

Gosport Community Safety Partnership - Strategic Plan 2021 – 2022



Introduction

Gosport is an urban peninsula situated on the Solent coastline located between the cities of Portsmouth and Southampton with the population of Gosport being 85,300. Gosport Community Safety Partnership (CSP) brings together partners from a range of statutory and non-statutory organisations that are committed to ensuring the safety of Gosport communities by addressing and reducing crime and anti-social behaviour (ASB). Through analysis of crime data and intelligence the Partnership has identified three priority areas which will inform the key areas of work for the 2021 – 2022 financial year.

Vision and Strategic Priorities



National police recorded crime has decreased by 3.4% and for Hampshire by 11.2% (year ending December 2020 compared to year ending December 2019) ¹.

Gosport crime statistics show an overall decrease of 13.2% for 2020/2021 and Hampshire figures show a decrease of 14.03%.²

¹ <https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/crimeandjustice/datasets/policeforceareadatatables>

² Interact Crime Records

Strategic Priority 1 – Vulnerability

Why is it a priority?

Nationally and locally it is increasingly recognised that serious and organised crime impacts on our communities. The exploitation of young people and vulnerable adults, including county lines, child sexual exploitation, cuckooing, modern slavery and extremism, is increasing in volume and complexity. Consequently, there is the need to ensure that communities are better at spotting the signs of exploitation whilst continuing to focus on the threat of extremism because of the potential level of harm caused. Domestic abuse incidents and referrals increased and greater use of the internet (especially in light of COVID19) heightens the risk of exploitation and fraud.

Strategic Priority 2 – Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)

Why is it a priority?

Anti-social behaviour impacts on the community's quality of life as well as their confidence in the police and partners. In Gosport ASB is primarily categorised as 'community': incidents where an act, condition, thing or person causes trouble, annoyance, inconvenience or offence to the community in general rather than to individual victims and includes incidents where behaviour goes beyond the conventional bounds of acceptability.

Police, partner agency and community data and feedback identifies concerns around ASB, substance misuse and inappropriate behaviours associated with rough sleeping.

Strategic Priority 3 – Community Confidence

Why is it a priority?

Community Confidence is important because it prevents the public having an unnecessary fear of crime. If the public feel confident in the Police and its partners and delivery of their services, they will be more likely to work alongside them in tackling crime and ASB and more willing to seek advice and support when needed. One of the most effective ways of increasing community confidence is by increasing community engagement and building good relationship with the local community.

Social media has an increasingly key role in community engagement and confidence as it can inform the public, provide an engagement mechanism and build community groups and resilience. The instantaneous nature of social media means it has the ability to reduce the fear of crime by responding quickly to public concerns and providing accurate information for dissemination within the community. It also acts as a key communication tool for those who do not access information in the more traditional forms such as leaflets or meetings, or those individuals who may have difficulty accessing services by other means.

Action Plan – How will the CSP improve the Safety of Gosport Communities?

Strategic Priority	Description	Action	Action Owner	Date
Vulnerability	Domestic Abuse	Support partnership referrals to the Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference and High Risk Domestic Abuse Meetings by promoting the use of the DASH (Domestic Abuse, Stalking and Honour-based violence) risk identification checklist, including via a training session.	Stop Domestic Abuse	March 2022
	Domestic Abuse	Promote and publicise the 16 days of action against Domestic Abuse to raise awareness of all types of Domestic Abuse.	Community Safety Officer	November 2021
	Domestic Abuse	Support partnership referrals to domestic abuse services by promoting The Domestic Advice Line and the principle that for every victim there is a perpetrator.	Stop Domestic Abuse	March 2022
	Domestic Homicide	Review the Domestic Homicide Review Process in respect of advocacy.	Head of Corporate Policy and Community Safety	August 2021
	Domestic Abuse	Promote confidence within communities to recognise, discuss and signpost domestic abuse via schemes such as Safe at Home and Ask Me.	Hampshire Constabulary and Stop Domestic Abuse	March 2022
	Prevent	Actively participate in the Prevent Partnership Board and Channel Panel to facilitate a multi-agency approach.	Corporate Policy and Community Safety Team	March 2022
	Exploitation	Publicise digital resources and campaigns for cyber-crime, online safety and modern slavery to a range of audiences.	Community Engagement & Project Officer	March 2022

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ASB	All ASB	Co-ordinate multi-agency support and enforcement to assist with vulnerable individuals, persistent offenders and problematic locations through partner referrals made to the Partnership Action Group.	Community Safety Officer	March 2022
	All ASB	Develop and promote joint service delivery models with partners.	Community Engagement & Project Officer	March 2022
	All ASB	Review and develop a new Community Trigger Protocol, with the Responsible Authorities, to reflect recent Government Guidance.	Head of Corporate Policy and Community Safety	September 2021
	Youth related	Prevent young people from entering the criminal justice system by the early management of ASB through the use of a range of tools and powers.	Community Safety Officer	March 2022
	Youth related	Implement adapted provision for Summer Passport to reflect the post pandemic situation.	Community Engagement & Project Officer	September 2021
	Youth related	Support the development of school panel concept which aims to identify young people at potential risk of offending and those who may be at risk of exclusion on the transition to secondary school.	Gosport & Fareham Motiv8 Services Manager	December 2021
	Substance Misuse	Lead the co-ordination of the Homelessness Action Group to make Gosport a safer place by providing support for those who are street homeless and to address problematic street activity such as begging and substance misuse.	Community Safety Officer	March 2022
	Substance Misuse	Work with partners to support substance misuse reduction campaigns and promote services which address these issues.	Community Engagement & Project Officer	March 2022

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Community Confidence	Promote existing services available for those who are street homeless within Gosport to members of the public and develop a co-ordinated approach to identify a long-term solution for individuals.	Community Safety Officer	March 2022
	Utilise Gosport's Cycle Safe initiative to engage communities to promote personal cycle safety and cyclists' responsibilities by working in partnership with Gosport Police and other organisations.	Community Safety Officer	March 2022
	Support and promote youth engagement opportunities including local youth voice/forums and virtual technologies.	Community Engagement & Project Officer	March 2022
	Review the Safer Gosport Community Day delivery model to enhance community engagement.	Community Engagement & Project Officer	December 2021
	Review the CSP website to ensure better functionality in light of new technologies and applications	Community Engagement & Project Officer	October 2021
	Develop a new operating model for Public Open Space CCTV to ensure efficiency and effectiveness including use of technologies	Head of Corporate Policy and Community Safety	September 2021
	Support National Hate Crime Awareness Week	Community Engagement & Project Officer	October 2021

How will we monitor our impact?

Gosport CSP Plan sets out the vision, strategic objectives and actions which will be delivered throughout 2021/22. Within Gosport there is a history of strong partnership working and successful delivery of this plan will be dependent on partners proactively supporting delivery of the actions outlined. Progress against this plan will be monitored throughout the financial year by each organisation responsible for delivery of any actions with a formal review of partnership delivery being undertaken at the bi-annual CSP Board.