



## Daventry District and South Northamptonshire Community Safety Partnership Plan 2015/16

### Introduction

This document lists the priorities identified by the Community Safety Partnership for 2015/16. For each objective the performance indicator, which will be used to measure and assess performance against the identified outcomes, is described.

These priorities were arrived at through analysis of the areas of concern identified by members of the public at our Have Your Say Days, the Partnership's performance against targets in 2014/15, other crime figures, public perception data for the area and an analysis of the vulnerable localities index to identify priority geographic areas.

### Our partnership priorities

The Partnership adopted two targets for 2014/15. The first was a continuation of the Partnership's previous focus on domestic violence, with an objective to reduce this by 5%. The second target recognised that the majority of crime in the area occurs away from the urban centres: we therefore adopted a target to reduce crime in the rural wards by 10%.

For domestic violence 2014/15 saw a 48% increase in recorded offences, with the increase being seen in both districts: every Community Safety Partnership in Northamptonshire experienced a similar increase in reported Domestic Violence, with the five other Partnerships averaging a 41% rise.

The increase was attributed to a change in recording methods at Northamptonshire Police following an inspection by HM Inspectorate of Constabulary: a far greater proportion of calls to the Control Room are now recorded as crimes, although total call volume has not increased. One specific change for domestic violence cases is that any historic offences which are revealed when a victim is interviewed are now recorded as offences, rather than being included as contextual information; each one of these is therefore recorded as a new crime or incident at the date of reporting.

The number of victims of domestic violence rose by 54%, with the increase entirely in first time victims: the number of repeat victims was extremely low and was 66% down on the previous year. Partners reported no increase in calls for service and data from Accident and Emergency Departments showed no increase in attendance. To put the figures for domestic violence into context, reports of all types of violent crime increased by 43% in Daventry District, while South Northamptonshire saw a 60% rise.

Crime in the rural wards rose 15% over the course of the year; however, the increase in violence was a significant factor, with this crime type rising by 61%: with violent offences

taken out of the equation the underlying figure was 6%. The serious crimes of an acquisitive nature are the ones which most concern people in the area and these all fell during the year: domestic burglary fell by 32%, theft of and from vehicles by 17%. Aside from violence the only volume rise was non-dwelling burglary, which rose by 37%.

## Strategic objectives

For 2015/16 the Partnership has identified the same two strategic priorities: domestic violence and rural crime.

The first target will be addressed through the domestic abuse tasking meeting and through referrals from this to the intervention programmes being funded countywide. However, due to the continuing increase across the county no target reduction has been set.

This year a new definition of rural crime has been adopted across Northamptonshire: crime types of theft offences (burglary, vehicle crime, shoplifting, bicycle theft, theft from the person and all other theft), robbery, criminal damage, arson or wildlife crime at a farm or farm building anywhere in Northamptonshire or in one of the defined rural wards. Within the Partnership area all but six wards are classified as rural under the agreed definition: only Brackley West, Grange Park and the four wards of Daventry are not so defined. The Partnership has agreed a target of a 10% reduction in 2015/16: the baseline figure is 3206 and the target is 2885.

We will also monitor other measures to provide a broader view, e.g. public confidence that the Police and local authorities are working together to tackle the issues that matter in their area and the public perceptions of crime and anti-social behaviour.

## Governance and structure of the partnership

A partnership Board meets quarterly - this is the official partnership that sets policy and strategy, makes the decisions and clears any blockages to effective partnership working. The Board consists of senior officers from Daventry District Council, South Northamptonshire Council, Northamptonshire Police, BeNCH CRC, Northamptonshire County Council, Fire and Rescue and NHS Nene Clinical Commissioning Group. The Partnerships Manager attends the Board.

Beneath the Board there are currently three Joint Action Groups (JAGs): these are task oriented and more geographically or more work stream focussed. There are JAGs for Daventry District and for South Northamptonshire. The third JAG is for Road issues such as parking and speeding. These groups work to action plans to achieve the strategic objectives set out in the previous section. We have recently established a Rural Forum, which focuses on issues of rural crime.

There are two multi-agency groups that deal with individual cases: an anti-social behaviour group and the MARAC, a domestic violence forum for tasking around victims at high risk. All of these groups reference the Early Help cohort and link families to that work and Northamptonshire County Council's Complex Case Management system as applicable.

## Community engagement

It is important the partnership consults the public about local concerns, views and perceptions and that these are then fed in to the priorities of the partnership.

We engage with the community in the following ways—

- Neighbourhood groups such as Community Panels
- Community engagement during Days of Action
- Pre- and post event press releases

## Resources

The two District Councils fund the salaries and other costs of the staff in the Partnership Unit who co-ordinate and facilitate the activities of the CSP: Daventry District Council contributes £49,244 and South Northamptonshire Council £39,395.

## Partner organisations and their roles

The CSP consists of the following statutory bodies: Daventry District Council, South Northamptonshire Council, the Northamptonshire Probation Trust, Northamptonshire Police, Nene Commissioning, Northamptonshire County Council and Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue. In addition to the statutory partners, the Board also has representation from the local registered social landlords.

### **Daventry District and South Northamptonshire Councils**

The Councils have a statutory responsibility for community safety and play a lead role in the management and co-ordination of the Community Safety Partnership. The Councils have the responsibility to plan and deliver the community safety programme, influencing partner agencies to ensure that projects achieve agreed targets to agreed timescales and submit reports to the Partnership Board and Government agencies as required.

### **Northamptonshire Police**

The Police have a statutory responsibility for crime and disorder and have a significant role in the work of the Partnership as the lead crime enforcement agency and most visible presence to the general public.

### **Northamptonshire County Council**

The County Council has a statutory responsibility for community safety and has a broader strategic and co-ordinating role on crime and disorder matters through the Local Area Agreement and the County Community Safety Agreement.

### **Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue**

Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service plays a key role in achieving the aim of creating safer and stronger communities. The focus of their work is around fire and accident prevention and promoting safety in the home.

### **NHS Nene Clinical Commissioning Group**

Nene Commissioning has taken over many of the functions of the Primary Care Trust, including that body's statutory responsibilities under the Crime and Disorder Act. Their main responsibilities to improve local people's health by working with hospitals, doctors and other organisations and to work closely with other partnership agencies to participate in the community safety agenda.

### **BeNCH CRC**

Changes to the provision of probation service have divided work with offenders between the new National Probation Service and local Community Rehabilitation Companies: BeNCH CRC have taken a seat on the Board.

### **Voluntary sector**

The Voluntary sector plays a key part in the work of the partnership delivering services, which would not normally be undertaken by the statutory bodies. These include Northamptonshire Association of Youth Clubs, Northamptonshire Women's Aid and the Sunflower Centre.

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