

Community Safety Partnership (CSP)

Plan 2020 - 2023

Vision

Everyone has the right to be free from being a victim of crime and anti-social behaviour, to feel safe and to choose their own lifestyle.

Everyone also has the responsibility to take reasonable steps to avoid becoming a victim of crime, not to cause harassment or distress to others and to respect differences in others.

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Introduction

The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 and the Crime and Disorder (Formulation and Implementation of Strategy) Regulations 2011 places a statutory duty on CSPs to prepare a 3-year plan which sets out how it plans to reduce crime and disorder locally.

This plan will cover the period from 2020-2023 and will be refreshed annually. This helps the CSP direct its resources so that they remain focussed on the main priorities, adapt to new issues and are delivered in a manner that gets to the root causes of crime and ASB.

The Bracknell Forest Council (BFC) Plan for 2019-2023 focuses on six strategic themes. A key objective within the theme of 'Communities' is to 'work with our local police to maintain good public order, reduce anti-social behaviour and combat drug-related crime'. In order to keep Bracknell Forest safe, with some of the lowest recorded crime in Berkshire and the Thames Valley, BFC maintains a Community Safety Service to work closely with the Police, other partners and the community. BFC also hosts the CSP whose statutory partners include Police, Health, Fire Service, Probation, and BFC.

The CSP

The CSP Plan is managed by the CSP Steering Group who meet quarterly to oversee and bring together community safety and criminal justice partners to ensure local priorities are joined up to reduce crime and disorder.

Successful delivery of the CSP Plan is dependent not only on support from our members but also working with our public, community and voluntary groups, which are vital to reduce crime and disorder. The CSP benefits from excellent communication arrangements and positive relationships with all partners in Bracknell Forest and its continuing success can be attributed to this.

Priorities

Each year, the Bracknell Forest CSP undertakes a strategic assessment of local crime and disorder as required by the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 and the Crime and Disorder (Formulation and Implementation of Strategy) Regulations 2011. The strategic assessment considers the following local data:

- Volumes and trends of crime and ASB
- Forecasts/projections of crime and ASB
- Consultation with the statutory and wider membership of the CSP
- Consultation with residents and businesses
- Emerging issues of national concern
- Priorities of key partners including Police and Crime Commissioner Thames Valley

A strategic assessment was undertaken in March 2019 and the following priorities have been identified and agreed by the CSP and the community.

2020-2023 Strategic Priorities

Priority 1: Tackle exploitation of children, young people and vulnerable adults

Priority 2: Reduce incidents of serious violence, sexual offences, and knife crime

Priority 3: Work with communities to deal with crime and ASB hotspots (including drug-related crime)

Priority 4: Reduce harm caused by DA

Priority 5: Reduce incidents of residential burglary and theft from vehicles

1. Tackle exploitation of children, young people and vulnerable adults

What is our aim?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maximise the use of criminal and civil powers to target-harden areas, and deter offenders• Drive improved identification of victims and provide enhanced levels of immediate and sustained support• Ensure that the community is equipped to recognise and report exploitation and know how to minimise risk to all vulnerable people
How will we achieve this?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Monitor the use of civil powers e.g. Community Protection Notices issued• Increase the number of practitioners trained to recognise the signs of exploitation and how to refer for support• Increase the number of referrals of suspected victims of modern slavery and exploitation to the National Referral Mechanism (NRM)

2. Reduce incidents of serious violence, sexual offences, and knife crime

What is our aim?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Understand the risks around knife crime, reduce the harm it causes and reduce knife crime incidents• Increase awareness of what constitutes a sexual offence among young people, empower them to report sexual offences and bring more offenders to justice
How will we achieve this?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reduce personal robbery incidents• Increase the number of young people engaged in outreach locations in awareness of violence prevention• Monitor increased confidence of young people to disclose/report sexual offences• Adopt a long term, preventative approach to violence reduction in collaboration with partners

3. Work with communities to deal with crime and ASB hotspots (including drug-related crime)

What is our aim?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consult with communities to identify crime and disorder hotspots and work to improve the safety in these areas using civil and criminal legislation
How will we achieve this?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Explore and investigate hotspots identified in the 2019 Crime and ASB Consultation• Monitor the number of cases referred and resolved by the partnership problem-solving groups

4. Reduce harm caused by Domestic Abuse (DA)

What is our aim?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prevent and intervene at the earliest stage possible• Reduce the risk of people becoming repeat victims of DA• Reduce the harm caused to children and young people affected by DA
How will we achieve this?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Monitor the percentage of clients reoffending who have completed a perpetrator programme• Monitor the number of victims referred to Berkshire Women's Aid (BWA)• Monitor the repeat rate of DA crimes• Continue to deliver appropriate interventions and specialist support for children and young people affected by DA

5. Reduce incidents of residential burglary and theft from vehicles

What is our aim?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Make Bracknell Forest a hostile place for burglars and vehicle thieves to operate by encouraging community resilience, holding developers to account and pursuing offenders
How will we achieve this?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reduce incidents of thefts from vehicles• Reduce incidents of residential burglary• Increase the number of crime-prevention messages to the community

How will we measure success?

The CSP Steering Group will assess progress against each aim at their quarterly meetings and proactively take steps to achieve the agreed outcome.

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