

Chorley and South Ribble Community Safety Partnership Plan 2022-2025



FOREWORD

As Chair of the Chorley and South Ribble Community Safety Partnership (CSP) I am pleased to introduce the Partnership Plan for 2022-2025. This plan sets out how we are going to ensure that your community remains one of the safest in the county.

The CSP has a proven track record for responding to changes in legislation and emerging issues that affect our local communities. We have established an effective and proactive partnership working to enable a consistent response to address community safety issues. This collaborative way of working will help to sustain the low level of crime and anti-social behaviour (ASB) already achieved. This plan has been developed to ensure that we respond to current and emerging issues that affect our local and diverse communities.

We recognise there are still significant challenges ahead and that tackling crime and ASB is very important for our residents. We will continue to listen to our communities to improve health, wellbeing and safety and we trust the plan gives you the assurance of our commitment to making Chorley and South Ribble one of the safest places to live, work, visit and play.



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INTRODUCTION

The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 places a duty on the police and local authorities to work together with key partners and organisations to develop and implement local crime-reduction strategies.

Before developing these strategies, the Partnership must identify the key local crime and disorder priorities through consultation with residents, businesses, and community groups. They must also analyse crime and disorder levels and patterns in the area and have regard for the objectives set out in the local police and crime plan.

The Chorley and South Ribble Community Safety Partnership is made up of the below 'responsible authorities';

- Local Authority
- Police
- Fire & Rescue Service
- National Probation Service
- Integrated Care Board

Lancashire is a two-tier authority, of which Chorley Council and South Ribble Borough Council, are neighbouring districts with similar demographic profiles. Therefore, both Chorley and South Ribble Community Safety Partnerships ('the partnership') work collaboratively in order to work more efficiently allowing for better communication, sharing skills, knowledge and project opportunities.

The success of the partnership is dependent on the collaborative working with Lancashire County Council and the valuable contributions of other partner agencies such as Registered Social Landlords, Drug & Alcohol Services Citizens Advice Bureau, voluntary community faith sector (VCFS) organisations and commissioned services.

The work of the CSP is underpinned by the strategies and action plans listed below.

- Hate Crime Strategy
- Child Exploitation
- Violence Reduction Strategy
- Reducing Reoffending Strategy
- Lancashire Community Safety Agreement
- Road Safety
- Modern Slavery
- Domestic Abuse
- Lancashire Prevent Action Plan
- Police and Crime Plan
- Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service

The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner

The Office of Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) allocates £10000, annually to each CSP. This money enables positive initiatives to be put in place aligned to the action plan. Previously this money has contributed towards mediation services, educating young people regarding child exploitation, preventative initiatives around knife crime and violence reduction, shed secure schemes, awareness campaigns and positive activities for young people and families.

The CSP responsible authorities and the wider partnership members are signed up to the Lancashire Community Safety Partnership, Information Sharing Protocol (ISP)

The ISP facilitates the exchange of sensitive, personal and depersonalised information pursuant to the power contained in Section 115 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998. The ISP ensures the secure exchange of information to support the CSPs which allows them to implement an effective strategy to reduce crime, disorder, substance misuse and reoffending.

STRATEGIC ASSESSMENT

The strategic assessment (SA) is a statutory requirement for community safety partnerships as outlined in the Crime and Disorder Act 1998.

The purpose of the Strategic Assessment is to highlight significant crime and ASB threats and issues that impact on community safety. It is the key evidence base that supports the community safety agreement, local partnership plans, the policing and crime plan and the Constabulary control strategy.

This SA is produced on a 3-year cycle, which increases capacity to develop partnership intelligence assessments on significant threats, issues and gaps in knowledge.

Research, study and analysis draw out key conclusions to aid strategic decision making in developing control measures to reduce the threat and harm from crime and ASB. This assessment is a concise account of key strategic issues impacting across the county.

For a more in-depth understanding of localised issues, the assessment should be read alongside the strategic assessment local profiles, existing partnership intelligence assessments and strategies, and the serious and organised crime local profile.

The serious and organised crime local profile provides detail on organised crime groups and gangs and the impact of their activity within the local communities. The local profile is based on Home Office guidance for police and community safety partners.

The assessment does not provide an exhaustive account of all threats and issues: The Counter Terrorist Unit (at Lancashire Constabulary) produce a separate assessment that details the threats and issues from terrorism and extremist activity.

The 2022- 2025 Strategic Assessment can be found [here](#)

Chorley Local Profile can be found [here](#)

South Ribble Local Profile can be found [here](#)

Districts Needs assessment for Chorley here



District Needs Assessment for South Ribble



The strategic assessment and local profiles highlight the local key risks and threats areas the below areas have been presented as the top priorities:

- Anti-Social Behaviour
- Vulnerability and Exploitation
- Domestic Abuse and Violence Reduction against Women and Girls
- Road Safety and Vehicle Crime

The below intends to provide information on the work undertaken by the partnership in response to the priorities set out.

PRIORITY - ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

Anti-Social Behavior (ASB) covers a wide range of unreasonable behavior that can cause alarm distress and harassment to an individual, a community or their environment. Data patterns of ASB crime and disorder over the last two years have been substantially affected by the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and government restrictions on social contact. The CSP recognise that being a victim of ASB can have a detrimental effect on the quality and will remain a firm priority for the responsible authorities to continue proactively target.

WHAT WE WANT TO ACHIEVE

- We aim to reduce the amount of people at fear of crime and ASB and promote a better quality of life
- Increase the understanding and confidence of the work undertaken by the responsible authorities
- Increase the reporting of ASB through increased confidence to ensure an accurate local profile to build an effective response

WHAT WE CURRENTLY DO

- Members of the partnership attend a variety of working forums and meetings to contribute to the reduction of ASB including:
 - Lancashire Reducing Re-offending Board
 - Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference
 - Multi-Agency Public Protection Arrangements
 - Weekly Neighbourhood Police Tasking Meetings
 - Multi agency youth ASB task meetings
- Promote early action initiatives
- Engage with Communities
- Provide and promote diversionary and positive actions
- Access suitable funding to tackle ASB
- Use formal enforcement sanctions where required
- Mapping of ASB problem areas for targeted patrol
- Address causes of first come entry to youth criminal Justice system

WHAT WE WILL DO

- Utilise support systems such as the Problem Orientated Policing System
- Work with partners to increase access to specialist mediation services
- Continue to support and promote early action initiatives and prevention strategies
- Continue to engage with our communities to establish and tackle emerging trends
- Continue to provide, and promote diversionary and positive activities
- Will keep up to date with current civil and criminal prosecution processes
- Support outreach initiatives
- Continue a coordinated multi-agency approach to tackle and reduce ASB
- Use information and intelligence effectively to target ASB
- Engage in Youth panels and local schools
- Encourage referrals for one to one education

PRIORITY - VULNERABILITY AND EXPLOITATION

Exploitation can involve grooming, being forced or coerced into doing something that you do not want to, or convinced it is the right thing to do for someone else's gain. This can most commonly be recognised as offences such as sexual exploitation, modern day slavery involving vulnerable children, adults and families. The CSP has identified vulnerable adults and children being exploited by organised crime gangs as a key priority risk through multi agency information sharing.

WHAT WE WANT TO ACHIEVE

- To protect vulnerable members of the public from exploitation
- Reduce the impact, harm, capability, and presence of organised crime groups
- Prevent human trafficking and modern slavery offences and support victims that are identified
- Increase the local knowledge and intelligence across the responsible authorities

WHAT WE CURRENTLY DO

- Members of the partnership attend a variety of working forums and meetings to identify and support victims of exploitation and share information to identify perpetrators, these include:
 - Genga - multi-agency partnership for strategic and organised gangs
 - Violence Reduction Unit
 - SRIT South Ribble Multi Agency Integrated Team
 - PIVOT Chorley Multi Agency Integrated Team
 - MARAC - Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference
 - MAPPA - Multi Agency Public Protection Arrangements
 - CONTEST (Counter Terrorism) Board
 - Pan Lancashire Anti-Slavery Partnership (PLASP)
- Map out and target Organised Crime Gangs
- Utilise relevant risk assessment tools, deployment, and engagement with vulnerable people/children
- Use of enforcement tools where appropriate
- Offer interventions for young people and targeted group work for schools, colleges and other partners

WHAT WE WILL DO

- Provide training to front line professionals across the partnership including volunteer partners relating to the awareness of exploitation, including modern day slavery, trafficking, domestic servitude, child exploitation and sexual exploitation
- Promote awareness campaigns
- Establish stronger links in communities for better intelligence gathering
- Referral through multiagency hub and utilise established pathways through early intervention teams to identify hidden risk
- Attend and effectively participate with the Genga meeting and process
- Regularly promote the referral pathways to specialist support and services
- Provide resources to support the work of the Pan Lancashire Anti-Slavery Partnership days of action
- Refer to the National Referral Mechanism as appropriate first responders to support potential victims
- Strengthen alignment and links between the Community Safety Partnerships and:
 - Operation Deter - more information can be found [here](#)
 - Cross reference Safeguarding Adults Boards and Children's Safeguarding Assurance Partnership - More information can be found [here](#)

PRIORITY - DOMESTIC ABUSE and VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS

Domestic abuse, or domestic violence, is defined as any incident of controlling, coercive or threatening behaviour, violence or abuse between those aged 16 or over who are or have been intimate partners or family members, regardless of their gender or sexuality. Abusive behaviour can consist of physical or sexual abuse; violent or threatening behaviour; controlling or coercive behaviour; economic abuse; psychological, emotional or other abuse, whether the behaviour consists of a single incident or a course of conduct. There has been a concerning increase of domestic abuse recorded locally across both Chorley and South Ribble. With 6 Domestic Homicide Reviews completed in the last 3 years, and 2 ongoing so far for 2023.

WHAT WE WANT TO ACHIEVE

- To reduce the number of incidents of domestic abuse
- Provide support and after care to victims of domestic abuse
- Hold perpetrators accountable
- Specifically target the reduction of violence against women and girls

WHAT WE CURRENTLY DO

- Members of the partnership engage and support several campaigns, schemes, working forums and meetings to identify and support victims of domestic abuse and share information to identify perpetrators, these include:
 - Pan Lancashire Domestic Abuse Steering Group
 - Lancashire Domestic Abuse Forums
 - MARAC
 - MASH - Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub
 - Lancashire Victim Services
 - White Ribbon Campaign
 - Refuge / helplines
 - Sanctuary Scheme
 - Nest - support for young person's victims of crime and abuse
 - PLASP - Pan Lancs Anti-Slavery Partnership
- Undertake Domestic Homicide Reviews
- Chorley and South Ribble Council have appointed a dedicated Domestic Abuse coordinator
- Apply and Obtain Funding to support change
- Delivery of By Stander Training and Personal Safety Training

WHAT WE WILL DO

- Work in partnership with statutory and voluntary organisations
- Provide a safe environment for people to disclose in our organisations
- Promote awareness campaigns
- Continue to contribute towards specialist services
- Provide annual multi agency domestic abuse awareness training
- Have organisational employee domestic abuse policies
- Continue to actively participate in the White Ribbon Campaign
- Regularly promote referral pathways to specialist service providers for both victims and perpetrators
- Attend, contribute and review with Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference and executive meetings taking place to commit resources/ commitment this will then lead to operational targeted change
- Engage with secondary and college age youths to educate on Violence Against Women and Girls
- Engage with organisations such as YES! Matters, WISH and Key for specialist advice and training
- Promote a trauma informed approach to interventions recognising the impact of domestic abuse on victims and young people in the context of providing health support

PRIORITY - ROAD SAFETY and VEHICLE CRIME

Road Safety is making a safer place to walk, ride or drive by reducing road casualties through the management of speed, speed enforcement, driver education and training and through developing collaborative approaches to education, awareness, engagement, and other measures. In the Lancashire-12 area, there were 2,068 reported road traffic collisions (RTC) during 2021. Regrettably 32 people were killed, and 717 people were seriously injured. The numbers of road users killed and seriously injured has reduced over several years and continues to fall across Lancashire however the CSP believe road safety must remain a priority across the responsible authorities.

The Lancashire Road Safety Partnership is the coordinating body for Lancashire, which aims to reduce road casualties through the management of speed, enforcement, engineering, emergency response, driver education and training and through developing collaborative approaches to education, awareness, engagement and other measures.

Incidents of vehicle offences have increased in both Chorley and South Ribble. MADE (Multi Agency Data Exchange) figures for years ending March 2022 and March 2023 show South Ribble increasing 18% (from 255 to 302) and Chorley increasing 61% (from 234 to 378).

WHAT WE WANT TO ACHIEVE

- Members of the public to feel safe when using the roads
- Promote information and advice on how to stay safe on the roads
- See a continued reduction in the number of road traffic collision casualties
- To reduce Vehicle crime, high impact acquisitive crime and dangerous driving

WHAT WE CURRENTLY DO

- Install Speed Indicator Devices (SpID's)
- Facilitate multi -agency action days
- Promote educational campaigns
- Inform communities
- Road safety talks to all year 6 schools, education packages for high schools and education sessions for motorbike riders
- Addressing road safety concerns through partnership working
- Awareness campaigns
- Alive to Drive campaign
- Operation Propulsion
- Operation Seizure

WHAT WE WILL DO

- Review and install SpID's according to district data and emerging trends
- Neighbourhood Policing to compliment response deployments ensuring target hardening, crime prevention and visits to neighbours
- Task force and tac - ops interoperable working
- Facilitate multi-agency road safety and vehicle compliance action days
- Continue to support educational and awareness campaigns including, Road Safe, Wasted Lives and Winter Safe
- Drink driver targeting and organised crime groups car usage targeting
- Interdepartmental and partner working through GENGA and officer working groups
- Strengthen links between the CSP and Child Death Overview Panel (CDOP) public health approach to reviewing child deaths, prevention and modifiable factors

INTEGRATED OFFENDER MANAGEMENT

CSPs provide the platform to drive Integrated Offender Management (IOM) locally and partner agencies to co-ordinate the management of offenders. The IOM brings a cross-agency response to crime and reoffending threats faced by local communities. The most persistent and problematic offenders are identified and managed jointly by partner agencies working together.

The IOM helps to improve the quality of Life in communities by:

- Reducing the negative impact of crime and offending
- Reducing the Number of people who become victims of crime
- Help to improve the public's confidence in the criminal justice system

The IOM 'Pathway' support ensures that the most appropriate intervention and service is available to address the causes of the individuals offending and in turn support them towards getting out of a life of crime and becoming a productive member of society.

The eight pathways we have support available for are:

- Accommodation
- Employment, Education and Training
- Physical and Mental Health
- Substance misuse
- Finance, Debts and Benefits
- Children and Families
- Lifestyle and Associates
- Attitudes, Thinking and Behaviour

SERIOUS VIOLENCE DUTY

On 28th April 2022 the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts (PCSC) Act received Royal Assent it includes provisions for Serious Violence Duty. Serious violence Duty entered into effect on January 31st 2023.

The Lancashire Violence Reduction Network (VRN) is key to the implementation of the new Serious Violence Duty. The Duty aims to ensure that agencies are focused on their activity to reduce serious violence whilst also providing sufficient flexibility so that the relevant organisations will engage and work together in the most effective local partnership for any given area.

The Duty is a key part of the Government's programme of work to collaborate and plan to prevent and reduce serious violence: taking a multi-agency approach to understand the causes and consequences of serious violence, focusing on prevention and early intervention, and informed by evidence

This imposes a duty on district councils and other statutory agencies to understand their local issues to prepare and implement a strategy. The LVRN will offer leadership and strategic coordination working with CSPs in their local response to serious violence.

The CSP will Engage in the work of the Lancashire Violence Reduction Network to facilitate a systemwide trauma-informed approach and the development of Trauma Informed Lancashire. Recognise trauma and enhancing staff knowledge around the importance of facilitating a trauma informed care approach.

Statutory Guidance can be found [here](#)

