



The Gosport Community Safety Partnership's Community Safety Plan - 2017/18



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1. Foreword



John Beavis

Cllr John Beavis MBE
Gosport CSP Chairperson

As Chairman of Gosport Community Safety Partnership (CSP) I am pleased to introduce our 2017 – 2018 Plan. Gosport CSP works proactively to protect our local communities from crime and to help people feel safer. Partners work closely to continually assess local crime and Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) priorities with these issues being discussed and managed at the multi-agency monthly Partnership Action Group (PAG).

The Partnership continues to recognise the importance of purposeful engagement with Gosport communities to provide information and reassurance in helping to identify solutions to problems and to influence priorities and decision-making. Successful engagement with the community is considered a high priority for Gosport CSP.

Gosport Neighbourhood Policing Teams (NPTs) are a visible presence within the local community. As well as being out and about in their areas, they attend local resident meetings, hold beat surgeries and share information through Hampshire Alerts and social media. This ensures local Officers 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 safer place to live.

Over the coming year Gosport CSP is committed to 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 continued financial challenges ahead partnership working is integral to making Gosport a safe place to live and work. To ensure successful delivery the CSP Plan 2017 – 2018 has been developed in consultation with statutory partners and key stakeholder.

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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. The CSP has a statutory obligation to produce an annual plan to address the community safety priorities identified through the Strategic Assessment. Both the CSP Plan and the Strategic Assessment are available at www.safergosport.co.uk

The CSP Plan covers the period April 2017 – March 2018 and will provide a summary of the key issues identified in the Strategic Summary (November 2016). The plan will also include the results of the Community Survey undertaken at the Safer Gosport Community Day (March 2017) 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 Police recorded violent crime 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 hate crime likely to be related in part to a greater awareness of hate crime, and improved willingness of victims to come forward. However, there has been an increase nationally in the level of racially or religiously aggravated offences recorded by the Police since the EU referendum in June 2016. Consequently, it is a priority for the CSP to protect and support vulnerable members of the community, including those who are victims of hate crime.

3.2 Performance Summary:

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

- 24% decrease in ASB
- 35% decrease in Burglary Non-Dwelling
- 12% decrease in Shoplifting
- 3% decrease in Theft (including cycle theft)
- 73% increase in Serious Sexual Offences
- 53% increase in Violent Crime
- 45% increase in Domestic Violence

3.3 Community Survey:

Surveys were undertaken with residents at the Safer Gosport Community Day March 2017. The key findings are as follows:

- 83% agreed with the statement the 'I feel safe in Gosport' compared to 93% in 2016. This could be linked to an increase crime-related media reports locally affecting the perception of Gosport residents. However, it must be accepted that the decrease in police and partner resources will also impact.
- Residents were also asked whether they had experienced or witnessed any of the following emerging issues: Rough Sleepers, Hate Crime, Domestic Abuse or Child Sexual Exploitation. Rough Sleepers was overwhelming identified as an issue which is more visible or having more impact on Gosport residents.
- 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:

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

4. PROTECTING VULNERABLE MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY

The increase in recorded Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence may be in part due to changes in recording practices as well as 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 who are victims of hate crime.

Over the coming year the Partnership will protect vulnerable members of the community by:

- Improving the 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.
- Supporting and assisting with development of the local MARAC process through information sharing and promotion of the conference with wider partners.
- Raising awareness amongst partners of PREVENT, Missing Exploited & Trafficked (MET), Modern Slavery and communication appropriate referral routes and establishing links with the Strategic Partnerships.
- Supporting the development and promotion of hate crime third-party reporting centres at Gosport Discovery Centre and Gosport Citizen's Advice Bureau.



5. TACKLING DRUG & ALCOHOL MISUSE

Despite the level of substance misuse being difficult to accurately assess it is known that in over half of all violent incidents the victim believed the offender was under the influence of alcohol. In addition, some of the most serious violence that has occurred within Gosport over the past few years has been linked with drugs with drug related harm.

Over the coming year the Partnership will tackle drug and alcohol misuse by:

- Reviewing the provision and delivery of substance misuse services for young people to ensure they are meeting local demand.
- Supporting and promoting the work of the About Turn project which engages with people affected by substance misuse and assists with a reduction in offending.
- Establishing comprehensive links with Avalon to ensure there is consistent communication between substance misuse services and the PAG.



6. REDUCING ASB & VIOLENT CRIME

Despite a decrease in recorded ASB incidents throughout 2015/16, the first half of the 2016/17 financial year has seen a substantial increase in reported ASB and remains important to Gosport residents because of the impact it has on people's quality of life. Violent Crime within Gosport continues to increase and 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 will reduce ASB & Violent Crime by:

- Delivering and continuing to develop the Summer Passport Scheme which offers positive diversionary activities for young people of secondary school age.
- Delivering 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).
- Co-ordinating multi-agency support and enforcement to assist with vulnerable individuals, persistent offenders and problematic locations through partner referrals made to the Partnership Action Group (PAG).
- Developing and delivering in partnership the SHAPE programme which provides support for families affected by child to parent violence.
- Promoting and increasing the use of mediation as an intervention tool to support demand reduction to front line services.



7. INCREASING THE FEELING OF SAFETY AMONGST GOSPORT COMMUNITIES

The level of recorded crime in Gosport has risen for the second consecutive financial year which means this increase cannot be fully explained by improved compliance with NCRS. It is therefore essential Gosport CSP listens to its residents about the issues that affect them, provides visible policing and ensures victims have confidence that those who commit offences are dealt with appropriately.

Over the coming year the Partnership will increase the feeling of safety amongst Gosport communities by:

- Utilising Gosport's Cycle Safe initiative to engage with the general public to promote personal cycle safety and cyclists' responsibilities.
- Proactively utilise and develop the use of the Safer Gosport website, social media and Hampshire Alerts as engagement tools.
- Support the delivery of Gosport Local Children's Partnership (LCP) and Youth Council with consideration for a YOUdecide event to be held to support the identified priority areas of work for the LCP, Youth Council and CSP.
- Delivery of 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.



8. SUPPORTING FAMILIES & INDIVIDUALS TO PREVENT OFFENDING BEHAVIOUR

The work of programmes such as Integrated Offender Management (IOM), Supporting Troubled Families (STF) and the Early Help Hub (EHH) 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 CSP partners to ensure preventative work compliments any enforcement action taken.

Over the coming year the Partnership will support families and individuals to prevent offending behaviour by:

- Ensuring co-ordinated support is provided through the STF programme for families referred to EHH or PAG.
- Providing support to the Police and Motiv8 when delivering and evaluating the DIVERT programme which supports young people at risk of offending.
- Co-ordinating partnership delivery of the Cop Car project which promotes team building and the learning of new skills to positively divert young people who may be at risk of offending.
- Ensuring a synchronised partnership response in terms of communications, enforcement and support relating to the issues associated with rough sleeping and begging.



9. DELIVERY PLAN 2017 – 2018

Overarching Vision: To improve the safety of Gosport communities.

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 2017
		Support and assist with development of the local MARAC process through information sharing and promotion with wider partners.	Community Safety Officer, Carly Perry, GBC	March 2018
		Continue to raise awareness amongst partners of PREVENT, MET & Modern Slavery, communicating appropriate referral routes and establishing links with the Strategic Partnerships.	Community Safety Team Leader, Sorrell Kenny, GBC	March 2018
		Support the development and promotion of third-party reporting centre's for Hate Crime.	Community Safety Team Leader, Sorrell Kenny, GBC	March 2018

9. DELIVERY PLAN 2017 – 2018

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Priority	Objective	Action	Owner	Date
Reducing Alcohol & Drug related offending	Decrease in offences where alcohol or drugs were a contributing factor	Review the provision and delivery of substance misuse services for young people to ensure they are meeting local demand.	Community Safety Team Leader, Sorrell Kenny, GBC	December 2017
		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 2018
		Establish comprehensive links with Avalon to ensure there is consistent communication between substance misuse services and the PAG.	Community Safety Officer, Carly Perry, GBC	March 2018
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 2017
		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 2017
		Coordinate multi-agency support and enforcement to assist with vulnerable individuals, persistent offenders and problematic locations through partner referrals made to PAG.	Community Safety Officer, Carly Perry, GBC	March 2018
		Develop and deliver in partnership the SHAPE programme which provides support for families affected by child to parent violence.	Community Safety Team Leader, Sorrell Kenny, GBC	March 2018
		Promote and increase the use of mediation as an intervention tool to support demand reduction to front line services.	Community Safety Team Leader, Sorrell Kenny, GBC	March 2018

9. DELIVERY PLAN 2017 – 2018

Overarching Vision: To improve the safety of Gosport communities.

Priority	Objective	Action	Owner	Date
Increasing the feeling of safety amongst Gosport communities	Increase in people who feel safe in Gosport	Utilise Gosport's Cycle Safe initiative to engage with the general public to promote personal cycle safety and cyclists' responsibilities.	Community Safety Officer, Carly Perry, GBC	March 2018
		Proactively utilise and develop the use of the Safer Gosport website, social media and Hampshire Alerts as engagement tools.	Community Engagement & Project Officer, Sam Mitchell, GBC	March 2018
		Support the delivery of Gosport LCP and Youth Council with consideration for a YOUdecide to be held to support the identified priority areas of work for the LCP, Youth Council and CSP.	Community Engagement & Project Officer, Sam Mitchell, GBC	March 2018
		Delivery of 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 2018

9. DELIVERY PLAN 2017 – 2018

Overarching Vision: To improve the safety of Gosport communities.

Priority	Objective	Action	Owner	Date
Supporting families & individuals to prevent offending behaviour	Reduce re-offending rates for adults and young people	Ensure co-ordinated support is provided through the STF programme for families referred to the Early Help Hub or PAG.	Community Safety Officer, Carly Perry, GBC	March 2018
		Provide co-ordination and support to the Police and Motiv8 when delivering the DIVERT programme which supports young people at risk of offending.	Community Safety Officer, Carly Perry, GBC	March 2018
		Co-ordinate partnership delivery of the Cop Car project which promotes team building and the learning of new skills to positively divert young people who may be at risk of offending.	Community Engagement & Project Officer, Sam Mitchell, GBC	March 2018
		Ensure a synchronised partnership response in terms of communications, enforcement and support relating to the issues associated with rough sleeping and begging.	Community Safety Team Leader, Sorrell Kenny, GBC	March 2018

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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