

Safer Lincolnshire Partnership Update November 2023

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1.1. Safer Lincolnshire Partnership

The Safer Lincolnshire Partnership (SLP), as the informally-merged community safety partnership (CSP) for Lincolnshire, has the following statutory duties:

- To prepare and implement a partnership plan that sets out a strategy for the reduction of reoffending, crime and disorder, combating substance misuse, understand serious violence, community engagement and addressing the priorities identified in the strategic assessment.
- To set up protocols and systems for information sharing.
- To regularly engage and consult with the public about their community safety priorities and issues.
- To hold one or more public meetings during each year.
- To commission Domestic Homicide Reviews following notification from the Police of a domestic homicide.

1.2 Strategic Assessment

As referenced in 1.1, the SLP has a statutory duty to carry out a strategic assessment to identify issues to be addressed in the area. The last assessment was produced in 2021 to inform the priority issues to be addressed by the partnership from April 2022-25.

The current strategic priorities are outlined below:

Anti-Social Behaviour:

Strategy: Targeted prevention work based on evidence, problem solving options for complex and longer-term neighbourhood Anti-Social behaviour.

Crime & Disorder – Fraud – Digitally Enabled Fraud and Identity Theft

Strategy: Reduce victimisation through targeted prevention work

Reducing Reoffending

Strategy: Provide alternatives to Criminal Justice for those in transition years, with appropriate support and diversion and link with the Integrated Offender Management Strategy

Drug and Alcohol

Strategy: Ensure support services are available, utilise the evidence base to ensure prevention work is targeted in areas of greatest deprivation, use evidence base to address Drug Related Deaths

This core priority group also serves as the Lincolnshire Combatting Drugs Partnership as defined in statute.

Serious Violence

Strategic Aims: Prevention, protection, intervention and rehabilitation. The full serious violence strategy is due to be publicly published at the end of January 2024, as per central government timescales.

1.3 Current status of Priorities – actions and activity to date:

Anti-Social Behaviour Core Priority Group

- Completed the review of the ECINS Partnership Agreement
- The ASBRAC Operating Procedures and ASB Strategy have been reviewed and agreed by the Core Priority Group.
- Coordination of the Lincolnshire ASB Awareness Week communications project, in July 2023, with a specific focus on raising awareness of the ASB Case Review Process (Community Trigger Process).
- Continue to progress Task and Finish Groups in relation to noise nuisance.
- The ASB Coordinator is working alongside the Lincolnshire Office of Police and Crime Commissioners (OPCC) in relation to the Community Remedy Consultation.

Crime and Disorder Core Priority Group

- Working in partnership with Trading Standards and Lincolnshire Police 80 call blocker units were installed in 2022-23. With direct financial savings of over £100,000 at an individual level and across health, social care and police sectors. A business case is in progress to secure funding for additional units.
- Undertaken a number and range of communication and engagement activities to raise awareness of online criminal traders. Communication and engagement continues and upon review of Action Fraud data it is anticipated that the CPG can plan a targeted approach.

Reducing Reoffending Core Priority Group

- Launched a pilot of the Mental Health Treatment Requirement (work stream now aligned to the Drug and Alcohol CPG).
- Secured partnership commitment to working in partnership to increase the use of wider community sentence treatment requirements in Lincolnshire (work stream now aligned under the Drug and Alcohol CPG).
- Secured funding via the Ministry of Justice, OPCC, East Midlands Probation Service and Lincolnshire County Councils' Adult Care and Community Wellbeing directorate to progress the Lincolnshire Women and Girls Strategy. This includes the development of a Women's Centre Approach for Lincolnshire.
- Launched and undertook a review of the Lincolnshire Prisoner Release Housing Protocol. The task and finish group is now tasked to achieve the associated action plan which is aligned to recommendations made within the review.
- Continue to progress the development of the Integrated Offender Management Performance Framework.
- Piloting the use of the Reducing Reoffending Dashboard produced by the Community Safety Analytical Team.

Drug and Alcohol Core Priority Group

- Continued involvement with the Out of Courts Disposals Working Group and having oversight of diversionary options, where appropriate, to the Criminal Justice System for offences linked to substance misuse.
- Continued monitoring of Population and Health Management data to identify if those with repeat presentations at out of hours/emergency care services would have benefited from earlier intervention.
- The Drug and Alcohol Related Deaths Panel have recently met to discuss and agree the structure and format of the group. The main focus is to note “lessons” learned to inform future preventative activity.
- Continue to develop processes and mechanisms to integrate lived experience into workstreams.

Serious Violence Core Priority Group

- Serious Violence Strategy (V7) agreed at CPG and Strategy Board. This is due for publication in January 2024.
- Mapping exercise and public survey to identify current workstreams, interventions and public views across the county in relation to serious violence. This will be followed up with a gap analysis.
- Bidding opened to partners to apply for funding for projects that align to the strategy. These projects are to be delivered between October 2023 and March 2024. Following agreement of funding awards, the Serious Violence Delivery Plan will be submitted to the Home Office. The outcome of funding bids will be circulated to CPG members and project leads on 02.11.2023.

1.4 SLP Strategy Board (SB)

Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Annual Report 2022-23



SLP Annual Report
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- SLP held it’s AGM in March 2023 where the annual report, was presented.
- To ensure compliance with statutory duties this meeting was opened to the public.

Finance Review

- The initial purpose was to secure funding for 2024-25. This has been achieved.
- A broader workstream is in the initial stages of development to review and understand partner contributions across Lincolnshire Domestic Abuse Partnership, SLP, Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children Partnership and Lincolnshire Safeguarding Adults Board. This is being undertaken at the request of members of Strategy Board.
- The finance review also seeks to gain agreement of mechanisms to provide evidence of value for money and return on investment for partners and members.

Analysis

- A project has commenced, with background work completed at this stage, to increase analytical capacity and coordinate analytical teams across SLP partners.
- Recent analytical work has included supporting the Lincolnshire Domestic Abuse Specialist Service (LDASS) project following recommissioning, piloting the Reducing Reoffending Dashboard, undertaking a review of ASBRAC, and analysis of the annual Stay Safe Survey.

1.5 Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) Update

Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHRs) were established on a statutory basis under the Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004. A key part of prevention and early intervention, Domestic Homicides main purpose is to prevent domestic violence and homicide and improve service responses for victims by developing a coordinated multi agency approach to ensure that abuse is identified and responded to effectively at the earliest opportunity. The overall responsibility for establishing a review rest with the local Community Safety Partnership (CSP). In Lincolnshire, following the Domestic Abuse Act 2021, this duty is discharged from Safer Lincolnshire Partnership (SLP), the informally merged CSP, to the Lincolnshire Domestic Abuse Partnership (LDAP).

Assurance will be provided by LDAP and incorporated into the SLP Annual Report each year. Additionally, LDAP will provide interim assurance once per year, at the end of quarter 2 or the start of quarter 3. Members of SLP SB have agreed that they will review DHR assurance provided by LDAP.