



# Tamworth Community Safety Partnership Plan 2020-2023

Update 2020

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the Tamworth Community Safety Partnership Strategy 2020 - 2023 . This document is a three year rolling plan which outlines how we are going to collectively tackle community safety issues in the Tamworth borough, how we have achieved against the outcomes set in the previous years and what we will prioritise this year.

All the priorities require a robust multi-agency response, but because they are important for residents and communities, achieving them will have a positive impact on people's quality of life.

The Partnership continues to work together to reduce crime and ASB to improve public perception, wellbeing and community safety in Tamworth

## 2. BACKGROUND

The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 changed the way crime and anti-social behaviour were to be tackled. It recognised that in order to be effective, agencies needed to work together to address the issues collectively. Each local area formed a Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership (CDRP) which are now called Community Safety Partnerships.

A comprehensive Community Safety Strategic Assessment is undertaken in Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent every three years and an annual update is undertaken in the remaining two years. Additionally this process is undertaken in each district / borough Authority.

The full Strategic Assessment methodology includes the use of a risk scoring matrix called MoRiLE (a technique for Managing Risk in Law Enforcement that ranks crime and disorder issues based on threat risk and harm to individuals, communities and organisations) It differs in that it ranks priorities/themes based on threat risk and harm as opposed to relying mainly on volume of crime figures.

Data from a wide range of sources was analysed to show how the CSP compares with other areas for the priority crime types and how volumes and rates have changed over time and how they vary by ward. Information from research was used to describe any notable risk factors and victim and offender characteristics as well as approaches to partnership working.

The priorities were then ranked against a number of factors, including volume, trend over time, residents' perceptions and how much it was felt that the partnership can influence. This was then reviewed by our stakeholders and finally the top ranked priorities were analysed in depth, to help guide practitioners in formulating actions that they feel will have an impact on each priority

The Tamworth Community Safety Partnership is made up of Responsible Authorities (those bodies for whom membership of the CSP is a statutory obligation) and voluntary members.

Our statutory partners are:

- Tamworth Borough Council
- Staffordshire County Council
- Staffordshire Police
- Staffordshire Commissioners Office

- Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service (FARS)
- National Probation Service
- Staffordshire & West Midlands Community Rehabilitation Company
- South East Staffs and Seisdon Peninsula Clinical Commissioning Group – Primary Care Network
- Midlands Partnership NHS Foundation Trust
- Support Staffordshire
- SCVYS

In addition to our statutory partners we also work with a large number of voluntary and private sector partners as well as community groups to collectively implement and deliver initiatives that will help keep the Tamworth borough a safe place to live, work and visit.

### 3. Achievements against 2017/20 Identified priorities

#### 3.1. Anti-Social Behaviour

Activity	Outcomes
<p>Summer holiday positive diversionary activities delivered through the Staffordshire Commissioners Office <a href="#">Space</a> summer activity diversionary</p> <p>A programme of positive all year round diversionary activities in school term and holidays commissioned until 31 March 2021 funded in partnership through the Locality Deal Fund and Building Resilient Families and Communities (BRFC), Earned Autonomy Funding</p> <p>£15,000 Innovative grant funding programme contribution from the Staffordshire Commissioner’s Locality Deal Fund to develop community projects around ASB/absence from school</p>	<p>50% of the funding for targeted provision</p> <p>Summer holiday reported youth ASB dropped 59.5% between 2016 and 2019</p> <p>Reduction in absence from school of 0.5% in 2019</p>
<p>Continued development of partnership approach to use of powers under the ASB, Crime and Policing Act 2014</p> <p>Partnership work at identified hotspot locations to take effective enforcement as necessary offenders</p>	<p>Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs) introduction in Bolehall and Kettlebrook to address ASB hotspot issues</p> <p>Renewal of Borough Wide Vehicle Nuisance PSPO</p> <p>98% of public consulted supported the implementation</p>
<p>Summerwatch educational and awareness activities undertaken</p> <p>Spooks and Sparklers awareness and intervention activity– showing reduction in ASB during Halloween/Bonfire Night</p>	<p>Downward trend in seasonal ASB</p>

Activity	Outcomes
Workshops delivered across a variety of primary schools by Tamworth Borough Council	2018/19 – 160 presentations 2019/20 – 191 presentations
Flames Aren't Games - Staffordshire Fire and Rescue summer campaign for reduction of deliberate fires	Secondary Fires Tamworth 2017/18 – 103 2018/19 - 89 2019/20 – 53 (Downward trend)

**Direction of travel: Steady reduction in Reported ASB(-13%) over 12 months ending October 2019**

### 3.2. Protecting the Vulnerable in Our Communities

Activity	Outcome														
Ongoing development of Tamworth daily vulnerability and weekly vulnerability multi-agency partnership meetings to co-ordinate approach and problem solving for identified vulnerable people	60 cases discussed and closed in 2019/20														
Promotion and support for the Tamworth Night Shelter project for homeless people (October- March annually) run by Heart of Tamworth funded through Housing Solutions Fund and Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG)	15 individual clients assisted between 1 <sup>st</sup> October 2019 and 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2020  Rough Sleepers identified and assisted 2017- 4 2018- 3 2019- 5														
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Ongoing grants Tamworth Borough Council programme for Voluntary and community groups	2018/19 – 72 grants awarded 2019/20 – 67 grants awarded
Commissioning and development of the Tamworth Advice Centre	1929 clients supported for general and specialist debt advice in 2019/20
Commissioning of Communities Against Crimes of Hate to support people affected by hate crime	Based on the number of individuals reporting to CACH there has been a 58% increase since 18/19
Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service Safe and Well Checks on vulnerable people	<b>2017 - 20</b> Technicians – 4799 calls Tamworth Belgrave – 4374 calls Tamworth Mercia – 2151 calls

### 3.3.Violence – Public Place

Activity	Outcome
The voluntary Street Angels continue to work in the town centre providing re-assurance and support on identified evenings	Ongoing re-assurance
Tamworth Business Crime Reduction Partnership, working with the Licensees Forum, excluded violent individuals from the Town Centre premises.	Linked radio system Shared data
Development of Tamworth Borough Council CCTV under shared agreement with West Midlands Combined Authority (April 2020) and dedicated officer for public realm safety issues	Improved digital upgrade Cross border partnership working
Community Payback scheme continues to be commissioned by Tamworth Borough Council in conjunction with Street Scene for positive work in the community	Ongoing
Police use of dispersal powers	As appropriate

### 3.4.Domestic Abuse

Activity	Outcome
Development of work with NEW ERA for Independent Domestic Violence Advisors and Early Intervention Services county wide (funded through the Staffordshire Commissioner and Staffordshire County Council)	493 referrals to the victim service since October 2018. 331 new adult cases (188 adults supported) 40 new Children and Young People cases (27 CYP supported) 36 referrals in to the perpetrator service ( 24 cases supported)
Successful pilot and permanent arrangement of Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) meetings reducing risk of domestic homicide and protecting the most vulnerable	Between November 2018 and April 2020 - 364 cases heard
Contribution to the Staffordshire County Council Independent Sexual Violence Advisor service for Tamworth through the Locality Deal Fund	Currently Supporting 11 residents
Promotion and support for the Tamworth and Lichfield Domestic Abuse Forum	Seasonal campaigns coordinated <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12 Days of Christmas</li> <li>• White Ribbon</li> </ul>
Grant funding of £200,000 from the Department for Housing, Communities and Local Government to Sustainment of the domestic abuse refuge service until 2021 in Tamworth and Lichfield managed by the Pathway Project.	Grant funding from the Dept for Housing, Communities and Local Government of £200,000

**Direction of travel: Slight reduction in Reported Domestic Abuse (-6%) over 12 months ending October 2019**

### 3.5.Road Safety

Activity	Outcome
Safe and Sound schools partnership event for Year 5/6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fire and Home Safety</li> <li>• On line Safety</li> <li>• Water safety</li> <li>• Dementia Friends</li> <li>• Cycling and truck safety</li> </ul>	868 children attended  96% satisfaction levels
Fatal 4 presentations – schools and colleges	Ongoing

Activity	Outcome
Partnership work with Staffordshire Safer Roads Partnership	<a href="#">Staffordshire Safer Roads Partnership</a>

### 3.6. Alcohol and Substance Misuse

Activity	Outcome
Appropriate signposting through Tamworth Vulnerability Partnership meetings	Referrals to commissioned service Inclusion of mental health practitioners within TVP
Operation TARPA – targeted operations to identify young under-age people gathering to	Ongoing – twice per year Youngsters identified and appropriate actions taken
Partnership activity	Appropriate school presentations Sharing of drug related activity with Police partners

## 4. PRIORITIES 2020-23

Our priorities have been identified from the following strategic sources which should be read in conjunction with this document:-

- [Community Safety Strategic Assessment 2019](#)
- Staffordshire County Council [Early Help Strategy](#)
- Staffordshire Commissioner's Office [Safer Fairer United Communities 2017-20](#)
- Staffordshire County Council [Community Safety plan](#)

Each priority will be overseen by a strategic lead who will be responsible for developing the CSP's response for their priority area, developing delivery plans, working with other priority leads on cross-cutting areas of work and monitoring performance against outcomes.

To reduce levels of crime and improve community safety in Tamworth the partnership must target efforts in a holistic way to those who suffer most inequality and who demonstrate the highest levels of vulnerability or threat.

**The Partnership continues to be funded through the Staffordshire Commissioner's Office (Police, Fire and Rescue, Crime) Locality Deal Fund. Commitment for 2020/21 is £64,000**

The Partnerships Co-ordination Group will be responsible for monitoring the emerging issues and the delivery of actions. The plan will also be reviewed and updated on an annual basis.

Further funding streams are available for statutory and volunteer organisations and the Partnership will actively encourage and support bids which meet priority outcomes.

The Partnership Co-ordination Group has the responsibility for developing and delivering the tactical aspects of the plan.



Outcomes against the plan will be reported to the Tamworth Strategic Partnership Board by the Assistant Director Partnerships and Tamworth Police Chief Inspector.

## Public Consultation

[Feeling the Difference](#) is a long standing public opinion survey giving residents of Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent an opportunity to give their views on their local area as a place to live, their safety and wellbeing, policing and other local services.

A high proportion of residents are satisfied with Tamworth as an area to live (93%) and the large majority are satisfied with their quality of life (92%).

Around half (46%) of residents appear to be satisfied with the level of police presence in the local area, while overall feelings of safety in Tamworth are high; local residents report that they feel very safe in Tamworth during the day (98%) and the very large majority also feel safe after dark (85%)

### **Tamworth Community Safety Partnership Priorities 2020**

**Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)**  
**Domestic Abuse and Stalking & Harassment**  
**Burglaries (Car Key)**  
**County Lines**  
**Public Place Violence (including Knife Crime)**  
**Vulnerable Persons and Contextual Safeguarding (including Drugs)**

Analysis of the data shows that priorities are often inter-related and all partners will continue to develop and share priority data sets that will help to inform Community Safety, Early Help and Placed Based Approach action plans.

The Community Safety Strategic Assessment also recommended the following areas for ongoing consideration within the priority areas:-

- Repeat and Persistent Offending
- Modern Slavery
- Fire and Risk of Fire
- Business Crime
- Community Cohesion and Hate Crime
- Counter Terrorism/Prevent

There is a need for this plan to be a flexible and dynamic document. We will use real-time data to re-assess the proposed actions and complete the measures of success column, this will enable us to be focused on the most pressing issues and ensure we can set achievable targets that make the required impact. These will be set by partners forming specific working groups and producing tactical plans to agree the way forward.

#### **4.1 Anti Social Behaviour <sup>1</sup>**

- Develop a range of demand lead partner intelligence meetings and information sharing
- Provide consistent multi-agency approach to the identification and support of vulnerable and repeat victims of crime and ASB
- Promote, arrange and support positive diversionary activity for young people
- Take a partnership approach to the use of appropriate enforcement powers
- Support and develop partnership targeted seasonal education and awareness campaigns
- Continue to support primary and secondary school education initiatives locally and countywide
- Promote volunteering in community projects
- Engage fully in county wide strategies, policies and working groups enabling better outcomes for the communities of Tamworth
- Support initiatives to tackle school absence and ASB

#### **4.2 Domestic Abuse and Stalking & Harassment**

- Support and develop partnership targeted education and awareness campaigns
- Support voluntary and other groups through identified commissioning and funding opportunities (to include COVID-19 recovery)
- Support and develop the local MARAC process to reduce risk for victims and families
- Continue to support primary and secondary school education initiatives locally and countywide around healthy relationships
- Engage fully in county wide strategies, policies and working groups enabling better outcomes for the communities of Tamworth
- Support the County wide commissioning for Domestic Abuse Services

#### **4.3 Burglaries (Car Key)**

- Support and develop partnership targeted education, awareness and crime reduction campaigns
- Work in partnership to identify perpetrators and disrupt activity

#### **4.4 County Lines**

- Support and develop partnership targeted education, awareness and crime reduction campaigns
- Develop support in partnership for vulnerable young people through schools and colleges
- Develop links and projects with the Youth Offending services to identify young people at risk of criminal exploitation
- Support as appropriate links to Vulnerable Adolescent Multi Agency Partnership (VAMAP)

#### **4.5 Public Place Violence (including Knife Crime)**

- Promote and engage communities to report crime issues of concern via all appropriate channels
- Support and develop partnership targeted education, awareness and crime reduction campaigns
- Provide consistent multi-agency approach to the identification and support of vulnerable and repeat victims of crime and ASB

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<sup>1</sup> People, Nuisance, Environmental

- Engage fully in county wide strategies, policies and working groups enabling better outcomes for the communities of Tamworth
- Reduced placement of vulnerable people into sensitive locations through development of the Tamworth Vulnerability Partnership
- Develop appropriate diversionary activity for young and first time offenders

#### 4.6 Vulnerable Persons and Contextual Safeguarding (including Drugs)

- Use a partnership approach to ensure vulnerable children, families and adults are identified at the earliest opportunity
- Commission targeted and relevant voluntary/third sector services based on demand led initiatives
- Support and engage with the the Staffordshire Building Resilient Families and Communities (BRFC/Troubled Families) Outcomes Plan in Tamworth around priority areas for children and families
- Support and develop a partnership approach to countywide and national strategies around vulnerable people (to include PREVENT, Modern Day Slavery, Child Sexual Exploitation and Hate Crime)
- Promote and develop links with relevant preventative and treatment providers
- Support and assist voluntary and other community groups to identify commissioning and funding opportunities to develop resilient communities

## 5. Links to other strategies

[Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent Domestic Abuse Strategy 2017-20](#)

[Police and Crime Plan](#)

[Staffordshire Managing Offenders 2018-21](#)

[Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Plan](#)

[Staffordshire Families Strategic Partnership 2018-2028](#)

## 6. Underlying Principles

These five identified priorities will have a number of underlying principles to ensure that we embed our approach to delivery of the strategy.:

- Prevention wherever possible
- Early intervention
- Targeting prolific offenders
- Targeting resources to hotspot areas
- Supporting victims
- Increasing public confidence

Through early intervention the CSP will prevent issues escalating, reducing harm to individuals and ensuring that they receive help and support as early as possible.

It is also important to recognise the theme of serious and organised criminality that runs through all these priorities, as well as the work that has been and will continue to be done to develop the partnership response to this.

## **7. How we will deliver**

**In order to measure success, the CSP will develop operational plans and performance indicators for each priority and monitor on a regular basis. Priority leads will report on progress to the Tamworth Strategic Partnership and publicly through the Council's Infrastructure Safety and Growth Scrutiny Committee.**

The strategy is refreshed annually through reviewing information set out in the Community Safety Strategic Assessment which ensures that current issues are taken into account and used to direct the CSP's strategy and actions to ensure that it remains current and reactive to emerging threats.

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