

**Western Suffolk Community Safety Partnership (WSCSP)**

**Multi-Agency Working Groups**

**Safe and Strong Communities Group (SSCG)**

Chaired by Ian Gallin, (Chief Executive for West Suffolk Councils), the multi-agency group identified four key workstreams on which to focus as they are considered to be the greatest threat, risk and harm to our communities. The four workstreams are:

- I. Domestic abuse
- II. Youth violence and gangs
- III. Sexual exploitation and
- IV. Cyber crime

Work on each of these four workstreams has been progressing, commencing with a deep-dive exercise to establish the current position for each workstream.

- I. Domestic abuse – an action plan has been produced and four areas of work were identified;
  1. Commissioning
  2. Training
  3. Awareness raising and
  4. One front door to access services for victims and professionals

Work is progressing in each of these areas.

- II. Youth violence and gangs – the University of Suffolk has been commissioned to produce a threat assessment for youth gang and violence in Ipswich, followed by the West and then the East with final assessment being completed by September 2017.
- III. Sexual exploitation – the deep dive identifies that work is fully embedded for safeguarding children, however, gaps were identified for adults. This will be the focus of future work, led by the Safeguarding Adults Board.
- IV. Cybercrime – the deep dive identified work which is now fully embedded and led by the Police cybercrime unit and the Safeguarding Boards.

**Babergh Partnership Group**

The Babergh Partnership Group is a multi-agency operational group which has been in existence for a number of years and continues to meet monthly in the Babergh District area.

Membership of the group includes: BMSDC Communities, BMSDC Housing and BMSDC Environmental Protection Officers, Police Safer Neighbourhood Teams and Suffolk Family Focus, SCC Adults Social Care, SCC Children and Young People's Services, SCC Local Area Co-ordinators, Student Services from Schools, Catch 22 mediation service and a number of housing associations.

## Appendix 2

The group addresses referrals of anti-social behaviour (individuals/families/locations), we also discuss referrals relating to vulnerable people, homelessness, mental health and substance misuse including drugs. These meetings focus on 'task and finish' solutions to issues within the Babergh District that need a joined-up approach. For cases involving vulnerable people, a multi- agency approach is taken with regards to supporting them and identifying and tackling those that are responsible.

Babergh Partnership successes include resolving a number of neighbour disputes, mainly using conflict resolution (mediation), one of which had been ongoing for a number of years, a vulnerable person who was a repeat caller to Police being provided with additional support from Adult Social Care and being rehoused into accommodation more suited to their needs.

### Compassion

Compassion is the Babergh District multi-agency forum which promotes awareness and understanding about all aspects of domestic violence and abuse nationally and locally. It runs report services and delivers programmes such as Caring Dads and the Freedom Programme.

It is a small charity which has been in existence since 2001 has been successful in securing funding to support the programmes and services it delivers. Compassion run a highly successful 11-week Freedom Programme in the Babergh District for women to identify the effect and impact of domestic violence and abuse on themselves and their children, recognise potential future abusers and gain self-esteem and the confidence to improve the quality of their lives.

*My feelings before the freedom programme .... why me? No one else has had this happen to them!*

*My feelings after the programme .... I am a survivor! I can rise above the fear and challenges and become whole again.*