



## Western Suffolk Community Safety Partnership

### Terms of Reference (updated September 2019)

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 West Suffolk, Mid Suffolk and Babergh, Suffolk Police, Suffolk Fire Service, Suffolk County Council, Probation and the Clinical Commissioning Group. The Youth Offending Service, Housing, Education, Mental health, Community Rehabilitation Company and others are co-opted members that add valuable knowledge and expertise to the partnership.

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 (Strategic Action Plan).

#### **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 gives the countywide direction for all community safety issues and feed into Suffolk Public Sector Leaders and Community Safety Partnerships. 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.

Communication with the CSP is vital if they are to deliver locally which is where they are best placed to carry out community engagement. CSP chairs are members of the SSCG.

The 4 key priorities for the SSCG are as follows:

- Violence Against Women & Girls (VAWG)
- Gangs and County Lines
- Prevent
- Hate Crime

These priorities are reflected the strategic priorities of the WSCSP. The WSCSP have identified the following actions which they can undertake to support this work at a local level

- Convening ad hoc meetings to receive briefings on these issues and discuss their impact and relevance to West Suffolk.
- Working with community groups and the voluntary sector in early intervention and prevention work commissioning
- Ensuring principals of relevant agencies and groups are in attendance
- Establishing responsibility for and communication between designated principals within relevant agencies and groups
- Requesting plans of action to respond as appropriate

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.

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