



## CHARNWOOD COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP REPORT

ITEM 6

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<b>Subject Title</b>	Priority 1: Safeguarding Communities from Abuse and Violent offences				
<b>Summary</b> <i>(Purpose, background &amp; context for the report update)</i>	This report represents a review of performance over quarter 2 during the 2024/25 Periods against the objectives set under CSP Strategic Priority 1: Safeguarding Communities from Abuse and Serious Violence.				
<b>Recommendations</b> <i>(Any recommendations for the CSP to consider)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue to complete performance data analysis from Partnership Strategic Assessment and ASB Case Reviews to influence 2025/26 delivery i.e. what worked well and what we should do more of</li> <li>• Implement and share learning from the findings of any DHR's where necessary</li> <li>• To review and implement the delivery plan for this priority to ensure that key actions progress is tracked and evidenced accordingly.</li> <li>• To continue to use the VCCU hotspot data to identify key locations particularly around serious violent</li> </ul>				
<b>Performance Data</b> <i>(Insert any relevant performance data)</i>	<p>The information gathered and summarised in this report captures the work carried out by the partnership towards the strategic objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Raise awareness of Domestic Abuse, Sexual Abuse and the support services available in Charnwood</li> <li>• Deliver a year-on-year reduction in the number of Violence with Injury crimes recorded <i>I have been able to analysis the date over Q1 &amp; Q2 compared with the same period last year and violent with injury offences have reduced by 8.8% compared with the same period last year.</i></li> <li>• Deliver a year-on-year reduction in the number of Domestic Violence recorded <i>I have been able to analysis the date over Q1 &amp; Q2 compared with the same period last year and Domestic abuse offences have reduced by 6.4% compared with the same period last year.</i></li> <li>• Increase victims' confidence in reporting their experience and satisfaction with the response they receive</li> </ul>				

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Achieve a Reduction in Night-Time Economy related Violence Offences (baseline 2022/23 reported offences) <i>Awaiting specific data on this from the VCCU</i></li> <li>• Raise awareness of the consequences of Knife Crime within educational establishments in Charnwood – with a specific focus on individuals aged 25 years old and younger <i>Detailed within SP2.</i></li> <li>• Achieve a year on year reduction of the number of Young People engaged with knife Crime diversionary activities <i>Detailed within SP2.</i></li> </ul>
<p><b>Priority 1 – Safeguarding communities from abuse and violent offences</b></p>	
<p><b>Update/s - including specific work, initiatives, projects etc. that contribute to priority 1</b></p>	<p><b><u>Summary – Quarter 2</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Following the review and sharing of the Town centre night time economy (NTE) strategy Op Vigilant training was promised to be delivered to key partners within Q2, this has now been completed with officers from charnwood borough council CCTV and community safety team being trained in September 2024. There is still the intention to deliver this training wider to door supervisors within the town later this year.</li> <li>• The VCCU Hotspot policing project is underway with dedicated officers within the NTE police deployment being dedicated to patrol this key location. Leicestershire Police have led a media and comms campaign “You’re right, that’s wrong” including press releases, social media initiatives and leaflet circulations have been deployed to raise awareness in the town centre of Loughborough, encourage reporting and change attitudes. This has continued to be rolled out across social media and NTE premises, and will continue across into Q3 as we approach the festive period.</li> <li>• There has been a number of proactive operations and partnership work which has taken place within Q2. There is currently 8 section 8 warning notices which are in place, these are proactive warnings which are served on occupants on addresses when there is information to suggest that premises are being used in connection with the supply of controlled drugs. This warning then details the offences committed by the occupant if they knowingly allow their premises to be used in this way.</li> </ul>

- Within Q2 we have had 9 closure orders which have been in place, this is where a closure order is served at an address where either a partial closure order will be sought to allow the occupant to still remain within the premises or a full closure order were the premises will be fully closed and no one will be allowed to stay in the property. Closure orders are generally sought when an address is causing a considerable concern and attracting serious Anti social behaviour relating to drugs use and drugs supply and often serious violence is associated with addresses which are being used in this way.
- Leicestershire Police continue to hold a weekly threat meetings which discuss current cross cutting themes and highlight any trends in crime or Occurrences. This includes service to women and girls (VAWG) and Vulnerable victims.
- A bi-weekly multi agency meeting is now in place to discuss those who are causing most harm.
- Joint working takes place between CSP agencies to ensure any required safeguarding and risk management tasks are completed and civil enforcement options are explored during various meetings held under the CSP.

**A year-on-year reduction in the number of Domestic Violence with Injury crimes recorded**

The data set for a year on year reduction can be obtained from the PSA document

**A year-on-year reduction in the number of Serious Violence Offences reported (baseline 2022/23 reported offences)**

To support this objective, the CSP continued the development of the Joint Action Group, Adults at Risk Group and the Youth Joint Action Group to enable early identification of Adults and Young People at risk of harm and abuse.

The AARG and YJAG now use the 5x5 risk assessment processes to strengthen risk assessment and planned interventions to support the highest risk adults at risk and young people in Charnwood. Both meetings are well attended and supported by partners. The AARG has seen a reduction in high risk cases though it remains a high risk focused meeting. The most prominent issues have followed suit of Quarter 1 and appear to be cuckooing cases and mental health cases.

The YJAG has continued with a small number of high risk cases, enabling greater focus on wider issues, hotspot location identification, lower risk case oversight and earlier intervention. The Chair of the YJAG has is reviewing the referral process and how to increase the number of referrals and full details will be contained within the SP2 update.

An examination of the crime data clearly illustrates that there are four key locations in relation to volume of crime in Charnwood:

- Loughborough Central: Police Beat NL62
- Loughborough East: Police Beat NL65
- Charnwood East: Police Beat NL61
- Charnwood West:- Police Beat NL64
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Updates on the ongoing work and links into the CSP groups have been detailed within previous SP1 updates but it is important to recognise that these 4 areas still remain as the key locations.

**Increase victims’ confidence in reporting their experience and satisfaction with the response they receive**

The CSP Strategic Plan 2023-26 stated that there would be effective communications strategies for abuse and serious violence.

ASB Case Reviews may indicate levels of customer satisfaction. During quarter 2 there have been 4 ASB Case Reviews, these have technically been 2 ASB case reviews due to both reviews having 2 victims who have triggered so this officially counts as 4. These are both nearly the end of the review so a further update will be able to be provided at the next CSP. This is still significantly lower than in previous years as to date last year we had received 6 and within the 2021/2022 year when 15 were received.

For 2024/2025, a comms and engagement strategy will be written and implemented by the CSP Vice Chair. This is to increase confidence and allows for further communication with the CSP. Currently CBC and Charnwood Police use social media platforms to post content, often with specific themes linking to Safeguarding/VAWG.

**Support Victims and survivors of Abuse and violence to cope and recover.**

The CSP supports agencies who can offer abuse victims such as, and funding has been made available through the CSP to many of these projects.

- LWA charity
- The Bridge housing services.
- UAVA
- FREEVA
- Project 360
- Love4Life
- Outreach support (through the Falcon Centre)
- DA helpline
- Adult social care

Victim first  
Victim support  
Child line  
NSPCC  
Samaritans  
Revenge porn helpline

Charnwood Police support Domestic Abuse victims through investigations and will support in the applications of DVDS (Claire's Law).  
The Domestic Abuse Resolution Team (DART)

The CSP have agreed to support a Domestic abuse link worker who can act as a support network and advisor to the DA victim who may need support. This allows for a consistent risk assessment and wraparound case work support by a suitably qualified professional. However, this position has not been filled at this time.

**Deliver a year on year reduction in serious violent offences.**

The data on the number of young persons engaged in diversionary activity can be obtained from the PSA document

**Achieve a reduction in Night-Time Economy related Violence Offences**

The CSP ensures that there is a robust Night-Time Economy plan in place to tackle alcohol fuelled violent offences. Loughborough town centre has a night-time economy, however with the recent closure of a prominent late night establishment and the current financial climate the NTE is perhaps as vibrant as it has historically been. However, as with all night-time economies, there are real challenges in terms of alcohol fuelled disorder and violent offences. Moreover, as a university town, the populous has an annual increase of 19,000 students throughout the academic year.

Historical work highlights that after the breakdown on what are the key findings on our serious violence profile, it shows that 24% of public place serious violence in Charnwood was committed in the NTE with increases seen at the weekends between the hours of 2200-0400. This has resulted in the VCCU highlighting the hotspot area within the town centre at these key days and times.

NTE within Charnwood will remain a priority and has its own standing agenda on the LCDG which is a monthly meeting with reps from the BID, council, Police and partner agencies. Emerging trends, hot spot areas and repeat offenders are discussed and plans put in place from this meeting if appropriate/required. This meeting then feeds into the JAG should there be anything which they feel needs raising.

A monthly multiagency Night-Time Economy meeting is chaired by the Leicestershire Police Licensing officer. This group collates and reviews incidents and offences reported in or near to licensed premises. Any licensed premises that are raised, highlighted or identified as an emerging risk, a meeting is convened with the Designated Licence Holder and an action plan implemented to reduce both the risk and the number of violent offences being committed at or near to that premises.

During quarter 2, two licensed premises have been highlighted as having repeat incidents reported at the locations, the licensing officer and town centre beat sergeant has met with them, both premises have engaged well and since there has been further reported issues, but this will continue to be monitored on a weekly basis.

The Community Safety Partnership has had a Public Space Protection Order in place since October 2017. This civil order operates within a designated zone in Loughborough Town Centre and the NL62 beat encompassing part of the student residential area. Whilst the PSPO does not create an alcohol-free zone, it offers the partnership powers to curb the behaviour of individuals consuming alcohol who are believed to be engaging in, or likely to engage in anti-social behaviour. During this period the CSP have successfully applied for an extension to the PSPO to cover the Sparrow hill area just on the fringe of the town centre where there has been an increase in alcohol related incidents and the location of one of the ASB case reviews.

The CSP continues to support Operation Lexical in support of our University Town. This operation is focused upon tackling crimes and anti-social behaviour in respect of students within Loughborough town centre and surrounding residential areas. Quarter 2 has covered Phase 1 of Op Lexical. During the 2024/2025 period there has been a noticeable decrease in reported ASB compared to the previous year. An aggravating factor in these offences is alcohol, which in many cases makes an individual vulnerable in terms of their personal safety. The partnership under the banner of Operation Lexical, continues to work closely with Loughborough University and the licensed premises in the area.

The partnership operates [Keep Safe Places](#) in Quorn, Birstall, Shepshed, Markfield, Syston and at three venues in Loughborough Town Centre including the Falcon Centre, John Storer House and Loughborough Library. These offer locations for members of the public to escape the threat of violence and access a range of support. The initiative is supported by a Keep Safe Card scheme, with cards available to members of the public from Charnwood Borough Council and Leicestershire Police.

**Raise awareness of the consequences of Knife Crime within educational establishments in Charnwood – with a specific focus on individuals aged 25 years old and younger**

Charnwood participates in the LLR-wide Operation Sceptre, a week of action to educate young persons about the dangers of knife crime and the consequences of carrying a knife – including prevention, protection and enforcement on offenders. The Last Op Sceptre took place in Quarter 1 and the next is due in 2024/2025 Quarter 3. During this operation Police officers and partnership agencies will carry out proactive patrols, engagement events, school education sessions, beat surgeries and visit Habitual Knife Carriers (HKC's) and any social media platforms will use the hashtags #WeDoNotCarry and #LivesNotKnives.

HKC's are a standing agenda within Charnwood Police weekly threat meeting, and each have a Police officer as a SPOC for the individual. The aim is to conduct visits to the HKC's and seek any opportunities using the "seven pathways" out of offending. The seven pathways out of offending has been designed to identify and offer relevant support to the subject as a way of education and

	<p>guidance away from offending or knife carrying. Guidance has been given to all HKC SPOCs in Charnwood and best practice around the force will be shared to continually improve our service.</p> <p>There is a knife amnesty bin that can be deployed at Police discretion, during quarter 2 this has been placed at the Police station front enquiry office but has previously been deployed at the Falcon Centre and other prominent places throughout previous Operation Sceptre weeks.</p> <p>School workshops on knife crime are available to all LLR schools and can be booked via the Police website.</p> <p>Local Delivery Partner, Go Getta, routinely carries out consequences of knife crime work with young people in Charnwood in group sessions, 1 to 1 case work and through its peer mentor programme.</p> <p><b>A year on year reduction of the number of Young People engaged with knife Crime diversionary activities</b></p> <p>The data on the number of young persons engaged in diversionary activity can be obtained from the PSA document.</p>
<p><b>Budget / Resource Implications</b></p>	<p>OPCC funding through the Partnership locality fund continues and the bids for the 2024/2025 underspend have recently been approved by the chair of the CSP and were sent to the OPCC for agreement which have just been approved.</p>
<p><b>Any key risks / issues</b></p>	<p>None identified at this time.</p>
<p><b>Planned activity in the next Quarter – include any specific work, initiatives, projects etc that will contribute to above CSP themes and priorities</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The new 2024/2025 strategic priority recommendations will continue to be progressed.</li> <li>• Continuation of delivery of local and national campaigns as previously mentioned, ie Op Sceptre, County lines intensification week, Robbery awareness week, Op Vigilant etc.</li> </ul>

<b>Any other update, developments, achievements, challenges / opportunities</b>	None Identified
<b>Gaps/Support Required</b>	None at this time.