

COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP STRATEGIC PLAN 2023/ 25



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Foreword

The Isle of Wight (IOW) Community Safety Partnership (CSP) believes that crime, disorder, anti-social behaviour and reducing the fear of crime can only be tackled effectively by working together. The proactive partnership work in the last few years during the covid pandemic has demonstrated excellent commitment by partners, it gives us great pleasure to introduce the updated CSP strategic plan.

The Isle of Wight is recognised as a safe place to live and work although there will always be ways to make our island safer and reduce the crime that we face in our communities. The community safety landscape can be complex and challenging and it is therefore key that the CSP also works alongside a number of other multi-agency partnerships.

The CSP is required to produce a Strategic Assessment to inform the plan which is reviewed on an annual basis. The review analyses a number of data sources to identify key or emerging issues which underpin the priorities concerning crime, anti-social behaviour and fear of crime. This information, together with the lessons learned and outcomes from previous years, have fed into the latest strategic assessment, ensuring that the Island residents continue to influence the priorities we have identified.

We are pleased to report that over the last year we have had some very successful outcomes, our local 'Joint Action Group' have addressed a number of anti-social behaviour issues across the Island. Our joint work with the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Police and Crime Commissioner has also resulted in additional funding in areas such as Violent Crime Reduction, Safer Streets, Antisocial behaviour and community interventions for community safety.

The CSP have agreed to focus on the following priorities for the next two years:

- Serious Violence Duty Compliance (Jan 2024)
- Reduce Reoffending and first-time entry into criminal justice system
- Reduce Anti-social Behaviour
- Complete Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHRs)
- Produce the Prevent Strategy and Partnership Plan
- Community Engagement and awareness
- Gender Based Violence and VAWG in public spaces

Amanda Gregory Chair of Isle of Wight Community Safety Partnership



Karen Lucioni , Cabinet Member for Community Protection, Regulatory Services and Waste



1. Introduction

The community safety partnership (CSP) was formed in response to the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 as a statutory requirement. Every three years each Community Safety Partnership will produce a 'Strategic Plan' informed by a strategic assessment. The plan identifies priorities and trends for the partnership to focus on and provides a framework for delivery. The plan sets out how we will address the core community safety issues both now and in the coming years.

These priorities have been identified within the strategic assessment (2021/ 22) and should be read in conjunction with the assessment document, as all data referred to is detailed within the assessment.

The strategy is refreshed annually to respond to emerging threats and to ensure priorities are still relevant.

Success in addressing the priorities requires the trust and confidence of the public in our partnership, as such there is a strong theme of engagement that runs throughout the partnerships aims as partnership working, community engagement and empowerment are key to tackling crime and disorder as well as our partnership priorities.

The IOW has seen a recent increase in overall crime rates, this follows a period of reduced crime recording during Covid19 however the IOW crime rate continues to be lower than the national average.

The new Serious Violence duty places a statutory obligation to CSPs to produce a strategic needs assessment and strategy by January 2024. The emphasis of the duty focuses on a public health approach to focus on identifying risk factors and implement early interventions to reduce serious violence on the island.

1.1 Measuring success

In 2023 the plan considers and evaluates the changes in crime patterns and the reduction in crime and disorder. Comparative data from other CSPs and Hampshire force areas will be utilised to assist this.

The strategic plan is produced every three years and is next due in 2025 however the newly introduced Serious Violence Duty will become a statutory duty of the CSP and therefore we anticipate there will be a further refresh of the CSP plan in 2023/ 24. This year's plan consists of an annual review and revision to reflect the findings in the 2021/22 strategic assessment, whilst also considering the impact that ongoing detriments such as the Cost of Living and Fuel Poverty Crisis are having on the community.

Where data is available, comparisons have been made with the England and Wales Community Safety Partnership most similar group (MSG), which includes the local authority areas below.

Hampshire - Isle of Wight Most similar groups (MSG's)

Humberside - North Lincolnshire	Kent - Shepway	North Wales - Wrexham
North Wales - Flintshire	Suffolk - Waveney	Essex - Tendring
North Wales - Conwy	North Wales - Denbighshire	Nottinghamshire - Bassetlaw
Kent - Dover	Nottinghamshire - Newark and Sherwood	Staffordshire - Newcastle-under-Lyme
Lincolnshire - Boston	Northamptonshire - Kettering	

1.2 Community perceptions

Using the weighted YouGov dataset we can see that a majority of residents feels safe on the IOW with feelings of safety higher than the Hampshire average.

The vast majority of those surveyed on the IOW (86.7% in March 2022) felt safe in their community, higher than the Hampshire average which stands at 77%. 54.9% of those surveyed felt that crime in their local community was either 'low' or 'very low'.

1.3 Who are the partners in the Isle of Wight Community Safety Partnership?

Statutory Partners



- Isle of Wight Council
- Hampshire Constabulary
- Hampshire and Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue
- Hampshire and the Isle of Wight Intergrated Care Board
- Hampshire National Probation Service

Supporting Partners



- Registered Social Landords
- Mental Health Trust
- NHS Trust
- Youth Offending Team
- Public Health
- Inclusion
- Voluntary Sector

Action Groups



- Anti-social Behaviour Joint Action Group (JAG)
- Offending and Reoffending Reduction Subgroup
- Road Safety Forum
- Community Engagement (task and finish group)
- VAWG/ Gender Based Violence Reduction

1.4 Who else do we work with?

The CSP aims to avoid the unnecessary duplication of work that is led by other strategic, specialist or multi-agency partnerships. The following table provides an overview of these other partnerships and the key themes:

Area of focus	Strategic Partnership
Child Safeguarding and Exploitation.	Isle of Wight Childrens Safeguarding Partnership
Domestic abuse	Isle of Wight Domestic Abuse Board Partnership Board
Drug Related Harm	Island Strategic Drug and Alcohol Partnership
Modern day slavery	Hampshire and Isle of Wight Modern Day Slavery Partnership
Violent Crime Reduction: a) Reduction in hospital admissions for assaults with a knife or sharp object and especially among victims aged under 25. b) Reduction in knife-enabled serious violence and especially among victims aged under 25. c) Reduction in all non-domestic homicides and especially among victims aged under 25 involving knives.	Hampshire and Isle of Wight Violent Crime Reduction Unit

The CSP continues to support partners leading on these themes and is committed to working together where the theme assists in reducing crime and disorder on the Island.

The partnership also considers the priorities set by the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Police and Crime Commissioner in her Police and Crime Plan, which are:

- 600 more police officers by 2023
- Improve police visibility – bringing policing to your community
- Tackle anti-social behaviour
- Making it easier to report crime through 101
- Prevent young people from committing crime
- Zero tolerance approach on knife crime
- Crack down on unauthorised encampments
- Improved outcome for victims
- Targeting rural crime

2. Highlights and successes from 2020/21

The CSP delivered on a number of different priorities during the last period through its various working groups. Some of the highlights include:

- The Joint Action Group tackling anti-social behaviour issues and intervening to support more vulnerable residents
- The established Violence Reduction Unit (VRU) has led a number of successful interventions aimed at those under the age of 25 on the island. In 2020/21 over 140 young people benefitted from positive interventions through this program.
- Safer Streets 3, Mentors in Violence/ positive bystander training in island schools, Community in Motion bystander training for those working in the night time economy and implementation of Safe Spaces program
- Road Safety forum has been re- established – Completion of Project Pictogram which focuses on the ‘Fatal Four’ plus tailgating. Stickers printed and applied to the 210 vehicles across the Isle of Wight Council internal fleet, waste contractor (Amey), highways contractor (Island Roads) and the Ambulance service. Fire and Police not recruited as they have their own variations of pictogram stickers on their vehicles.
- Following the introduction of the Domestic Abuse Act 2021 capacity review was undertaken and responsibilities around domestic violence were transferred to the newly established domestic abuse board.

3. Our Priorities 2023 - 2025

The priorities and action plan contained in this document are based on the findings from the strategic assessment, previous working knowledge and input from CSP Partners.

The Community Safety Partnership have agreed the following priorities for 2023 - 25

- **Serious Violence Duty Compliance (Jan 2024)**
- **Reduce Reoffending and first-time entry into criminal justice system**
- **Reduce Anti-social Behaviour**
- **Complete Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHRs)**
- **Prevent Strategy and Partnership Plan**
- **Community Engagement and awareness**
- **Gender Based Violence and VAWG in public spaces**

Serious Violence

The Violence Reduction Unit (VRU) is now being led by the police and crime commissioner although a representative of the CSP attends the new strategic Violence Reduction Partnership group. The reduction of Serious Violence is a new statutory duty placed on CSPs, we will be working on complying with this new duty moving forward.

Reduce Reoffending and first-time entry into criminal justice system

Early intervention and engagement to reduce the amount of adults and children entering the criminal justice system for the first time as well as re-offenders.

ASB

The Joint Action Group will continue to lead on reducing ASB and helping communities to understand how and when to report ASB and hate crime.

Domestic Homicide Reviews

The CSP will continue with its statutory requirement to conduct Domestic Homicide reviews and deliver joint lessons learned workshop with the safeguarding boards. We are also in the process of developing a framework and better understanding of the potential in potential value in conducting 'near miss DHRs. This is an ongoing objective in partnership with the Domestic Abuse Board.

Prevent

The Prevent Board will progress the IOW Prevent Plan and ensure partners carry out responsibilities to meet the Prevent duty.

Community Engagement and awareness

This is a new priority in understanding the perception and impact of serious violence and crime in our communities. By working alongside our town and parish councils, the voluntary sector and the Isle of Wight Council regeneration team (place programme) we aim to develop a greater understanding to enrich our strategic assessment and setting of priorities.

Gender Based Violence and VAWG (Violence against women and girls) in Public Spaces.

Following the successful delivery of Safer Streets 3 in 2021/22 we are progressing the successful bid for safer streets 4 IN 2022/ 24 with further Community in Motion bystander training with people who work in the night-time economy. We are also implementing situational measures to be added to the re-development of the Ryde bus terminal to further protect vulnerable people from potential violence.

Each priority area has its own subgroup with specific work streams and action plan, the below delivery plan provides an overview of those plans including headline objectives and outcomes.

4. Delivery Plan 2020 – 2022

	Priority	Objective	Action	Lead partner	Outcome
1	Serious Violent Crime	Understand serious violent crime on the Isle of Wight	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Develop a strategic assessment for IOW Serious Violent Crime to provide a better understanding of the data around this theme by January 2024. 2. Create a response strategy in relation to the above strategic assessment. 	IOW Council	Understanding of serious violent crime to inform partners on how to address drivers.
2	Reduce Reoffending and first-time entry into the Criminal Justice System	<p>Deliver Reoffending strategy to reduce reoffending of young and adult offenders.</p> <p>Prevent offending and first-time entrance into the Criminal Justice System</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Deliver, evaluate, and report on strategic plan 2. Conduct a 'deep dive' into the data around young girls (0-18) who become involved in criminal activity specifically violence against the person offences. Develop a plan to address and reduce this trend. 	Probation / YOT	<p>Reoffending rates reduced</p> <p>First time entry into CJS reduced.</p> <p>Understand high levels of violence against the person offences committed by girls aged 10-18</p>
3	ASB	Deal with ASB including neighbourhood nuisance in partnership.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify hot spot areas for ASB, then work with partners on reducing the impact of this behaviour on local communities 2. Tackle complex cases taking a multi-agency approach 3. Promote partnership information sharing and submission of intelligence via Police CPI forms 4. Review of the JAG and process of referral. 	Police / IOW Council	Successful resolution of ASB cases
			<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Respond to the consultation 	All partners.	

		Respond to the Governments 2023 consultation – Community safety partnerships review and antisocial behaviour powers			
4	Domestic Homicide Reviews	Delivery statutory requirement to conduct DHRs.	1. Complete Domestic Homicide reviews and deliver joint lessons learned workshop with the safeguarding boards	IOW Council	To identify learning from DHRs
5	Prevent	Deliver on statutory Prevent duty	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Develop the IOW Prevent action plan in line with recommendations received by Counter Terrorism Policing South East 2. Deliver on the Prevent action plan 3. Coordinate the IOW channel panel 	<p>IOW Prevent Board</p> <p>IOW Prevent Board</p> <p>IOW Council</p>	<p>Statutory Prevent duty met.</p> <p>Increase awareness of current threats and risks and provide a greater awareness of the channel panel process.</p>
6.	Community Engagement	Develop understanding of wider community perceptions and gather data to enrich our strategic assessment.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Engage with town and parish councils and the voluntary sector to obtain community perceptions. 2. Develop toolkit to help enrich data and understanding for future assessments and delivery plans. 	IOW Council	Develop understanding of wider community perceptions.

7.	Gender Based Violence and VAWG in public spaces	Understanding and reducing the risks associated with gender-based violence and VWAG within our public spaces and night time economy.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Successful delivery of Safer Streets 4 (SS4). 2. Understanding hot spot areas in terms of crime statistics and public perception. 	IOW Council in partnership with Portsmouth City Council, Fareham Brough Council, Havant Brough Council and Gosport Brough Council.	To raise awareness and take steps to reduce risk by providing training and working in partnership with our night-time economy.
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