

Warrington

Community Safety Partnership Plan 2021 to 2024

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

2022 Refresh

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Our partnership priority is to work towards preventing crime occurring in the first place and equally to assist and protect those who sadly fall victim and to those communities that experience anti-social activities and behaviour which can negatively impact on the neighbourhood environment.

The impacts of crime and disorder can be long lasting. It has costs for individuals, families, businesses, for the economy and our communities. No one agency can ensure that Warrington is a safe place to live, visit, work and be able to safeguard those at risk of exploitation. In Warrington we have strong partnership structures and working arrangements to help create a Safer Warrington.

Whilst there is always much work to be done, I am pleased that our first year reflection of the plan has been positive. Work towards addressing Violence, Abuse and Intimidation against women and girls (VAIWG) has been a key focus in 2021 and was enhanced through £550k of Home Office funding for the town centre, secured by Cheshire Police & Crime Commissioner as part of the Safer Streets 3 allocation. This funding has been used to make some improvements to infrastructure within the Town in common locations identified through feedback taken from a VAIWG survey in August 2020, such as increased CCTV and improved street lighting. However, the funding has primarily been utilised to develop a

suite of education and awareness raising packages that will ultimately be delivered across all schools, with a longer term ambition to adapt and to be rolled out across a wider business setting. The key aim in taking this approach is to target culture change so that ultimately we have a long lasting, ongoing, future commitment to prevent Violence and Intimidation against women and girls.

Cheshire Police, through Operation Spartans, arrested 42 drug dealers responsible for the supply of drugs - heroin and crack cocaine in our town. Not only is the drug supply disrupted but it takes away the ability for such operations to prey on the vulnerable and exploit our children and young people. We will continue to prioritise our efforts in the disruption of organised crime and county lines.

Paula Worthington

Chair of Warrington Community Safety Partnership

About Warrington CSP

‘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.***

We align our priorities with that of the Police & Crime Commissioner for Cheshire.

What is the Community Safety Partnership?

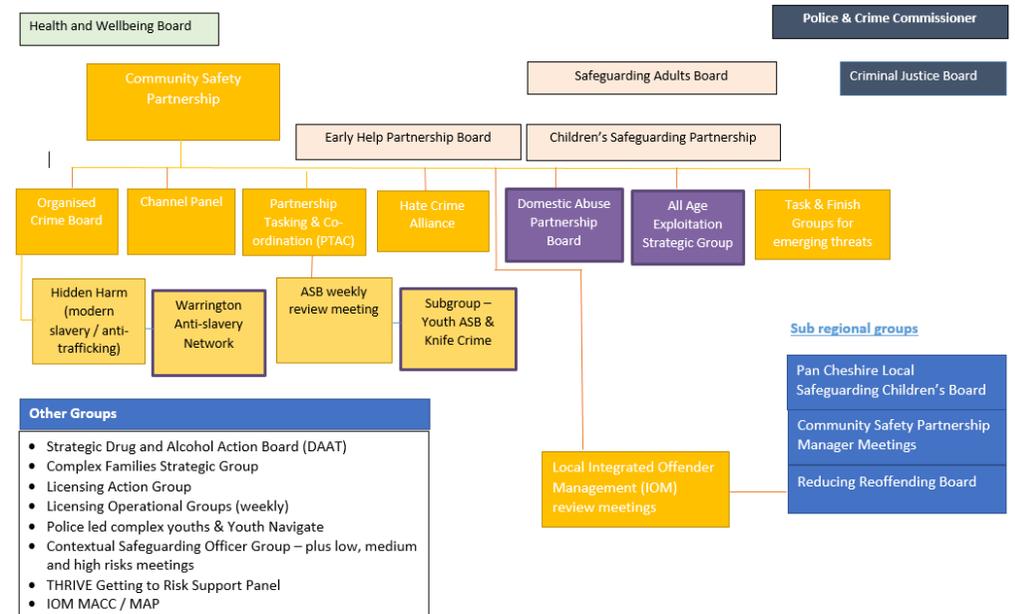
The CSP is the local multi-agency partnership that has been established to tackle community safety issues within Warrington. It has a statutory obligation under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 (and subsequent legislation) to work in partnership to address issues of:

- 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 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 2021

Warrington Community Safety Partnership (CSP) saw an 2.7% decrease in overall recorded crime volumes in 2021 with 17,510 offences (-491 less offences) when compared with 2020. This decrease is likely to be due to the exceptional period whilst the country has been in national lockdown due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the subsequent relaxing of restrictions. The highest crime rates per 1,000 population are still within the inner areas of Warrington (Bewsey and Whitecross; Fairfield and Howley; Latchford East) and the north of Warrington (Poplars and Hulme; Orford). This is a similar picture with regard to anti-social behaviour (ASB).

Volumes of police recorded ASB incidents across Warrington in 2020 rose by 31% (+1,246 incidents) when compared with 2019. Despite this rise, 2021 has demonstrated a reduction in Police recorded ASB incidents across Warrington CSP reduced by 28% (-1,508 incidents) in 2021 when compared with 2020. This downward trend is also seen across all 4 CSPs with reductions ranging from minus 18% to minus 28% i.e. Warrington seeing the largest percentage decrease for All ASB. The council observed a stable position with regard to ASB Complaints.

Cheshire Constabulary as a whole and Warrington CSP have year-on-year increases in the volume of recorded Hate crimes (+15.6% and +21.6% respectively). 445 in 2020 to 551 in 2021. The Hate Crime Alliance is well represented and attended and is supported by Warrington LPU Community Cohesion Group.

Bike thefts continue to reduce, with a 35% reduction in 2021, investment in bike marking kits and bike marking events is hoped to be impacting on the reduction.

Violence against the Person' (VAP) increased slightly across Warrington CSP by 2% (+148 offences) in 2021 (8,006) compared to 2020 (7,858). The only Beat Team Clusters (BTC) to record a reductions in VAP were Warrington Central (-2%) and Warrington East (-4%); the Town Centre Beat increased by 29% (147 more crimes). However, 'Violence without Injury' increased by 1.2% whilst 'Violence with Injury' offences decreased by 1.4% (+31 Offences) and (-129 offences) respectively, across the whole of Warrington CSP.

A total of 51 Possession of weapons offences were recorded across Warrington CSP this year, this represents a 24% decrease (or 16 fewer offences) than were recorded last year (67 offences). When we consider the crime rates per 1,000 population, the rate in Warrington CSP (0.2) is slightly lower than the Force rate (0.3).

Volumes of recorded Cyber-crimes across Warrington CSP have increased 8% (+133 offences) when compared with 2020, with a total of 1,798 offences in 2021. It is worth noting that the number of Cyber-crimes committed and reported nationally have increased during the pandemic.

Volumes of Domestic related offences across Warrington have reduced by 8%, but remain largely stable (down -283 from 3,508 to 3,225) when compared with 2020. Key priority tasks with regards to domestic abuse have been developed and delivered during 2021, with a new DA Strategy for 2021-2024 being published.

Key Activities Delivered Year 1: 2021

Preventing and responding to crime and people feel safe	Anti-social behaviour & public order	Domestic Abuse, Stalking and Sexual Offences	Protecting our communities from harm
<p>Operation Spartans – cited as the ‘largest county lines operation’ in Cheshire Police history disrupted 11 separate county lines gangs, securing the conviction of 42 drug dealers flooding the town with heroin and crack cocaine worth an estimated £1million.</p>	<p>CCTV Deployment of 2 mobile partnership cameras and 5 police Safer Street Cameras in key locations across the Borough and proving successful in tackling and deterring ASB/Crime.</p>	<p>One of the priority tasks was the completion of a DA needs assessment which been done and informed the DA Strategy for 2021 - 2024</p>	<p>Reintroduction of the Borough Wide Public Space Protection order to tackle on street drinking</p>
<p>Youth Justice Service scored the highest of any YJS undergoing a full joint Inspection with the rating of Outstanding for Governance and Leadership - demonstration of close multi agency working locally.</p>	<p>105 parent alert letters were issued during 2021 – continued focus on early intervention to deter children and young people entering the criminal justice system.</p>	<p>Safer Streets 3 funding and project to tackle Violence, Abuse & Intimidation against Women and Girls</p>	<p>Project Servator is now in place at Warrington, this aims to deter and disrupt a range of criminal activity</p>
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<p>Fatal 5 offences (speeding, drink and drug driving, mobile phone, careless driving and not using a seat belt), an example of this was an operation conducted between 27 Sept to 25 October that resulted in 41 arrests, a number of vehicle seizures, and traffic reports being issued.</p>	<p>Operation Treacle conducted across Warrington during the Halloween and Bonfire period is an excellent example of partnership working and activity to prevent demand and maximise community safety, and resulted in reductions in calls based on previous years.</p>	<p>Established the survivors and supporters forum that meets every quarter, survivors are represented on the DA Board and task and finish groups.</p>	<p>Bleeding Control Kits – continued roll out of kits across the Borough, with a further 10 purchased by the Warrington CSP.</p>
<p>Serious & Organised Crime Partnership Refreshed Terms of Reference and 4 P Plan</p>	<p>Operation Stay Safe – multi agency targeting of youth hotspots with a view to engagement and safeguarding</p>	<p>Established a child / parent violence and abuse intervention, offering a whole family approach. Currently have 4 champions and funding has been secured to develop further champions in secondary school settings.</p>	<p>Torus Community Impact Days and Community Safety Impact Day in Poplars & Hulme</p>
			<p>Operation Forbidden had great joint working across the Borough targeting the supply of diazepam and drugs to young people.</p>

Community Safety In Warrington – Facts & Figures: (Findings from the strategic assessment for the period January to December 2021|or latest data)



17,510 Crimes Committed (that is 83.4 crimes per 1,000 residents)

3,225 Domestic Abuse offences



Substance misuse services (18+) – number in treatment:
 370 Alcohol users
 70 Non opiate only
 485 Opiate users



1,637 Alcohol related crimes and 344 drug offences



317 Bike thefts



1,056 malicious communication offences

3,803 incidents of anti-social behaviour (that is 18.1 per 1,000 residents)



1,578 fly-tipping complaints

8% reduction in Domestic Abuse Crimes
 Deliberate Fire reduced by 20%
 Recorded pedal cycle theft reduced by -35%

UPS & DOWNS

24% increase in Hate Incidents
 8% Increase in Cyber Crime Offences
 2% increase in Violence against a person



197 deliberate fires

Key performance indicators

Crime/Incident	2018	2019	2020	2021	2021 rate	2021 – 2024 aims	Cheshire Rate ¹	England rate ²	Most Similar Group Comparison – YE June 21
All Crime	19,369	20,088	18,001	17,510	83.4	Maintain/Reduce	81.5	82.0	Higher than average
Drug Offences	426	392	385	344	1.6	Maintain	1.6	3.1	Lower than average
Violence against the person	6,328	7,663	7,858	8,006	38.1	Reduce	37.9	32.1	Violence and sexual offences: Higher than average
Knife crime ³	71	79	87	108	0.5	Reduce	0.4	0.8	
Sexual Offences	783	674	648	705	3.4	Maintain/Reduce	3.2	2.9	
Domestic Abuse crimes (Police data)	2,834	3,410	3,508	3,225	15.4	Increase reporting	15.6	-	-
Burglary (Residential)	713	735	537	526	2.5	Maintain	2.3	3.2	Burglary: Lower than average
Burglary (Non-residential)	241	292	197	146	0.7	Maintain	0.7	1.2	
Theft from a motor vehicle	553	520	428	389	1.9	Maintain	1.3	5.9	Vehicle Crime: Lower than average
Theft of a vehicle	236	297	197	211	1.0	Maintain	1.1		
Shoplifting	1,399	1,275	1,028	750	3.6	Maintain/Reduce	3.6	4.2	Same as average
Bicycle theft	493	468	318	207	1.0	Maintain/Reduce	0.8	1.2	Same as average
Hate Crimes	373	442	445	511	2.6	Maintain / Increase reporting	2.3	-	-
ASB	4,052	4,065	5,311	3,803	18.1	Reduce	19.6	-	-
ASB environmental (police)	238	159	317	270	1.3	Maintain/Reduce	1.4	-	-
Public order	3,670	3,346	2,917	2,913	13.9	Reduce	14.0		Higher than average
Criminal Damage & Arson	2,008	2,012	1,692	1,536	7.3	Maintain/Reduce	7.5		Same as average
Deliberate fire activity	282	266	246	197	0.9	Maintain/Reduce	0.8	-	-
First time entrants - Youth Justice system	37	26	19	24	121 ⁴	Maintain	-	167	-
Average IOM Cohort offenders	42	-	44	37	-	Maintain/Increase	-	-	-
Public Protection reported scams	123	83	60	74	-	-	-	-	-
Victims of doorstep crime (reported)	55	28	35	18	-	-	-	-	-

¹ Rates from Cheshire Constabulary for Warrington and CP Force rate, YE December 2021

² Rates from ONS (excludes fraud) police force data tables, YE Sept 21

³ Knife crime - Home Office definition of a Knife Crime. (Use of knives and other sharp instruments) this includes Violent and Sexual Offences only.

⁴ Rate per 100,000 population

Ward Crime and ASB rates

The following tables provide recorded crime and anti-social behaviour rates per 1,000 population for Warrington Police beats. Data sourced from Cheshire Constabulary. The inner wards of Warrington continue to have higher rates of crime and anti-social behaviour.

1). Crime

Police Beat	Recorded Crime (2021)	%	Crime Rate (1,000 pop)
Appleton	340	2%	32.0
Bewsey And Whitecross (inc. Town Centre beat)	3894	22%	315.6
Birchwood	927	5%	86.6
Burtonwood And Winwick	737	4%	116.1
Culcheth Glazebury And Croft	527	3%	45.1
Fairfield And Howley	1789	10%	137.5
Grappenhall And Thelwall	246	1%	25.4
Great Sankey North	237	1%	37.4
Great Sankey South	486	3%	45.9
Hatton Stretton And Walton	170	1%	55.1
Latchford East	951	5%	116.9
Latchford West	648	4%	95.7
Lymm	730	4%	59.1
Orford	1136	6%	107.0
Penketh And Cuardley	338	2%	39.6
Poplars And Hulme	1211	7%	115.0
Poulton North	785	4%	76.5
Poulton South	304	2%	46.9
Rixton And Woolston	509	3%	55.8
Stockton Heath	293	2%	45.8
Westbrook	473	3%	73.4
Whittle Hall	785	4%	64.6
Warrington CSP	17516	100%	86.6

2). Anti-social behaviour

Beat	Grand Total	%	ASB incident rate per 1,000 pop.
Appleton	117	3%	11.0
Bewsey And Whitecross (inc. Town Centre)	763	20%	61.8
Birchwood	149	4%	13.9
Burtonwood And Winwick	128	3%	20.2
Culcheth Glazebury And Croft	128	3%	10.9
Fairfield And Howley	384	10%	29.5
Grappenhall And Thelwall	66	2%	6.8
Great Sankey North	84	2%	13.3
Great Sankey South	103	3%	9.7
Hatton Stretton And Walton	38	1%	12.3
Latchford East	173	5%	21.3
Latchford West	134	4%	19.8
Lymm	185	5%	15.0
Orford	198	5%	18.6
Penketh And Cuardley	79	2%	9.2
Poplars And Hulme	214	6%	20.3
Poulton North	174	5%	16.9
Poulton South	92	2%	14.2
Rixton And Woolston	146	4%	16.0
Stockton Heath	58	2%	9.1
Westbrook	86	2%	13.3
Whittle Hall	304	8%	25.0
Grand Total	3803	100%	18.8
Percentage	100%		

Looking forward our 2021-2024 priorities

Priority themes	Theme 1 Preventing and responding to crime and people feeling safe	Theme 2 Anti-social behaviour & public order	Theme 3 Domestic Abuse, Stalking & Sexual Offences	Theme 4 Protecting our Communities from harm
Priorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Integrated Offender Management, addressing root causes. ▪ Early Help and diversionary approach to keep young people away from the criminal justice system. ▪ Safer streets and community engagement - designing out crime and disorder. ▪ Tackling Violence, Abuse & Intimidation against Women & Girls ▪ Tackling existing and new threats of Serious & Organised crime, County Lines and Modern Slavery. ▪ Tackling online crime, scams and exploitation. ▪ Violence and knife crime (risk and perception). ▪ Day and night time economies, particularly town centre. ▪ Tackle bicycle thefts. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Early Help, prevention and place based initiatives. ▪ Consistent, multi-agency coordinated problem solving. ▪ Effective ASB case management and response by maximizing use of tools and powers. ▪ Divert young people from persistent ASB and entering the youth justice system. ▪ Maintain links with Contextual Safeguarding in addressing individual and placed based disruption. ▪ Ensuring victim focused processes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Delivery of DA Strategy ▪ Focus on Violence, Abuse & Intimidation against Women & Girls ▪ Reduce the risk of repeated abuse through perpetrator programme, currently Cheshire wide. ▪ Sustainable support services for all affected by DA – victims, children/young people and perpetrators. ▪ Understanding the needs of female offenders who are also victims of DA. ▪ Relaunch of Operation Encompass ▪ Cheshire work around 1) understanding prolific DA offenders and 2) identifying hidden communities (elder abuse, affluent communities). ▪ Improve employers’ responses in responding to DA. ▪ Ensure statutory requirements set within the DA Act 2021 are met. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Develop a multi-agency approach to ‘all age’ exploitation in order to protect individuals vulnerable to any form of exploitation or abuse, including loan sharks. ▪ Ensure our communities know how to report crime and seek support and safe spaces confidentially. ▪ Ensure all agency’s officers are trained in key issues and processes. ▪ Engagement and training with schools, parents and businesses with regard to exploitation. ▪ Hate Crime, with emphasis on encouraging and supporting disability hate crime reporting. ▪ Ensuring safer streets for all and research into street harassment and violence against women and girls within the town.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue effective partnership working, to meet emerging local threats, issues and to addressing underlying causes such as substance misuse, homelessness, mental health, vulnerabilities, deprivation. • Horizon scanning - respond to emerging threats, new legislation (e.g. Police Crime Sentencing and Courts Bill, DA Act 2021, Online Safety Bill, Victims Bill, Hate Crime Misogyny Bill) and implement within CSP management arrangements. Seek out additional funding and make appropriate bids to support Community Safety priorities. • To meet the needs of our communities due to challenges and vulnerabilities brought by COVID 19 Pandemic, exit from the European Union and any impacts as a result of the conflict in Ukraine. 			
Links to Cheshire Police & Crime Commissioner’s Plan 2021 - 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disrupt Serious & Organised Crime • Prevent Violent Crime • Tackle ASB and property crime • Tackle Cyber Crime • Reduce Reoffending • Robust Support for Victims 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce Reoffending • Robust Support for Victims • Tackle ASB & Property Crime 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Robust support for victims • Prevent Violent Crime • Tackle Violence against women and girls • Protection children and young people and adults at risk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disrupt Serious & Organised crime • Robust support for victims • Tackle Violence against women and girls • Protection children and young people and adults at risk • Tackle hate crime and bullying.

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

Priority Themes	Theme 1 Preventing and responding to crime and people feel safe	Theme 2 Anti-social behaviour & public order	Theme 3 Domestic Abuse, Stalking & Sexual Offences	Theme 4 Protecting our Communities from harm
Key things we will do	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Increase level of referrals to substance misuse services via test on arrest. ▪ Explore an 'Addictions' Strategy to combine alcohol, drugs and gambling. ▪ Support delivery of the Alcohol Harm Reduction Strategy. ▪ Use multi-agency intelligence and powers to disrupt organised crime and county lines. ▪ Deliver County Lines/knife crime workshops to High Schools and Primary schools. ▪ Refresh Warrington's Knife Crime Plan. ▪ Delivery of Safer Streets 3 project and continued focus of addressing VAIWG ▪ Support strategies and plans, which include Modern Slavery, Contextual Safeguarding and Hate Crime. ▪ Tackle hospital based violence and demand ▪ Crime prevention and intervention – raising public awareness and training with regards to cyber-crime, fraud and scams. ▪ Maximise opportunities for community engagement. ▪ Task in-depth look at online crime. ▪ Promoting work to eradicate MS including tackling MS in supply chains and transparency statements. ▪ Task & Finish Groups to respond to emerging issues/localized issues. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Monitor the use of ASB tools & powers (e.g parent letters, panels, Acceptable Behavioural Contracts, Community Protection Warnings/Notices, public space protection orders). ▪ Refresh PCSO and PC training with regard to Youth ASB process, ASB, trading standards processes. ▪ Maintain youth ASB links with early help and diversionary/complex youth intervention. ▪ Training to support early opportunities for ASB/Neighbour Dispute mediation. ▪ Develop a clear Criminal Behaviour Order / Injunction procedure for young people. ▪ Work with Pan Cheshire colleagues on common ASB protocol, in response to New ASB Tools & Powers published 2021 ▪ 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. • Key engagement with representative youth groups. • Develop a Water Safety Plan in line with Pan Cheshire work. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Address the emergency housing stock deficit. ▪ Embed specialist IDVAs – male, LGBTQ+, language. ▪ Continuation of Survivors and supporters Forum. ▪ Whole Family Approach (Engage) – embed champions and further roll out. ▪ Improve understanding of the particular needs of older DA victims and those with care and support needs. ▪ Understand the needs of children and young people who abuse parents/siblings – champion roll out. ▪ Improve our understanding of teen abuse – delivery whole school offer with HO funding. ▪ Roll out of Pan Cheshire GP toolkit ▪ Embed the complex needs programme to provide continue support for victims with complex needs in refuge accommodation. ▪ Raise awareness of stalking and promote the use of the anti- stalking clinic. ▪ Identify Womens' centre programme funding beyond CSP funding secured until April 2022. 	<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 an All Age Exploitation Strategy. ▪ Ensure multi-agency training plans in place and delivery (PREVENT & Channel training strategy, Contextual Safeguarding, Modern Slavery) to offer understanding of risk factors, identification and prevalent forms of exploitation. To include professionals, businesses and other agencies. ▪ Support delivery of plans in place for areas such as Hate Crime, PREVENT Strategy, CS Safeguarding development plan. ▪ Support those involved in crime and ASB on transition to adulthood (18 to 25 years). ▪ Support integrated approach to commissioning - e.g. alcohol, drugs. ▪ Support and implement the Cheshire hidden harm strategy. ▪ Promote slave-free supply chains and transparency statements. ▪ Promote the use of anonymous ways to report crime. E.g. Crime Stoppers and seek confidential support, particularly for young people.

How will we measure progress

Performance management – monitor volumes and benchmarking data. **Perception data** through neighbourhoods, police surveys and engagement with representative and community groups. **Outcome reporting** – evaluate projects/schemes