

CHARNWOOD COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP REPORTING

ITEM 7

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Subject Title	Priority 1: Safeguarding Communities from Abuse and Serious Violence				
Summary <i>(Purpose, background & context for the report update)</i>	This report represents a review of performance over quarter 4 during the 2023/24 Periods against the objectives set under CSP Strategic Priority 1: Safeguarding Communities from Abuse and Serious Violence.				
Recommendations <i>(Any recommendations for the CSP to consider)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete performance data analysis from Partnership Strategic Assessment and ASB Case Reviews to influence 2024/25 delivery i.e. what worked well and what we should do more of • Implement and share learning from the findings of any DHR's • CSP members to support further engagement with Charnwood schools for the VRN, Mentors in Violence Prevention project and Public Health Trauma Informed Schools pilot currently operating in Bell Foundry, by promoting throughout available networks • Review JAG purpose and function following changes in key personnel including JAG chair and deputy • Develop a written plan for Night Time Economy (NTE) to include collaboration with Loughborough East Delivery Group (LEDG) and Loughborough Central Delivery Groups (LCDG) to reduce risk and impact from beats NL62 and NL65 				
Performance Data <i>(Insert any relevant performance data)</i>	<p>The information gathered and summarised in this report captures the work carried out by the partnership towards the strategic objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase the reporting of Domestic Abuse offences and Sexual Abuse within the borough by 2.5% (baseline 2022/23 reported offences) • Raise awareness of Domestic Abuse, Sexual Abuse and the support services available in Charnwood • Deliver a year-on-year reduction in the number of Violence with Injury crimes recorded • Deliver a year-on-year reduction in the number of Domestic Violence with Injury crimes recorded • Deliver a year-on-year reduction in the number of Serious Violence Offences reported 				

- Increase victims' confidence in reporting their experience and satisfaction with the response they receive
- Support victims and survivors of abuse and violence to cope and recover
- Deliver a year on year reduction in Serious Violent Offences (baseline 2022/23 reported offences)
- Achieve a Reduction in Night-Time Economy related Violence Offences (baseline 2022/23 reported offences)
- Raise awareness of the consequences of Knife Crime within educational establishments in Charnwood – with a specific focus on individuals aged 25 years old and younger
- Achieve a year on year reduction of the number of Young People engaged with knife Crime diversionary activities

Priority 1 – Safeguarding communities from abuse and violent offences

Update/s - including specific work, initiatives, projects etc. that contribute to priority 1

Summary – Quarter 4

- The Town centre night time economy (NTE) has been reviewed within this quarter and a new strategy has been drafted which can be shared to the CSP. This is detailed further in SP1. As part of this Op Vigilant training overview has been disseminated to the NPA and will be shared with relevant partner agencies at specific training events within the first quarter in 2024/2025.
- Leicestershire Police have led a media and comms campaign “You’re right, that’s wrong” including press releases, social media initiatives and leaflet circulations have been deployed to raise awareness in the town centre of Loughborough, encourage reporting and change attitudes. This is stage two of the initiative and more will follow.
- A County Lines Operation was carried out within this quarter, resulting in 6x warrants being executed and 10x arrests being made. This operation also included 4x Section 8 visits being conducted and 2x closure orders being applied for in conjunction with Charnwood Borough Council.
- The Youth Joint Action Group and Adults at Risk Group have significantly reduced the number of high-risk individuals open to these CSP sub groups and both have adopted trauma informed practice. This work continues throughout 2023/2024 period, including quarter 4.

- Leicestershire Police continue to hold a weekly threat meetings which discuss current cross cutting themes and highlight any trends in crime or Occurrences. This includes service to women and girls (VAWG) and Vulnerable victims.
- Joint working takes place between CSP agencies to ensure any required safeguarding and risk management tasks are completed and civil enforcement options are explored during various meetings held under the CSP.

Increase the reporting of Domestic Abuse offences and Sexual Abuse within the borough by 2.5% (baseline 2022/23 reported offences)

To achieve this outcome the CSP planned to review and respond to any learning outcomes from any Domestic Homicide Reviews. The CSP operates in alignment with the [Leicestershire Domestic Abuse Reduction Strategy 2022-2025](#). The CSP actively promotes awareness raising of the [Trilogy of Risk](#) and its implications for risk assessment in cases involving domestic abuse, substance misuse and mental health. DA training has previously been delivered during the 2023/2024 period and further DA training opportunities are offered for CBC Housing and repairs staff.

The CSP are committed to supporting the Domestic Abuse Act 2021 Working Group. The DA Act 2021 Working Group meets frequently and is attended by a range of stakeholders, led by LCC's Head of Safer Communities and Resettlement, Gurjit Samra-Rai. The meetings and generated actions are carried out to ensure compliance with the new responsibilities that emerged from the DA Act 2021 and the new DA definition. The CSP supports work with Leicestershire Police's Domestic Abuse Resolution Team (DART) to identify our highest threat relationships and work closely with partner agencies to manage victims and perpetrators within high threat relationships. For the High Risk, High harm cases a problem Management Plan is implemented to prevent future harm and to increase confidence in reporting any future incidents.

Children, Families and Partnerships Manager Giuseppe Vassallo attends and contributes to plans on behalf of the CSP, whilst ensuring that ongoing DA Act 2021 funding is appropriately deployed in Charnwood. A further allocation of funding is anticipated in 2024/25.

Raise awareness of Domestic Abuse, Sexual Abuse and the support services available in Charnwood

The CSP pledged to deliver Domestic Abuse awareness initiatives and these are undertaken each year to highlight the local domestic abuse services that are available to victims and their families within Charnwood.

Operation Lakers is a Police response to any suspected spiking cases and potentially pre-cursors to sexual offences. Officers from Charnwood police have received training inputs and have ordered further "early evidence" kits to assist in the investigations. During March 2024, a spiking awareness week took place which promoted the potential dangers and vulnerable situations that females can find themselves in. The CSP worked closely with the University and town centre NTE venues during this awareness week.

During this quarter there has been a VAWG input at both of the temporary hotels for persons seeking asylum within the Charnwood borough relating to the “you’re right, that’s wrong” Campaign.

Op Vigilant is a police led initiative that is a preventative approach in identifying predatory behaviour. 2x police officers from Charnwood will have a specific detailed input and will be able to deliver a wider training package as a result.

CSP supports social media campaigns that promote Awareness of DA from CBC and Police.

A year-on-year reduction in the number of Violence with Injury crimes recorded

The data set for a year on year comparison can be obtained from the PSA document.

A year-on-year reduction in the number of Domestic Violence with Injury crimes recorded

The data set for a year on year reduction can be obtained from the PSA document

A year-on-year reduction in the number of Serious Violence Offences reported (baseline 2022/23 reported offences)

To support this objective, the CSP continued the development of the Joint Action Group, Adults at Risk Group and the Youth Joint Action Group to enable early identification of Adults and Young People at risk of harm and abuse.

The AARG and YJAG now use the 5x5 risk assessment processes to strengthen risk assessment and planned interventions to support the highest risk adults at risk and young people in Charnwood. Both meetings are well attended and supported by partners. The AARG has seen a reduction in high risk cases though it remains a high risk focused meeting. The most prominent issues have followed suit of Quarter 3 and appear to be cuckooing cases, financial abuse and self-neglect.

The YJAG has continued with a small number of high risk cases, enabling greater focus on wider issues, hotspot location identification, lower risk case oversight and earlier intervention. The Chair of the YJAG has is reviewing the referral process and how to increase the number of referrals.

The JAG has been in a period of transition over Quarter 3 with a new NPA Commander – Inspector Dickens who will review and appoint a Vice Chair of the JAG and update the CSP. The JAG is continuing to evolve and is seeking to reduce duplication i.e. discussion of cases open to other CSP sub groups (AARG / YJAG / LCDG / LEDG).

An examination of the crime data clearly illustrates that there are four key locations in relation to volume of crime in Charnwood:

- Loughborough Central: Police Beat NL62

- Loughborough East: Police Beat NL65
- Charnwood East: Police Beat NL61
- Charnwood West:- Police Beat NL64

The NL62 and NL65 Beats have consistently delivered high volumes of crime and disorder. The NL62 has the Loughborough Town Centre with all the challenges of a vibrant night-time economy, retail crime and an annual uplift in its populous of 19,000 students. The NL65 Beat encompasses areas of significant deprivation and houses a large proportion of persistent and prolific offenders. The NL61 and NL64 Beats were highlighted in the CSP 2023/2024 strategic assessments key findings and recommendations as being emerging locations having high volume of crime. This was based on current data findings relating to all recorded crime within the Charnwood borough. As a result of this in the fourth coming CSP, recommendations highlight that both areas will have a targeted focus and governance in crime reduction strategies required for those locations. This can be sighted within the 2024/2025 PSA.

To mitigate the risks posed by both locations, the Community Safety Partnership, as part of its target delivery model continues with the Loughborough Central Delivery Group (LCDG) and the Loughborough East Delivery Group (LEDG). Both forums are created with membership from all partner agencies focusing on tackling crime and disorder within their geographical locations. The NL61 and NL64 Beats are now standing agendas within the JAG for the same reasons.

The CSP support projects aimed at reducing both Violent and Serious Violence Offences. This includes projects outlined in CSP Priority 2 aimed at supporting young people and diverting them away from negative outcomes including serious violence.

CBC strategic partner Living Without Abuse were supported to deliver a range of awareness raising projects and individual and group work which impacts upon the causes of and reduction of violent and serious offences.

The CSP supported in a national County Lines Operation within quarter 4 which resulted in 6x warrants being executed and 10x arrests being made. This operation also included 4x Section 8 visits being conducted and 2x closure orders being applied for.

The CSP continues to support wider project work including The family Hubs project and reducing parental conflict, Go Getters and the Falcon centre.

Increase victims' confidence in reporting their experience and satisfaction with the response they receive

The CSP Strategic Plan 2023-26 stated that there would be effective communications strategies for abuse and serious violence.

ASB Case Reviews may indicate levels of customer satisfaction. During quarter 4 there have been 0 ASB Case Reviews so difficult to measure for Quarter 4, however within this last period there have been 6 reviews for the whole year. This was less than anticipated as the previous period (2021/2022) year when 15 were received.

For 2024/2025, a comms and engagement strategy will be written and implemented by the CSP Vice Chair. This is to increase confidence and allows for further communication with the CSP. Currently CBC and Charnwood Police use social media platforms to post content, often with specific themes linking to Safeguarding/VAWG.

The CSP have taken steps in improving information sharing by introducing a new case management system for the ASB recording system, Sentinel. This has followed from Feedback and findings from previous ASB Case reviews The intention behind this development is linked to findings from ASB Case Reviews which have previously demonstrated a lack of information sharing and collaborative Risk assessments. Charnwood Police were also the pilot station for a new ASB Hub trial which Charnwood borough council were consulted on and formed part of the process, the aim with having the most appropriate agency dealing with the case and providing a more streamlined response and investigation to the victim. This pilot ended in April with a full review now taking place, but initial findings were overwhelmingly positive.

In quarter 4, CBC, Housing and Police have attended a CPD training day relating to ASB Case Reviews and the investigation process surrounding them to share best practice in the case management and tactical options available to all partner agencies.

Support Victims and survivors of Abuse and violence to cope and recover.

The CSP supports agencies who can offer abuse victims such as :-

- LWA charity
- The Bridge housing services.
- UAVA
- FREEVA
- Project 360
- Love4Life
- Outreach support (through the Falcon Centre)
- DA helpline
- Adult social care
- Victim first
- Victim support
- Child line
- NSPCC
- Samaritans
- Revenge porn helpline

Charnwood Police support Domestic Abuse victims through investigations and will support in the applications of DVDS (Claire's Law).
The Domestic Abuse Resolution Team (DART)

The CSP have agreed to support a Domestic abuse link worker who can act as a support network and advisor to the DA victim who may need support. This allows for a consistent risk assessment and wraparound case work support by a suitably qualified professional. However, this position has not been filled at this time.

Deliver a year on year reduction in serious violent offences.

The data on the number of young persons engaged in diversionary activity can be obtained from the PSA document

Achieve a reduction in Night-Time Economy related Violence Offences

The CSP ensures that there is a robust Night-Time Economy plan in place to tackle alcohol fuelled violent offences. Loughborough town centre has a vibrant night-time economy which brings in much needed income and revenue for businesses. However, as with all night-time economies, there are real challenges in terms of alcohol fuelled disorder and violent offences. Moreover, as a university town, the populous has an annual increase of 19,000 students throughout the academic year.

The Loughborough Bid have just employed a night time economy officer to work with and support the night time economy premises and it is hoped that this will support with the ongoing partnership work across all agencies and the premises themselves, to support with awareness, initiatives and training.

The Town centre NTE policing patrol strategy has been reviewed and has recently been updated. A SARA based assessment will be conducted over the coming months as this priority will take hold in April 2024, with work already started on this. The historical work highlights that after the breakdown on what are the key findings on our serious violence profile, it shows that 24% of public place serious violence in Charnwood was committed in the NTE with increases seen at the weekends between the hours of 2200-0400.

NTE within Charnwood will remain a priority and has its own standing agenda on the LCDG which is a monthly meeting with reps from the BID, council, Police and partner agencies. Emerging trends, hot spot areas and repeat offenders are discussed and plans put in place from this meeting if appropriate/required. This meeting then feeds into the JAG should there be anything which they feel needs raising.

A monthly multiagency Night-Time Economy meeting is chaired by the Leicestershire Police Licensing officer. This group collates and reviews incidents and offences reported in or near to licensed premises. Any licensed premises that are raised, highlighted or identified as an emerging risk, a meeting is convened with the Designated Licence Holder and an action plan implemented to reduce both the risk and the number of violent offences being committed at or near to that premises.

During quarter 4, no licensed premises have been highlighted, however, during the 2023/2024 period 2x premises have been subject of a meeting due to emerging risks. Following the meeting with the DLH and action plan implemented, including altering the opening times. A decrease in recorded crimes was achieved for those premises.

Funding through Operation Volt has allowed dedicated patrols specifically to the hotspot area as determined by the VCCU which have been highlighted within the NTE review. The VCCU is working with the home office in order to deliver further hotspot patrols, they are currently undertaking evidence led reviews and conversations with CSP's across LLR to be able to accurately identify both Serious violence and ASB hotspot areas for additional funded patrols to be considered.

The Community Safety Partnership has had a Public Space Protection Order in place since October 2017. This civil order operates within a designated zone in Loughborough Town Centre and the NL62 beat encompassing part of the student residential area. Whilst the PSPO does not create an alcohol-free zone, it offers the partnership powers to curb the behaviour of individuals consuming alcohol who are believed to be engaging in, or likely to engage in anti-social behaviour. During this period the CSP have successfully applied for an extension to the PSPO with the same map and conditions and will now be in place until October 2026.

The CSP continues to support Operation Lexical in support of our University Town. This operation is focused upon tackling crimes and anti-social behaviour in respect of students within Loughborough town centre and surrounding residential areas. Quarter 4 has covered Phase 3 of Op Lexical. During the 2023/2024 period there has been a noticeable decrease in reported ASB compared to the previous year. An aggravating factor in these offences is alcohol, which in many cases makes an individual vulnerable in terms of their personal safety. The partnership under the banner of Operation Lexical, continues to work closely with Loughborough University and the licensed premises in the area.

Throughout this period, the partnership continues to co-fund, alongside Loughborough University, the Student Street Support Scheme. This initiative is focused upon offering pastoral support to vulnerable individuals, particularly females on key nights of the night-time economy. The scheme deploys a number of security officers on a Wednesday, Friday and Saturday night in areas of high footfall. They seek to engage with vulnerable individuals and ensure they are not targeted whilst making their way home.

The partnership operates [Keep Safe Places](#) in Quorn, Birstall, Shepshed, Markfield, Syston and at three venues in Loughborough Town Centre including the Falcon Centre, John Storer House and Loughborough Library. These offer locations for members of the public to escape the threat of violence and access a range of support. The initiative is supported by a Keep Safe Card scheme, with cards available to members of the public from Charnwood Borough Council and Leicestershire Police.

Raise awareness of the consequences of Knife Crime within educational establishments in Charnwood – with a specific focus on individuals aged 25 years old and younger

Charnwood participates in the LLR-wide Operation Sceptre, a week of action to educate young persons about the dangers of knife crime and the consequences of carrying a knife – including prevention, protection and enforcement on offenders. The Last Op Sceptre took place in Quarter 3 and the next is due in 2024/2025 Quarter 1. During this operation Police officers and partnership agencies will carry out proactive patrols, engagement events, school education sessions, beat surgeries and visit Habitual Knife Carriers (HKC's) and any social media platforms will use the hashtags #WeDoNotCarry and #LivesNotKnives.

	<p>HKC's are a standing agenda within Charnwood Police weekly threat meeting, and each have a Police officer as a SPOC for the individual. The aim is to conduct visits to the HKC's and seek any opportunities using the "seven pathways" out of offending. The seven pathways out of offending has been designed to identify and offer relevant support to the subject as a way of education and guidance away from offending or knife carrying. Guidance has been given to all HKC SPOCs in Charnwood and best practice around the force will be shared to continually improve our service.</p> <p>There is a knife amnesty bin that can be deployed at Police discretion, during quarter 4 this has been placed at the Police station front enquiry office but has previously been deployed at the Falcon Centre and other prominent places throughout previous Operation Sceptre weeks.</p> <p>School workshops on knife crime are available to all LLR schools and can be booked via the Police website.</p> <p>Local Delivery Partner, Go Getta, routinely carries out consequences of knife crime work with young people in Charnwood in group sessions, 1 to 1 case work and through its peer mentor programme.</p> <p>A year on year reduction of the number of Young People engaged with knife Crime diversionary activities</p> <p>The data on the number of young persons engaged in diversionary activity can be obtained from the PSA document.</p>
<p>Budget / Resource Implications</p>	<p>OPCC funding through the Partnership locality fund continues and the bids for the 2024/2025 period have recently been approved by the chair of the CSP and sent to the OPCC for agreement.</p>
<p>Any key risks / issues</p>	<p>None identified at this time.</p>
<p>Planned activity in the next Quarter – include any specific work, initiatives, projects etc that will contribute to above CSP themes and priorities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The new 2024/2025 strategic priority recommendations will be agreed and implemented. • A detailed delivery plan adopted for each Strategic priority to ensure a continued approach throughout the year across each sector. • Continuation of delivery of local and national campaigns as previously mentioned, ie Op Sceptre, County lines intensification week, Op Vigilant etc.

Any other update, developments, achievements, challenges / opportunities	None Identified
Gaps/Support Required	None at this time.