

## **Appendix A**

### **Lincolnshire Police and Crime Panel – 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2023**

#### **Safer Lincolnshire Partnership – Working in partnership with Lincolnshire Police and the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lincolnshire**

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### **1. Safer Lincolnshire Partnership Update**

#### **1.1. Safer Lincolnshire Partnership**

The Safer Lincolnshire Partnership (SLP), as the informally-merged community safety partnership 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.

A separate strategic needs assessment was commissioned and completed in preparation for the Serious Violence Duty coming into force as of January 2023. This assessment contributed towards forming the basis for the current Lincolnshire Serious Violence Strategy.

#### **1.3 SLP Strategy 2022-25**

Detailed below are the strategy areas, parameters and success measures as set by the SLP Strategy Board for 2022-25.

### **Anti-Social Behaviour:**

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

**Parameters:** Completion of prevention work, and clarity of options/potential alternative options for complex disputes

**What will success look like:** Increased awareness for both professionals and communities, resolution of neighbourhood anti-social behaviour in a timely manner and a decrease in severe cases including a reduction in the number of cases that escalate

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

**Strategy:** Reduce victimisation through targeted prevention work

**Parameters:** Implement a range of targeted options taking account the victim demographics and deprivation location as informed by the evidence base

**What will success look like:** Delivery of identified prevention activity and increased awareness

### **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

**Parameters:** Focus to be on female offenders and those in transition years 18 – 25, linking as appropriate to the Integrated Offender Management scheme

**What will success look like:** Reduction in repeat offending in female and transition years, utilise the Integrated Offender Management performance framework

### **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

**Parameters:** Focus on early prevention in areas of greatest deprivation, ensure sufficient support services are available in those areas and the Drug Related Death process

**What will success look like:** Reduction of people with substance misuse issues including utilising Drug Related Death data, reduction of impact on health services, effective support in right locations

## **Serious Violence**

**Strategic Aims:** Prevention, protection, intervention and rehabilitation.

### **Parameters:**

- Public place serious violence, with or without a weapon, particularly in the night time economy and related to the illicit drug trade
- Male on male violence, particularly in the under 25s
- Sexual offences, particularly against the 0-19s
- Geographic pockets of violence that are in the most prevalent areas in Lincolnshire
- Homicide (Domestic/Non-Domestic)

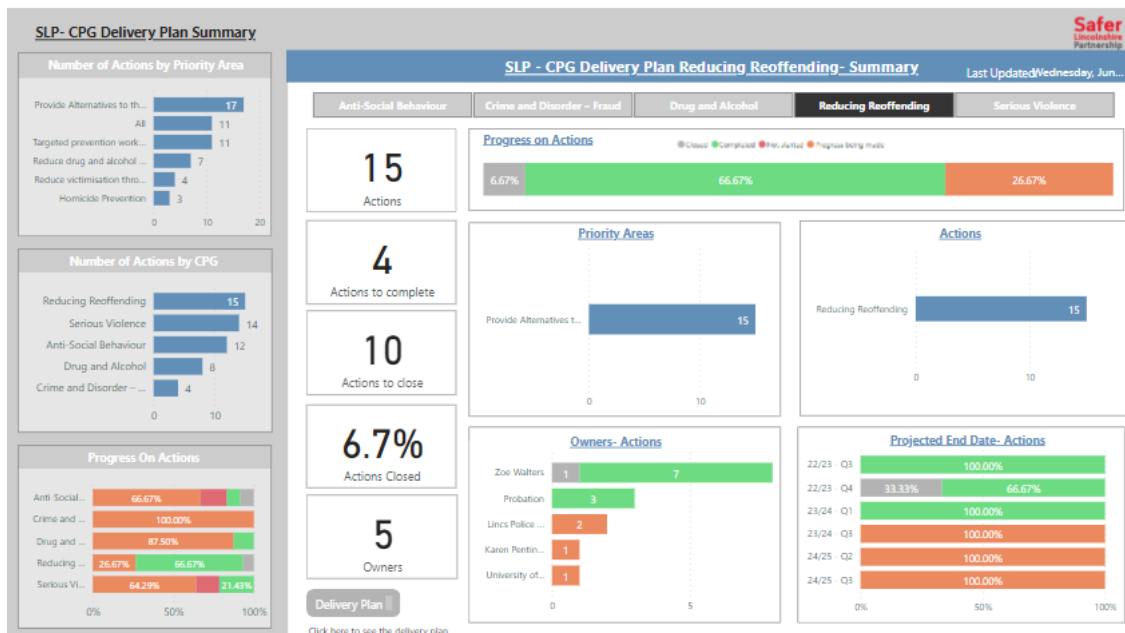
### **What will success look like:**

- a reduction in hospital admissions for assaults with a knife or sharp object;
- a reduction in knife and sharp object enabled serious violence recorded by the police; and
- homicides recorded by the police (SV Duty pg. 101).

## **1.4 SLP Delivery Plan Dashboard**

The Community Safety Analysts have supported with the production of a Safer Lincolnshire Partnership Delivery Plan Dashboard. This provides an overview of the current delivery plan and associated actions and progress to date. This will be used to ensure that Strategy Board are able to provide the appropriate level of oversight regarding the current delivery plan. The dashboard will also be utilised in CPG meetings to track and monitor progress. A paper was circulated to Strategy Board providing access guidance. The SLP Business Manager will trial use of this dashboard during the September Strategy Board Meeting.

A visual example of the format and content of the dashboard is provided below for information purposes (as at June 2023).



## 1.5 Current status of Priorities – actions and activity to date:

### Anti-Social Behaviour Core Priority Group

- Completed the review of the ECINS Partnership Agreement
- The reviewed ASBRAC Operating Procedures and ASB Strategy are out for consultation prior to discussion and agreement at the October CPG Meeting
- Coordination of the Lincolnshire ASB Awareness Week communications project with a specific focus on raising awareness of the ASB Case Review (Community Trigger Process)
- Produced a county wide noxious odours policy which is in the processes of being piloted.
- Continue to progress Task and Finish Groups in relation to noise nuisance
- The ASB Coordinator is working alongside the 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, PCC, East Midlands Probation Service and LCC Adult Care and Community Wellbeing directorate to progress the Lincolnshire Women and Girls Strategy.
- 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.
- Continues 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 and discussed thresholds and processes for a case to be heard. The panel also have a focus on “lessons learned” to inform preventative interventions.
- 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
- Terms of Reference for the CPG agreed
- Mapping exercise to identify current workstreams and interventions across the county in relation to serious violence and gap analysis.
- Bidding opened to partners to apply for funding for projects that align to the strategy for delivery between October 2023 and March 2024. Following agreement of funding awards, the Serious Violence Delivery Plan will be submitted to the Home Office.

## **1.6 SLP Strategy Board – additional workstreams and standing agenda items**

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



SLP Annual Report  
Final Version.pdf

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

#### Finance Review

- Task and Finish Group established which has met twice to date.
- Initial purpose is to secure funding commitments for 2024-25
- 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.

#### Strategic Oversight of Actions Plans

- Following commissioned evaluations providing recommendations to SLP, these will inform the production of an action plan which will be progressed by the relevant Core Priority Group.
- Strategy Board has agreed to retain strategic oversight of action plans and to progress strategic actions applicable to SLP.

#### Formal merger of SLP

- The SLP Business Manager is in the process identifying the mechanism for this and is re-engaging with key stakeholders to reaffirm "appetite" prior to progressing this further.
- A formal merger of the SLP will require formal agreement from the PCC following submission of supporting documentation.

#### Analysis

- A project has commenced, with background work completed at this stage to increase analytical capacity and coordinate analytical teams across Lincolnshire County Council (LCC) Community Safety, LCC Public Health, LCC Fire and Rescue and Lincolnshire Police. A meeting is scheduled for week commencing 11<sup>th</sup> September to discuss the background information gained and agree the future direction and next steps.
- 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.

Updated Risk Register Format

- The updated format is due to be presented on 13.09.23 for discussion and agreement.
- This revised format includes the ability to score the likelihood and impact of identified risks and accurately record controls that are in place as mitigation.

Example Risk register format:

1	Name	Description	Categ	Current Imp	Current Likelihood	Current Risk Score	Target Imp	Target Likelihood	Target Risk Score	Assurance Status	Direction of Tr	Control Type	Existing / New and Develop	Risk Own	Notes
	Risk	Description of Risk	Risk	2-Minor	2-Possible	2	1-Negligible	1-Unlikely	1	High	Improving	Measured	Existing	Name	Context and up
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New standing agenda items

Strategy Board has agreed to the introduction of three additional standing agenda items:

- Consultations
- Funding and Commissioning Opportunities
- Examples of operational good practice (presented by Core Priority Group members).

**1.7 DHR’s 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’s, 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. Historically the rate of DHR’s in Lincolnshire has

averaged at 2.1 per financial year. This financial year, to date, has seen a significant increase with 5 DHRs being commissioned and 1 awaiting a decision at the time of writing this report. The Lincolnshire Domestic Abuse Partnership is in the process of investigating the potential causes of this increase and to ascertain if this may be an emerging trend. It is noted that changes to the DHR scope to include death by suicide may be a contributory factor.

## **2. Engagement Between the Safer Lincolnshire Partnership and the Police & Crime Commissioner**

### **2.1 Overview**

The SLP benefits from regular attendance and contributions from the PCC and/or a member of his team at all of the meetings within the SLP structure. In addition, there remains good engagement in general between the PCC's office and the Community Safety Team with regular communication taking place. Jo Davison continues in the role of Chair of the Reducing Offending Core Priority Group and actively drives forward work in this area, leading on work including the Women's Strategy. As above, Deputy PCC Phil Clark is the Co-Chair of the Serious Violence CPG, playing a key role in establishing the group and ensuring appropriate partner engagement. As part of their chairing responsibilities both Jo and Phil attend the SLP Partnership Meeting which has recently increased its frequency of meeting schedule from quarterly to bi monthly in recognition of the value of this group in discussing cross cutting issues.

The SLP Community Safety Strategy Coordinators continue to develop their working relationship with the OPCC Safer Together Team in relation to communication and engagement activity with the public.

### **2.2 Adherence to legislation, guidance and regulations**

The following section aims, in an amalgamated format, to respond to the points contained within the [Police and Crime Commissioners and Community Safety Partnerships guidance note](#), which enables the Panel to support the Partnership by holding the Commissioner to account.

#### **2.2.1 Regard to Community Safety Priorities or Plans**

At present, there is a positive alignment between the Community Safety Agreement of the SLP and the Community Safety, Policing and Criminal Justice Plan for Lincolnshire of the PCC.



As reported previously, one of the requirements of the SLP is to consult with members of the public in respect of community safety. Rather than duplicate, and the SLP run a separate survey, the PCC agreed to share the raw data from his annual survey, findings from which, as report above, have been utilised in the production of the Strategic Assessment.

### **2.2.2 Commissioning of Services/Funding**

In addition to that referenced elsewhere in the report, the PCC commissions a number of victim support services, including services for victims of sexual abuse and restorative justice services. Services for domestic abuse victims (children and adults) are commissioned by Lincolnshire County Council.

At present the PCC provides core funding to the SLP. This is to contribute towards financing the Serious Violence Coordinator, analytical capacity, ASB Coordination, and Domestic Homicide Reviews. In addition to the PCC provides funding to support the use of the ECINS case management system (ASB) across Lincolnshire. Furthermore the PCC has more recently committed to contribute towards the funding of a System Coordinator and an Evaluation to support the Lincolnshire Women and Girls Strategy.

## **3. Conclusion**

In conclusion, there is a good working relationship between the PCC and the SLP. The OPCC provides a high level of representation at SLP meetings at a strategic and operational level. Members of the OPCC team engage in regular communication with the team, supporting the SLP to progress workstreams. Furthermore, the activities described demonstrate some good examples of joint working for the benefit of communities in Lincolnshire.