

The North Somerset Community Safety Partnership

The Community Safety Partnership will provide senior strategic oversight of crime and disorder reduction. This includes:

- the assessment of prevalence of crime and need for local services
- development, review and monitoring of Safer Communities Plan.
- determine how resources are allocated from the Police and Crime Grant
- reviewing the effectiveness of local initiatives to address crime and disorder including monitoring crime statistics and performance information
- provide strategic governance and oversight for multi-agency projects and programmes which support the Partnerships' objectives
- provide a response to applications for review under the Anti-Social-Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 (sometimes referred to as the Community Trigger)
- to appoint panels to undertake Domestic Homicide Reviews

Our priorities for 2022/25

1. Prevention of Serious Violence

Prevent individuals becoming involved



Alcohol aggravated violence – Evening & Night-Time Economy
Possession of weapons
Youth violence

2. Protecting People from Harm

Early intervention ensuring support is in the right place to address need



Domestic Abuse
Violence Against Women and Girls in Public Spaces
Sexual Offences and Harassment and Stalking offences

3. Strengthen and Improve Local Communities

Thriving communities - focus on the wider factors and influences on crime and work with partners to support communities to thrive



Anti-Social Behaviour – with focus on hotspot locations
Environmental Crime
Hate Crime

4. Tackling Exploitation

Prevention & Early Intervention to support communities to thrive



Child Sexual Exploitation
County Lines/Drug Crime and Exploitation of vulnerable people
Risk of radicalisation

Our achievements against priorities in the last year

Building strong resilient communities

- A new partnership [Prevent](#) plan developed in line with the Counter Terrorism Profile
- Six vulnerable individuals at risk of being drawn into terrorism managed through the Channel process
- Enhanced our response to [Anti-Social Behaviour](#) by introducing new PSPOs across North Somerset, managing of 17 community trigger applications by victims of ASB and finalising of new ASB processes and procedures

Tackling crime types and locations where there are particular concerns

- [Violence Reduction Unit \(VRU\)](#) launched a crime & violence consultation with secondary schools & college to explore demand/concerns - to steer commissioning & priorities
- Trauma informed training delivered to police officers and other key partnership officers
- Secured over £480k of Violence Reduction Funding over the next 3 years
- Commissioning of new Violence Reduction interventions and new projects to intervene early and divert young people from crime.
- The finalising of our [CCTV Control Room](#) upgrade creating a digital network of cameras fixed and mobile across North Somerset.
- Successful procurement of Deployable Cameras (following successful bid for Safer Streets Funding). Cameras are 'unique' within the industry.
- Renewing of Purple Flag in WSM town centre evidencing a safe, vibrant well managed [Evening & Night-time Economy](#)

Supporting vulnerable victims

- Implementation of the [Domestic Abuse](#) Act 2021 duties including creation of the new Domestic Abuse Strategy 2020-23.
- Successful bid for £375K to Home Office for [safer streets funding](#) to launch an innovative project with Somerset to improve safety in public places for women and girls.

Our key deliverables

[Click here to check our progress against priority delivery plans](#)

	Q1 review	Q2 review	Q3 review	Q4 review
Retain Purple Flag Status for WSM Evening and Night Time Economy	Select	Select	Select	Select
Implement VRU Response Strategy and Action Plan with focus on youth serious violence and knife crime via Operation Sceptre	Select	Select	Select	Select
Implement new Domestic Abuse Strategy which includes prevention, training, early intervention, safe accommodation, and new models for people engaging in abusive behaviour	Select	Select	Select	Select
Continue collaborative work with Somerset to tackle VAWG in public spaces. Generating a strategy, delivery plan and identification of funding opportunities.	Select	Select	Select	Select
Understand nature of increase in sexual offences and implement a partnership plan in response	Select	Select	Select	Select
Implementation of newly updated Public Space Protection Order and monitoring of its impact	Select	Select	Select	Select
Targeted place based ASB response tackling rowdy and nuisance behaviour such as street drinking, begging, anti-social driving.	Select	Select	Select	Select
Implement a new partnership Hate Crime Strategy and Delivery Plan	Select	Select	Select	Select
Implementation of the 4P's County Lines Delivery Plan – to Pursue/Prevent/Protect and Prepare	Select	Select	Select	Select
Develop Counter-Terrorism Local Plan to understand and manage local risks	Select	Select	Select	Select
Support communities to help us prevent and tackle exploitation	Select	Select	Select	Select
Train our workforce to help them identify and respond to exploitation in their role				

Emerging challenges and risks for 2022/23

	RAG	How will we tackle this challenge or mitigate this risk?
Increases to cost of living is likely to cause increases in crime types and community tensions	AMBER	Visibility and engagement with communities to build strong relationships.
Tightening of public services budgets post COVID to place significant pressure on maintaining service provision	AMBER	Make the best use of existing resources, working together to reduce demand on our services
The ongoing repercussions of COVID lockdowns including lowering in public tolerance leading to increase demand on police and also a rise in hate crimes.	AMBER	Strong partnership working with communities across North Somerset
Maintaining local community cohesion in light of the ongoing conflict in Ukraine and newly arriving Ukrainian refugees	AMBER	Visibility and engagement with communities to identify community tensions and respond effectively