## Leicestershire County Council - Community Safety Team Update Report

*The Leicestershire County Council (LCC) Community Safety Team (CST) update report containing current and emerging information which may be of interest to partnership colleagues.*

**Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)**

ASB Support, Interventions and Powers Training

New cross-partnership ASB training due to launch on 28th June. 5 sessions planned for this financial year. For further details and booking contact sally.johnon@leics.gov.uk

ASB System Coordinator and Governance

An individual has been recruited to the post and is due to start around September. Once a date is confirmed partners will be made aware.

Recording on Sentinel

A review is taking place around what information is recoded on Sentinel across the partnership. An options paper is due to be taken to Strategic Partnership Board Executive meeting in the coming months.

**Domestic Abuse**

Moving from commissioning to monitoring and evaluation. Additional funding has now been confirmed by Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC).

The County Council’s Domestic Abuse Reduction Strategy 2022-2025 was published on 6th January 2022 and can be viewed at – <https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/sites/default/files/field/pdf/2022/1/6/domestic-abuse-reduction-strategy-2022-2025.pd>[f](https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/sites/default/files/field/pdf/2022/1/6/domestic-abuse-reduction-strategy-2022-2025.pdf)

The Strategy includes plans and approaches working across both County and District

Councils and including other services in the area, such as specialist domestic abuse

providers, housing, and health bodies.

The Strategy includes five priorities:

 i. Early Intervention and Prevention County Team and Perp work

 ii. Targeted Support

 iii. Reachable Services

 iv. DA Act (Part 4) - Safe Accommodation

 v. Strong Partnerships

Tier one local authorities have received the following funding, whilst each district has received approximately £33,000 for each year.

1. DA duty 2021-2022 allocation: £1,127,205
2. DA duty 2022-2023 allocation: £1,130,326
3. DA duty 2023-2024 allocation: £1,152,936
4. To receive DA duty 2024-2025 allocation: £1,174,689

Year 1 Spend Plan:

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| **Support service** | **Service provider** | **Time period** | **Contract start dates/status** |
| Domestic Abuse Act Coordinator  | Leicestershire County Council | 2 years fixed term  | In post |
| Commissioning officer | Leicestershire County Council | 2 years fixed term  | New worker start date: 03/07/2023 |
| Substance misuse specialist  | Turning Point  | 2 years  | Service start date: 13.06.2022  |
| Gypsy Roma and Traveller specialist | Leicestershire Gate | 2 years  | Service start date: 01/08/2022  |
| Specialist DA Support LGBT+ Victims | Leicester LGBT service  | 2 years  | Service start date: 01/07/2022 |
| Community based support for male victims (Adam Project) | Women’s Aid Leicestershire  | 2 years  | Service start date: 01/07/2022 |
| Helpline support for male victims | Freeva  | 2 years  | Service start date: 01/09/2022 |
| BAME advisor | Freeva | 2 years  | Service start date: 01/06/2022 |
| Counselling service for adults  | Freeva  | 2 years | Service start date: 01/06/2022 |
| Counselling service for young people  | Freeva  | 1.5 years | Service start date: 01/10/22 |
| Children’s support service  | JADA+ via Women’s Aid | 1 year  | Service start date: 31/05/2022 |
| x2 Outreach workers | Living without Abuse | 2 years  | Service start date: 31/05/2022 |
| County Family service: x2 family workers  | Living without Abuse | 2 years  | Service start date: 31/05/2022 |
| part time young person’s IDVA | Living without Abuse | 2 years  | Service start date: 31/05/2022 |
| Contribution to MARAC manager and Administrator costs | MARAC | 2 years  | Year 1 money sent: 09/03/2022 |

Year 2 allocations:

The DA Act funding from year 2 has been assigned to a Leicestershire County Council Domestic Abuse team. The aim of this team is to provide specialist, support, and assistance to victims of domestic abuse.

The Safe Accommodation Tender Exercise is currently being worked on. The service specification has been drafted and is with the Commissioning Team. The types of accommodation we expect to commission will include:

* Specialist refuges for BAME communities
* Family-sized/flexible units (inc. suitable for older children particularly boys)
* Units for families with pets
* Units for those from LGBT+ communities
* Accessible accommodation for older victims/victims with disabilities

We are currently working on Soft Market Testing as part of our Safe Accommodation project. This gives potential providers and other stakeholders the opportunity to express their interests and feed in their views about the potential service model and service definitions. The commissioners will use the information to appraise options and further develop the specification. We are aiming for the questions to go live by end of July 2023.

**Performance Data**

TheLeicestershire Safer Communities Strategy Board (LSCSB) 2022/23 Q4 Performance data is availableusing the below link, where available KPI’s are broken down to District level and contain regional comparisons.

<https://public.tableau.com/views/LSCBSaferDashboard/SaferDashboard?:language=en-GB&publish=yes&:display_count=n&:origin=viz_share_link>

**Prevent**

Regional Meeting Update

The Home Office Regional Prevent Lead Ian Rabley Stubbs co-ordinates an East Midlands Network meeting that meets quarterly, this meeting is attended by County Council Prevent lead Anita Chavda and Carol Parker who represents on behalf of the District and Boroughs at this meeting.

Purpose of this meeting is to share good practice and learn from each other. Latest information from Home Office regarding reviews and update that was provided at the meeting held in September 2022 include:

* Independent Review of Prevent – was published on 8th February 2023 together with the Governments Response. The Government have accepted all 34 recommendations.
* Channel Duty Guidance – estimated due Autumn 2023
* Prevent Duty Guidance – estimated due Autumn 2023
* CONTEST – to be decided
* The first East Midlands Prevent Champions meeting was held in Feb established by the regional lead and chaired by Cllr Khan from Nottinghamshire. Cllr Deborah Taylor as the Lead member with prevent portfolio from LLR was invited and attended this meeting.

Prevent Training Resources – Home Office are building a platform to host all learning resources in one place for Prevent, e-learning courses from 1 – 4 are live.

* E-Learning Courses 1 & 2 (Awareness & Referrals)
* E-Learning Courses 3&4 (Channel & Refresher)
* Face to face – this resource is in development and HO aiming for a soft launch early 2023.

Link to the E-Learning packages from the Home Office:

<https://www.support-people-vulnerable-to-radicalisation.service.gov.uk/prevent-duty-training-learn-how-support-people-vulnerable-radicalisation>

**District and Borough Prevent Leads Networking Briefing Meeting twice yearly**

The next meeting took place on 26th June 2023.Updates provided by HO, Local Police Prevent Team, City Prevent Co-ordinator and Anita and Carol, on key areas of work.

**Protect Duty – Known as Martyn's Law**

December 2022 the Home Secretary made an announcement regarding the foundational policy for Martyn’s Law, formerly known as the Protect Duty, in Parliament. Legislation will be brought forward as soon as parliamentary time allows. Martyn’s Law will apply across the whole of the United Kingdom.

Further information on Martyn’s Law can be found on the government website and was circulated to all partners. Fact Sheet can be found on this link: <https://homeofficemedia.blog.gov.uk/2022/12/19/martyns-law-factsheet/>

The proposals have been developed following much research and the 2021 public consultation exercise, and the views expressed by stakeholders at over 80 consultation events. The proposal will become a Draft Bill and put the parliament before it can become enacted as legislation.

The Government hosted an online seminar - an engagement event for local authorities and the wider public sector, this event took place on 1st March and the invite email was circulated to all partners.

**Hate**

Low numbers but high impact on victims

**Hate Strategic Group**

The HSG is chaired and led by the new Strategic Lead from the Police T/ACC Adam Streets. The purpose is to bring together partners across LLR to discuss the work on Hate.

The HSG met in early Jan 2023 and agreed that the Terms of Reference (TOR) are to be refreshed, the LLR Strategy Statement for Tackling Hate refreshed with a view to devising a new action plan for 2023-26. This progress update was provided at the last SOG (Senior Officer Group).

The HSG took place on 29th June, and these reports were presented to the LSCSB on 30th June.

**LLR Keep Safe Places (KSP) Scheme**

Across our subregion we are still operating and promoting our localised KSP Scheme with Districts and Borough leads. Each District and Borough has a strategic lead for this area of work in making sure local KSP are kept informed, trained, and ensuring the LCC webpage is accurate with KSP that no longer wish to be part of the scheme including new ones that need adding on. To make these amendments District and Borough leads should contact Anita Chavda at County Hall (anita.chavda@leics.gov.uk).

The LLR KSP Steering Group meeting twice a year to plan for the social media campaigns that are run twice yearly which comprise of Darker Nights (Nov – Jan) and Summer June – Aug).

The KSP Summer campaign has begun from June and will run until end of August 2023. Each locality is encouraged to promote their local KSP at any local events.

**Production of CSP (Community Safety Partnership) Data Packs**

For the past few years, the Businesses Intelligence (BI) Service at LCC has been producing a bespoke annual Community Safety dashboard for North West Leicestershire for a nominal fee. The latest version of which can be found on the link below: Several LAs have made enquiries to utilise the service also, for those who have not but wish to do so the below information outlines next steps...

<https://public.tableau.com/views/Safer_NWL_Dashboard_2021/LocalityDashboard?:language=en-US&:display_count=n&:origin=viz_share_link>

The BI Service would like to extend the offer to all local authorities in the subregion. The work is produced at the start of each calendar year, covering data for the previous calendar year. The cost for the work is £1K, with the dashboard made available on Tableau Public to share with partners across your area. To find out more, please contact Alex Lea, Senior Research, and Insight Manager at LCC Alex.Lea@leics.gov.uk

**DHR (Domestic Homicide Reviews) Training**

Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHRs) are the responsibility of CSP’s, locally there are support arrangements in place to assist in the processes involved. A reminder to staff involved in aspects of Domestic Homicide Reviews that there is free online training available. The training would be particularly useful for community safety leads and CSP Chairs, the latter have statutory responsible for key decisions in the DHR process.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/conducting-a-domestic-homicide-review-online-learning>