

Warrington

Community Safety Partnership Plan 2018 to 2021

“Committed to keeping Warrington a Safe Place to live, work and visit”

2020 Refresh (pre Covid-19 outbreak and government lockdown)

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Introduction

Well Warrington - the Health and Wellbeing Strategy for Warrington 2019 – 2023 sets out Warrington’s partnership vision of *“Warrington is a place where we work together to create a borough with stronger neighbourhoods, healthier people and greater equality across all our communities”*.

The Community Safety Partnership are committed to keeping *Warrington as a safe place to live, work and visit, ensuring that the most vulnerable are safe and feel safer*.

What is the Community Safety Partnership?

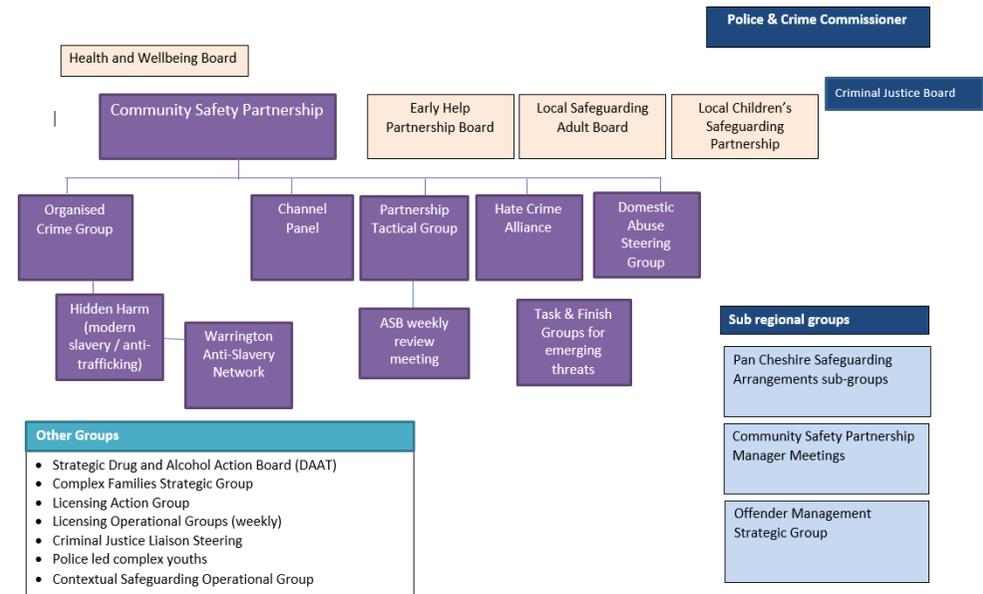
The CSP is the local multi-agency partnership that has been established to tackle community safety issues within Warrington. It has a statutory obligation under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 (and subsequent legislation) to work in partnership to address issues of:

- Crime and disorder
- Anti-social behaviour
- Behaviour adversely affecting the environment
- Substance misuse
- Reducing re-offending

The partnership meets 4 times a year and is supported by a range of groups as shown opposite. Along with other supporting partner agencies, some of the key organisations that make up the CSP include:

- Warrington Borough Council
- Cheshire Constabulary
- Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service
- Warrington Clinical Commissioning Group
- Warrington Public Health

- Youth Justices Service
- National Probation Service
- Cheshire and Greater Manchester CRC



The CSP also has a statutory duty to outline the Partnership priorities and delivery plans, which are determined by a statutory annual Community Safety Strategic Assessment; this is completed locally.

The overall purpose is to ‘add value’ to the work already being carried out by the separate partner organisations.

Looking back over 2019

- The rise in police recorded crime has slowed following the changes in improved compliance with recording standards during 2016/2017. For Warrington, there was a 3% increase in recorded crime which is lower than the 10% increase between 2017 and 2018. For 2019, the Cheshire force saw an increase of 3% and nationally 4% increase. The inner central wards of Warrington continue to have the highest rates of crime and anti-social behaviour per 1,000 population.

Despite rises in recorded crime overall, alcohol related crime has remained steady showing a 1% increase from 2018 to 2019 (1,841 to 1,860 crimes).

- The monitoring of serious acquisitive crime remains a key priority within the partnership plan. Robbery increased by 67% (87 to 145 crimes), the largest increase being personal robbery. Overall the Cheshire force saw an increase of 31%. Burglary saw a slight increase of 7% (954 to 1,025 crimes). The Cheshire force saw a -3% decrease. Theft of a vehicle saw an increase of 24% (236 to 293) with theft from a vehicle decreasing by -7% (553 to 513). Total vehicle offences saw a -0.7% reduction. The Cheshire force saw a 6% increase.
- Violence against the person continues to increase with a 20% increase (6,328 to 7,584). The increase was mainly in violence without injury.
- A community consultation (ROC event) held in March and findings from Cheshire Youth Commission showed concerns with regard to knife crime. Knife crime has increased by 11% (71 to 79 offences). The Cheshire Force increase was 5%. Possession of weapon offences has slightly decreased from 135 offences in 2018 to 109. However, it is recognised that these figures represent what has come to the attention of the police.

- Serious and organised crime, county lines and modern slavery remain high priorities for Warrington with a number of high profile disruption and arrests seen over the year.
- Police recorded Domestic abuse crimes saw an increase of 15% (2,834 to 3,255). Stalking and harassment increased by 55% 1,688 crimes to 2,618. It is suggested that part of this increase related to frontline training and the creation of the Anti-Stalking Unit. A new Domestic Abuse Steering Group was launched in 2020.
- Hate crime has seen an increase of 18% (373 to 440). Hate crimes are nationally recognised as under reported crimes. A Hate Crime Strategy 2020-2023 has been published.
- The reduction in anti-social behaviour continues with a further -9% reduction between 2019 and 2018 (4,052 to 3,692). Public Order also saw a reduction of -9% (3,670 to 3,339) – this compares to the 162% seen in 2016 following changes in crime recording. In addition, the Council received 1,386 fly tipping complaints in 2019, a slight reduction of -5% compared with 1,457 in 2018. Positively deliberate fires reduced by -6% from 282 to 266.



19,941 Crimes Committed (that is 95.2 crimes per 1,000 residents)



2018-19 - 827 individuals in service in substance misuse treatment

3,255 Domestic Abuse crimes

Alcohol related crime remained stable with 1,860 crimes



467 Bike thefts



3,692 incidents of anti-social behaviour (that is 17.6 per 1,000 residents)

196 parent alert letters issued



1,386 fly-tipping complaints

-6% reduction in deliberate fires
9% Reduction in ASB
Recorded pedal cycle theft reduced by -5%

UPS & DOWNS

Domestic Abuse incidents rose by 15%
18% increase in hate crime
Knife crime increased by 11% (71 to 79)



266 deliberate fires

Key activity delivered

				
<p>Introduction of Warrington Problem Solving and Hidden Harm teams</p>	<p>Weekly meetings with WBC Community Safety, police, Early Help to review ASB incidents over the week and early identification of perpetrators.</p>	<p>Introduction of a new DA Steering Group and planned refresh of Domestic Abuse Strategy</p>	<p>No2h8 National Award to Warrington Hate Crime Action Alliance for Local Authority Upstander Award for its partnership approach to stopping hate crime in Warrington.</p>	<p>Review of Cheshire Offender Management Strategy and relaunch of the Cheshire Offender Management Strategic Group</p>
<p>The public protection team continues to locally promote national scams team prevention activity and free advice/services, such as call blockers to people living with dementia.</p>	<p>Two Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs) in place, NPS reviewed and continuing for full term.</p>	<p>Secured 2 years project funding from the Department for Communities & Local Government to address the lack of capacity for victims with complex needs to be supported in refuge accommodation across Cheshire.</p>	<p>Delivery of County Lines Play to High schools Years 7/8 to raise awareness of how county lines operate and target young people.</p>	<p>Complex youths scheme continues to respond to communities and the vulnerabilities surrounding youths in care and the current county lines threats.</p>
<p>Problem Solving Team addressed number of significant key repeat areas around Town Centre in particular and numerous Criminal Behaviour Orders issued</p>	<p>Consultation on Dog Control PSPO</p>		<p>Bid submitted for national Safer Streets Funding to tackle serious acquisitive crime in North Warrington for £500k – result awaited</p>	
<p>Bike Marking kit initiative with high schools to tackle bike thefts across the Borough</p>	<p>Successful bid for £50k to tackle anti-social behaviour hotspots, with particular emphasis on children and young people. Initiatives agreed include:</p>		<p>Hate Crime Strategy 2020-2023 published</p>	
<p>High profile arrests and sentences for organised crime nominals and disruption of county lines</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project Elevate - Saturday night youth service provision • Livewire Street Sports and Padgate Holiday project • Orford Park Outreach • Latchford Youth Club Bus. • Town Centre provision 	<p>Warrington Hidden Harm Team undertook extensive mapping and intelligence gathering operations across the town. This has led to several high profile prosecutions and victims safeguarded</p>	<p>Operation Stay Safe – Multi-agency targeting of town centre to engage with young people involved in crime/ASB</p>	<p>Introduction of a new set of performance scorecards to highlight activity, performance and effectiveness in reducing reoffending.</p>
<p>Series of community knife sweeps and establishment of Warrington Knife Crime Group</p>				
<p>Community Consultation – successful ROC event held March 2020</p>				

Key performance indicators

Crime/Incident	2016	2017	2018	2019	2019 rate ¹	2018-2021 aims	Cheshire Rate ²	England rate	Most Similar Group Comparison - June 19
All Crime ³	12,925	17,652	19,369	19,941	95.2	Reduce	91.1	88.0	Higher than average
Drug Offences	538	449	426	379	1.8	Maintain	2.0	3.0	Same as average
Violence against the person	3,479	4,944	6,328	7,584	36.2	Reduce	35.3	29.1	Violence and sexual offences: Higher than average
Knife crime ⁴	67	67	71	79	0.38	Reduce	0.37	0.83	
Sexual Offences	358	503	783	667	3.2	Reduce/maintain	2.8	2.7	
Domestic Abuse crimes (Police data)	2,036	1,720	2,834	3,255	15.5	Increase reporting	-	-	-
Burglary (Residential)	485	680	713	733	3.5	Maintain/reduce	3.0	4.6	Burglary: Lower than average
Burglary (Business & Community)	537	388	241	292	1.4	Maintain/reduce	1.2	2.0	
Theft from a motor vehicle	569	600	553	513	2.5	Maintain/reduce	Vehicle offences:		Vehicle crime: Lower than average
Theft of a vehicle	171	227	236	293	1.4	Maintain/reduce	3.6	7.9	
Shoplifting	1,346	1,440	1,399	1,273	6.1	Maintain/reduce	6.3	6.2	Same as average
Theft of a pedal cycle	444	462	493	467	2.2	Maintain/reduce	1.3	1.5	Same as average
Hate Crimes	202	270	373	440	2.1	Maintain / increase reporting	-	-	-
ASB	6,982	6,778	4,052	3,692	17.6	Maintain/reduce	-	-	-
ASB environmental - fly tipping	351	270	238	159	0.8	Maintain/reduce			-
Public order	1,490	3,582	3,670	3,339	15.9	Reduce	16.1	7.2	Higher than average
Criminal Damage & Arson	1,659	2,148	2,008	2,007	9.6	Maintain/ reduce	9.4	9.2	Same as average
Deliberate fire activity	241	261	282	266	1.3	Maintain / reduce	-	-	-
First time entrants - Youth Justice system	34	28	33	23 ⁵		Maintain	-	-	-
Average IOM Cohort offenders	41	39	42	tbc		Maintain / increase		-	-
Public Protection reported scams	-	104	123	83	0.4	-	-	-	-
Victims of doorstep crime (reported)	-	94	55	28	0.1	-	-	-	-

¹ Rates are based per 1,000 population using a Warrington population of 209,547.

² Cheshire and England rates are taken from ONS, Police recorded crime data year ending December 2019, table. Note England data does not include Greater Manchester Police.

³ Crime and ASB rates are based on recorded crime data from Cheshire Police Performance Console, March 2020, Prolific Offenders from IOM Performance Drive.

⁴ Knife crime - Home Office definition of a Knife Crime. (Use of knives and other sharp instruments) this includes Violent and Sexual Offences only.

⁵ FTEs – 2018 figures represent Oct 2017- Nov 2018 and 2019 figures represent Oct 2018 - Nov 2019

Ward Crime and ASB rates

The following table provides crime and anti-social behaviour rates per 1,000 population for recorded crime and anti-social behaviour. Ward data has been sourced from data.police.uk. The town centre reflects volume not rate. The inner wards of Warrington continue to have higher rates of crime and anti-social behaviour.

1) Anti-social behaviour

Ward	Rate
Appleton	10.1
Bewsey & Whitecross	39.6
Birchwood	17.5
Burtonwood & Winwick	15.1
Chapelford & Old Hall	15.7
Culcheth, Glazebury & Croft	11.8
Fairfield & Howley	33.8
Grappenhall	7.9
Great Sankey North & Whittle Hall	10.5
Great Sankey South	16.3
Latchford East	17.9
Latchford West	20.5
Lymm North & Thelwall	9.3
Lymm South	14.0
Orford	24.3
Penketh & Cuerdley	8.4
Poplars & Hulme	26.4
Poulton North	17.0
Poulton South	10.0
Rixton & Woolston	18.7
Stockton Heath	14.3
Westbrook	13.2
Town Centre	464.0

2) Crime

Ward	Rate
Appleton	36.3
Bewsey & Whitecross	163.6
Birchwood	79.1
Burtonwood & Winwick	87.9
Chapelford & Old Hall	52.2
Culcheth, Glazebury & Croft	59.3
Fairfield & Howley	135.0
Grappenhall	33.8
Great Sankey North & Whittle Hall	39.2
Great Sankey South	62.3
Latchford East	92.0
Latchford West	86.8
Lymm North & Thelwall	31.4
Lymm South	56.7
Orford	115.3
Penketh & Cuerdley	40.3
Poplars & Hulme	110.8
Poulton North	58.1
Poulton South	39.3
Rixton & Woolston	54.6
Stockton Heath	47.1
Westbrook	73.9
Town Centre	2094.0

Looking forward - Our 2018-2021 priorities (2020 refresh)

Strategic Themes 2018 to 2021	Theme 1 Preventing and responding to crime and people feel safe	Theme 2 Low levels of Anti-social behaviour & public order	Theme 3 Protecting people from harm - Domestic Abuse, Stalking & Sexual Offences	Theme 4 Protecting vulnerable people and victims	Theme 5 Integrated Offender Management
Refreshed priorities	Respond to COVID 19 and our multi-agency response to changes in crime, disorder patterns and the vulnerabilities created				
	Work with partners to address underlying themes (substance misuse, homelessness, mental health, vulnerabilities, complex families and deprivation)				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ensure we prioritise a partnership response to tackling crime and reducing antisocial behaviour ▪ Our response to Serious & Organised crime, knife crime and modern slavery ▪ Address high demand locations such as the town centre – daytime and nighttime economies (NTE) ▪ Monitor serious acquisitive crime ▪ Monitor trends and encourage reporting Hate Crime ▪ Diverting young people from the youth justice system 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ensure we work with partners to take a preventative approach and intervene early to address underlying themes ▪ Maintain robust multi agency response to ASB. ▪ Early intervention with offenders and diverting young people from the youth justice system ▪ Complex youths programme ▪ Tackle the use of NPS and associated ASB in the town centre. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sustainable support services ▪ Encourage reporting ▪ Develop a targeted Domestic Abuse strategy to improve the lives of victims (adults and children). ▪ Reduce the risk of repeated abuse by the development of a robust perpetrator programme. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ensure we work collaboratively to identify and protect individuals vulnerable to any form of exploitation or abuse ▪ PREVENT violent extremism ▪ Channel ▪ Exploitation from serious and organised crime ▪ Disability Hate & Mate Crime 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Early intervention and prevention. ▪ Address reoffending pathways and root causes to repeat criminality ▪ Targeted interventions ▪ Complex Youths
How our priorities link to Cheshire's Police & Crime Commissioners Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prevent crime and reoffending • Tackle drug related harm and violence • Promote a safe and vibrant night time economy • Prevent and protect Cheshire's communities from serious and organised crime • Address internet crime and fraud. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prevent and tackle anti-social behaviour 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protect vulnerable individuals at risk of exploitation • Prevent crime and reoffending 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prevent and protect Cheshire's communities from serious and organised crime • Address internet crime and fraud • Protect vulnerable individuals at risk of exploitation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prevent crime and reoffending

Looking forward - what we will do and how we will measure

Strategic Themes 2018 to 2021	Theme 1 Preventing and responding to crime and people feel safe	Theme 2 Low levels of Anti-social behaviour & public order	Theme 3 Protecting people from harm - Domestic Abuse, Stalking & Sexual Offences	Theme 4 Protecting vulnerable people and victims	Theme 5 Integrated Offender Management
Key things we will do	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Co-ordinate and prioritise a partnership response to serious and organised crime/county lines. ▪ Maximise opportunity through Police Problem Solving Team. ▪ Publication of a Drugs Strategy. ▪ Delivery of County Lines workshops to High Schools and explore the development of a primary school drama. ▪ Support delivery of the Alcohol Harm Reduction Strategy. ▪ Contribute and deliver Warrington's knife crime plan. ▪ Support strategies and plans, which include Modern Slavery, Child Sexual Exploitation and Hate Crime. ▪ Address violent crime (emphasis on managing the NTE economy and working with our hospital locations). ▪ Task & Finish Groups to respond to emerging issues/localized issues. ▪ Crime prevention & intervention, exploring public awareness and training with regards to cyber-crime, fraud and scams. ▪ Community engagement – maximise opportunities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Use and monitor the use of ASB tools & powers (e.g parent letters, panels, Acceptable Behavioural Contracts, and public space protection orders). ▪ Engagement with Complex Youths scheme. ▪ Continue analysis of ASB to inform: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hotspot Locations - Task & Finish groups • Tackle off road scrambler bikes in the Borough. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Explore ways of engaging with victims / perpetrators who are not high risk and those unknown to services (hidden groups). ▪ Enhance staff confidence and skills in perpetrator management as part of a whole family approach. ▪ Improve understanding of the particular needs of older DA victims and those with care and support needs. ▪ Continue to engage with local GPs. ▪ Secure the continuation of Operation Enhance funding beyond August 2018. ▪ Support victims with complex needs in refuge accommodation. ▪ Respond to the consultation on the Domestic Abuse Bill. ▪ Raise awareness of stalking and promote the use of the anti- stalking clinic. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Continue developing multi agency intelligence, boards and structures to identify individuals who are potentially vulnerable to any form of abuse/exploitation. ▪ Develop local training offer in relation to understanding risk factors and prevalent forms of exploitation. ▪ Support delivery of plans in place for areas such as Hate Crime, PREVENT and Channel Panel. ▪ Training and awareness. ▪ Awareness and use of Cheshire Cares. ▪ Support integrated approach to commissioning - e.g. alcohol, drugs. ▪ Review findings of the Black & Minority Ethnic Communities survey. ▪ Support and implement the Cheshire hidden harm strategy ▪ Promote slave-free supply chains and transparency statements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Encourage referrals from custody suite to substance misuse services. ▪ Ongoing support with Public Health colleagues to understand and respond to the impact of NPS. ▪ Expand capacity for complex youths. ▪ Continuation of hard to house panel. ▪ Explore continuation of DIVERT funding within Youth Justice System.
How we will measure progress	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Volume and rates per 1,000 ▪ All crime and key types, alcohol related, first time entrants in youth justice system ▪ Perception and data - through neighborhoods, police surveys. ▪ Explore outcome measures 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Volume and rate per 1,000 ▪ ASB, alcohol, youth and drugs related ASB ▪ Perception data - through neighborhoods, police surveys or consider other methods ▪ Explore outcome measures 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Volume and rates per 1,000 ▪ Domestic Abuse, repeat victims, MARAC ▪ Monitor activity and outcomes after launch of sub-regional DA campaign ▪ No of children accessing specialist recovery interventions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Volume and rates per 1,000 ▪ Hate Crime, Domestic Abuse, repeat victims, and public health substance misuse data 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Navigate and complex youths performance scorecards

