



# Community Safety Partnership

Scrutiny Committee

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# Community Safety Partnership - background

- The Crime and Disorder Act 1998, as amended by the Police Reform Act 2002, sets out the statutory requirements for 'responsible authorities to work together with other local agencies, organisations and people, to develop and implement strategies to tackle crime and disorder, help create safer communities and tackle the misuse of drugs in their area. These statutory partnerships are known Community Safety Partnerships (CSP).
- The CSP's aim is to create more resilient communities where people feel safe, with strategies tailored to the specific needs of their communities, which include prevention initiatives, intervention, education and support.
- The legislation provides that there should be scrutiny as to the effectiveness of the partnership. This duty is usually discharged via an annual review of activity and delivery plans via local authority Scrutiny Committees. Because the scrutiny is partnership focused, issues that relate to a particular partner should be referred to the governing body of that organisation for action.



# Responsibilities of a Community Safety Partnership

- Develop a **strategic group** to set work for the partnership
- Monitor **information sharing protocols**
- Analyse data to identify crime and patterns and set priorities through a **strategic assessment**
- Produce a three-year **Community Safety Strategy** and review progress
- Regular **community engagement** and consultation to identify **resident priorities**
- Devise a strategy to **reduce re-offending**
- Commission **Domestic Abuse Related Death Reviews (Formerly DHR's)**



# Our partners

In Uttlesford the Community Safety Partnership comprises of a range of partners who all play a **key role** to help keep Uttlesford safe:

- Uttlesford District Council
- Essex Constabulary
- Essex Fire and Rescue Service
- NHS Hertfordshire and West Essex
- Probation Service
- Statutory and non-statutory organisations



# Community Safety Action Plan Update

No CSP Strategy currently in place:

- Workshop for partners held in February to set **Strategic Risk Assessment (SRA)** and **identify priorities**
- Informed an **action plan** based on what the partners can achieve together to address the gaps, acknowledging that individual partners have individual responsibilities (should not include business as usual)
- From the SRA, we identified **high risk, high harm factors** affecting our communities (local priorities) and how they have changed from previous year

**New resident consultation** with residents to inform our strategy is being undertaken in October 2024; this will be available online, on social media, in reception and undertaken in person during engagement days

Community Safety Strategy 2024-2027 to be completed by end of 2024



# UDC community safety achievements in 2024

- 'Crucial Crew' held in person; 856 year 6 pupils received messages on water safety and healthy relationships
- Community Speed Watch groups and reinvigoration of project
- SOS hubs established in Saffron Walden, and Takeley which provide multi-agency support from various agencies, including Uttlesford District Council, Department of Work and Pensions, Mind in West Essex, Peabody, Employ-Ability, Phoenix Futures, Open Road, Essex Wellbeing Service and Uttlesford Foodbank in the community
- Funded bleed kits through the District (Police and Fire)
- Funded vape testing kits for use in the community and schools
- Secured Op Minerva funding to develop strategy for Violence Against Women and Girls (Domestic Abuse Alliance and Women's Safety Charter)
- Embedded CSP weekly catch-ups to share hot spot data and important messages with the police and partners.



# The Year Ahead

- **CSP Strategy** development and implementation (publish and review at USP meetings; where it is accountable and measurable)
- Review of CSP framework – **Utlesford Strategic Partnership** to take strategic overview and sign off CSP Strategy
- **Co-location** of key partners at UDC: 'CSP Hub' (collaborative working with police and UDC)
- **Safer Streets Application** for Dunmow
- **Reality Roadshow** to be delivered in Secondary Schools
- Improve **resident engagement** and **communication** to identify neighbourhood priorities – this includes maximising the benefits of the Neighbourhood Roadshows
- Prepare for presenting the Annual Review to the PFCC when they attend Scrutiny Committee in the new year



# Recommendations

- Scrutiny are provided an update on the Community Safety Strategy once it has been agreed between partners
- The Annual Review of the CSP to be held in January 2025, once the Strategic Assessment has been completed and new local priorities have been agreed
- An update of the Action Plan objectives is provided as part of the Annual Review
- The CSP Annual Report to be delivered by UDC, Police and Fire to demonstrate our collaborative working approach





Questions?