

Appendix A - SCP Annual Report Summary 2018-2019

The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 requires the Community Safety Partnerships to complete an annual partnership plan. The legislation also places a joint responsibility upon specific agencies to work together to protect the local community from crime, and to help people feel safer.

The Safer Colchester Partnership consists of representatives from the following statutory authorities:

- * Colchester Borough Council (CBC)
- * Essex Police
- * Essex County Fire and Rescue Service
- * Essex Community Rehabilitation Company
- * Essex County Council
- * National Probation Service
- * Clinical Commissioning Group (NHS)

Safer Colchester Partnership also consists of non-statutory representatives from:

- * Colchester Garrison
- * University of Essex
- * Community 360
- * Colchester Borough Homes
- * BID

The Partnership identified four specific priorities for 2018/19 following an assessment of crime and disorder, and consultation with various agencies.

The strategic key priorities for 2018-2019 are:



These priorities formed the basis of the Safer Colchester Partnership (SCP) action plan and other activities during the year. This report provides an overview of projects and initiatives that have contributed towards achieving the Annual Partnership Plan targets and meeting the objectives of the Crime and Fire plan.

PRIORITY ONE - PROTECT VULNERABLE PEOPLE BY INCREASING THE AWARENESS AND REPORTING OF HIDDEN HARMS

THE PARTNERSHIP WILL AIM TO INCREASE THE UNDERSTANDING AND AWARENESS, TO BOTH THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND PRACTITIONERS, OF THE HIDDEN HARMS OUR COMMUNITIES FACE. ENCOURAGING THOSE CHILDREN AND ADULTS WHO ARE AFFECTED BY THESE HARMS TO ENGAGE WITH THE PARTNERSHIP OR RELEVANT AGENCIES/CHARITIES TO SEEK HELP AND SUPPORT.

Virtual Crew (Year 6 pupils) pilot was launched during July 2018, following consultation with the secondary schools, along with agreement from strategic partners, a pilot of “Virtual Crew” was developed to replace Crucial Crew. A series of computer stories designed to mirror the real safety workshops for schoolchildren were developed by 14 students at Colchester Institute. Each of the game scenarios was designed in partnership with The Community Safety Team, with input from Essex Police, Colchester Borough Homes ASB Team and the Children’s Society. 1006 pupils registered for Virtual Crew from 34 primary schools. 13 schools declined to take part, however 6 of these have confirmed they will take part in 2019. 15 schools showed initial interest but didn’t register.

Observers is a programme which focuses on groups and individuals who are employed or involved in activities which, may allow them to more readily ‘Observe’ vulnerable residents or criminal activities in targeted locations. The list of potential “Observers” is comprehensive, but it appears local authorities are directly or indirectly responsible for about a third of the activities.

Crime types are becoming more diverse and in many cases the signs of serious crime and vulnerability are not easily observable. This programme would be directed at those who can more readily observe possible or actual criminal activities and be aware of potential at risk residents or situations. Awareness sessions and an E-learning package will be available for all CBC/CBH employees.

Gangline School & College Assemblies are a one-hour presentation primarily for students aged 9-18 years old (Year 5 to Sixth Form/College) designed to help raise awareness and build resilience against the negative influences of street gang culture and will address several topics. The presentation aims to build resilience and raise awareness around the dangers of gang culture. Provide a greater understanding of the myths surrounding gang culture. Give a greater understanding of the nature of peer groups which are characterised by violence. Illustrate the impact of gangs in their communities and offer opportunities for young people to confide in ex-gang members.

Behind Closed Doors Conference was delivered to raise awareness of Child Exploitation, Domestic Servitude and Forced Marriage. It was a very successful day, with 93% of attendees saying it was relevant to their role and 94% were satisfied with the conference. 48 people attended from a broad range of communities and backgrounds. Four empowering female speakers from a range of backgrounds spoke about the work of social care with BAME families, FGM, modern slavery and forced marriage, and the building of an empowerment project from lived experience. Two of the speakers demonstrated as leaders and trainers that as survivors of abuse they were strong, successful and powerful women who were using their experience to empower others.

PRIORITY TWO - ADDRESS GANGS AND COUNTY LINES BY DEVELOPING INTELLIGENCE AND AWARENESS TO SUPPORT THOSE VULNERABLE TO EXPLOITATION

THE PARTNERSHIP WILL TO CONTINUE TO DEVELOP THE INTELLIGENCE AND AWARENESS OF THIS ESCALATING AREA OF CRIMINALITY, ESPECIALLY FOCUSING ON COUNTY LINES. TO BEST TACKLE THIS ISSUE THE PARTNERSHIP WILL STRIVE TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATE SAFEGUARDING AND SUPPORT TO CHILDREN AND ADULTS THAT ARE VULNERABLE TO THIS TYPE OF DRUG-RELATED EXPLOITATION (CUCKOOING/DRUG RUNNING/TRAFFICKING OF DRUGS ETC.); WITH A FURTHER AIM TO ASSIST IN THE DISRUPTION OF DRUG-RELATED ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE COMMUNITY.

In March 2018, Crimestoppers launched a National campaign to raise awareness about the issue of **County Lines** while encouraging people to pick up the phone and report any suspicious activity in their area. An advance team toured certain areas giving people more information on how they can play their part in helping to tackle this issue. In addition, a social media campaign was launched by the charity to raise awareness of the crime.

81 delegates, over 4 sessions received **Mate Crime / Cuckooing Training** in October. The training focused on how a vulnerable adult exposed to 'mate crime' can quickly escalate into becoming the victim of cuckooing. It's designed to enable employees with an understanding of the issues relating to Mate crime and Cuckooing, by examining the types of crimes perpetrated, signs and indicators of this abuse, and identify individuals /groups who may be at risk and identify actions that can be taken to safeguard individuals.

Delivered on the 8th October 2018 to delegates from; Colchester Academy, Colchester Royal Grammar School, Colchester County High for Girls, Colchester Institute, Colchester Institute, Colchester Safer Partnership, Icen Academy, Thomas Lord Audley, NEECA Colchester Campus, Old Heath Community Primary School, St Benedict's Catholic College, The Colne Community School and College, The Gilbert School, The Sixth Form College, The Stanway School, Thurstable School, St Helena School. The aims of the **Gangline Professional Training** were to understand the context and merging themes around modern gangs, be able to identify children or young people who may be groomed and how to develop more effective intervention pathways for young persons at risk.

Venues within Colchester were provided with surface wipe **drug testing kits**, allow on-site detection of drug residues to be detected in under 5 minutes. The 10 drug multi-panel surface wipe kit screens environments for 10 individual drug groups and can also be used to test powders, crushed tablets and plant materials. Venues can use to screen toilets, the bar and outside areas where they suspect drugs may have been used. If the drug is still present, even in billionths of a gram amounts, these tests will give a positive result.

PRIORITY THREE - REDUCE THE OCCURRENCE OF VIOLENT CRIME INCLUDING SEXUAL OFFENCES AND WEAPONS OFFENCES.

THE PARTNERSHIP WILL AIM TO PREVENT VIOLENT CRIME USING AN INTEGRATED APPROACH TO ADDRESS THE ROOT CAUSES AND DRIVERS FOR CRIME IN CONJUNCTION WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEMS. WORKING COLLABORATIVELY WITH ASSOCIATES TO INVESTIGATE AND DELIVER A NUMBER OF PROGRAMMES TO PREVENT AND REDUCE VIOLENCE, TO ENCOURAGE CHILDREN AND ADULTS TO MAKE POSITIVE LIFE CHOICES FOR THEMSELVES AND OFFERING POSITIVE ALTERNATIVES TO OFFENDING THEIR FAMILIES AND THEIR COMMUNITIES.

Street Weeks, a community initiative involving Essex Police and its partners through the Safer Colchester Partnership, launched A partnership project tackling criminality and anti-social behaviour while engaging with Colchester's most vulnerable people. The week will see officers deal with anti-social behaviour through visible policing while tackling drug activity, domestic abuse and child neglect by carrying out door-to-door enquiries and spot checks within neighborhoods. In June 2018, Colchester held its 3rd Street Weeks. Colleagues from the North Essex Parking Partnership, the Neighbourhood and Dog Watch team, Community 360, Guinness Housing Association, Colchester Borough Homes, Essex Young People's Drug and Alcohol Services, the DVLA, Essex County Fire and Rescue Service, Crimestoppers and One Support, were involved alongside Active Citizens, Licensing Team, Special Officers and Roads Policing Unit.

Saturday 17th November saw over 200 people standing together in Colchester High Street on the **Reclaim the Night Awareness Walk**. The march gives women a voice and a chance to reclaim the streets at night on a safe and empowering event. We aim to put the issue of our safety on the agenda for this night and every day. The Reclaim the Night marches started in the UK on the 12th November 1977, when torchlit marches were held across England in Leeds, York, Bristol, Manchester, Newcastle, Brighton and London.

12 Acid Attack Kits were installed in 12 NTE venues, providing users of the NTE reassurance that the busier venues have such kits available. The kits are in essence a portable box with a number of items inside including a 5-litre water bottle which could be utilised in response to an attack at or near a venue. Whilst the generic term "acid" has been used other noxious or corrosive substances could also be included in the term.

PRIORITY FOUR - TACKLE INCIDENTS OF HIGH HARM, REPEAT ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR (ASB) AND HATE CRIME

THE PARTNERSHIP WILL USE ALL AVAILABLE RESOURCES AND LEGISLATION, INCLUDING UTILISING PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDERS (PSPOs), TO TACKLE ASB AND VIOLENT CRIME WITHIN THE BOROUGH. IN COLLABORATION WITH PARTNERS WE WILL REDUCE THE ROLE OF ALCOHOL AND DRUGS IN FUELLING CRIME AND ASB. HATE CRIME AND ASB AFFECTS BOTH CHILDREN, ADULTS, FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES AND BY ADDRESSING THIS TYPE OF BEHAVIOUR AND CONDUCT WE CAN HELP IMPROVE THE COMMUNITY QUALITY OF LIFE. COMMUNITIES NEED TO UNDERSTAND HOW HATE CRIME AND ASB CAN IMPACT ON AN INDIVIDUAL AND KNOW WHAT ACTIONS THEY CAN TAKE WHETHER THEY ARE THE VICTIM OR AN OBSERVER, WE WILL BUILD RESILIENT COMMUNITIES TO RAISE AWARENESS OF HATE CRIME AND ASB. REDUCTIONS IN THESE AREAS WILL BRING REASSURANCE TO RESIDENTS REGARDING THEIR PERSONAL SAFETY AND WILL ASSIST IN REDUCING CRIME IN THE AREA.

In February 2019 CBC Community Activities with ECFRS were successful in gaining funding from CBH for the Colchester Youth Project. Ten youths attended a '**Fire Inspire Course**' run by the Fire Service. Aimed at youth's 13-17yrs that have already passed an initial week's Firebreak Course can now go on and progress even further. Inspire includes preparing young people for employment and preparing for interviews, CV preparation and the importance of gaining employment. Alcohol and substance misuse awareness sessions are included along with other important topics. The course also encourages Community engagement and the possibilities of volunteering, fitness' as modern healthier lifestyle with good nutritional choices for life and building self-esteem and confidence and at the end of the programme each student will gain an accreditation from the Assessment and Qualifications Alliance as well as personal testimonials and certificates relating to first aid, fire safety awareness and water safety

Following public consultation, CBC introduced three **Public Space Protection Orders** (PSPO) within Colchester Town Car Parks, East Bay and the Town Centre. The orders were introduced following an increase in ASB within these areas.

Initiated August 2018 as a result of increased complaints and issues over the last 12 to 18 months, a **Town Centre action plan** was created to agree enforcement action, alongside support for individuals within the Town Centre that persistently cause ASB or that rough sleep or homeless. Most recently, an audit by CBH Outreach identified a total of 3 rough sleepers in the Colchester Town Centre. This has been reduced from 12 at the start of the initiative. Every week a partnership meeting takes place to talk through activity the previous week and set actions as a result. A Strategic Group meets every quarter to discuss progress and direction

CBC Community Safety team worked in partnership with Essex Youth Services and the University of Essex to deliver the **Youth ASB Hotspot Pilot**. The aims of the initiative were to assist in the development of interventions to reduce ASB, improve the life chances of marginal young people, make better use of community assets and promote inclusive economic growth and prosperity. ASB carries a range of implications for perpetrators and victims including the effects of criminal damage, social isolation, fear, deteriorating built environment, isolating of young people in their own communities, potential exclusion from education, training, skills and job opportunities. Evaluation data indicates that the detached youth workers engaged with 41 individual children and young people, some on more than one occasion, some already known to them through their routine work, who were deemed to

present a potential risk of ASB or related activity. Most of their engagement was focused on the Colchester town Centre area and on older youths (7 were aged 15-16; 25 were aged 17-19; 4 were aged 20-25). A further 5 children aged 11-12 were engaged in the New Town area.



Fire & Crime Plan Priorities 2016 – 2020

The Police and Crime Plan sets out the policing priorities and aims for keeping Essex safe. It brings together police, partners and the people of Essex to build safe and secure communities, thereby promoting public confidence in the police and ensuring that victims are satisfied with the service and support they receive. The commitments set out in the plan build on existing partnerships and seek to develop them in new and ambitious ways. These include greater collaboration between police and fire and closer working with local councils, community safety partnerships, and the voluntary, community and health sectors

- 1) More Local, visible and accessible policing
- 2) Crack down on anti-social behaviour
- 3) Breaking the cycle of domestic abuse
- 4) Reverse the trend in serious violence
- 5) Tackle gangs and organised crime
- 6) Protecting children and vulnerable people
- 7) Improve safety on our roads

Project / Initiative	About the Project / Initiative	SCP Priorities	PFCC Priorities
Virtual Crew (Year 6 pupils) Pilot	See Key Priority 1	1 & 4	6
Behind Closed Doors Conference	See Key Priority 1	1 & 3	4 & 6
Gangline School & College Assemblies / Workshops	See Key Priority 1	1 & 2	5
Observers Scheme	See Key Priority 1	1	6
Mate Crime / Cuckooing Training	See Key Priority 2	1 & 2	5 & 6
Gangline Professional Training	See Key Priority 2	1 & 2	5
County Line Campaign	See Key Priority 2	1 & 2	2, 5 & 6
Drugs Testing within the NTE	See Key Priority 2	2 & 4	2 & 6
Acid Attack Kits	See Key Priority 4	3	2
Reclaim the Night Awareness Walk	See Key Priority 3	1 & 3	6
Street Weeks events	See Key Priority 3	1, 2, 3 & 4	1 & 2
Town Centre Action Plan (TCAP)	See Key Priority 4	1, 2 & 4	1, 2, 4 & 6
Youth ASB Hotspot Pilot	See Key Priority 4	1, 2 & 3	2, 4, 5 & 6
Public Space Protection Orders (PSPO)	See Key Priority 4	4	2
Firebreak / Fire Inspire	See Key Priority 4	4	2 & 6
Local Community Meeting's	Working with the Community to address crime, anti-social behaviour and quality of life issues within the Borough. The meeting serves to identify and achieve short, medium- and long-term solutions to local community needs. Residents of Colchester are invited to come along to the meeting to raise any issues concerning their local community that need addressing.	1	1
Op Diss Aug 2018 / Sept 2018	Bespoke Police Operation tackling ASB / Knife Crime within Colchester. Op Diss undertaken in August, September 2018 and January 2019	2, 3 & 4	1, 2 & 4
Keep Safe Scheme	Keep Safe is a free scheme helping vulnerable residents in Essex to feel safer and more confident out in the high street or town Centre.	1	6

Project / Initiative	About the Project / Initiative	SCP Priorities	PFCC Priorities
Night/s of Action	Held in June 2018 and involved a number of tactics to address violent crime, reduction in drug offences and Anti-Social Behaviour	1, 2, 3 & 4	1, 2, 4, 5 & 6
Fire Fighters Delivering Differently	A new trial initiative 'Fire Fighters Delivering Differently - FFDD' in May 2018, where members of Colchester Station Blue Watch were available to support partners in activities where appropriate, the scheme aiming to get firefighters into the community. It was stressed that this could be for anything 'fire' or collision' related.	1	6
MAD (Make a Difference) Days	Make a Difference Days involve CBH staff, volunteers, residents and councillors visiting specific areas to help make improvements and encourage pride in community spaces. This year 6 events occurred monthly between April and September.	4	2 & 6
DRIVE project	Drive is an intensive intervention that works with high-harm and serial perpetrators to challenge behaviour and prevent abuse.	1 & 3	3 & 4
Rural Crime Campaign	The National Farmers' Union has partnered with Crimestoppers to launch the Rural Crime Reporting Line	1 & 2	2, 5 & 6

