



**Safer Woking Partnership
Partnership Plan
2016-2019**

Aims

The Safer Woking Partnership has the following aims:

- Promote crime prevention to maintain the low levels of crime and disorder
- Promoting reassurance - to involve the public and work with all communities to reduce the fear of crime and provide people with a sense of safety and reassurance.

The partnership will:

- Work jointly with other statutory and voluntary agencies
- Build capacity within the neighbourhoods and communities to enable them to contribute to the delivery of the aims of this plan.

Key Priorities for the Safer Woking Partnership

The priorities that were identified through the 2016 strategic assessment and local agreement are set out in the table on page 3. They were identified by an analysis of key data sets, a review of national and regional targets and draw on the knowledge and experience of local partnership officers.

For each priority issue, we will use the following methods to address them:

1. Established partnership delivery mechanism, including:
 - JAG: The Joint Action Group (JAG) is a multi agency problem solving group which deals with problem locations in the borough and meets every six or seven weeks. They consider issues such as fire, youth disorder, antisocial parking and driving etc.
 - CIAG: The Community Incident Action Group (CIAG) is a multi agency problem solving group which deals with problem individuals or families in the borough and meets on a monthly basis.
 - PPOMP: Priority and Other Prolific Offenders Management Panel meets monthly, works with prolific offenders and fast tracks them through the Criminal Justice System.
 - MAPPA: Multi-agency Public Protection Agreement meets monthly and monitors dangerous individuals, including sex offenders.
 - MARAC: Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference where high risk domestic abuse cases are assessed and appropriate actions agreed on a monthly basis.
 - MAECC: Missing and Exploited Children Conference meets monthly to monitor and risk assess missing and exploited children.
 - Domestic Abuse Forum is a multi-agency group that helps to deliver the county domestic abuse strategy at a local level.
 - Domestic Abuse Communications Group meets quarterly and oversees county wide domestic abuse campaigns.
 - Licensing Tasking Meeting: This group meets monthly and provides Surrey Police, Surrey County Council Trading Standards and Woking Borough Council the opportunity to discuss any concerns regarding licensed premises, agree actions and is used as the primary source for arranging joint agency enforcement work.
 - Town Centre Action Group comprises the local policing team, Woking Borough Council and Woking Shopping and addresses various issues in the town centre, for example around the night time economy.
 - The Family Support Programme is a programme of intensive support offered to the most vulnerable and/or chaotic families in the borough to help them achieve positive changes in their lives.
 - Youth Engagement Scheme (YES) run by Surrey Fire and Rescue Service, which engages with those young people who are at risk of offending.
 - The Health and Wellbeing Action Plan of the Health and Wellbeing Sub-Committee
 - Woking Integrated Youth Strategy and Action Plan
 - Voluntary organisation networks, including Neighbourhood Watch and Street Angels
2. Mainstream agency work: Where the issue identified is the core responsibility of one of the partner agencies this will be dealt with through those particular agencies business processes. This includes the local authority's plans, relevant CCG plans, the Surrey Fire and Rescue Local Station Plan for Woking, and the Local Policing Plan.

Safer Woking Partnership Priorities

Priority	Detail
1	<p>Anti-social behaviour (ASB)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Address hotspot locations of ASB, particularly repeat locations and especially in priority place areas, reported and actioned as appropriate through JAG • Tackle antisocial behaviour of individuals and families through the CIAG process and the Family Support Programme (FSP)
2	<p>Crime</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tackling domestic abuse is a key priority recognised county wide <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Raise awareness of domestic abuse, how to report it and how to get support ○ Work with the Domestic Abuse Development Group to implement the Surrey Domestic Abuse Strategy and support county wide campaigns • Raise awareness of Child Sexual Exploitation in Woking working with partner agencies • To tackle and raise awareness of Hate Crime across the Borough. Building up community confidence in reporting incidents of hate crime.
3	<p>Drugs and Alcohol</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support appropriate partnership work that will assist with the implementation of the Woking Health and Wellbeing Action Plan • Development and implementation of the Town Centre Action Plan, particularly around the night time economy, which includes supporting the Chertsey Road road closures, town centre dispersal orders and the Street Angels project • Support the development and local implementation of the Surrey Substance Misuse Strategy
4	<p>Reducing reoffending</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To work in partnership in assessing, managing and intervening with those convicted offenders who have the greatest impact on the community in Woking, ie domestic abuse, Prolific and Other Priority Offenders (PPOs), Neighbourhood Priority Offenders (NPOs), MAPPA cases • To continue to support the work of the Surrey Women's Support Centre • Support the county wide Transforming Women's Justice project
5	<p>Preventing violent extremism</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work together on the implementation of relevant aspects of local agency Prevent plans

Action Plan for 2016/17

Action	Priority	Lead	Timescale
Plan a programme of awareness raising events for domestic abuse including DA Awareness week and support other campaigns planned through the Surrey DA Comms Group	1, 2, 3 and 4	Community Safety Manager, Woking Borough Council (WBC)	Domestic Abuse Awareness week (10-14 October 2016) DA Comms Group meets quarterly
Review location hotspots regularly through JAG	1, 2, 3 and 4	JAG Chairman (Community Safety Manager, WBC)	6 weekly
Review individuals and families causing ASB regularly through CIAG and FSP as appropriate	1, 2, 3 and 4	CIAG Chairman (Community Safety Manager, WBC) FSP Manager, WBC	Monthly Monthly
Support the County ASB awareness week	1 and 3	Community Safety Manager, WBC	Provisional date is July 2016
Development of and implementation of Town Centre Action Plan to tackle town centre issues, including Dispersal Orders, implementation and monitoring of the PSPO and Chertsey Road road closures	1, 2, 3 and 4	Neighbourhood Inspector, Surrey Police	Quarterly meeting of Town Centre Action Group
Interventions (including training of licensees, Best Bar None, Pubwatch) and awareness raising around alcohol issues	1, 2, 3 and 4	Health and Wellbeing Sub-Committee Town Centre Action Group	Quarterly meeting of Town Centre Action Group
Raise awareness and educate members, professionals and the public (including young people) on what Child Sexual Exploitation is, the risk indicators and warning signs	2 and 4	Community Safety Manager, WBC	Ongoing
Carry out scoping work to assess what hate crime occurs in Woking and how we can better support victims	2	Neighbourhood Inspector, Surrey Police	March 2017
Work with the Women's Support Centre, Surrey Police and other relevant agencies on the Transforming Women's Justice pilot project for West Surrey	4	Community Safety Manager, WBC	Pilot expected to start in May 2016
Continue to raise awareness around preventing violent extremism	5	Community Safety Manager, WBC Neighbourhood Inspector, Surrey Police	Ongoing

Background

The 1998 Crime and Disorder Act gave local agencies shared responsibility for developing and introducing strategies to reduce crime and disorder in their area. The agencies come together as the Community Safety Partnership (CSP), known locally as the Safer Woking Partnership. Statutory members include:

- Surrey Police
- Woking Borough Council
- Surrey County Council
- Surrey Fire and Rescue Service
- National Probation Service
- Kent, Surrey and Sussex Community Rehabilitation Company
- North West Surrey Clinical Commissioning Group

Strategic Assessment and Data Collection

The Safer Woking Partnership is required to carry out an annual partnership strategic assessment. The purpose of this is to assist in producing the priorities for the annual 3 year rolling partnership plan.

The data, which forms the basis of this analysis, has been drawn from a variety of sources and partner agencies across Woking and the broader Surrey area. These include:

- County Council data and intelligence
- Borough Council data and intelligence
- Police crime and incident data, intelligence and tactical assessment
- Health data

Woking Joint Committee

Woking Joint Committee aims to improve outcomes and value for money for residents and businesses in Woking by strengthening local democracy and improving partnership working through joint decision making. The Joint Committee has taken over the delegated community safety responsibilities of the borough council and county council in Woking and will act as the local Community Safety Partnership. A Safer Woking Partnership Task Group will be established with representatives from the statutory partners to review actions and monitor progress in between formal reports to the Committee.

Community Safety Board

In two tier areas such a Surrey, there is a requirement for a county level strategy group. In Surrey the multi agency Community Safety Board fulfils this duty. The Community Safety Board is chaired by the Police and Crime Commissioner for Surrey and includes a wide range of partners that oversee the development of strategies and plans that aim to increase the sense of safety of the people of Surrey. The Community Safety Board works collaboratively with other county boards to ensure effective strategic join up.

The key county-wide priorities for Surrey, identified through the Surrey Single Strategic Assessment, and overseen by the Community Safety Board include:

- Anti Social Behaviour
- Domestic Abuse
- Prevent

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- Substance Misuse
- Mental Health
- Resilience

Communication

The partnership needs to ensure that local residents feel well informed about the steps being taken to deal with the priority issues. For example, this will be done via media coverage, awareness campaigns such as Domestic Abuse Awareness Week (10-14 October 2016), through existing Neighbourhood Watch and Residents Associations communication, emails, newsletters and social media etc.

Child Sexual Exploitation

Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) is a form of abuse which involves children under 18, male and female, of different ethnic origins and of different ages, receiving something, usually food, drugs, alcohol, cigarettes, gifts and/or money, in exchange for sexual activity. It can occur through the use of technology without the child's immediate recognition, for example, being persuaded to post images on the internet or mobile phone without immediate payment or reward. Child Sexual Exploitation involves children being groomed into a relationship where they are forced or coerced into sexual activity in return for something and it can occur on the internet without the child's immediate recognition or gain. Violence, coercion and intimidation are common. Involvement in exploitative relationships is characterised by the child's or young person's limited availability of choice as a result of their social, economic and emotional vulnerability. A common feature of CSE is that the child or young person does not recognise the coercive nature of the relationship and does not see themselves as a victim of exploitation.

Surrey Safeguarding Children's Board have produced Child Sexual Exploitation leaflets for children signposting them to the www.surreycc.gov.uk/cse for support and advice and there are posters for children and parents.

There are monthly MAECC meetings to discuss those children that have been identified at risk and to ensure that appropriate safeguarding measures are put in place to protect the child.

Child Sexual Exploitation is a hidden crime, victims are often too afraid to come forward and do not always see themselves as a victim of crime. Therefore it is essential that we work together to try and prevent this abuse.

We need to educate everyone, professionals and members of the public, on what Child Sexual Exploitation is, the risk indicators and warning signs, so that we can all try to protect children, by spotting it and reporting it. We need to ensure children are educated on what a healthy relationship looks like and what exploitative behaviour looks like.

Hate Crime

The partnership will look to build up confidence in the community to report incidents of hate crime. Hate crimes are crimes committed against someone because of their disability, gender-identity, religion or belief or sexual orientation. It covers a wide range of crime types and often is committed against vulnerable members of the community who for a wide variety of reasons do not report them. The partnership will look to scope what type of incidents take place in the Borough, working with organisations and voluntary groups that support victims of hate crime to do this. The partners will also look to educate everyone about hate crime to highlight the issues and look to reduce incidents and support victims.

Preventing Violent Extremism

The Government's Prevent strategy aims to challenge the ideology that supports terrorism and those who promote it, protect vulnerable people from being drawn into terrorist-related activity and to support sectors and institutions where there are risks of radicalisation.

Surrey Police has a team of Prevent Engagement Officers who work with the public and partner agencies to prevent terrorism and violent extremism from taking root in our communities. These officers aim to safeguard individuals and institutions from all forms of terrorist ideology and work closely with partner agencies such as local authorities, schools, universities and health institutions, to ensure communities in Surrey are well placed to report and respond to terrorist related concerns.

The Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015 requires all partners to consider local implementation and each agency needs to develop its own action plan.

Substance misuse: Drugs and Alcohol

Addressing the harm caused by alcohol and substance misuse on individuals, families and communities remains a priority for Woking. We will be supporting the objectives of the County's Drugs & Alcohol strategies with a particular focus on:

- Prevention and education;
- Early identification and referrals into specialist treatment services;
- Safer communities;
- Support to local treatment providers in enabling and sustaining recovery among clients.

Locally work in Woking is ongoing through the Town Centre Action Group, JAG and CIAG where appropriate.

Delivery and Review Mechanism

The Safer Woking Partnership has established delivery mechanisms through a series of multi-agency problem solving groups such as CIAG and JAG (as detailed on page 2). Delivery is monitored through an officer group and other regular meetings, as set out on page 2, and will be reported to the Safer Woking Partnership.

New legislation, policy and guidance

Over the last few years there has been a significant amount of new legislation, policy and guidance which all impacts on the work of the Community Safety Partnership.

The most recent includes the following:

- Serious Crime Act 2015 – Coercive or controlling behaviour became an offence on 29 December 2015. Victims who would otherwise be subjected to sustained patterns of domestic abuse will be better protected under this new offence. The government's new [coercive or controlling behaviour offence](#) will mean victims who experience the type of behaviour that stops short of serious physical violence, but amounts to extreme psychological and emotional abuse, can bring their perpetrators to justice. The offence will carry a maximum of 5 years' imprisonment, a fine or both.
- Psychoactive Substances Act 2016 - in particular this includes provision for civil sanctions – prohibition notices, premises notices, prohibition orders and premises

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orders (breach of the two orders will be a criminal offence) – to enable the police and local authorities to adopt a graded response to the supply of psychoactive substances in appropriate cases.

The Safer Working Partnership will consider these and agree our approach over the next year.

Funding

The Safer Working Partnership no longer directly receives any funding from central Government. A small amount of funding is provided by some of the local partners into a joint fund to support the priorities contained within this plan, otherwise work is supported by core funding from the various partner organisations.

Police and Crime Commissioner

Kevin Hurley, the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) for Surrey, was elected on 15 November 2012. He is responsible for overseeing the work of Surrey Police, holding the Chief Constable to account and helping to tackle the crime issues. The PCC has responsibility for reducing crime and disorder and the PCC office works with CSPs and criminal justice partners to achieve their objectives. The PCC is able to call CSP chairmen to meetings, request reports and commission services.

The legislation provides a scrutiny system in the form of a Police and Crime Panel (PCP) to look at how the PCC exercises their statutory functions and effectiveness. The panel is made up of councillors from each of the 11 local district and borough councillors (one from each), a county councillor and two independent co-opted individuals.

In May 2016 there will be elections for the post of PCC.