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## **Introduction: The Partnership and its work**

The Community Safety Partnership's aims and overarching duty is to:

- Reduce crime and disorder.
- Improve community safety.
- Reduce re-offending.

By addressing these three overarching outcomes the partnership strives to improve the quality of life for everyone who lives, works or visits the borough. The focus for 2021-2024 is on the following three strategic priorities, underpinned by five specific aims:

### **Strategic priorities**

- 1 Listening to needs and concerns of local residents.
- 2 Intervening early and preventing issues escalating.
- 3 Working together to protect vulnerable residents.

### **Specific Aims**

- 1 Work with communities to deal with crime and anti-social behaviour hotspots.
- 2 Reduce the harm caused by domestic abuse.
- 3 Reduce incidents of serious violence and knife crime.
- 4 Tackle exploitation of children, young people and vulnerable adults.
- 5 Reduce incidents of residential burglary and theft from vehicle.

### **Statutory and other partners**

The ability to tackle crime and disorder is maximised if everyone including local residents and businesses, community and voluntary groups, and services work together in a coordinated way. The local authority, police, health, probation and fire services are statutory partners under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998. However, in practice, the Community Safety Partnership works across a much wider range of partners at different levels and on different topics to address what needs doing, who can help and to take action. There is good information exchange between those concerned, including with residents, so that agencies can listen and respond to the needs of local people.

### **Setting our work in context**

As well as the negative impact on the daily lives of individuals, the effects of crime, anti-social behaviour and disorder draw widely on public service resources. Working in partnership and adopting a 'whole system approach' is essential for both for prevention and positive action. The partnerships work contributes to the Police & Crime Commissioner's Police and Criminal Justice Plan and to the council's Corporate Plan as well as measures set out in the Public Health Outcomes Framework.

### **2022-2023**

This past year the Wokingham Community Safety Partnership was Chaired by Susan Parsonage, Chief Executive of Wokingham Borough. The work of the board was supported by the Executive Member for Environment, Sport and Leisure, Ian Shenton and the Executive Member for Arts, Environment and Resident Services Sarah Kerr.

This year the partnership has made positive progress on several of its workstreams, by way of an overview, the achievements are summarised below. In many cases each of the partnerships workstreams have individual more detailed end of year reports where more detail can be found.

### **Domestic Abuse Key Achievements**

- Undertaken actions to support the Wokingham Domestic Abuse Policy 2021 – 2024.
- Increased capacity within the Domestic Abuse commissioned service, located physically in joint premises within the borough. This provides support for victim-survivors, children, perpetrators and practitioners.
- Delivered 42 Multi and single agency training sessions, with 1133 people as well as 7 presentations attended by a further 246 practitioners to increase understanding and insight and improve practice and interventions.
- Recognised as a best practice DA Partnership Board by Department for Levelling Up Housing Communities.
- Undertaken a full independent review of DA literature to increase accessibility of information and resources, updated and produced additional materials and videos to reflect the needs of our community. This has included use of digital, printed, and other media to raise awareness of domestic abuse issues.
- Implementation and delivery comprehensive multi agency communications plan. One example being resources produced for Ukrainian guests and hosts as well as establishing a pathway for interpreter support.
- Increased the number of specialist support options available to Wokingham residents through encouraging new services into the borough to include a programme for those affected by the long-term psychological impact of having experienced domestic abuse and a new stalking advocacy service.
- Increased involvement with the work of the Berkshire Suicide Prevention Board and other regional and national operational groups.
- Continued to strive to reach more residents who face additional barriers to information and services, including those who have protected characteristics to increase access to services, alongside driving improved service responses.

For more information, please see the separate Domestic Abuse Services Annual Report 2022-2023.

### **Prevent & Channel**

- First Prevent Duty self-assessment submitted to the Home Office with positive feedback. This showed performance against the ten benchmarks which are required to be met to deliver the Prevent Duty.
- New live virtual training sessions for social workers launched.
- Lead on successful joint Berkshire West bid, for a new Home Office Preventing radicalisation grant for unfunded areas.
- Undertook Hate Crime awareness campaign to tie in with the National Hate Crime Awareness.
- Campaign to raise awareness about the threat to tie in with Safer Internet Day 2023: 7 February 2023.
- QR code on sticker and poster format has been produced and distributed to schools and Bracknell and Wokingham College. Also promoted via libraries, Berkshire Youth newsletter, Education News and residents' newsletters. This provides a quick link to Internet Matters with advice on online safety for children and young people.

- Annual channel panel assurance statement. This is made up of five sections and 34 areas of compliance- the Council has achieved green status for all areas.
- Discussed cases referred to Channel Panel via Prevent and reviewed previously closed cases as required.
- Received a presentation on the Prevent Action Plan and an update on current CT risk.
- Members of both groups joined together in a presentation on mental health and radicalisation. Case studies were also discussed as part of Channel Panel development.

### **Substance Misuse Key Achievements**

- Strategic Substance Misuse Needs Assessment undertaken, position statement and action plan drafted, Delivery group being established to oversee implementation.
- The Combatting Drugs Partnership (CDP) for West Berkshire encompassing Wokingham, Reading and West Berks was created. The Senior Responsible Officer appointed for the CDP, currently the TVP Police & Crime Commissioner.
- Local partners continued to work together on the long-term ambitions that will be key to the strategy's success. A new set of local and national outcomes frameworks provided to measure progress against the key strategic priorities and ensure public services can be held to account at both national and local levels.
- Implemented Long-acting buprenorphine prescribing to assist with stabilisation for opiate clients.
- Developed a comprehensive educational awareness offer for parents, students, and teachers of all schools across Wokingham Borough.
- Delivered outreach sessions within Salvation Army to promote harm reduction messages to reduce risk to individuals and the community.

### **Anti-Social Behaviour Community Safety**

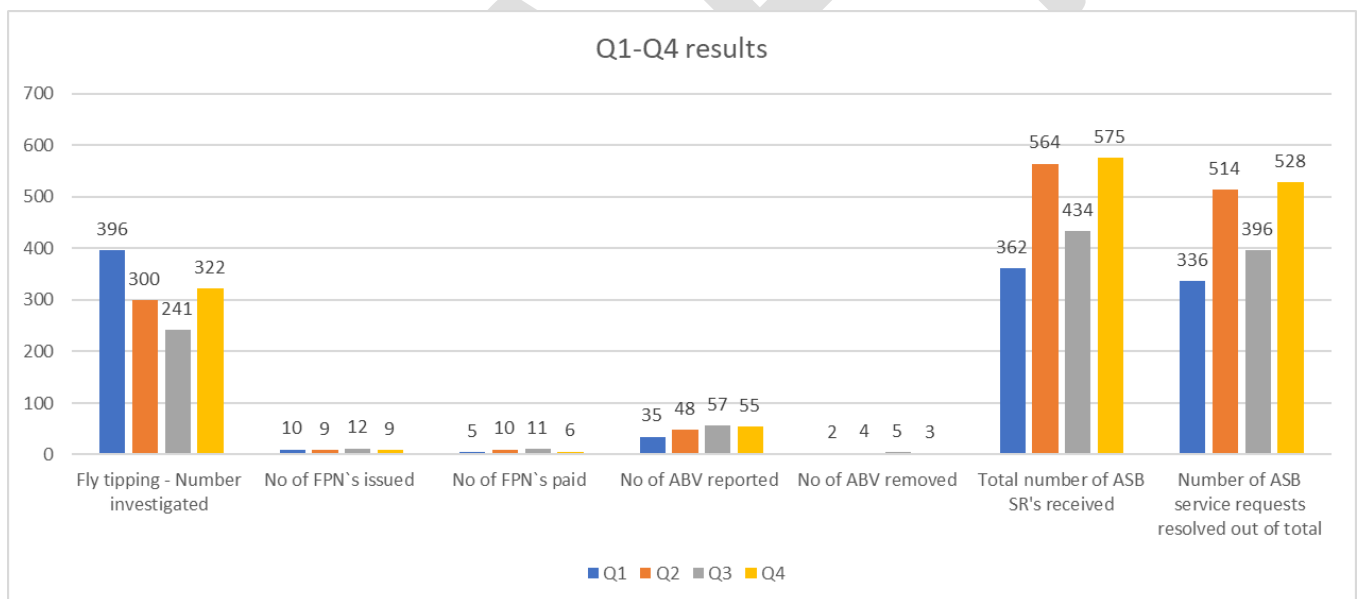
- Delivered borough wide multi-agency anti-social behaviour panel, dealing with medium and high-level complex cases.
- The anti-social behaviour panel oversaw interventions of 27 medium – high level cases.
- 22 medium – high level ASB cases problem resolved and closed. 1 case escalated into the criminal space with perpetrator being discussed by other forums therefore closed.
- 2 cases that had previously been discussed were re-opened.
- 2 Community Triggers received, 1 did not meet threshold, however, was reviewed by the ASB Panel. Co-ordinated response and action plan in response to 1 Community Trigger, was closed due to lack of further evidence.
- 4 Community Protection Warnings (CPW's) issued.
- 3 Acceptable Behaviour Agreement (ABA) issued.
- 96 service requesting in relation to reports of ASB received and resolved.
- Attendance and contribution at approximately 25 safeguarding meetings.
- Implementation of Public Spaces Protection Order to address issues caused by nuisance vehicle use and car meets.
- Successful integration of Housing ASB service into the Community Safety Team.
- Problem Solving Hotspot Action Plan escalated and adopted jointly with Thames Valley Police for Norreys Estate, regular meetings held to discuss perpetrators, victims and environmental interventions. Perpetrators interviewed under PACE (Police and Criminal Evidence Act) 2 residents moved to safe accommodation. One partial closure order put in place. Criminal activities significantly disrupted.

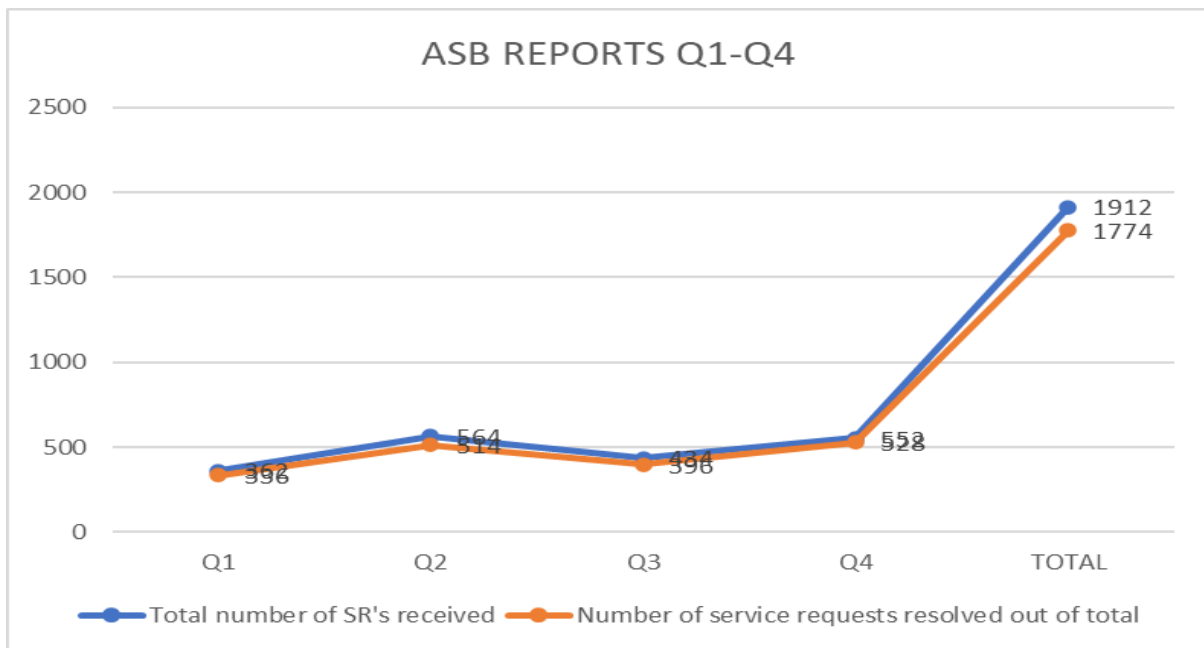
- Safeguarding and enforcement interventions for 2 cuckooing cases (where a vulnerable persons property is taken over, usually for the purpose of drug taking or dealing) in relation to council properties.
- Networking event with ASB theme organised for partner agencies.

### **Anti-Social Behaviour Safety & Enforcement**

- Team has now been in place for a full 12 months.
- Originally 10, now operating as a team of 8, there are 4 x senior ASB officers and 4 x ASB officers.
- Delivering a shift rota 7 days a week and dealing with reports of ASB, ranging from bonfire's related nuisance to fly tipping or a household noise nuisance.
- Team continues to work closely with the Community Safety team, Thames Valley Police, Town and Parish Councils as well as other local agencies.
- 40 FPN's for fly tipping/ littering issued, visited numerous businesses to check waste contracts to remove business waste have been dealt, together with several noise nuisance related complaints.
- Regular attendance and monitoring of the Public Space Protection order across the borough in relation to car meets.

### **Council ASB Service Requests**





### **ASB – Criminal damage Case Study**

*Cantley Park - Numerous complaints about Anti-social behaviour at Cantley Park were received by the ASB team. No information about who may be responsible was available. As a result, it was deemed that the installation of CCTV should be deployed to try identify those responsible. The levels of ASB continued to increase and even become more severe. The ASB team, with the help of Thames Valley Police identified the 3 main offenders and worked with the Community Safety Team & the ASB Panel to put together a problem-solving plan.*

*Community Safety Officers made a referral to the Youth Justice Team who became involved and worked with the families to identify ways to deter the individuals from re offending. 2 of the young people have engaged with the youth team and have been working with the KICKS football project. Unfortunately, 1 of the individuals came with more complex issues and has not engaged and continued to engage in offending. This individual is now subject to criminal charges and is being dealt with by TVP.*

### **Problem Solving Tasking Group**

- Reviewed purpose and structure of the group.
- Developed good working relationships and facilitated partnership working between the Council, Thames Valley Police, the Fire Service, Cranstoun (Substance Misuse Services), Public Protection Partnership, Community Alcohol Partnership and Town Council.
- Worked on implementation of Public Spaces Protection Order
- Worked with retailers to reinstate Shopwatch to address theft from shop offence increase.

- Hate crime data and agency responses reviewed on a quarterly basis. Supported Hate Crime Awareness week.
- Discussed Anti-social Behaviour Hotspots and formulated a multi-agency response involving the Council's Enforcement and Safety Team, Thames Valley Police, Prevention and Youth Justice Service and the Fire Service.
- Formulated a multi-agency response to Halloween and Bonfire Night.
- Organised delivery of Modern Slavery Training

### **Serious Violence and Exploitation**

- Set up Hospital Navigators to provide mentoring and support in the emergency department for young victims of violence.
- Worked with Thames Valley Police on Operation Kosh to produce action plans targeting those carrying weapons.
- Formed an Exploitation Task and Finish Group looking at the Safeguarding Framework and Multi Agency Responses (EMRAC)
- Produced a comprehensive local problem profile of serious violence and exploitation.
- Based on recommendations in the local problem profile commissioned "deep-dive" analysis of peaks in Violence and disorder.
- Work being undertaken in schools to reduce fixed and permanent exclusions.
- Produced a strategy to reduce and prevent serious violence.

The Strategy and action plan will be signed off by the SV & ESB in June 2023 before being formally adopted by WBCSP and published in January 2024.

### **Violence Against Women and Girls**

- Draft Wokingham Violence Against Women & Girls Strategy (VAWG) produced. Sign off expected September 2023.
- CSP and DA Partnership Board and DA Networking Group invited to consider and agree the following priorities:-
  - Putting the victim/survivor at the centre of service design and delivery;
  - Having a clear focus on perpetrators in order to keep victims and survivors safe;
  - Taking a strategic, system-wide approach to commissioning, acknowledging the gendered nature of VAWG;
  - Being locally led and safeguard individuals at every point;
  - Raising local awareness of the issues and involve, engage and empower communities to seek, design and deliver solutions to prevent VAWG.
- The community were consulted on the draft VAWG strategy, through the Community Safety Survey, and invited to help shape the action plan.

## Crime Performance Summary 1st April 2022- 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	+/-	% change
<b>All crime (Excluding fraud)</b>	6,783	7,403	8,244	841	11.4%
<b>Violence with injury</b>	620	754	704	-50	-6.6%
<b>Violence without Injury (Excluding Harassment)</b>	1,026	1,101	1,174	73	6.6%
<b>Harassment</b>	799	939	1,022	83	8.8%
<b>Rape</b>	66	92	87	-5	-5.4%
<b>Non-Rape Sexual Offences</b>	160	163	192	29	17.8%
<b>Robbery</b>	42	35	34	-1	-2.9%
<b>Residential Burglary - Dwelling</b>	125	167	163	-4	-2.4%
<b>Residential Burglary - Sheds / Garages</b>	149	92	101	9	9.8%
<b>Theft of Vehicle</b>	156	165	219	54	32.7%
<b>Theft from Vehicle</b>	336	272	332	60	22.1%
<b>Theft from the Person</b>	87	104	105	1	1.0%
<b>Bicycle Theft</b>	152	144	266	122	84.7%
<b>Shoplifting</b>	395	411	881	470	114.4%
<b>Making off without Payment</b>	113	134	123	-11	-8.2%
<b>Arson</b>	45	55	58	3	5.5%
<b>Criminal Damage</b>	768	702	688	-14	-2.0%
<b>Drug Trafficking</b>	93	57	33	-24	-42.1%
<b>Drug Possession</b>	211	204	132	-72	-35.3%
<b>Possession of Weapons Offences</b>	52	42	33	-9	-21.4%
<b>Public Order Offences</b>	540	953	899	-54	-5.7%

## Hate Crime & Domestic Abuse

	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	+/-	% change
<i>NOTE: Some types of hate crime have a very low occurrence so it is possible month figures may become negative due to record updates</i>					
<b>Recorded Hate Crime (included in above crimes) and Incidents</b>	266	312	304	-8	-2.6%
<b>Racially or Religiously Aggravated Crime</b>	85	110	81	-29	-26.4%
<b>Racist Incidents</b>	139	174	150	-24	-13.8%
<b>Religious Incidents</b>	7	4	9	5	125.0%
<b>Homophobic Incidents</b>	22	21	28	7	33.3%
<b>Transphobic Incidents</b>	10	11	13	2	18.2%
<b>Disability Incidents</b>	19	32	26	-6	-18.8%
<b>Domestic Crime and Incidents - National Definition</b>					-
<b>Domestic Abuse Incidents - Recorded Crime (ND)</b>	473	323	395	72	22.3%
<b>Domestic Abuse Incidents - Non Crime Occurrence (ND)</b>	107	79	65	-14	-17.7%
<b>MARAC</b>					
<b>MARAC – Total cases discussed</b>	136	75	91	16	21.3%
<b>MARAC – Repeat cases</b>	52	23	33	10	43.5%
<b>MARAC – Total number of children</b>	165	96	82	-14	-14.6%



## Police Reported Anti-Social Behaviour

	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	+/-	% change
Personal	296	217	172	-45	-20.7%
Community	987	896	698	-198	-22.1%
Environmental	132	114	103	-11	-9.6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1415</b>	<b>1227</b>	<b>973</b>	<b>-254</b>	<b>-20.7%</b>

## Wokingham MARAC (Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conferences)

	Cases	Repeat Cases	Percentage Repeat Cases
April 19 to Mar 20	128	34	26.5%
April 20 to Mar 21	136	52	38.2%
April 21 to Mar 22	75	23	30.6%
April 22 to Mar 23	91	33	36.2%

## Crime Performance Overview

All crime has seen an increase of +11.4% (841 offences) in the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 when compared to the same period the previous year. Increases have been seen largely in categories in relation to theft, including Shoplifting (+470 crimes), Bike Theft (+122 crimes), Theft of and Theft from Vehicle Offences (+54 & +60 crimes respectively). There has also been an increase of +29 offences in relation to Sexual Offences Non - Rape, an increase of +83 more Harassment incidents and +72 more Domestic Abuse incidents.

Theft offences have seen some of the largest increases on record both locally and nationally. It is thought that a substantial increase has been driven by the cost-of-living crisis, an increase of theft of items such as food, baby formula and household essentials, including washing up detergent and personal care products. This is a change from previous data in relation to shoplifting offences which indicated that luxury items, such as perfume, electrical styling equipment and alcohol were amongst the most stolen items.

Wokingham in line with several other parts of the country have seen an increase in the use of bicycles as an alternative and more popular mode of transport. Due to a mix of environmental and economic factors, bikes have become more popular. Sadly, increases use has resulted in an increase in opportunities for bike thefts. Hotspot locations include train stations, Wokingham Town and the newly opened Carnival Hub. Increased security measures and enforcement activity have been undertaken and will continue. However, the ease of being able to sell bikes as part of an online marketplace, coupled with the continued demand for their sale continues to compound the issue. Events to increase and promote security advice, continue across the hotspot locations and across social media.

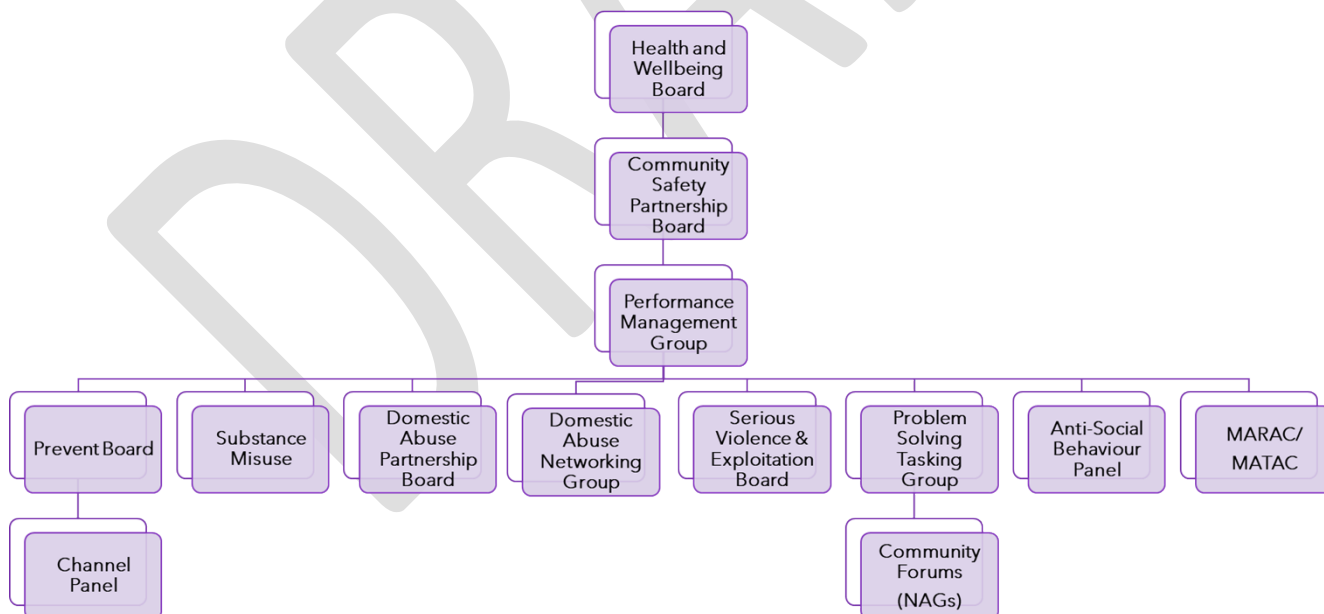
As an affluent borough Wokingham continues to have a higher than national average car ownership, this is a contributing factor in continuing to attract offenders perpetrating vehicle crime offences. Theft of vehicle crime continue to take place locally and is primarily driven by organised crime activity. Thames Valley police have been working with the council to identify gaps in CCTV and ANPR camera's to help detection and enforcement activity to tackle organised crime. Education and prevention advice continues to be rolled out to local residents to help aid prevention.

Violence against women and girl related offences including sexual offences, domestic abuse and harassment have continued to see a rise. A national drive to better identify, respond and support victims of these offences continue to increase confidence of victims coming forward for support. National and local changes and Domestic Abuse Matters training implemented by Thames Valley Police has also resulted in an increase and better identification of offences when officers attend incidents. To understand the local picture more comprehensively the partnership is in the process of developing a VAWG strategy, due for roll out later in the year.

Crimes that have decreased when compared to the same period last year, include Drugs Possession down (-72 crimes) and Trafficking (-24 crimes), Possession of Weapons down (-9) and Public Order Offences down (-54 crimes), and Rape (-5 crimes). Some categories including Burglary Dwelling, Robbery and Hate Crime have reduced by small amounts. Drug related offences are often linked to active police operations, this year there have been fewer proactive police operations due to frontline operational resourcing demands. Joint work in schools by both the Councils Youth Justice Services and Thames Valley police in relation to knife crime and robbery are starting to have an impact on these crime types, it is however anticipated the results of this work will be seen via longer term impacts.

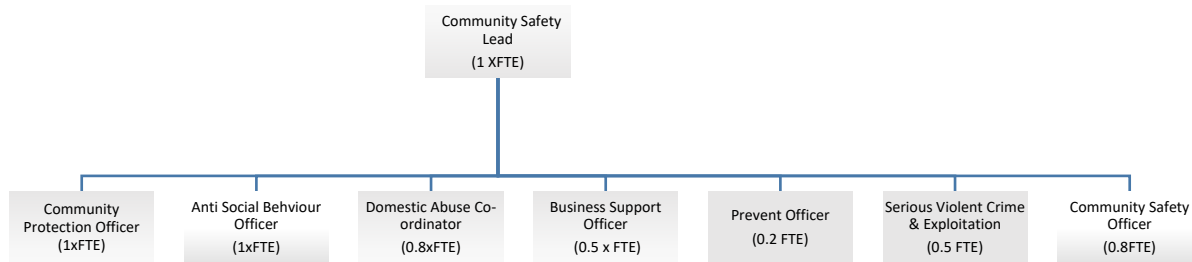
**Partnership Governance & Structure**

The current governance structure and delivery groups for the Wokingham Community Safety Partnership are set out below. A detailed summary of the groups can be found in Appendix A.



**Community Safety Team 2022/23**

The council’s community safety team consists of the following structure.



## **Funding**

Last year, the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) committed to provide grant funding to all CSP's across the Thames Valley and rather than the annual allocation agreed each year that has changed to allow funding across three financial years (2022/23, 2023/24 and 2024/25). This would allow greater flexibility for the Community Safety Partnership to commit to multi-year projects rather than being restricted to spending an agreed set amount each year.

The allocation to the Wokingham CSP is as follows:-

2022/23 £103,138  
 2023/24 £126,561  
 2024/25 £150,875

**Total over 3 years = £380,574**

This commitment will be reviewed annually, and funding approval will remain on the basis of approved funding bids delivering against the Police & Criminal Justice Plan followed by performance monitoring reports that demonstrate outcomes that have been delivered, or outcomes that are being worked towards.

Of the £103,138 allocated in 2022/23, £58,003 was spent and the underspend of £45,135 will be carried forward into 2023/24 and added to the £126,561 allowing projects of circa £171,696 to be funded.

### **Projects funded in 2022/23**

<b>Project</b>	<b>Spend in 2022/23</b>
Joint Analyst for Berkshire CSP's	£3,270
Independent Domestic Violence Advisor training	£9,750
Public Protection Partnership – Fraud Victim Support Scheme	£5,000
Domestic Abuse Home Refuge Scheme	£5,000
Reading FC Community Trust – 'Kicks'/Positive Pathways Project	£20,000
Problem Solving & Tasking Group – Small Projects	£7,053
Domestic Homicide Review cost of independent chair	£7,200
Statistical analysis for serious violence and exploitation and anti-social behaviour scoping	£4,000

The Domestic Abuse Duties Grant was approximately £248K, specifically ring fenced for the delivery of the new Domestic Abuse Act 2021 duty.

In addition, the partnership received £17K from the Violence Reduction Unit to help the partnership prepare the groundwork in readiness for the new Serious Violence Duty.

The partnership also has oversight of the Borough's commissioned Domestic Abuse service and the Substance Misuse Service contracts.

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## **Community Safety Partnership Subgroups**

### **Problem Solving Tasking Group (PSTG)**

**Chair:** Police Neighbourhood Inspector

**Deputy Chair:** Wokingham Community Safety Manager

**Frequency:** Every 6 weeks for 1.5hrs

**Membership:** Cranston drug and alcohol services, Public Protection Partnership, police, WBC children's social care, Prevention & Youth Justice Service, fire service, Wokingham town council, WBC community engagement, WBC Enforcement and Safety Team, Involve community services, Reading football club.

**Overview** The PSTG work together to identify and reduce location-based problems identified by local reporting and data analysis. The groups collaborative approach allows for effective information and intelligence sharing across the agencies; leading to a greater understanding of concerns and an ability to identify the most appropriate problem solving solution. The solutions are often collaborative in nature, demonstrating that all agencies have a role to play. The group has addressed ASB in Arborfield, Woodley Town Centre and local parks. The group is working with the business community in Wokingham Town Centre to reduce an increase in shoplifting. It is also working with those most at risk of offending, providing appropriate drug, alcohol and housing support. In the coming year the group will consider its response to Violence Against Women and Girls to include reviewing CCTV locations and provision of 3rd sector support during the Night Time Economy. It has delivered e-scooter awareness events with TVP and RBFR, bike-marking events and numerous other pop up information sessions responding to local issues. The group continues to look at ways to work together including utilising technology to engage with the community on the issues of most concern and providing practical solutions.

### **Anti- Social Behaviour Panel**

**Chair:** Wokingham Borough Council Community Protection Officer

**Deputy Chair:** Wokingham Community Safety Manager

**Frequency:** Every 6 weeks for 1.5- 2hours

**Membership:** Registered social landlords, WBC community development, WBC housing, police, adult social care, children's social care and Reading football club.

**Overview:** Multi agency panel meets to discuss medium and high level anti-social behaviour issues across the borough. During the past 12 months the group has discussed 19 medium to high level anti-social behaviour cases in relation to private, WBC or housing association properties. Outcomes have included investigative interviews, warning letters, community protection warnings (CPW), community triggers, multi-agency interventions including referrals on to mental health services and assisting with tenancy checks, warnings and notices. A separate multi-agency panel has met regularly to discuss intervention work on the Norreys estate following an increase in medium and high level ASB and criminal activity.

### **Domestic Abuse Partnership Board**

**Chair:** Assistant Director Environment and Safety

**Deputy Chair:** Wokingham Community Safety Manager

**Frequency:** Bimonthly for 2 hours.

**Overview:** Key priorities for the group are to support Wokingham Borough Council in meeting its duty under Part 4 of the Domestic Abuse Act 2021. The board is working together to support, advise and work in partnership with Wokingham Borough Council to ensure victims of domestic abuse have access to adequate and appropriate support within safe accommodation services. The group is working to improve outcomes for victims of

domestic abuse, including children, through a strategic approach to identify and address gaps in support within safe accommodation services.

### **Domestic Abuse Network**

**Chair:** Assistant Director Safeguarding and Quality Assurance

**Deputy Chair:** Wokingham Community Safety Manager

**Frequency:** Bimonthly for 2 hours.

**Overview:** Key priorities include sharing best practice, building strong networks between agencies working in the borough and delivering on the Wokingham Domestic Abuse Strategy 2021 – 2024. The group is working to improve outcomes for all those affected by domestic abuse regardless of gender or protected characteristics.

### **MARAC (Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference)**

**Chair:** Thames Valley Police

**Deputy Chair:** N/A

**Frequency:** Monthly

**Overview:** The Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) is a monthly multi agency meeting to safeguard adult victims of domestic abuse and their children who have been identified as being at 'high risk' of serious harm or homicide. Information is shared between agencies to create a collective understanding of risks and put in place a coordinated action plan to increase safety options.

### **MATAC (Multi Agency Tasking and Coordination)**

**Chair:** Thames Valley Police

**Deputy Chair:** N/A

**Frequency:** Monthly

**Overview:** MATAC is a monthly meeting to identify and tackle the most harmful domestic abuse perpetrators, through changing offender behaviour, reducing re-offending and safeguarding victims and families. Engagement with perpetrators is through education, prevention and diversion methods, including referrals to community based domestic abuse perpetrator interventions, working with housing providers and drug / alcohol/ mental health interventions. If engagement is unsuccessful, disruption and enforcement tactics are used.

### **Substance Misuse**

**Chair:** TBC

**Deputy Chair:** TBC

**Frequency:** TBC

**Overview:** The Combatting Drugs Partnership (CDP) for West Berkshire encompassing Wokingham, Reading and West Berks is now in place. The Senior Responsible Officer appointed for the CDP is currently the TVP Police & Crime Commissioner. A decision will be made shortly regarding the structure of a CSP sub-group. Please note this group has not met in 2022/23.

### **Prevent Board**

**Chair:** Assistant Director for Adult Social Care,

**Deputy Chair:** Deputy LPA Commander, Thames Valley Police

**Frequency:** Every Quarter for 1.5hrs

**Overview:** Key priorities include the delivery and review of the Wokingham Prevent Action plan and ensuring that the local authority is undertaking its statutory duties as set out by the Counter Terrorism and Securities Act 2014. The Prevent Board has strategic oversight of the Borough's delivery of the duties set out in the Counter Terrorism and Securities Act 2014. This includes compliance and delivery of Prevent training delivery across a range of

partner public sector organisations, IT and venue hire policies. Community engagement and development activities and raising awareness of the Prevent programme across communities and professionals including information on how to raise concerns and where to go for further information.

### **Channel Panel**

**Chair:** (Acting) Assistant Director Adult Social Care

**Deputy Chair:** Community Safety Manager

**Frequency:** Every month for 1.5hrs

**Overview:** Meets monthly if there are case to discuss or once every quarter to discuss good practice and share learning through case studies. Key priorities are to discuss any referrals made to the multi-agency panel, to safeguard individuals at risk of racialisation.

### **Serious Violence & Exploitation Strategy Board (SV & ESB)**

**Chair:** Local Police Area Commander and Assistant Director Children's Social Care and Early Help

**Deputy Chair:** N/A

**Frequency:** Quarterly for 2 hours

**Overview:** This group was formed in response to a new statutory duty to reduce and prevent serious violence which became law in April 2022 and was enacted in January 2023.

The group is tasked with working collaboratively to provide a whole systems response to the issue of serious violence in communities including that which occurs within the context of the criminal and sexual exploitation of children, young people and vulnerable adults. Working to increase active participation across agencies and communities to fully understand and prevent individuals of all ages from becoming involved in and impacted by serious violence. A Local Problem Profile was produced and recommendations from that have informed a new Strategy. The approach taken was endorsed by CSP in February 2023.

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