

## SCP Annual Partnership Plan 2019 -2020

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 three specific priorities for 2019/2020 following an assessment of crime and disorder, and consultation with various agencies.



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 - Tackling organised criminality, gangs & county lines focussing on keeping drugs and weapons out of the community**

The Safer Colchester Partnership will continue to develop the intelligence and awareness picture of this escalating criminality, especially focussing on County Lines. To best tackle this issue the Safer Colchester Partnership will strive to provide appropriate safeguarding and support to those vulnerable to this type of drug-related exploitation (cuckooing/drug running etc.); with a further aim to assist in the disruption of drug-related activities within the community.

Project / Initiative	About the Project / Initiative	SCP Priorities	PFCC Priorities

**Priority Two - Driving down Anti-Social Behaviour and Violent Crime in public places.**

The Safer Colchester Partnership will use all available resources and legislation, including utilising the four standing Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs), to tackling ASB and violent crime within the District. Reductions in these areas will bring reassurance to residents regarding their personal safety and will assist in driving down crime rates for the area. ASB affects families and communities and by addressing this type of behaviour and conduct we can help improve the community quality of life.

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**Priority Three - Increase confidence in identifying & reporting Hidden Harms.**

The Safer Colchester Partnership will aim to increase the understanding and awareness, to both the general public and front-line practitioners, of the Hidden Harms our communities face. Encouraging those who are affected by these harms to engage with the Partnership or relevant agencies/charities to seek help and support, with an emphasis on Domestic Abuse and Hate Crime as identified by the risk matrix.

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**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