

TITLE	Community Safety Partnership update
FOR CONSIDERATION BY	Wokingham Borough Wellbeing Board on 8 th August, 2019
WARD	None Specific;
DIRECTOR/ KEY OFFICER	Deputy Chief Executive - Graham Ebers

Health and Wellbeing Strategy priority/priorities most progressed through the report	
Key outcomes achieved against the Strategy priority/priorities	<p>The aim of the Wokingham Community Safety Partnership (CSP) is to reduce crime, substance misuse, and anti-social behaviour, raising awareness and increasing reporting of hidden crime. This strategy will guide the partnership in delivering its vision during 2018 to 2021.</p> <p>The partnership's statutory bodies include the Police, the Local Authority, the Probation Service and Health Services. These organisations work together to progress the work of the strategy and respond to emerging themes.</p>

Reason for consideration by Health and Wellbeing Board	Community Safety Partnership are members of the Wokingham Borough Wellbeing Board.
What (if any) public engagement has been carried out?	None
State the financial implications of the decision	None

<p>RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>That the Wokingham Borough Wellbeing Board</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) notes the contents of this report and support the Community Safety Partners in delivering its strategies. 2) review the next steps and consider how they can support the CSP priorities.
<p>SUMMARY OF REPORT</p> <p>CSP priorities continue to be successfully delivered through close multi-agency working.</p>

The councils Anti – social behaviour officer post has been vacant since May 2019 – steps to review ASB and recruit are underway.

Berkshire Women’s Aid (local domestic abuse service) have alerted the partnership to issues around an increase in local referrals and capacity.

The Partnership has appointed a new Community Safety Partnership Manager.

Background

National Community Safety Policy Context

The 1998 Crime and Disorder Act (as amended by Police and Social Responsibility Act 2011) places a statutory duty on all Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) to prepare and implement a partnership strategy to reduce crime, substance misuse and Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) within their areas.

As part of the 1998 Act CSP must undertake a strategic assessment which comprises assessing local data. This allows CSP to have an overall comprehensive picture of crime and disorder related need in their area. Strategic assessments comprise of data and information from the Police, Local Authority, Public Health, the Community Rehabilitation Company (CRC) and National Probation Services (NPS) etc

CSP's are required to review their priorities on an annual basis; the current strategy has been refreshed to reflect changing central and local crime policies and evidence of emerging needs. This report assesses progress in meeting the current CSP priorities, the 2018/21 priorities are included at the end of this report.

Progress against current priorities

Priority One: Addressing Violence against Women and Girls (VAWG)

The Wokingham Domestic Abuse Strategy aims to support children, adults and families within Wokingham Borough. Work includes; needs of victims and perpetrators of domestic abuse; men and boys are included in all work.

Wokingham's main domestic abuse provider is Berkshire Women's Aid (BWA). They are funded to provide a range of services for people affected by domestic violence. This includes outreach, a family support programme, one to one support for victims, and a helpline and refuge provision. BWA work very closely with children's services in Wokingham to ensure that children who are identified as being at risk of domestic violence are supported. Support services provided include;

- A 'pilot' legal drop in clinic for victims of domestic abuse is held monthly.
- Police led MARAC (Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference), which ensures that high risk victims are identified supported and referred to appropriate support. In 2016/17 the MARAC saw 84 cases.
- Victim support is offered by a range of council services and other workers including Housing Officers, Social Workers, and Probation Officers etc.

BWA has currently closed local referrals on a temporary short term basis due to the service being full to capacity. Urgent review of the contracted services has taken place and interim measures have been agreed whilst a more permanent way forward is agreed. MARAC referrals for high risk cases continue to be taken.

Multi-Agency Tasking and Co-ordination (MATAC)

The MATAC will replace the DARIM in Wokingham where the medium and low risk repeat D.A. offenders are reviewed. The model has been adopted from Northumberland where

they have seen a 60% reduction in repeat domestic abuse incidents by implementing the same model.

Police will work will target perpetrators to reduce the repeat offences of domestic abuse as previously there has been focus on supporting victims of domestic abuse but not the perpetrator. Identified perpetrators will be referred into the MATAC process where key partners will agree a bespoke set of interventions using a domestic abuse 'toolkit'. This can include targeting and disrupting perpetrators and or supporting them to address their behaviour. Victims of D.A. will continue to receive the same support.

- D.A. training for multi-agency professionals is delivered by Berkshire Women's Aid.
- Tough Love an Alter Ego performance planned to be delivered to secondary schools in Wokingham as a way to prevent young people being coerced into abusive relationships by the recognising the signs and making the right choice of partner.
- Behind Closed Doors has been commissioned, this is a training performance for multi-agency professionals for them to understand the lived experience of those people living and witnessing domestic abuse.
- Children living with domestic abuse are supported in groups in schools by Berkshire Women's Aid.
- Victim and perpetrator Choices group work is a six week programme devised by BWA and provides women with the opportunity to engage in working promoting understanding of domestic abuse. The programmes aims to empower women to develop their understanding of domestic abuse and move forward from their experiences in a safe and secure group setting. There is a perpetrator Family Choices course which has seen a significant increase in referrals.

Next steps and future developments

- Urgent Review of current BWA contracted services – to reopen local referrals ASAP
- CSP manager to re-establish Wokingham DA subgroup that has not met several months.
- A refresh of the D.A. strategy and action plan.
- Outcome based reporting.
- Understand the demand for services and monitor the impact of the MATAC process.

Priority Two: Tackling Anti-Social Behaviour, Harmful Misuse and Organised Crime

Instances of Anti-Social Behaviour have been of concern across the Borough during the start of 2018 and the Community Safety Partnership (CSP) and Thames Valley Police have been working together to address this. This priority will aim to address the causes of ASB and the CSP Problem Solving Task Group will be tasked with managing geographical areas and individuals of concern on a multiagency level.

Nationally and locally, the rates of serious organised crime; specifically county line dealing has had a direct bearing on the increased crime levels in the area.

The councils Anti- Social Behaviour Post has been vacant since May 2019, Steps to secure mainstream funding for this post are being expedited to ensure future continuity of service provision.

The Police have been proactive in addressing county line dealing for example running successful operations such as 'Operation Stronghold' which aims to decrease the risk from organised crime by reducing vulnerabilities and criminal opportunities and have focus weeks planned to target this crime in Wokingham.

Police, Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB), CSP, Anti-Social Behaviour Group, schools and Problem Solving Task Group are working collaboratively to reduce incidents. In a bid to safeguard children from exploitation and anti-social behaviour the following initiatives have been commissioned.

KICKS PROJECT - aims to engage hard to reach young people aged 11-19years, all sessions are free. Sessions are football based from 1st April 2018 to 13th January 2019 worked with 328 unique participants; on average each group reaches 26 young people.

POSITIVE PATHWAYS - delivered to 5 Wokingham schools to working with years 6, 7 and 8 where children may be involved or at risk of involvement with County Lines. Schools refer children to the programme and only those children who will positively engage with the project are accepted.

Next Steps

- Work with schools to consider additional support to target those who may be less willing to engage.
- Projects to engage girls as exclusion and challenging behaviours are increasing
- Identify those children on the cusp of exclusion

Priority Three - Reduce and prevent exploitation and address the needs of vulnerable victims and offenders

Wokingham victims are more likely to be young, under 19 and be victims of violence, theft or harassment. A small number of victims have a disproportionate impact on public services and a number of repeat victims are known to other support services such as Local Authority, Police and Health Services.

Safer Places

This is a national initiative and will be relaunched at the end of February with new logo's, flyers and information. Volunteers promote the scheme in Wokingham.

The CSP have funded the Safer Places Scheme to give people a safe place to go if they feel unsafe; people can ask for help and they will be offered somewhere quiet to sit. They can also phone a person for help, be assisted in returning home, or call the police if necessary.

<http://www.wokingham.gov.uk/community-and-safety/community-safety/find-a-safe-place/>

The CLICK Project. - school drama specialists AlterEgo delivering the 'click' project as prevention to exploitation; aimed at Year's 5 & 6 to help them learn about online risk and healthy online behaviour and relationships.

Priority Four: Empower and enable the resilience of local communities

The focus of this priority is the relationship with the wider Wokingham Community. In addition to reducing crime, substance misuse and disorder, central government guidance states Community Safety Strategies should work to reduce the fear of crime, improve community cohesion, build the relationship with the voluntary and community sector and support community engagement

Involve will be working with the Neighbourhood Action Groups (NAGs) to progress this work over the coming months

Next steps:

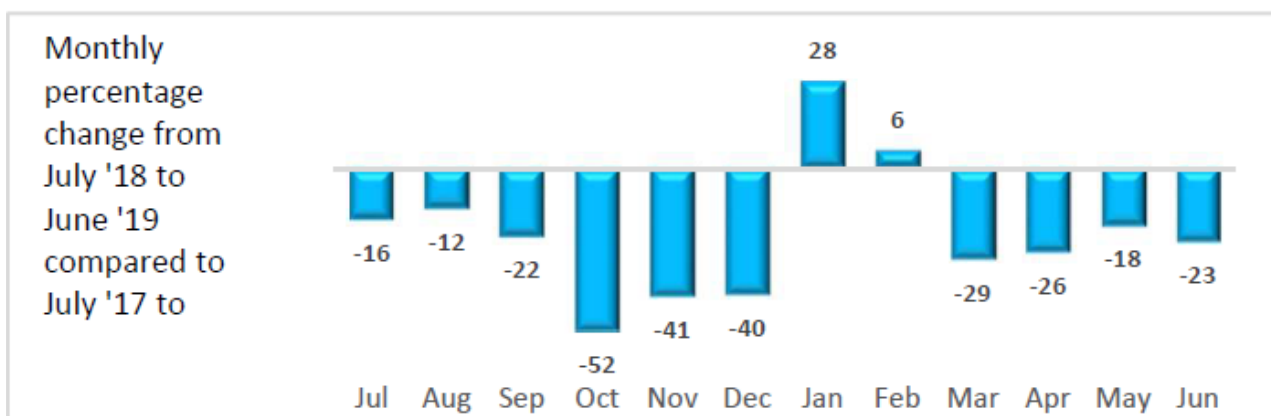
- Progress work with the NAGs and Rural Crime Group
Link with Contextual Safeguarding work

Performance and Intelligence

Anti – Social Behaviour

12 month rolling period	Current 12 months	Previous 12 months	Change	
			No	%
01/07/2017 - 30/06/2019	1268	1651	-383	-23%
01/04/2017 - 31/03/2019	1337	1618	-281	-17%
01/01/2017 - 31/12/2018	1377	1641	-264	-16%

	Current 12 months	Previous 12 months	Change	
			No	%
Community	862	1173	-311	-27%
Environmental	96	105	-9	-9%
Personal	310	373	-63	-17%



DESCRIPTION	Rolling 12 months			% DIFFERENCE TARGET	
	2017/18	2018/19			
	ACTUAL	TARGET	ACTUAL		
Increase number of racist incidents reported to Thames Valley Police - Recordable Crimes	56	56	118	111%	
Increase number of racist incidents reported to Thames Valley Police - Non-Recordable Crimes	55	55	23	-58%	
Increase number of religious incidents reported to Thames Valley Police - Recordable Crimes	4	4	8	100%	
Increase number of religious incidents reported to Thames Valley Police - Non-Recordable Crimes	3	3	0	NA	
Increase number of homophobic incidents reported to Thames Valley Police - Recordable Crimes	13	13	18	38%	
Increase number of homophobic incidents reported to Thames Valley Police - Non-Recordable Crimes	16	16	3	-81%	
Increase number of transphobic incidents reported to Thames Valley Police - Recordable Crimes	2	2	6	200%	
Increase number of transphobic incidents reported to Thames Valley Police - Non-Recordable Crimes	1	1	4	300%	
Increase number of disability hate incidents reported to Thames Valley Police - Recordable Crimes	13	13	17	31%	
Increase number of disability hate incidents reported to Thames Valley Police - Non-Recordable Crimes	6	6	8	33%	
Monitor the repeat cases referred to the Anti-Social Behaviour Panel	0	0	0	NA	
Monitor number of Community Triggers	0	0	0	NA	
Reduction in Dwelling Burglary Offences	0	0	0	N/A	N/A
Reduction in Non-Dwelling Burglary Offences	0	0	0	N/A	N/A
Reduction in Residential burglary Offences	0	0	344	N/A	N/A
Reduction in Business/Community Burglary Offences	0	0	196	N/A	N/A
Reduction in Theft From Vehicle Offences	404	392	465	19%	Red
Reduction in Theft Of Vehicle Offences	119	117	163	40%	Red
Reduction in Violence Against the Person With Injury	500	475	604	27%	Red
Reduction in Violence Against the Person Without Injury	595	565	998	77%	Red

Partner Implications

The Local Authority have responsibilities set out in Working Together 2018, PREVENT duty 2015, Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014:

Health and Wellbeing Board - The Health and Wellbeing Board is set up to co-ordinate health and wellbeing activity in Wokingham. The CSP supports the Health and Wellbeing Board in delivering its 'Enabling and empowering resilient communities' theme.

Work with the Local Safeguarding Children Board will align to ensure best use of resource and avoid duplication of work.

Reasons for considering the report in Part 2

N/A

List of Background Papers

None

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