



## Western Suffolk Community Safety Partnership Plan 2023-2024

The Western Suffolk Community Safety Partnership (WSCSP) is a statutory body with a responsibility to:

- Make an assessment of community safety issues
- Produce a plan which responds to those issues
- Review and report on progress against that plan
- Carry out Domestic Homicide Reviews

The Partnership is made up of statutory representatives from the named Responsible Authorities and include local councils in West Suffolk, Mid Suffolk and Babergh, Suffolk Police, Suffolk County Council, National Probation Service, Integrated Care Boards (ICB) and Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service.

Registered Social Landlords, Youth Offending Service and Education are co-opted as additional non statutory members of the WSCSP.

The WSCSP works to support community/voluntary groups to secure funding to deliver projects/initiatives which meet an identified community safety issue, which are a threat or risk or will cause the greatest harm to the community.

### **How does this work?**

WSCSP has a duty to consider the more strategic overarching issues which are affecting community safety in Western Suffolk. These are issues which may not affect our communities on a day-to-day basis but are a threat to overall safety in Suffolk and undermine families and communities. These will be identified by making an assessment of crime and community safety in partnership with Suffolk County Council and Suffolk Police.

### **Who we will work with?**

In addition to the statutory agencies of the partnership working together, we also have strong links with the following groups;

Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC): The PCC is fully supportive of CSPs and their work and in turn, CSPs have a duty to take due regard of the Police and Crime Commissioner's Police and Crime Plan. The WSCSP plan reflects those issues in the PCP which result in producing the greatest threat, risk and harm to our communities.

#### Safer Stronger Communities Board.

The Safer Stronger Communities Board (SSCB) provides strategic direction and leadership on wider issues and determinants arising from agreed priorities.

The SSCB meets quarterly, and membership includes senior elected members and officer roles from a range of organisations including County, District and Borough

councils, Suffolk Police, Police and Crime Commissioner, Community Safety Partnerships, Integrated Care Boards, Probation Service and Safeguarding Partnership.

It is supported by a programme office that oversees the delivery of issues that present the greatest threat, risk, and harm to Suffolk residents, and reports regularly to Suffolk Public Sector Leaders and Community Safety Partnerships.

### **Priorities for WSCSP**

A strategic assessment has been undertaken. This is an assessment of all crime and disorder and substance misuse problems that Western Suffolk faces. This assessment assists with the most effective use of available resources in a way which will have the greatest impact on the most relevant problems. It is not intended that the issues identified are the ONLY issues which are addressed throughout the year, but that the issues highlighted are prioritised when resources are available for allocation.

The following data sources have been used to determine this assessment:

- Crime and Disorder data and reports from Suffolk Police
- Ambulance call out data
- Substance misuse data from Public Health England
- Iquanta performance data

Open source research has also been undertaken where relevant to identify emerging national policy developments.

The following priority areas of work have been identified as the focus for the WSCSP:

- 1) Violence against women and girls
- 2) Prevent
- 3) Hate Crime
- 4) Modern Slavery
- 5) Criminal Exploitation
- 6) ASB
- 7) Fraud
- 8) Domestic Homicide reviews. This will include ensuring that the WSCSP continues to carry out reviews, refines processes, and shares learning.

The intention is not to duplicate any work that individual agencies may be doing but to understand the relevance to Community Safety for residents in Western Suffolk and maximise the opportunities for coordinating a response and intelligence between agencies in the West.

Activity Type	Ref	Priority	Objective	Activity	Link to other strategies/action plans	Lead organisation
Awareness Raising	1	Hate Crime	Engage with communities at risk of Hate Crime to raise awareness of what constitutes a Hate Crime/hate incident, where to report and where to get support	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Identify communities at risk of Hate Crime using the CSP partners and Suffolk Hate Crime Network</li> <li>2. Use current materials to raise awareness in identified communities and look for opportunities for engagement</li> </ol>	Suffolk Hate Crime Partnership	All CSP members/Small working group to identify correct partners to engage with communities
	2	Prevent	Ensure that community based organisations and community leaders have Prevent awareness	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Identify community based organisations/leaders</li> <li>2. Contact these groups and signpost to awareness raising/training</li> </ol>	Suffolk Prevent Delivery Group	All CSP members/Small working group to identify correct partners to engage with communities
	3	Modern Slavery	Ensure that specific front line staff are aware of Modern Slavery, how to spot it and how to report it	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. All CSP members to have a Modern Slavery awareness raising session</li> <li>2. Identify front line staff that require Modern Slavery training and signpost to local training offer</li> </ol>	Suffolk Modern Slavery Network	<p>Presentation to the CSP from the Suffolk lead for Modern Slavery</p> <p>Small working group to identify correct partners to engage and offer training</p>
	4	Fraud	Ensure effective partnership working to tackle fraud.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. All CSP member to undertake Fraud awareness sessions</li> </ol>	Suffolk MAAF	Trading Standards

<b>Communications</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>All</b>	<p>For all areas of prioritisation within the Action Plan a calendar of events for proactive promotion and communication is recommended. As well as the CSP supporting national campaigns we will also identify key events within our organisations and communities where we are able to raise awareness of community safety issues and promote the work of the CSP.</p> <p>Although this will be coordinated by a small working group the responsibility to be involved in communications and promotion of the CSP achievements will be held by all CSP members.</p>
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<b>Training and Education</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Criminal Exploitation</b>	Support targeted training and education package for partners and community groups	Work with SCC officers to identify priority areas and undertake training as and when opportunities are identified	Criminal Exploitation Action Plan	Criminal Exploitation Steering Group
	<b>7</b>	<b>Fraud</b>	Identify Fraud training needs within partners and community groups	Work with SCC officers to identify priority areas and undertake training as and when opportunities are identified	Suffolk MAAF	Trading Standards

Projects	8	VAWGMB	Encourage and support employers within Suffolk to adopt Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Policies for their organisation.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. All CSP partners to identify if their organisation has a Domestic Abuse policy and if this is relevant/up to date</li> <li>2. All CSP members to identify appropriate staff to become DA Champions (at least 2 Champions per organisation)</li> <li>3. Work with local businesses to support them implement Domestic Abuse policies or refresh existing ones where needed</li> </ol>	Suffolk VAWG Strategy	All CSP members/Small working group to engage with local businesses
	9	Modern Slavery	Engage with local parish councils + housing + businesses and forums to encourage the reporting of potential Modern Slavery	Deliver Modern Slavery awareness raising to key local businesses to encourage reporting	Suffolk Modern Slavery Action Plan	Small working group to identify key businesses that would benefit from Modern Slavery awareness raising sessions.
	10	Criminal Exploitation	Diversions Activities	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Develop, with partners projects that identify and work closely with vulnerable young people</li> <li>2. Identify opportunities to work in partnership and provide diversionary activities for vulnerable young people</li> </ol>	Criminal Exploitation Action Plan/ ASB Steering Group	All CSP members/Small working group to identify correct partners to engage with communities

<b>Community Resilience</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>Hate Crime + Prevent</b>	Utilise engagement opportunities within communities. Continue to build on relationships with key community contacts, particularly within faith groups	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ensure all members of the CSP are WRAP trained</li> <li>2. Promote the WRAP training schedule within the CSP and to elected representatives including Parish Councils &amp; faith groups.</li> </ol>	Suffolk Prevent Delivery Group	All CSP members
	<b>12</b>	<b>VAWG + Hate Crime + Prevent</b>	<b>Engagement</b> with traditionally 'hard to reach' communities and groups	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Identify places and spaces where there are community tensions and anticipate where community tensions may occur.</li> <li>2. Be proactive in our awareness raising/messaging in these places and spaces utilising the best medium for maximum impact - social media, posters, leaflets, adverts in GP surgeries, educational settings etc.</li> <li>3. Support community events designed to bring communities together</li> </ol>	VAWG action plan/ Suffolk Prevent Delivery Group	All CSP members