



# Tamworth Community Safety Partnership Plan 2020-2023

**Update 2022**

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the Tamworth Community Safety Partnership Strategy 2020 – 2023 (**2022 Refresh**). 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

**This plan is the annual update 2022 recognising the significant impact on our communities of the COVID-19 pandemic.**

## 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.

With the continuation of the impact of the Covid pandemic, the data in the 2022 annual Community Safety Strategic Assessment refresh report is irregular, and that observations and analysis should be considered in the context of the coronavirus pandemic and its impact on day-to-day life. Restrictions imposed as part of the government approach to controlling the Coronavirus pandemic have resulted in significant reductions in recorded crime and disorder from mid-March 2020 onwards

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, victim and offender characteristics as well as approaches to partnership working.

The priorities are 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
- Southeast 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 many 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 in 2021

#### 3.1. Anti-Social Behaviour

- Summer holiday positive diversionary activities (Covid restricted) delivered 14,000 hours of activities through the Staffordshire Commissioners Office Space summer activity diversionary and the Holiday Activities Food Fund.
- Contribution to diversionary activity in Easter and Half terms through Locality Deal Funding
- Support of the Holiday and Food Activity Fund
- Expansion of the use of the Noise App for reporting of neighbour noise concerns
- Councillor funding for improving estates to combat ASB in conjunction with the Street Scenes department and activities held in conjunction with the commonwealth games.
- Customer satisfaction with the Council ASB response is 68%
- Work in town centre to address aggressive begging using ASB tools available for those identified not to be homeless or rough sleeping
- Majority of complaints resolved by low level interventions – top issues noise, pets and gardens
- The Staffordshire Commissioners Officer for Police Fire and Crime has provided further money specifically for use towards curbing ASB.
- Addition of agenda item onto the Tamworth Vulnerability Partnership meeting of youth ASB to discuss individuals. Since the introduction in September, 8 cases of Youth ASB have been discussed at the weekly meeting

#### Lead Partners: Tamworth Borough Council/Staffordshire Police

**Direction of travel:**

**Reduction (-19%) in Reported ASB to the Tamworth Policing Team over 12 months ending Dec 2021. Reports to the Council remain consistent with small rise in noise complaints. (Covid related)**

**Points of Note;**

<b>1 injunction awarded at court</b>	<b>1 successful prosecution</b>
<b>2 outright possession orders awarded at court</b>	<b>3 FPNs issued</b>
<b>43 First stage letters</b>	<b>2 Good Neighbour Agreement / ABC</b>
<b>1 Antisocial Behaviour Contract</b>	<b>11 Community Protection Notice</b>
<b>70 Community Protection Notice Warning</b>	

### 3.2. Burglaries (Car Key)

- Ongoing Police partnership work across forces with significant arrests and progress made
- There will be an increased use of Smart Alert, media to inform the public of trends, hotspots and crime prevention advice.

#### Lead Partners: Staffordshire Police

##### Direction of travel:

Reduction (-32%) in residential burglaries, includes car key, from 152 offences to 103, the trend is much lower than in previous years.

### 3.3. County Lines

- The Sapling Project continues to support young people 7-12 years at risk of exclusion
- Multi Agency Child Exploitation (MACE) panels established with Staffs CC
- Organised crime groups are identified and mapped to use intelligence for disruption.
- Police Actions to identify risk areas and young people through the Inspire to Change programme ongoing actions as part of patrol strategies.
- Providing support for the substance misusers would reduce the requirement for supply and therefore reduce the need for suppliers and in turn Organised Crime Groups. With the use of media campaigns, charities and education in school, messages to parents to reduce.
- Housing are proactive with housing issues through Cuckooing using injunctions and repossessions.
- Awareness and intervention through the SCO commissioned contract with Catch-22

#### Lead Partner: Staffordshire Police

##### Direction of travel:

The amount of County lines that are currently running has reduced and there has been some significant targeting for this type of offending. In the last 6 Months over 250 wraps of class A drugs, 200g Cocaine, £7000 cash and further illegal substances worth over £5000 have been recovered. There are numerous ongoing investigations and custodial sentences totalling over 10 years have been brought down on offenders.

Saplings in Tamworth is working with 75 individuals and families; The criterias met within this whole number is:

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|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| • Children in Need of Help | • Domestic Violence and Abuse |
| • Health and Wellbeing     | • Missing School              |
| • Financial Exclusion      | • Missing person              |

### 3.4. Domestic Abuse, Stalking and Harassment

- Ongoing development of the Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) meetings reducing risk of domestic homicide and protecting the most vulnerable. Multi Agency Tasking and Coordination (MATAC) for offenders is being introduced.
- Continued work with NEW ERA for Independent Domestic Violence Advisors and Early Intervention Services county wide (funded through the Staffordshire Commissioner and Staffordshire County Council)
- Working in partnership to ensure safe accommodation in Tamworth and Lichfield using the secured funding to ensure compliance under the provisions of the forthcoming Domestic Abuse Act.
- Money allocated from the Safer Accommodation initiative was used to assist the Pathway refuge with complex needs in the Tamworth refuge.
- Ongoing Police work to ensure service of Domestic Violence Prevention Notices for perpetrators and ensure safeguarding of victims.
- Promotion of the use of Clare's Law.

- Use of SPO (Stalking Protection Orders) – DVPO (Domestic Violence Prevention Order) and DVPW (Domestic Violence Protection Warning).
- Promotion and support for domestic abuse campaigns with partners, such as the 16 days of awareness and the White Ribbon Campaign from 25<sup>th</sup> November.
- Working to obtain the White Ribbon accreditation in organisations.
- Violence against women and Girls work and safer street projects.

**Lead Partner: Staffordshire Police / Tamworth Borough Council**

**Direction of Travel;**

**Reported domestic abuse is down by 14% in the last 12 months from 2058 to 1779 reports. Positive outcomes for these offences have risen from 13% to 19% in the year also.**

**Stalking offences have increased by 32% from 145 reports to 191. Positive outcomes for these offences have risen from 11% to 18% in the year also.**

### 3.5. Violence – Public Place

- Ongoing development of Tamworth Borough Council CCTV under shared agreement with West Midlands Combined Authority
- Ongoing work to identify drug activity and offenders with significant progress made
- Following the opening of establishments a closure order has been placed on one licensed property
- Work with Partners Against Business Crime in Staffordshire (PABCIS) to promote the Pubwatch scheme and radio communication
- Police radio link to WMCA CCTV
- Training and development of CCTV staff with visits from Tamworth Police
- On-site view system for Tamworth Police to CCTV and direct ability to down load evidence

**Lead Partner: Staffordshire Police**

**Direction of travel:**

**Reduced (-48%) due to the Covid Pandemic (344 incidents down from 656)  
All Crime – reduction by 22% to February 2021**

### 3.6. Vulnerable Persons and Contextual Safeguarding (inc Drugs)

- Ongoing development of Tamworth daily vulnerability and weekly vulnerability multi- agency partnership meetings to co-ordinate approach and problem solving for identified vulnerable people. Addition of Youth ASB to focus on individuals with diversionary activities and support.
- Focus on misuse of substances with young people, sending letters to parents.
- Continued development of the Tamworth COvid-19 Partnership group to respond to the pandemic supported by all partners.
- Befriending service continued for vulnerable people in Tamworth in partnership with Community Together CIC.
- Support for our most vulnerable tenants during the pandemic.
- Work with Heart of Tamworth ongoing to deliver support through the Rough Sleeper Initiative
- Outreach officer works with Wardens and Police
- Neighbourhood coach and mental health support for vulnerable, complex cases at risk of homelessness and rough sleeping
- Continued work with Manna House Food Bank.
- Retention of Dementia Friendly Community Status and awareness training.
- Delivery of £9000 worth of Councillor Community grants in Tamworth for a range of projects.
- Ongoing support for the Tamworth Advice Centre generalist advice and debt service who

- moved support on-line
- Commissioning of Communities Against Crimes of Hate and then USAH (Uniting Staffordshire against Hate Crime) to support people affected by hate crime.
- Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service Safe and Well Checks on vulnerable people continued (where Covid guidelines permitted)
- Establishing the Suicide Interruption Partnership Group
- A grant was agreed for the Samaritans to continue their Outreach work within the Tamworth area.
- Ongoing Fraud Intervention and sharing on social media and Smart Alert of Scam awareness.

**Lead Partners: Tamworth Borough Council**

**Direction of Travel;**

The Tamworth Vulnerability Partnership received referrals for 72 cases for 2021/22, 6 of these being repeats. Initial reason for referral are broken down to;

12 ASB, with 2 community trigger	8 Youth ASB
9 Housing issues	2 Hoarding
31 welfare / mental health	6 vulnerable adult
1 hate crime	1 Domestic Abuse

Rough Sleeper annual count recorded figure of 1 person as at 1 October 2021

The partnership that has also promoted Tamworth as a Dementia Friendly Community with a further 5622 dementia friends enrolled.

Issuing Councillor Grants of £2400, £3850 in Festive Grants, £4992.47 in community grants for local community projects and charities.

## 4. PRIORITIES 2020-23

### UPDATE 2022

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

- Community Safety Strategic Assessment 2020
- Staffordshire County Council Early Help Strategy
- Staffordshire Commissioner’s Office Safer Fairer United Communities 2017-20
- Staffordshire County Council Community Safety Agreement

Each priority has equal importance to the Partnership and 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 2022/23 is £61,394 per year to support the CS plan.**

This allocation of will be made available to CSPs throughout the current Commissioners term (3

years), reliant on the CSPs providing assurance over their capacity to manage the funding, submitting an outline spend to the PFCC at the beginning of each financial year for sign off and a brief evaluation report at the end of each financial year.

The funding is given:-

- to support the development / commissioning of discreet schemes to address local priorities, as highlighted in the strategic assessment (using an updated agreed formula); and
- to support the development / commissioning of joint initiatives to address shared priorities where this is appropriate / advantageous, as identified via the strategic assessment and the Strategic Community Safety Forum;

In addition £100,000 is made available to CSPs in 2022/23 to support more dynamic, local problem solving (of antisocial behaviour (ASB) issues in year 1), with projects identified and agreed through local tasking processes - each CSP to receive £10,000.

The Partnerships Co-ordination Group will be responsible for monitoring spend of the Locality Deal Fund, the emerging issues and the delivery of actions. We will meet on a quarterly basis. 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.

The Tamworth Borough Council Chief Executive Officer will act as Chair of the Community Safety Partnership and the Infrastructure Safety and Growth Scrutiny Committee will oversee scrutiny of the plan.

### **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. (To be updated in 2023)

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 Borough Council has established a programme of Citizens engagement in February 2021**



Agreed priorities (listed alphabetically):-

## Tamworth Community Safety Partnership Priorities 2022

**Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)**  
**Car Key Burglary and Vehicle Theft**  
**Community Cohesion and Tackling Extremism (NEW)**  
**County Lines**  
**Domestic Abuse and Stalking & Harassment**  
**Public Place and Serious Violence (including Knife Crime)**  
**Vulnerable Persons and Contextual Safeguarding (including Drugs, Alcohol and Mental Health)**

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

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>

- Provide consistent multi-agency approach to the identification and support of vulnerable and repeat victims of 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
- 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 Car Burglary and Vehicle Theft

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

### 4.3 Community Cohesion and Tackling Extremism<sup>2</sup>

- Engage fully in development of county wide strategies and policies

- Promote awareness of hate crime
- Support voluntary and other community groups responding to Covid recovery
- Continue to respond to community issues promoting or condoning any extremist ideology<sup>3</sup>

#### **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 County wide services to identify young people at risk of criminal exploitation

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

- Support and develop partnership targeted education and awareness campaigns
- Support commissioned Domestic Abuse support services and identify additional funding opportunities (to include COVID-19 recovery) where appropriate
- Support and develop the local MARAC process to reduce risk for victims and families
- Engage fully in county wide strategies, policies and working groups enabling better outcomes for the communities of Tamworth (with due regard to Domestic Abuse bill 2020)

#### **4.6 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
- 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

#### **4.7 Vulnerable Persons and Contextual Safeguarding (including Drugs, Alcohol and Mental Health)**

- Use a partnership approach to ensure vulnerable children, families and adults are identified at the earliest opportunity
- Support and engage with the Staffordshire Building Resilient Families and Communities (BRFC/Troubled Families) Outcomes Planning Tamworth around priority areas for children and families
- Support and develop a partnership approach to countywide and national strategies around vulnerable people, mental health and contextual safeguarding
- 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 (including Covid-19 recovery)

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

<sup>2</sup> Priority moved up from Additional Challenge to become strategic priority

<sup>3</sup> Includes right wing and islamophobic ideology

## 5. Links to other strategies

[Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent Domestic Abuse Strategy 2021-24](#)

[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 Partnership Coordination Group 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.