

Safer Communities Board Worcestershire 2020/2021

Community Safety Agreement and Action Plan

Community Safety responsibilities under s.17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 – As a two-tier Local Authority Worcestershire is required to have in place a county strategy group and to publish a county Community Safety Agreement (CSA) and Action Plan. This is created with reference to West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner's Strategies, the two Community Safety Partnerships annual plans, and government direction in the form of legislation and strategy. Planning and operational delivery to tackle local community safety priorities takes place through the North and South Community Safety Partnerships, whose Strategic Assessments and Annual Plans are a key consideration for the completion of the CSA. This also involves liaison with the two safeguarding boards, Health and Wellbeing Board, and support for key priorities such as child exploitation through GET SAFE. In the current year Covid 19 has had significant impact on activities and will be a focus in the year to come

Priority: Reducing Domestic Abuse
Domestic Abuse Forum
Chair: Dr Kathryn Cobain (WCC PH)

- DA Forum partners to consider the impact of Covid 19 on services and victims and their families.
- New DA strategic plan to be developed taking account of legislative changes, the PCCs DA strategy and DA needs assessments.
- Requirements from the new Domestic Violence Bill to be adopted including awaiting confirmation details of the new statutory duties to be placed on upper tier Local Authorities regarding DA
- Maximise the funding opportunities to support DA services including co- commissioning.
- Ensure the learning from Domestic Homicide reviews is embedded across all agencies.

Priority: Reducing Harm (including Anti-Social Behaviour, Safeguarding, Serious Violence, Cyber Crime, Hate Crime, Modern Slavery, Child Sexual Exploitation.)
Prevent Strategy Group
Chair: Tim Rice (WCC PH)
(Sub group: Channel Panel)
Serious Organised Crime Joint Action Group (SOCJAG)
(Reports to WM Crime Reduction Board)
Chair: Stephen Gabriel

- Prevent:
The 2020/21 Plan will be finalised and actioned. This will focus upon:
- CTLP Recommendations:
 - A renewed engagement/awareness strategy using updated Home Office material and a clear cycle of training for all partners
 - Understanding and addressing the continuum of community tension – Hate Crime - Radicalisation
 - Engaging with Protect and Prepare to ensure both LA Planning and Emergency Planning leads are fully involved with Contest Strategy
- SOCJAG
- Deliver briefing on signs of Slavery for staff and elected members
 - Oversees two tactical groups and Multi-Agency Tasking Enforcement activity

Priority: Reducing the Harm caused by Alcohol and Drugs
Substance Misuse Oversight Group (SMOG)
Chair: Matt Burke (Swanswell)

- Substance Misuse Oversight Group (SMOG)
- To be reconvened and chaired by Swanswell with Public Health oversight, following a review of its purpose and role.
 - The SCB to take full account of the new Drugs and Alcohol JSNA and support the implementation of the recommendations as required.
 - To fully support the ambition and objectives of the PCC's Drug Strategy

Priority: Reducing Offending/Re-Offending
Reducing Reoffending Strategy Group
Chair: Dave Cookson (NPS)

- Delivers on statutory duty upon the CSPs to address re-offending and create an annual Reducing Re-Offending Strategy
In 2020/21 This will focus on:
- Publishing an annual plan in accordance with the duty on the CSPs. Consider using "plan on a page"
 - Creating a link and engaging with the Offender Housing Pathway group to address this key issue in supporting offenders
 - Partner agencies will support CRC and NPS in their restructuring

Priority: Strategic Community Safety
Worcestershire Safer Communities Board
Chair: Dr Kathryn Cobain (WCC PH)

- Create a hierarchy of ISPs for CSPs and Sub Groups
- Contribute to developing a Public Health Approach to Serious Violence
- Update public community safety information for Worcestershire
- Create dashboard of metrics to report on Community Safety for SCB

A: Action Plan 2020/21

Theme	Action	Timescale	Lead	Update	RAG
1. Domestic Abuse	1a Support the implementation of the Domestic Abuse Bill in Worcestershire	TBC	All partners	The Bill will be delivered in the new parliamentary session.	
	1b Refresh and implement the Domestic Abuse Forum Strategy action plan	TBC	Domestic Abuse Forum	The Action Plan requires refreshing but has been delayed during the Covid 19 outbreak. This will be reviewed and take account of the forthcoming PCC strategy on DA and the delayed Domestic Abuse Bill	
2. Alcohol and substance abuse	2a Blue Light evaluation in Worcester City to be completed	Sept 2020	Public Health and Swanswell	Not yet completed Data is currently being collated – this was to have been finalised by Apr 2020 but overtaken by Covid 19. Data is in but yet to be reviewed.	
	2b Completion of a JSNA on drugs and alcohol in Worcestershire	September 2020	Public Health	This is now ongoing having been delayed by the PCC activity on substance misuse. There is a PH working group and it will be completed by the end of year.	
3. Reducing Reoffending	3a Finalise strategy and ongoing structure of Reducing Offending activity in Worcestershire	August 2020	Chair of Reducing Reoffending Board	This has been discussed at CRB and across W Mercia at the CSP coordinators meeting. A new chair (senior Probation Manager) has taken on the role	
	3b Review and refresh of the Worcestershire offender housing pathway	September 2020	Worcestershire Strategic Housing Partnership	Partnership event completed June 2019. Offender Housing T&F group met on 23/09/19 – sub groups have been identified and work commencing but progress has been slower than expected and has been recently highlighted at the Strategic Housing Partnership for actioning	
4. Prevent	4a Implement activity from CTLP including a refreshed action plan for 2020-21	July 2020	Prevent Strategy Group	Decision in June 2020 to concentrate activity on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drafting the Action plan to incorporate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A renewed approach to training and awareness Engaging Protect/Prepare 	

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Link to Hate Crime 	
	4b Briefings to be delivered to Parish Councils and Village Halls on room booking responsibility		Channel Panel	Update: Channel chair is booked to speak to parish leads in October 2020	
5. Modern Slavery	5a SOCJAG to develop guidance for elected members and staff	August 2020	SOCJAG		
6. Violence	6a Contribute to developing a Public Health approach to reducing Serious Violence	October 2020	WCC PH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Together with PCC Analysts develop a dashboard of indicators to understand the breadth of issues around violent crime Utilise that to identify how partners can develop preventative strategies Prioritise implementation of strategies for maximum impact <p>This is currently on hold due to the demands of reporting on Covid-19</p>	
	6b Implement the Serious Violence duties when they are enacted.	April 2020	All partners	PH and partners have responded to the review. The current Home Office advice, subject to the national political situation, is that the new PH duty on violence is a key priority for implementation. The Queen's speech (Dec 2019) indicates that this will be progressed in 2020. It is guided by the Serious Violence Strategy published in 2018	
7. General SCB Actions	7a Update Information Sharing Protocols	August 2020			
	7b Update Community Safety Information on WCC Website	September 2020			
	7c New SCB Dashboard	September 2020		This is currently on hold due to the demands of reporting on Covid-19	

Appendix B: Strategic Prioritisation in Worcestershire 2020/21

PCC Safer West Mercia Plan

Putting Victims first
Victims' Charter
Commissioned Activity

Building a more secure West Mercia
CSE, Domestic Abuse, Prevent, Sexual Offences, ASB, Drugs/Alcohol, Reducing Reoffending

Reassuring West Mercia's Communities
Engagement, Protection from Cyber-Crime,

CSP Priorities 2020/21

Violence and Abuse

Acquisitive Crime

ASB and damage

Reducing Reoffending

Drug and Alcohol Abuse

Protecting Vulnerable Groups

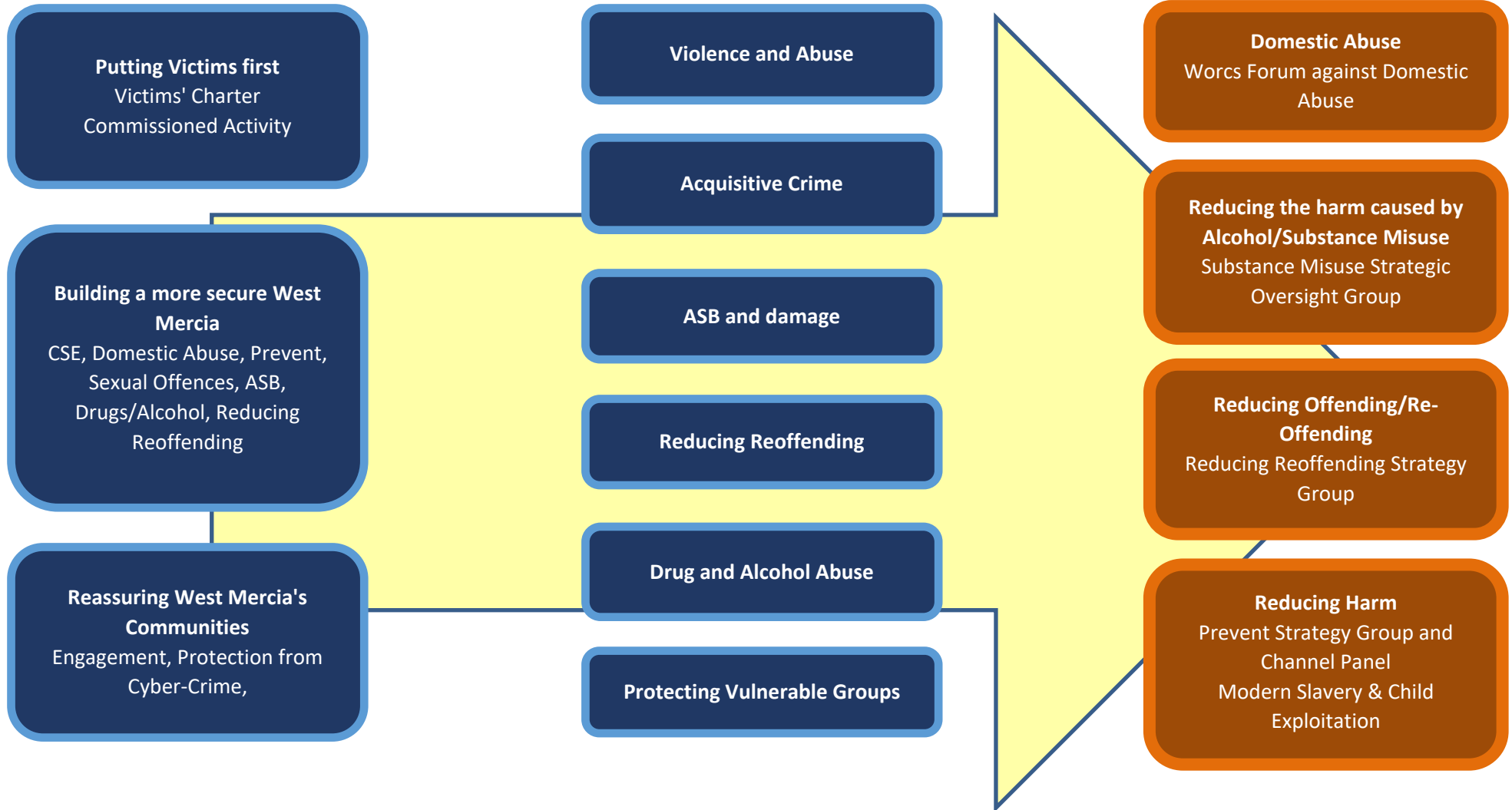
SCB Priorities (sub-groups)

Domestic Abuse
Worcs Forum against Domestic Abuse

Reducing the harm caused by Alcohol/Substance Misuse
Substance Misuse Strategic Oversight Group

Reducing Offending/Re-Offending
Reducing Reoffending Strategy Group

Reducing Harm
Prevent Strategy Group and Channel Panel
Modern Slavery & Child Exploitation



Appendix C: Community Safety Structure in Worcestershire 2020/21

