

Priority - Protecting vulnerable people and Domestic Abuse

Aims: To help safeguard people against being exploited and abused and support those with mental health problems.

Key deliverables:

- Identify and support vulnerable victims at risk of crime or exploitation.
- Improve the confidence of victims to report hate crime and provide support for victims.
- Protecting children from abuse.
- Supporting Safer Cumbria who will take the lead on protecting our communities against domestic abuse through education and support.



Priority - Anti-social behaviour

Aims: To work with the local focus hubs to reduce anti-social behaviour where it occurs.

Key deliverables:

- Target vulnerable locations through multi agency intervention.
- Increase public confidence in the ability of partners to deal with crime and anti-social behaviour.
- Support targeted diversionary activities to reduce the likelihood of young people being involved in ASB.



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South Cumbria Community Safety Partnership Plan

Keep Keeping South Cumbria a safe place to live, work and visit

South Cumbria is one of the safest places in the country. How do we make it even safer?

Along with Community Safety Partnerships in the North and West of Cumbria, we work to prevent and reduce crime, protect the most vulnerable from harm, and make our county even safer for residents.

The CSP is a statutory multi-agency partnership which includes South Lakeland District Council; Barrow Borough Council; Cumbria County Council; South Cumbria Police; Office of the Police Crime Commissioner; Clinical Commissioning Group; Cumbria Fire and Rescue; and Cumbria Probation. We believe that working within local communities to develop initiatives that focus on prevention, early help and education is the most effective method to achieve our goals.

Agencies working together can achieve far more than by working in isolation. We now have Local Tactical Hubs established in Kendal and Barrow. A wide range of agencies meet to discuss those difficult problems that no one agency can solve on its own. To address the issues that really matter it is important to understand what the problems are, what is causing them and what the best way to address them is.

Of course, Covid-19 has been challenging for us all and we have had to adapt our way of working. A wide range of services and support continues to be available throughout South Cumbria to respond to concerns about crime, anti-social behaviour and other issues exacerbated by Covid-19 that can have an impact on community safety.

Domestic Abuse - For some people, home is not always a safe place, and lockdown may have presented opportunity for a harmful domestic environment to thrive.

Anti-social behaviour is a broad term used to describe the day to day incidents of crime, nuisance and disorder – from litter and vandalism, to public drunkenness or noisy or abusive neighbours. Some elements of the pandemic exacerbated ASB in some areas.

Fraud and Scams -Using the pandemic as an opportunity, fraudsters are using sophisticated methods to callously exploit people, so it has never been more important to communicate a message of vigilance.

The South Community Safety Partnership working together and with your help, will make South Cumbria feel, and be, even safer.

Clr Suzie Pye

Chair, South Cumbria CSP

Priority – Alcohol and Drug abuse/ supply and violent crime

Aims: Raise awareness amongst young people and reduce the number of bad decisions made by improving their decision making.

Key deliverables:

- Fewer young people being involved with drug supply.
- Support retailers and education in relation to underage drinking and proxy sales.
- Support victims of violence through partnership working
- Work with partners to provide education of alcohol misuse



Priority – Ensure the needs of rural communities are mainstreamed within our partnership working

Aims: To work with all of our communities.

Key deliverables:

- Communicate and engage with rural communities, building on the work already undertaken.
- Increase awareness of the need to report rural crimes.
- Reduce the risk of crime through the provision of crime prevention advice and security measures.



Priority – Emerging Community Safety issues

Aims: To work with our community to ensure the CSP has the flexibility to be responsive.

Key deliverables:

- Responding to developing situations which require a swift and preventative approach.

Keep yourself and others safe:

Cyber-crime- continues to rise in scale and complexity. Top 3 tips are:-

1. Choose, use and protect your passwords carefully
2. Protect mobile devices with a pin and look after them in public places
3. Always download software, operating systems and app updates as these frequently contain security improvements

For more information see www.getsafeonline.org

Report any hate crime – crimes committed against someone because of their disability, transgender-identity, race, religion or belief, or sexual orientation are hate crimes and should be reported to the police. For more information see www.cumbria.police.uk/report-it/hate-crime-reporting.

Know the signs of domestic abuse and that help is available – call crime stoppers anytime to anonymously report abuse on 0800 555 111. For more information about domestic abuse see www.crimestoppers-uk.org/www.cumbria.police.uk

If you are in an abusive relationship and would like support or advice contact the following numbers: - National Domestic Violence Helpline 24 hours a day, seven days a week, on 0808 2000 247 - Men's Advice Line is available Monday to Friday 9am-5pm, on 0808 801 0327.

Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking is the movement of people by means such as force, fraud, coercion or deception, with the aim of exploiting them. It is a form of modern slavery. Trafficked people have little choice in what happens to them and often suffer abuse due to violence and threats made against them or their families. We need to ensure we are all confident in the processes around dealing with victims.

You can get in touch with the Police on 101 - if it's an emergency please dial 999
You can contact Crime stoppers on 0800 555 111 on via online form at www.crimestoppers-uk.org and give information anonymously.

Anti-social behaviour covers a wide range of unacceptable activity that causes harm to an individual, to their community or to their environment. If you are experiencing problems with anti-social behaviour, or have any concerns about it, or other community safety issues, you should call the non-emergency number, 101. For noise issues contact your local council. In an emergency always call 999.

Follow your local council, the police or Cumbria Community Messaging to stay up-to-date with local issues and advice. If you have been a victim of crime there are organisations who offer free and confidential services to help you move forward. See the website:www.cumbriatogether.com for information on local support available. You can also contact Victim Support free of charge on 0808 1689 111.

Case Study 1: Brathay Trusts South Cumbria Resilience Project has worked in partnership with other agencies, such as the police and community youth providers to identify those young people across Kendal and South Lakeland who were most at risk. This could be from becoming victims of grooming and exploitation, they have experienced domestic abuse or there was a possibility of them committing anti-social behaviour or violent crime. A combination of one to one work and detached youth work supported young people to make positive lifestyle choices by improving emotional health increased resilience and capacity to cope, and an increase in positive and supportive relationships between young people and their local community.

Case Study 2: Drop Zone Youth Projects Barrow town centre is amongst the 10% most disadvantaged in the country. The Local Authorities and key third sector partners agreed to work together on a long-term project to promote health and wellbeing, raise aspirations and improve life chances for people living in the town centre. The aim was to reduce anti-social behaviour and work alongside partners to provide an inclusive service that gave young people options. This project targeted 76 young people, to deliver vital intervention and preventative work to decrease escalation rates which then put pressure on statutory services.

Case Study 3: Rural crimes often hit us in spurts and target specific geographical areas. Funding for 15 tracker kits for quad bikes provided farmers with an electronic data tagging system These trackers will be a great use to assist officers in dealing with rural crimes and recovering stolen bikes and tracking down those responsible and bringing them to justice.

Case Study 4: The hubs in Kendal and Barrow are an example of just what can be achieved through partnership working. Through targeted multi-agency work residents can access information and advice and support schemes. Support is available from a range of community agencies for issues relating to alcohol and drug addiction, domestic violence, mental health and various other emerging issues. This makes the area a better place to live for all.



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