safer Gosport website as a hub of Community Safety themed information and as an engagement tool.
- Continue to increase the number of involved communities and improving communication with residents by supporting Gosport Neighbourhood Watch Scheme.

- Develop a programme of engagement opportunities in conjunction with Gosport's Cycle Safe initiative as a tool for proactively engaging with communities.



9. DELIVERY PLAN 2016 – 2017

Overarching Vision: To improve the safety of Gosport communities.

Priority	Objective	Action	Owner	Date
Reducing ASB & Violent Crime	Reduction in ASB Reduction in Violent Crime	Deliver and continue to develop the Summer Passport Scheme which offers positive diversionary activities for young people of secondary school age.	Community Engagement & Project Officer, Sam Mitchell, GBC	August 2016
		Deliver a Taxi Marshal scheme during periods of peak demand to provide a reassuring presence and a visible deterrent to disorder related to the NTE.	Community Safety Team Leader, Sorrell Kenny, GBC	December 2016
		Support the most vulnerable individuals, deal with the most persistent offenders and target the most problematic locations through co-ordination of referrals made to the PAG.	Community Safety Officer, Carly Perry, GBC	March 2017
		Support local delivery of the Break 4 Change programme which provides support for families affected by adult – parent violence.	Community Safety Team Leader, Sorrell Kenny, GBC	March 2017
		Promote and increase the use of mediation as a tool for early intervention in neighbor disputes.	Community Safety Team Leader, Sorrell Kenny, GBC	March 2017

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Priority	Objective	Action	Owner	Date
Protecting vulnerable members of the community	Increase in PAG referrals for Safeguarding issues	Improve timely access to information about local services for those who are affected by Domestic Abuse and co-ordinate awareness raising events such as White Ribbon Day.	Community Safety Officer, Carly Perry, GBC	November 2016
		Support the MARAC process through information sharing and promotion of the conference amongst Community Safety partners.	Community Safety Officer, Carly Perry, GBC	March 2017
		Ensure a co-ordinated response to MET by establishing links with County-wide support and a referral pathway to Y Services specialised support.	Community Safety Team Leader, Sorrell Kenny, GBC	March 2017
		Raise awareness amongst partners of Modern Day Slavery, communicate appropriate referral routes and establish links with the Modern Day Slavery Partnership.	Community Safety Team Leader, Sorrell Kenny, GBC	March 2017
		Deliver the PREVENT strategy through the CSP to build safer communities by identifying and supporting individuals at risk of becoming involved in extremism.	Community Safety Team Leader, Sorrell Kenny, GBC	March 2017
Reducing Alcohol & Drug related offending	Decrease in the % of offences where alcohol or drugs were a contributing factor	Co-ordinate the delivery of Tapestry Targeted Detached Youth Work by Motiv8.	Community Safety Team Leader, Sorrell Kenny, GBC	September 2016
		Ensure local delivery of the Hampshire Substance Misuse Strategy and link in with the Strategic Partnership.	Community Engagement & Project Officer, Sam Mitchell, GBC	March 2017

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Overarching Vision: To improve the safety of Gosport communities.

Priority	Objective	Action	Owner	Date
		Support and promote the work of the About Turn project which engages with people affected by substance misuse and assists with a reduction in offending.	Community Engagement & Project Officer, Sam Mitchell, GBC	March 2017
		Establish comprehensive links with Gosport's Health & Well Being Board to ensure a co-ordinated response to substance misuse.	Community Engagement & Project Officer, Sam Mitchell, GBC	March 2017
Supporting families & individuals to prevent offending behaviour	Reduce re-offending rates for adults and young people	Identify young people at risk of committing ASB ensuring appropriate prevention and support is implemented through the Supporting Families programme.	Community Safety Team Leader, Sorrell Kenny, GBC	March 2017
		Promote and attend the weekly Early Help Hub meeting to develop an action plan for families needing additional support.	Community Safety Team Leader, Sorrell Kenny, GBC	March 2017
		Support partners with the delivery and development of projects offering support for young people at risk of offending e.g. DIVERT, Cop Car & Phoenix.	Community Safety Team Leader, Sorrell Kenny, GBC	March 2017
		Promote Restorative Justice conferencing, delivered by Restorative Solutions, by raising awareness amongst partners of the criteria and referral process and of the concept with members of the public.	Community Safety Team Leader, Sorrell Kenny, GBC	March 2017

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Overarching Vision: To improve the safety of Gosport communities.

Priority	Objective	Action	Owner	Date
Increasing the feeling of safety amongst Gosport communities	Increase in the % of people who feel safe in Gosport	Deliver the annual Safer Gosport Community Day which proactively connects with our communities and gives members of the public the opportunity to engage with key stakeholders.	Community Engagement & Project Officer, Sam Mitchell, GBC	March 2017
		Promote the work of the partnership by strengthening links with the local media and building on the on successful use of Social Media.	Community Engagement & Project Officer, Sam Mitchell, GBC	March 2017
		Develop the scope of the Safer Gosport Website as a hub of Community Safety themed information and as an engagement tool.	Community Safety Apprentice, Niamh Blakely, GBC	March 2017
		Continue to increase the number of involved communities and improving communication with residents by supporting Gosport Neighbourhood Watch scheme.	Community Engagement & Project Officer, Sam Mitchell, GBC	March 2017
		Develop a programme of engagement opportunities in conjunction with Gosport's Cycle Safe initiative as a tool for actively engaging with communities.	Community Safety Officer, Carly Perry, GBC	March 2017

10. MONITORING, MANAGING & REVIEWING THE PLAN

Gosport Community Safety Partnership's Strategic Board meets bi-annually and is responsible for agreeing the priority areas for the Partnership and the programme of work identified in the Community Safety Plan. The agenda and minutes of these meetings as well as the Strategic Summary, Community Safety Partnership Action Plan and Constitution are available on the Partnership's website www.safergosport.co.uk

Performance is monitored throughout the financial year through the monthly Partnership Action Group and through the use of a performance management system to ensure actions are being completed in a timely manner.



11. APPENDIX 1 – CSP PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Performance Indicator table for key Community Safety Partnership indicators 2015 – 2016.

Gosport			
	2014-2015	2015-2016	% Change
ASB Incidents	3076	2199	-28.5%
Domestic incidents	1574	1626	3.3%
Cycle Theft	310	198	-36.1
Sexual Offences	112	199	77.7%
Violence Offences	1397	2137	52.9%
Total Crime	5347	6089	13.9%

There has been a 28.5% reduction in recorded ASB incidents when comparing 2015 – 2016 to the previous financial year.

Nationally and across the whole of the force area there has been an increase in the level of recorded violent crime and sexual offences. This is believed due to a renewed focus on crime recording standards across Police forces.



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