



Western Suffolk Community Safety Partnership Plan 2016-19

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 local councils in St Edmundsbury, Forest Heath, Mid Suffolk and Babergh, Suffolk Police, Registered Social Landlords, Suffolk County Council, Probation, Rehabilitation company and the Clinical Commissioning Group. The Youth Offending Service and Havebury Housing Partnership are long-serving co-opted members.

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.

Strong and Safe Communities Group (SSCG): This group was commissioned by the Health and Wellbeing Board and works with the Community Safety Partnerships; it does not replicate or duplicate what is already happening. Community safety is a key determinant for health and wellbeing and this tactical county wide group has been developed with an aim to give a light touch coordinated response, with a view of getting a better understanding of the whole picture in community safety, drawing agendas together, identifying gaps and responding.

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) Supporting vulnerable people from becoming targeted by criminals from out of the county. This will include victims of substance misuse, Drug dealing and supply, vulnerable adults at risk of 'cuckooing', young people being used to 'run' drugs and sexual exploitation.
- 2) Violence against women and girls. This will include domestic abuse, sexual violence, modern day slavery, sexual exploitation.
- 3) Emerging issues. This could include rural crime, homelessness and street begging, E safety, Hate Crime and Prevent.
- 4) 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.

For further information please contact:

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