

Worcestershire County Council Community Safety overview

Worcestershire Safer Communities Board (SCB) and North and South Worcestershire Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs):

The Safer Communities Board (SCB) has **strategic** oversight of community safety in Worcestershire and oversees a number of sub-groups, the Worcestershire Forum against Domestic Abuse, the Worcestershire Prevent Strategy Group, the Worcestershire Reducing Offending Group and Worcestershire Substance Misuse Oversight Group. The SCB is co-ordinated and led by Public Health (PH) and the Director of Public Health (DoPH) is the Chair.

An annual plan with associated strategic actions is produced and monitored. Its priorities are reducing offending, harm reduction, domestic abuse and tackling drugs and alcohol

The North and South Worcestershire CSPs have the statutory community safety responsibilities at local level and a PH officer and the WCC cabinet member for Health and Well Being attend both CSP's.

2017/18 Outcomes

- Annual reports received from the chairs/lead officers from the Forum against Domestic Abuse, the Reducing Offending Strategy Group, Substance Misuse Oversight Group and Prevent Strategy Group on their activities and outcomes.
- Monitoring of the annual CSA action plan.
- Community Safety Information sharing Protocol completed.
- Commissioning review of how Modern Day slavery is managed within WCC

2018/19 current activity

- New Community Safety Agreement (2018/19) actions being monitored.
- 6 Month review of Information Sharing Protocol to include compliance with GDPR.
- Work underway with partners to localise the Government's Serious Crime Strategy.

Crime Data/monitoring: Information is provided as required in relation to specific reports from SCB sub groups.

West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner and West Mercia Police and Crime Panel (PCP):

PCC: WCC works closely with the PCC and supports his Police and Crime Plan objectives. Council officers support work with the PCC through the West Mercia Crime Reduction Board and Victims Board.

PCP: The Council is responsible for the administration and support of the Panel and this is managed by officers from Legal and Democratic and Public Health team.

2017/18

- Consideration of the PCC response to HMICFRS national reports on modern

2018/19 current activity

- Scrutiny on the HMICFRS inspection report: PEEL Police effectiveness

<p>slavery and sexual violence and domestic abuse.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consideration and comment on the PCC's annual report. • Member Task and Finish sub group scrutiny of budget and precept proposals, reported back to PCP for decision. • Consultation and scrutiny by the PCP of the PCCs consultation on transferring Fire Authority responsibilities. 	<p>2017</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consideration and comment on the PCC's annual report. • Officers and the new PCP chair attending LGA workshops on the preparing for new working arrangements for the PCP with regard to the transfer of fire and rescue responsibilities to the PCC (currently subject to Judicial Review). • An Induction Programme to be designed for members on their potential new responsibilities. • The PCP has become a member of the new National Association of Police Fire and Crime Panels, which will provide support and assistance to the PCP in carrying out its responsibilities
<p>Crime data/monitoring: Specific quarterly reports and crime trend data and analysis presented to the PCP, plus ad hoc reports as requested.</p>	

<p>Reducing reoffending:</p>	
<p>The duty to support the reduction of reoffending primarily sits with the CSPs. Worcestershire Reducing Offending Strategy Group oversees the Partnership work in this area and supports activities to reduce offending and re-offending across the county. The focus of the work is through the One Day One Conversation (ODOC) multi-agency meeting that considers individual offenders and tactical responses to reduce their risk of reoffending.</p>	
<p>2017/18</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction of a standard set of performance data across W Mercia. • Mental health representation has been secured on both groups. 	<p>2018/19 current activity</p> <p>A draft strategy for Worcestershire to be developed for consultation by September 2018. Membership of the new county wide Serious and Organised Crime Joint Agency Group (SOCJAG).</p>
<p>Crime data/monitoring: In a comparison during the 1st quarter 2017, 80 offenders on the cohort committed 160 offences whereas, in the 1st quarter 2018, 60 offenders on the cohort committed 112 offences.</p>	

<p>Harm Reduction (incorporating Hate Crime, safeguarding, cyber- crime, modern slavery, Child sexual exploitation, Preventing violent extremism).</p>
<p>Hate Crime: Hate crime is not recorded as a specific crime type, but a marker is applied to offences to enable analysis. It is primarily led by the CSPs through their Hate Incident methodology (North Worcestershire Hate Incident Partnership and South Worcestershire Hate Crime Forum).</p>

Child Sexual exploitation: A strategic group reporting to the Children's Safeguarding Board supports activities through its action plan. The group may be expanding its remit to consider other areas of child exploitation eg through County Lines, gangs and modern slavery.

Prevent Duty: A WCC PH officer chairs the statutory Channel Panel which is a multi-agency group that considers voluntary referrals of children, young people and adults where there are specific Prevent related safeguarding concerns about radicalisation or extremism.

A Worcestershire Prevent Strategy group is led and chaired by WCC PH to ensure that Prevent is being effectively embedded across the County. The Group consists of the "Specified Authorities", to whom the Prevent duty applies. An action plan is maintained that draws upon recommendations from the annual Police Special Branch Counter Terrorism Profile (CTLP) for Worcestershire, which is a restricted document.

The 2018 CTLP concludes that Worcestershire is considered to be a safe and low risk area in relation to risks of terror attacks but all parties must be vigilant and have polices and processes in place to ensure that risk is mitigated.

Redacted data is presented to Adults' and Children's Safeguarding Boards as well as to the Prevent Strategy Group and the SLT. It has become apparent that Autism, Learning Difficulty and Mental Health plays a part in 55% of referrals and this is to form a focus moving forward, particularly in reviewing, and developing recommendations from a Surrey CC review of a significant Channel case.

Domestic Abuse: The Worcestershire Forum against Domestic Abuse, which is chaired and co-ordinated by PH has continued to work towards the prevention and reduction of domestic abuse in all its forms. The Board and its partners are very proactive in raising awareness of DA and supporting working arrangements to assist survivors and victims of DA. Comprehensive reports on DA are produced for the Forum and its partners. An annual action plan is monitored by the Forum.

Drugs and Alcohol:

Worcestershire CC (with £106k support from the PCC) commissions the criminal justice element of the integrated substance misuse service in Worcestershire. This includes assessment and referral services in police cells and criminal courts, criminal justice pathways focussing on DIP, drug testing on Arrest and Drug Rehabilitation requirement (DRR) and Alcohol Treatment Requirement (ATR) services in liaison with National Probation Service and the Community Rehabilitation Company. PH chair the Substance misuse oversight group which is a partnership working group focusing on alcohol and substance misuse.

2017/18

- Officers supported the Hate Crime week campaign October 2017.
- Public Health Practitioner now attending Learning Development and Staying Safe Boards to contribute to the Hate Crime activity
- A new approach to staff awareness raising on radicalisation and

2018/19 current activity

- S Worcestershire have convened a Hate Crime Group and establish regular meetings
- SCB representative contributing to hate crime meetings on N and S Worcestershire.
- Reports on the Prevent duty scheduled for the Adults and the

<p>extremism provided for WCC staff through work by PH and L&D to create and implement eLearning/awareness packages.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set up of triage arrangements via the family Front Door and Adult Safeguarding team for referrals. • The new DA service was recommissioned by WCC PH from July 2017 with West Mercia Women's Aid and Rooftop Housing Group. • New Domestic Abuse Strategy 2017-20 launched with action plan. • A successful bid made to the DCLG for funding to support work with BME victims and a successful bid to pilot the DRIVE project (working with perpetrators). • Professionals DA information pack reviewed and re-launched August. • The Forum Children's Group re-formed under the chair of Assistant Director of Children's Services with new focus on audit and assurance that children are safer. • Best Bar None (licensee run supported by other agencies including PH) extended to Bromsgrove and a scheme in Malvern is being considered. • The H&WBB Alcohol event was held in November 17 during Alcohol Awareness Week. 	<p>Children's Safeguarding Boards.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2018/19 Action Plan developed from CTLP and local issues • Utilise the learning points from the review into Surrey County council's Channel Panel to audit our Channel Panel processes and structure. • The funding secured from the DCLG to develop sustainable networks with BME communities in relation to DA has commenced in July with the recruitment of specialist staff. • The DRIVE project (working with perpetrators) has commenced with a Governance Board meeting regularly and the successful commissioning of the provider. It is scheduled to be operational in August. • There are three Domestic Homicide reviews at present. • A series of successful campaigns have been delivered throughout the year including "Worried" around Clare's Law, Coercive control and our White Ribbon campaign. • A 12 month pilot of The Blue Light project for resistant drinkers has commenced in Worcester with the Redditch pilot planned to start in the summer (2018). The pilots will be evaluated after 12 months. • PH are developing a Strategic Drugs Plan, on behalf of the Worcestershire Substance Misuse Oversight Group. This is aligned with the priorities outlined in the 2017 national Drugs Strategy • The memorandum of understanding between Adult Mental Health services and Substance misuse service is being reviewed to ensure it is reflective of the PHE publication, 'Better care for people with co-occurring mental health and alcohol/drug use conditions' • Participation in Home Office local assessment on the partnership approaches to County Lines in April. Published report with recommendations now under consideration.
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Crime data/monitoring:**Hate Crime data****North Worcestershire**

	2016/7	2017/8	% change
Hate Offences	318	338	+6.3%
Hate Incidents (Crimed)	37	33	-10.8%

South Worcestershire

	2016/7	2017/8	% change
Hate Offences	380	407	+7.1%
Hate Incidents (Crimed)	51	49	-3.9%

The Police believe that Hate Crime is under reported.

Domestic Abuse Data

During 1.4.17 – 1.4.18 there have been 10,947 domestic abuse incidents/crimes reported compared to 10,421 in the previous year, an increase of 526 these increases are mirrored in increased calls to the specialist domestic abuse helpline. This is likely to be a reflection of the comprehensive awareness raising partnership approach across Worcestershire, which is a measure of success, with more action being taken against offenders and support provided for victims and survivors of DA. Notwithstanding that progress, underreporting of DA is an ongoing and significant issue and therefore work to raise awareness and confidence to report will continue.

During 2017-18 we have seen a decrease in the number of cases being heard at MARAC from 709 cases to 555. There has been a continued rise in the numbers of victims being protected by the taking out of Domestic Violence Protection Orders, 88 in 2017/18. There is a significant rise in the number of applications and disclosures in relation to Clare's Law (Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme) since the launch of the "Worried" campaign in November. Domestic abuse as a risk factor remains high in relation to assessments within Children's social care. There was an 11% increase in the total number of children exposed to DA incidents in the first two quarters of 2017 compared to the same period in 2016. There has been a rise in the number of Section 42 referrals in respect of Adult Safeguarding in relation to domestic abuse, with 79% (in 2017/18) being over 50 years of age, with psychological and financial abuse being the key issues.

Substance Abuse Data

In 2016/17 and 17/18 performance against all key performance indicators, including those regarding alcohol, opiates and non-opiates, has continued to improve. In addition, improvements for opiates and alcohol are in line with the top quartile range for comparator local authorities. From this year, the HWBB is assessing its performance on alcohol & crime using the violence against person (with injury) with an alcohol marker metric – this has consistently reduced when measured as a percentage of overall violent crime: It constituted 8.2% of violent crime in Feb 2014 - Feb 2015 reducing to 5.7% in Feb 2016 - Feb 2017. It should be noted that an element of this may be in the inclusion of additional categories in the overarching violent crime numbers

Prevent Data

Data on the number and nature of referrals into Channel is shared with the Prevent Strategy group as appropriate. The majority of referrals are from the Police.

The headline figures are:

2016/17 - 17 Channel referrals

2017/18 - 22 Channel referrals

Funding and commissioning:

Set out below are the headline PH costs in relation to community safety related activity. This meets the requirements 2018 /19 Local Authority regulations on the use of Public Health Ring fenced.

PH community safety related expenditure 2017/18 and projected for 2018/19

Staffing (staffing equivalent 3 FTE, including strategic and operational levels)	17/18 actuals £146,370 18/19 budget £145,784
Alcohol and Substance misuse contract:	17/18 actuals £3,780,100 plus £106,000 funded by West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner 18/19 budget £3,798,000 plus £106,000
Domestic Abuse contract:	17/18 actuals £425,721 18/19 budget £417,000