



COMMUNITY SAFETY STRATEGY

Annual Priority and Action Update
2023

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INTRODUCTION & BACKGROUND

The Doncaster Community Safety Partnership is pleased to present our annual update from the four-year Community Safety Strategy 2022-2025.

The updates outlined within this document are a continuation of the multi-agency crime reduction work that has been happening locally for many years. As a partnership, we recognise that Doncaster people experience community safety in different ways, depending on their own individual situations and circumstances. We will continue to work with all our communities to recognise and address their needs, to help build community confidence in agencies to respond to concerns and to tackle inequality. We remain committed to the belief that everybody in Doncaster has the right to be safe and to feel safe.

As we continue to deliver our Community Safety Strategy, we will work hard to maximise our effectiveness as a partnership. We will tackle not only the obvious impact, but also the underlying issues which drive crime and disorder within our neighbourhoods.

We understand that the ability to report concerns in relation to crime and disorder issues is important, as well as our response to these issues, providing communities with the confidence that we take these concerns seriously and importantly provide feedback on the actions that we have taken.

Over the coming pages, this annual update statement provides information about how the Partnership has continued to deliver against its identified priorities and how the actions outlined within the full Strategy Delivery Plan are progressing.

Our communities can be assured that as a partnership we will continue to do all we can to build a safer, stronger, and more confident Doncaster.

OUR PRIORITIES

<p>Tackling domestic and sexual abuse</p>	<p>The new domestic abuse strategy emphasises that domestic abuse is everyone's responsibility and that it will only be tackled by everyone working together. There is improved collaboration with survivors of domestic abuse and a strong commitment to learning from their experiences. The strategy seeks to provide support for victims, survivors, children and young people that have been affected by domestic abuse as well as promoting trauma informed practice to understand and address offending behaviour.</p>
<p>Reducing Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)</p>	<p>Anti-social behaviour impacts on community resilience and people's quality of life often impacting day after day and was the area that most respondents were concerned about during the strategy consultation.</p>
<p>Reducing Crime & Reoffending</p>	<p>Reducing crime, the fear of crime and re-offending are inextricably linked. Representatives from many agencies including the Council, Police, Probation Service, business sector and the voluntary/community sector work collectively to tackle the root causes of crime and reoffending. This collective effort will contribute to reducing the fear of crime and the impact in our communities.</p>
<p>Tackling Serious & Organised Crime</p>	<p>Serious and organised crime has a significant impact on communities especially in relation to peoples fear of crime. Organised crime impacts significantly on young and vulnerable people whether through exploitation or the impact on young people's future ambitions.</p>
<p>Reducing Substance & Alcohol Misuse</p>	<p>Substance and alcohol misuse impacts on all of the key priorities within the Community safety Strategy.</p>
<p>Reducing Violence & Violent Crime</p>	<p>Reducing violence and violent crime, including that linked to the night-time economy crime is a cross-cutting theme and priority for the partnership.</p>

Lived Experience & Engagement

As a partnership, we continually strive to improve public experience through actively listening and engaging with people in communities to gain a true picture of crime and disorder. It is important that those with 'lived experience' are listened to; ensuring that the concerns being raised are responded to and that people are kept informed.

As part of the locality model, we support communities to identify their priorities and to put in place actions that help them build on opportunities and address gaps. The refreshed locality plans feature ASB and Community Safety in each area. These plans have generated over 17,000 contacts which come from a variety of engagement, including the Appreciative Inquiries, Community representatives, stakeholders, social media, surveys and consultations and bespoke engagement.

What engagement looks like so far



The police and partners have embedded monthly Community Engagement Meetings, formally known as PACT in each area. Monthly Ward Member Meetings continue, as a forum to share information in respect of local priorities and concerns.

The SSDP Communications Plan continues to engage with communities to understand concerns; raise awareness of our work and provide increased visibility of partnership resources within neighbourhoods.

PRIORITY ONE UPDATE: TACKLING DOMESTIC & SEXUAL ABUSE

Overview:

Last year's

NUMBERS & STATISTICS

The numbers relate to the year commencing 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022. While the figures may be attributed to a particular organisation it must be recognised that it takes a coordinated community response to bring about sustainable change. The context and explanation for this statistics are explained in more detail throughout the report.

3%

increase in referrals to the domestic abuse hub

9,784

incidents of domestic abuse reported to the Police

Victims in refuge and other safe accommodation

47 women and 7 men supported by Riverside
84 women and 74 men supported by Phoenix WoMen's Aid



1,914

DDAH

**DONCASTER
DOMESTIC
ABUSE HUB**

Referrals

The Doncaster domestic abuse hub is a partnership of specialist domestic abuse services. The Hub received 1,914 referrals from 1st April 2021 - 31st March 2022



Phoenix WoMen's Aid

Provided outreach support to 1,902 people and counselling for 366 victims and survivors. They have also received 2,149 new calls to their helpline, with 31,500 support and advocacy calls made to the advice team.

Riverside



Helped 410 victims in Doncaster, providing practical and emotional support

Doncaster Council

Doncaster Council's domestic abuse caseworkers provided practical and emotional support to 177 victims.

The Council's independent domestic abuse advocates (IDVAs) supported 895 victims who were at high risk of serious harm or death.

The new Survivor Liaison Worker established two new support groups for survivors, an 'experts by experience' group and provided one to one support for 33 survivors of domestic abuse.



**Doncaster
Council**

Delivery Plan Action Updates:

- **Improving awareness of domestic and sexual abuse throughout Doncaster, particularly with young people.**

Developed Red Flag Films for publication and circulation, established Domestic and Sexual Abuse Education Subgroup, continuing to provide Domestic Abuse Training to Council staff and wider partners; developed an Education Tool kit; expanded curriculum work to improve awareness and knowledge.

- **Managing the increase in demand. Secure funding for specialist domestic and sexual abuse services to meet the needs of victims and survivors.**

New funding secured for Health domestic abuse workers; Gypsy Traveller Domestic Abuse Worker; expansion of survivor work; Serial Perpetrator Worker; Police and Crime Commissioner awarded funding for Independent Sexual Violence Advocate/child sexual abuse support.

- **Improve collaboration with survivors of domestic abuse with a commitment to learning from their experiences.**

Survivor Liaison Service has expanded; Annual Report produced; focusing on increased work in communities and intersectionality.

- **Increased amount of safe accommodation for victims of domestic abuse, including people with complex needs.**

Commissioning ongoing to potentially significantly increase the amount of available accommodation and increase accessibility for people with complex needs. New contracts to commence May 2023. Sanctuary Scheme has now commenced. Two Housing Options workers are also specialising in Domestic Abuse.

- **Secure additional funding to support for children that have experienced domestic abuse.**

Domestic Abuse Navigators have been mainstreamed; an additional Navigator has also been recruited.

- **Production of a Doncaster multi-agency domestic abuse perpetrator protocol.**

A draft strategy has been produced.

- **Prevention of repeat incidents of domestic abuse through multi -agency working, information sharing, and proactive engagement with victims, providing longer term support for survivors of domestic abuse and management of perpetrators.**

Further work has been conducted to better understand the definition of 'repeat', the serial perpetrator project is due to commence. The Freedom Programme is also being delivered.

- **Produce a new Domestic Abuse strategy and a new Sexual Abuse Strategy.**

The Domestic Abuse Strategy has been launched; a group has been established to progress work in respect of the Sexual Abuse strategy, which will be 'all age' and will include sex workers. Strong links are in place with the Safeguarding Unit.

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS

Key Domestic Abuse and Violence Reduction Theme Group activity over the last 6 months



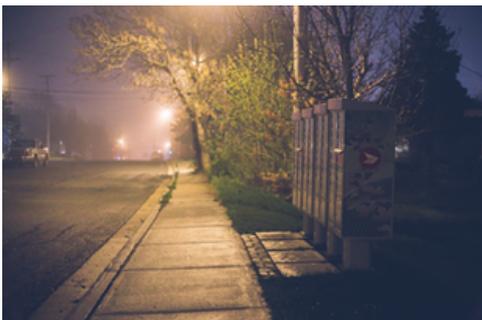
Violence against women and girls survey complete and findings shared with partners.

Community led VAWG group established. VAWG survey (not including DA) to be re-launched. Community led VAWG vigil planned for November



South Yorkshire Police – No More campaign

We have increased capacity for non domestic abuse stalking advocates through Victim support



Safer Streets work – awarded significant funding to improve our parks and open spaces. Work carried out to date using a combination of solar lighting with CCTV has done much to reduce the fear of women and girls using parks and open spaces during the evening. VAWG statement included in the new CCTV position statement



VAWG Delivery Plan in draft with mapping against domestic and sexual abuse work to avoid duplication

Food parcels for sex workers agreed through the Amber Project



Ask for Angela re-launched

Town centre Taxi Marshals at high visibility waiting areas



Supported the re-establishment of the Best Bar None scheme for licensed premises – conducted Spiking, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Abuse awareness training for venues

Purchased personal attack alarms and safety packs for victims, distributed via DA services and community groups



PRIORITY TWO: REDUCING ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR (ASB)

Overview:

It can be seen from the original consultation undertaken that anti-social behaviour is the area that most respondents were concerned about. It is likely that this is due to the fact that anti-social behaviour affects more people on a daily basis than the other priorities and is more visible to the wider community. Anti-social behaviour impacts on community resilience and people's quality of life often impacting day after day.

Anti-social behaviour plays a significant role within the localities-based approach. Recognising the feedback from communities is important for the partnership, in particular improving confidence in reporting anti-social behaviour, updating the public on our actions and increasing visibility of partnership resources in those areas affected by anti-social behaviour.

These actions were developed into a Rapid Improvement Plan, allowing us to clearly communicate with the public in respect of our work to address Anti-Social Behaviour. Below are some examples of the communications work that has been published as part of this approach.



Every single person has a right to feel safe in their community.
ALWAYS report anti-social behaviour to the police or the council.

REPORT IT. SORT IT.

Call the **POLICE** on 101

southyorks.police.uk

Call the **COUNCIL** on 01302 736000

doncaster.gov.uk



Delivery Plan Action Updates:

- **Review multi-agency processes to support the needs of vulnerable victims and victims who are fearful to report anti-social behaviour.**

SSDP partners have robust pathways for supporting vulnerable victims. Partnership data is reviewed at localities meetings to identify potential cases and these are tasked to the appropriate agency for assessment and management. There is an escalation process managed by the safer neighbourhood services hub where more complex cases are managed. The hub delivers a multi-agency risk based approach to coordinated and targeted interventions in cases of multiple and complex issues. The most complex cases can be referred to the Community Multi-agency Risk Assessment Conference (CMARAC) where managers from relevant services conduct a collective risk assessment and implement a clear plan to reduce risks.

- **Effectively manage anti-social behaviour through proactive and responsive approaches, supported by improved mechanisms to report and respond to incidents.**

The Doncaster SSDP: Tackling Anti-Social Behaviour Plan is designed to outline the approach to tackling anti-social behaviour (ASB) throughout the borough. It ensures a proportionate and graduated response, utilising resources such as the EPIC (Encouraging Potential Inspiring Change) programme, who work to support vulnerable young people who are at risk of becoming exploited by criminal gangs; and young people who are at risk of becoming involved in offending behaviour. Recent experience has shown that large groups of young people are gathering and moving between areas using public transport. While these groups are large in number, recent experience has shown that it is only a select few who are ringleaders / perpetrators. The plan will allow anyone engaged in or responsible for ASB to receive the relevant intervention at the appropriate stage of the process.

- **Improve community confidence in reporting anti-social behaviour by providing reassurance that we will listen, understand and build relationships with victims and communities**

We can see that that the early intervention and prevention work undertaken by the Community Area Teams is having a positive impact on the number of vulnerable victims. Although ASB incidents are increasing the number of victims is not. The feeling on the ground from the communities and ward members is very much reflective of the demand linked to issues being identified early by Communities Area Teams within demand 'hotspot' locations and being resolved in many cases before multi-agency involvement is needed but this work is still very visible within each locality.

- **Tackle the issue of illegal off-road bikes and quads through a partnership approach, utilising all available Tools and Powers.**

Illegal off-road bikes and quads continues to be one of the highest reported issues together with the new issue around electric scooters. The ASB Theme Group look at various partnership approaches to tackling this including physical barriers i.e. boulders for example, signage and regular deployment of the off-road bike team, details of which are available for publication.

- **Monitor hate crimes, incidents and community tensions to provide an accurate picture of community cohesion within communities across Doncaster.**

Robust multi agency arrangements are in place for the reporting and management of hate crimes to ensure victims receive a comprehensive investigation and response to reported incidents. In respect of Community Tension monitoring, a weekly partnership assessment is compiled within a nationally agreed model to cover exception reports against any scenario that may negatively impact on community tension and cohesion.

Delivery Plan Action Updates:

- **Tackle the issue of street homelessness and begging through joint locality working, recognising this is an issue affecting many areas of the borough.**

There are multiple strands to the comprehensive plan of activity to support people with complex lives, including the re-launch of the 'Real Help Scheme', which is aimed at raising funds from businesses and the public to support people in Doncaster experiencing homelessness. It is a partnership between local agencies, housing providers, charities and voluntary groups. Wider support includes work to prevent and tackle drug and alcohol misuse, mental ill-health, offending and anti-social behaviour and begging. We are confident that issues such as begging, drug and alcohol misuse, anti-social behaviour, are having a detrimental impact on quality of life in the city centre, in particular, and that it will significantly worsen without action to manage it.

A multi-agency effort, involving Police, teams across the Council, St Leger Homes, drug and alcohol and mental health services and others, ensure we can support people to break the cycle they are locked into and address associated anti-social behaviour.

- **Seek all available opportunities to gain additional funding for CCTV, for the benefit of communities. Improving our capabilities to gain evidence and reassure the public.**

We continue to exploit opportunities for funding to expand both our public realm and re-deployment camera capabilities and have successfully secured additional funding from the Safer Streets Round 4 funding initiative which will be deployed at a number of hotspot locations across the Borough.

- **Communicate the successful use of existing CCTV through local media and newsletters to demonstrate the benefits and value of our CCTV deployment.**

A CCTV Newsletter has been developed and is in the final stages prior to circulation.

- **Implement effective problem-solving approaches to reduce the impact of fly tipping and criminal damage within communities, particularly damage linked to anti-social behaviour e.g. graffiti.**

Doncaster Council's enforcement team are continually working across the Borough to proactively identify fly tipping/littering incidents and deal with people responsible for such offences. We take a zero-tolerance approach to this unwanted behaviour in the Borough and utilise all provisions of the legal framework to enforce the Environmental Protection Act 1990 section 33 on fly tipping and section 34 on duty of care offences. We have also adopted the maximum penalties for fly tipping FPN's under the legislation. The enforcement team have invested in various available hidden and overt surveillance fly tipping cameras, which are installed in strategic locations across the Borough following data lead intelligence. We have invested in the correct signage across the borough to assist as a deterrent / education of fly tipping as an approach to reduce fly tipping incidents. Doncaster Council have also increased social media work associated with fly tipping offences, to publicise the success of the enforcement team's work from court case outcomes and 'caught in the act' camera footage as well as updating the Council's website to assist in promoting the work as a deterrent.



PRIORITY THREE: REDUCING CRIME & REOFFENDING

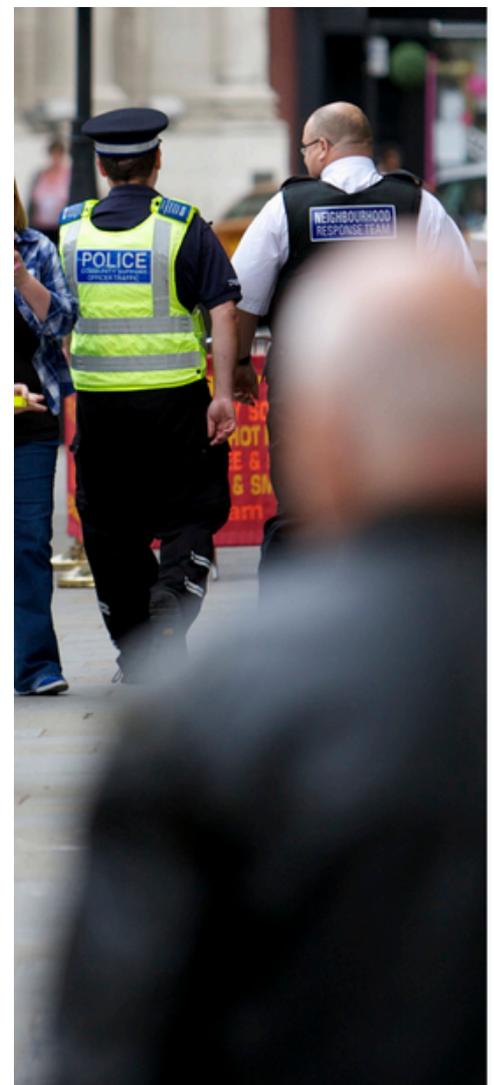
Overview:

The partnerships' ability to reduce reoffending relies heavily on strong multi-agency working. This helps us to share information and resources to unblock barriers, reduce reoffending and reduce harm to victims.

Reducing crime, the fear of crime and reducing reoffending are inextricably linked. Representatives from many agencies including the Council, Police, Probation Service, business sector and the voluntary/community sector work collectively to tackle the root causes of crime and re-offending. This collective effort drawing on best practice, resource and expertise to rehabilitate offenders will contribute to reducing the fear of crime and the impact in our communities.

Managing repeat offenders remains a key priority. Statistics estimate that around half of all crime is committed by individuals with previous convictions. A high number of offences are committed by a very small group of prolific individuals.

The model of Integrated Offender Management (IOM) is used in the management of offenders. This model brings together all agencies, including police, probation, local authority, substance misuse treatment services and a range of third sector providers, to reduce reoffending through the targeted management of youth and adult offenders.



Delivery Plan Action Updates:

- **To further reduce the reoffending rate and average number of reoffending offences.**

The group has developed to include additional organisations and individuals who can improve the offer to those offenders who cause the greatest harm to communities through their offending, including forming links with the Localities. A key piece of work involves the collation of services, resources and interventions that currently exist within Doncaster with a view to establishing a referral pathway that probation can utilise for those on the IOM cohorts, as well as identifying any key gaps. In addition significant investment has been placed in developing our capabilities in tracking re-offending rates. Doncaster has been at the forefront of these efforts using dedicated partnership analyst resources and is now able to provide data to operational and strategic forums to demonstrate areas of development and successes.

- **Work closely with key partners to improve the public experience of reporting crime.**

In that last 12 months the SYP Force Control Room has cut its average waiting time to answer 999 calls in half, to 8 seconds. 84% of calls are now answered within 10 seconds, compared to 71% 12 months ago. Those calling 101 are also waiting 4 minutes less on average compared to this time last year with the abandoned call rate falling from 18% to 9%. Good progress but more work is taking place, including a review of demand absorbed by the police that other agencies are more appropriate to deal with to enable the police to focus on crime. SYP are also looking to develop the online offer and improvements this year have seen waiting times for the web chat facility decrease from nearly 9 minutes to under 2 minutes.

- **To further reduce the rates of Serious Acquisitive Crime across the borough through targeted interventions in high crime areas.**

Each of the neighbourhood policing teams with Doncaster tackle Serious Acquisitive Crime through problem solving plans and identify priority patrol areas to manage crime hotspots. South Yorkshire Police use GPS trackers to monitor officer patrol movements and analyse the effect this has had on crime patterns. Serious Acquisitive Crime is reviewed on a daily basis at morning briefings and the fortnightly Neighbourhood Crime meeting. Doncaster's Integrated Offender Management team is recognised as standout team within South Yorkshire Police, proactively managing the cohort of the most prolific offenders. Doncaster continues to use specialist force resources such as the Roads Policing Team to reduce acquisitive crime in specific locations within the district.

- **Implement the new National IOM strategy for managing the most prolific offenders in our community.**

Doncaster has made progress against the initial key milestones of the national IOM strategy. This approach calls for the identification of 3 distinct cohorts of offenders in the community. The fixed, flex and free with a focus in the fixed on prolific neighbourhood crime types. These are all now identified and ongoing tracking and monitoring of these cohorts is in place. Multi agency working and co-ordination is central tenant of the approach and this aim is driven for the Multi-Agency Case Conferences (MACCS). This meeting structure and governance is now in place in Doncaster and runs each month to co-ordinate partnership working in delivering services to the 3 cohorts.

Delivery Plan Action Updates:

- **Review the governments national crime plan and develop implementation priorities for Doncaster.**

The crime and reducing re-offending theme group have prioritised working on the acquisitive crime and prolific offender elements of the national crime plan over the past year. In the new year the co-chairs have planned a RAG rating mapping exercise to consider the other key elements of the plan to identify where cross over initiatives are in place and to consider next key steps.

- **Develop our pathways to support transition from the youth offending teams into probation services for those identified as prolific offenders. Effective management of first-time entrants into the criminal justice system to ensure low levels are maintained.**

Work is in progress with the Youth Offending Service to drive additional activity around transitional arrangements and first-time entrants. Doncaster has a dedicated police officer working within the youth offending service. This allows for effective partner working to share information and intervene at the appropriate level. By embedding this police officer, the police are able to make best use of the full range of out-of-court disposals. This officer uses diversionary outcomes to avoid unnecessary criminalisation of first-time entrants into the system. Where appropriate, first time entrants will receive youth cautions or undertake restorative justice rather than appearing at court.

Working in partnership with the youth offending and care leaving services a cohort of individuals has been reviewed who meet the criteria for transitions support. A dedicated Youth Offending Team worker is in place from the probations service to further support with transitions between the organisations. The group is considering gap analysis and looking at commission opportunities to offer further support to the cohort once they transfer or enter adult services.



PRIORITY FOUR: TACKLING SERIOUS & ORGANISED CRIME

Overview:

Serious and organised crime has a significant impact on communities, especially in relation to peoples fear of crime. Organised crime impacts significantly on young and vulnerable people whether through exploitation or the impact on young people's future ambitions. Much organised crime also relates to drug supply which further impacts on wider offending.

In order to deliver a partnership response, the Serious and Organised Crime theme group brings together a number of key partners working to a strategy based around the 4 themes of **Prevent, Protect, Pursue and Prepare**.

Using these themes there are a number of key approaches taken:

- Work in partnership to identify and safeguard vulnerable adults and children exploited by Organised Criminal Groups (OCGs).
- Tackle child sexual exploitation, especially where there is clear organised criminality.
- Protect communities from cyber enabled crime such as fraud.
- Use local regulations, licensing and powers to disrupt OCGs.
- Use existing networks such as taxis/private hire vehicles, licensed premises and industry sector groups to share essential community intelligence.
- Tackle those offenders selling counterfeit or illicit goods which may be linked to wider, organised criminality.
- Build closer links with locality teams to improve intelligence and the sharing of information, encouraging the public to share information without fear of reprisal.
- Tackle Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking
- Tackle organised criminality within prison establishments.
- Oversee the counter terrorism agenda, recognising that radicalisation is an alternative form of exploitation.

Other Partnership work includes:

- EPIC Team opened a drop-in centre for parents and young people to use if they require advice or guidance about child criminal exploitation.
- Resources of EPIC will now be moving focus to other parts of the Borough, whilst still maintaining attention in the town centre.
- Bronze and Silver Partnership meetings are working effectively and we are seeing an increase in Partnership Interventions in locations of interest.



Delivery Plan Action Updates:

- **Develop closer links with locality teams to improve intelligence and the sharing of information, encouraging the public to share information without fear of reprisal.**

A nominated locality lead has been identified to become a member of the Serious and Organised Crime theme group. The officer is based in the South Locality and has the responsibility of briefing colleagues in other areas and acts as the central point of contact to refer relevant issues from local areas. Already we have seen the benefits of this improved intelligence and information sharing.

- **Develop effective responses to prevent the criminal exploitation of children and young people, which has been recognised as a growing issue during the Covid pandemic.**

The EPIC team have been deployed into areas of Doncaster with the highest concentration of OCGs, this has particularly been the case in the Mexborough, City Centre and Edlington areas. The team provide data on the number of local contacts and engagements, which is consistently in double figures. In the Frenchgate Centre a new drop in centre has been developed for young people affected by exploitation and parents seeking help and advice.

- **Use the full range of powers, local regulation and licensing powers to disrupt organised crime groups.**

This has been an area of success for the Partnership and highlighted as good practice in South Yorkshire. In the last two years we have been granted gang injunctions against members of an OCG in Mexborough, which has placed restrictions on key nominals. In other areas we have successfully used Partnership powers to disrupt the activities of Organised Crime Groups in other parts of the Borough. This has included using legislation to tackle illegal dog breeding, fly tipping and off road motorcycles and quad bikes.

- **Introduce a 'Clear Hold and Build' Strategy across the Borough to reduce the number of people being drawn into organised criminality.**

The Clear Hold and Build Strategy has been successfully used in the Mexborough area, where gang injunctions have been successfully deployed in reducing the threat of OCGs and improving the safety of local communities.

- **Monitor and disrupt the growth in firearms enabled crime and serious violence, linked to OCG activity.**

Over the last twelve months SYP have undertaken several high profile operations to disrupt the growth in firearms enabled crime. These have included high profile and visible deployments of armed response vehicles as well as the pro-active investigation of reported incidents. This strategy has led to a reduction in reported incidents, the arrest and conviction of key individuals and the recovery of illegal firearms.

- **Tackle and disrupt the growth in cannabis cultivations linked to organised crime, which are impacting on vulnerable communities.**

We have developed enhanced capabilities in terms of gathering intelligence which has been used in a highly successful way to target premises used for the illegal cultivation of cannabis. The results of the operations have been publicised in local communities who have been affected by power outages linked directly to this issue. The Partnership have also funded crime stoppers campaigns across Doncaster, designed to encourage anonymous reporting of suspicious premises.

- **Protect communities from cyber enabled crime such as fraud.**

Cyber enabled crime saw an increase during the Covid pandemic. The focus of the Partnership has been to raise awareness of new frauds and ensure that banks and financial institutions are following national guidelines in terms of suspicious transactions both within banks and using the internet. Many banking apps now require secondary levels of authorisations and issue warnings to ensure the payment is genuine and from a reputable source. Staff within the Council have received Cyber fraud training to ensure that front line officers are more aware of the issue when dealing with vulnerable members of the Community.

PRIORITY FIVE: REDUCING SUBSTANCE & ALCOHOL MISUSE

Overview:

Substance and alcohol misuse impacts on all of the key priorities within the Community Safety Strategy. It is fair to say that reductions in peoples misuse of substances would significantly impact not only on crime and anti-social behaviour but would also lead to healthier relationships, more productive futures, improved individual wellbeing and better outcomes for children, families and communities. There is also an impact on economic cost to Doncaster from lost productivity and cost to health, social care and the criminal justice system.

The Substance Misuse Theme Group is a multi- agency group of professionals which tackles the health and crime impacts of substance misuse through the development and performance management of an integrated substance misuse plan for the Partnership.

The effectiveness of the drug / alcohol treatment and care system is monitored against the 2021-24 treatment plan, which oversees actions relating to Public Health and Police and Crime Commissioner funds. These funds are invested to address addiction and substance misuse related offending, by the delivery of an integrated range of addiction services.



Delivery Plan Action Updates:

- **Increase the number of people choosing not to misuse drugs and/or alcohol**

The Nitrous Oxide communication campaign has been refreshed and re-run, and the 'Rethink your Drink' Campaign has been nominated for the Doncaster Chamber marketing Campaign of the Year.

- **Reduce the number of children, young people and families affected by drug and/or alcohol misuse**

Plans are underway for the recruitment of an additional specialist young person's treatment worker, and an additional worker in the EPIC youth outreach team.

- **Reduce the number of people who experience crime and disorder related to the misuse of drugs and/ or alcohol**

The capacity of the criminal justice intervention services has been significantly increased to reflect the additional funding for Doncaster from the National Drug Strategy with services targeting people whose substance misuse is associated with offending behaviour.

- **High prevalence of people using drugs and drinking alcohol at harmful and hazardous levels with significant health and crime impacts on individuals, families and communities**

There is an established alcohol early interventions team targeting higher risk drinkers in liaison with primary care, which aims to tackle drinking problems early before people become physically dependent.



PRIORITY SIX: TACKLING VIOLENCE & VIOLENT CRIME

Overview:

Reducing violence and violent crime, including that linked to the night-time economy crime is a cross-cutting theme and priority for the partnership.

The South Yorkshire Violence Reduction Unit (SYVRU) was established in August 2019 to develop the South Yorkshire-wide public health approach to tackling violent crime and is supporting this theme with a dedicated Partnership Manager working directly with the SSDP.

SYVRU activity supports a multi-agency, public health approach to preventing and tackling violence which is embedded and delivered locally and Community Safety Partnerships are the agreed lead mechanism for local delivery.

The SYVRU look at the causes of violence and work with partners to stop violence before it starts, halts its progression once its already begun and provide ways out for people already entrenched in violent behaviour.

The Safer Stronger Doncaster Partnership has a thematic group within its structure to address all aspects of violence and violent crime.

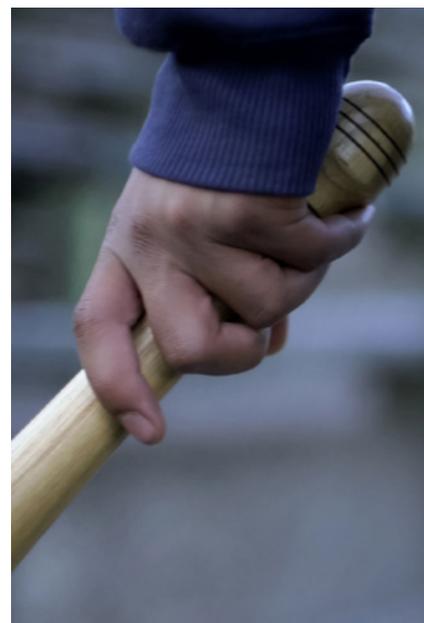
This group has strong connections and cross-cutting responsibilities with the Domestic and Sexual Abuse Theme Group. Join work in relation to Violence Against Women and Girls is detailed at pages 5 and 6 within this document.



Delivery Plan Action Updates:

- **Support the development and implementation of a strategic Doncaster Evening and Night-time Economy (NTE) Group to achieve Purple Flag status for Doncaster.**

Doncaster's Evening and NTE Group is in place. This group has membership from South Yorkshire Police; DMBC Enforcement, DMBC Licensing, DMBC Business Regeneration and Town Centre Planning. The Best Bar None assessments are ongoing. Following these accreditations, planning will start to work towards Purple Flag status.



- **Work to support all organisations and professionals working with children and young people to work towards becoming trauma informed & Support the development of a dedicated Trauma Informed working group in Doncaster.**

A Task and Finish Group has been established who are currently working alongside the Domestic Abuse service leads to identify how this can become more trauma aware. A South Yorkshire wide mapping exercise has been completed by South Yorkshire Futures around trauma informed schools and education settings. The report explores the level of understanding, confidence, and coverage of trauma informed practices across all schools and settings in South Yorkshire. This information will help us to prioritise work going forward to the areas of most need. Free level one trauma awareness training continues to be delivered across Doncaster.

- **Ensure evidence based good practice from National and Regional sources is applied to Doncaster.**

We are constantly horizon scanning for examples of 'what works' to allow us to apply these principles to our work in Doncaster.

- **Developing an effective multi-agency response to tackling Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG).**

Extensive work is ongoing to develop our response to VAWG, for example a great deal of work has already taken place in the town centre. Last year we upgraded CCTV cameras, which are monitored centrally. In Round 4 of the Safer streets bids, we were awarded significant funding to improve our parks and open spaces. Doncaster has also been highlighted as good practice in terms of the successful use of solar lighting. Combining solar lighting with CCTV has done much to reduce the fear of women and girls using parks and open spaces during the evening.

Doncaster continues to expand its CCTV network and we currently monitor over 1700 cameras throughout the Borough. In the main, these cameras are in public places, local parks and areas highlighted as being affected by crime and anti-social behaviour.

COMMUNICATIONS

The partnership continues to engage with communities to understand concerns, and importantly, raise awareness of our work. We continue to strengthen our reporting mechanisms to increase community confidence and provide effective feedback of our actions. This is supported through the localities approach and as part of the ongoing communications strategy.

As part of our Rapid Improvement Plan work, we have increased our communications and social media activity, to make the work of the partnership more visible within our localities.

This helps us to engage with communities to better understand their experiences and concerns, enabling us to provide reassurances and feedback regarding actions taken.

An example of some of the communications work is detailed below.



Community Led Support

Join us at your local **Community Conversation Point** for a face to face chat, where we can support you with:

Your Community

Finances

Physical & Mental Health

Help at Home

Carers

DATE	TIME	VENUE
Alternative Tuesdays	1000-1200	Conisbrough Library
Alternative Tuesdays	1000-1200	Denaby Library
3rd Thursday of the month	1000-1200	Denaby Family Hub



SERVICES

Police (Non-Urgent)	101
Doncaster Council	01302 736000
Crime Stoppers	0800 555111
Adult Mental Health Services	01302 566999
Alcoholics Anonymous	0800 9177650
Aspire: Drug & Alcohol Service	01302 730956
Doncaster Domestic Abuse Helpline	0800 4701505

CONTACT

St Leger Homes Desk
Conisbrough Library
Wednesday
0930-1130
St Leger Homes
01302 862862

Conisbrough, Denaby & Clifton Local Councillors Surgery Details

DATE	TIME	VENUE	COUNCILLOR
First Saturday of the month	1030-1130	Elm Green Lane, Conisbrough	Cllr Ian Pearson
Second Saturday of the month	1000-1030	Greys Court, Denaby Main	Street Surgery
Third Saturday of the month	1015-1115	Conisbrough Library	Cllr Lani-Mae Ball
Last Monday of the month	1730-1830	Tom Hill Youth Club, Denaby Main	Cllr Nigel Ball



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CONCLUSION

We continue to operate in challenging times, where all agencies are experiencing change and increasing demands for services. The Safer Stronger Doncaster Partnership continues to adapt to these challenges to ensure that we listen, understand and build relationships with communities to develop a clear picture of their experiences and respond effectively to their concerns.

This annual update provides information about the progress we've made against the actions we said we'd carry out. Our future work remains focused on streamlining our systems and processes to allow us to work more effectively together to keep the public safe. The Partnership remains committed to reducing crime and anti-social behaviour and doing our part to ensure that Doncaster and its people thrive.



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By tackling the obvious impact and the underlying issues which drive crime and disorder within our neighbourhoods, we will continue to do all we can to improve safety in our communities to build a stronger and more confident Doncaster.

Safer Stronger Doncaster Partnership Structure Chart

