



COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

29th September 2021

ITEM: 7a Delivery Group Updates: Strategic Group

Introduction:

This report will summarise the Partnership's current performance in respect of specific key strategic priorities that has significant importance to the Partnership, in terms of current Threat, Risk or Harm, whilst the JAG report will provide more detailed analysis of each of the CSP priorities as listed in the current CSP Plan.

Theme 1: Making Communities Safer:

Priority 1: To Reduce All Crime

Table 1 Quarter 1: Overview Crime Performance from the 1st April 2021 to 30th June 2021 compared to 1st April 2020 to 30th June 2020

Crime Type	Performance to Date	Total Crime as at 20 th June 2021	Total Crime as at 30 th June 2020	Difference	Family Group Position 30 th June 2021
All Crime	+21%	3474	2864	+610	11/15
Violence with Injury	+32%	450	342	+108	14/15
Burglary – Residential	-8%	100	109	-9	14/15
Burglary – Business	-36%	27	42	-15	8/15
Theft of Vehicles	-21%	50	63	-13	8/15
Theft from Vehicles	-53%	81	171	-90	9/15
Robbery	+91%	21	11	+10	9/15
Cycle Theft	+195%	124	42	+82	14/15
Shoplifting	+39%	199	143	+56	4/15

Table 1 illustrates the CSP's performance during Quarter 1 of 2021/22. We have seen significant increases of reported crime in 5 of the 9 domains that the CSP reports on and 'All Crime' is now at +21%.

It is appropriate to note that this data is comparing the CSP performance to a previous year when we operated during Covid restrictions and lockdown conditions. However, that said all our contrasting CSP's in our Most Similar Family Groups have operated under the same challenging conditions.

A review of our MSFG data shows that we are moving in the wrong direction in all crime domains apart from:

- Burglary Residential: 14/15 – static - 14/15 (May 2021)
- Theft of Vehicles: 8/15 – previously 9/15 (May 2021)
- Theft from Motor Vehicles: 9/15 – previously 12/15 (May 2021)

Detailed analysis of the crime patterns shows that the two locations contributing to the highest volume of crime in Charnwood are:

- Loughborough Central: +60% increase in crime
- Loughborough East: +30% increase in crime

Again, it is worthy of note that 2020/21 was an unusual year, due to the pandemic restrictions, however, crimes such as cycle theft and shoplifting were not subject to such restrictions. These two crime domains are key to Loughborough Central and during Quarter 1 2021/22 have contributed the following performance to our 'All Crime' increase:

- Cycle Theft: +195% increase
- Shoplifting: +39% increase

Noticeable in the reported data is the +183% increase in 'Possession With Intent To Supply Controlled Substance (PWITS)'. Charnwood faces a significant challenge in terms of tackling drugs and it remains a significant aggravating factor in the commissioning of criminal offences.

Moving forward, the Partnership under the CSP Review Action Plan needs a refocus in terms of both CSP Delivery Groups – LCDG/LEDG. The significant turnover in the Police Sergeant role at the NPA, highlights a training need for staff who have never previously worked in a CSP setting.

Finally, under the strategic theme of 'Making Communities Safer' there is also a need for partners to reengage with The Charnwood CSP Drugs Strategy. This strategy was adopted by the CSP in 2018 and has 3 key themes:

- Prevention & Early Intervention
- Building Recovery

- Safer & Stronger Communities

Given the ongoing drug related issues within Charnwood it is important that the Partnership has a robust plan in place to mitigate the risk to community safety.

Priority 2: Create safer town centres by reducing alcohol / substance misuse related violence, commercial crime and street related ASB

The Partnership is entering a key period in its performance year with the return of students for the new academic year. Operation Lexical is the CSP's control strategy for student related anti-social behaviour/crime and a multi phased plan is required (Lexical) to address the key issues that arise across the entire academic year. Phase 1 begins with the return of the 'Freshers' and there are activities planned to mitigate the risk and to make the town centre a safer place to visit and live. An internal CBC meeting is planned for 27th September 2021, to ensure all departments eg Waste Management, Private Sector Housing and Environmental Protection are all joined up in their response to Lexical.

The Student Street Support Scheme, is now overseen by the Security Team at the University, having previously been run under the banner of the Students Union. The scheme will operate on an intelligence led approach and the proposed deployment will be:

- Every Wednesday, Friday and Saturday evening during term times
- Every day during Freshers – 1st to 9th October 2021
- From 10pm to 2am
- 4 students patrolling in two pairs
- Routes agreed utilising data from weekly ASB partnership meeting

Term 1 – from Friday 1st October 2021 to Friday December 17th 2021

Term 2 – from Friday 11th February 2022 to Saturday 2nd April 2022

Term 3 – from Friday 6th May 2020 to Saturday 18th June 2022

It is noted that there has been a significant increase in student related ASB complaints in recent months and there is ongoing work that needs to be progressed to increase the Partnership's response to this emerging trend. This was corroborated by residents who attended the LCCLG (25th August 2021) who were vocal in respect of the issues affecting them, specifically at York Rd and the Kingfisher Estate.

A strategic meeting is to be held on 28th September 2021, for the CSP to review its current recording and case management of student ASB complaints.

As previously reported to the CSP meeting in May 2021, the Partnership continues to receive virtually no external complaints from local residents nor local businesses

in respect of begging within the town centre. Records show that there have been 4 external complaints of begging in the past 12 months.

However, the Partnership is aware that there have been increased sightings of begging in the town centre during Quarter 1 2020/21. However, Legal Services at Charnwood have advised, in keeping with recent legislation *Lăcătuș v Switzerland* (January 2021) that we should only take positive action, under the current Civil Injunction, if we receive external complaints and it can be evidenced that the beggar's behaviour was likely to cause harm if unchallenged. To continue to take positive planned action against the individuals begging in the town, without such external complaints, would be deemed to be neither proportionate nor necessary.

Theme 2: Protecting Vulnerable People

Priority 3: Protect the most vulnerable in our communities particularly High Risk, Previous and Repeat Victims of Crime and ASB

This priority is core business for the CSP and is a key feature of the Government's 'Beating Crime Plan'. As previously reported, there is ongoing work both locally and across LLR that will impact upon our response to this strategic objective.

Within Charnwood Borough Council there is currently an ASB review with two key workstreams:

- First contact – Case Recording
- Case Management

Central to these workgroups is the identification of repeat and vulnerable victims of ASB. The Community Triggers to date have shown that there has often been an inconsistent response to this critical area of business across the Partnership. The learning from the Triggers has been utilised to assist both workstreams ensuring there will be a greater emphasis on the early identification of repeat, vulnerable victims.

There is a third workstream that is currently reviewing the Charnwood CSP model and an Action Plan for this piece of work is attached to the main agenda of this CSP meeting. Moving forward, the Strategic Group will oversee key actions that are arising from this piece of work.

Moreover, the LLR Strategic Partnership Board (SPB) has also commissioned its own workstreams, having identified a number of vulnerabilities in respect of ASB case recording/management. This has resulted in the following pieces of work being undertaken:

1. A review of ASB Policies to establish both the agreed definition of ASB, with the intention of having a consistent LLR ASB Policy

2. The creation of a User Protocol for Sentinel – to ensure consistency across partners in terms of case recording/management
3. The development of a training package for Sentinel, which will include a practitioner's guide
4. Repeat Victim process – to incorporate an agreed definition of the term repeat victim and a consistent LLR response to such vulnerable individuals

I can also report that, with funding from all partners across LLR, the County Council have recruited a Sentinel ASB Project Officer. The successful candidate will take up this position on 4th October 2021 and will have a significant role to play in ensuring there is a consistent partnership approach to victims of ASB.

At the Strategic Group (14th September 2021) a proposal was submitted and discussed in respect of funding for a Serious Violence Community Outreach Project for young people. The aim of the project is to:

- 'provide young people involved in or at high risk of involvement in public place violence, with a high-quality and sustained mentoring relationship delivered by credible role models within the young person's local community'.

The CSP will be aware that Charnwood was identified as an area of risk of serious violence through the VRN's Strategic Needs Assessment. As such the CSP Strategic Group supported a proposal to contribute £10,000 of the Partnership Locality Fund (PLF) to assist with the implementation of this outreach project.

The Project is being jointly commissioned by Leicester City Council (LCC), The Violence Reduction Network (VRN) and the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC). Charnwood CSP's contribution will be a one of commitment from the 2021/22 PLF budget.

Theme 3: Increasing Community Confidence, Engagement & Cohesion **Priority 5: To reduce the level of fear of crime and ASB**

Since the CSP meeting in May 2021, the OPCC has announced that they will no longer be continuing with the planned £50,000 funding for the Bell Foundry People Zone agreed with the previous PCC.

Loughborough East remains is a key location for the CSP and the Partnership will continue to deliver an integrated neighbourhood management model incorporating the Bell Foundry People Zone with the Warwick Way/Dishley Estate.

In keeping with the theme of Community Confidence, the CSP has received an additional 5 Community Trigger activations during the current performance year 2021/22 and has undertaken 1 full Community Trigger appeal.

In keeping with section 104 of the 'ASB, Crime & Policing Act 2014', all 5 activations were assessed against the LLR threshold and all progressed to a full Trigger

Review. All 5 cases have resulted in Action Plans being created for the relevant agencies involved.

Trigger activations have been received from the following locations:

- 2 X Triggers related to a location in Barrow upon Soar
- 2 X Triggers related to a location in Shelthorpe
- 1 X Trigger related to a location in Birtsall.

The recent Triggers brings the total received by the CSP to 24. As reported at the CSP in May 2021, there are repeating patterns in respect of all Trigger activations. Each demonstrates the importance of effective partnership working and collaborative action, all of which in these cases appear to have happened too late to prevent a Trigger activation.

Moving forward, the CBC internal ASB review teams are currently taking the learning from the Triggers and utilising them to shape the proposed procedures for the recording and case management of ASB victims. Moreover, given the detailed knowledge Charnwood has of managing Community Triggers, we have played a significant role in shaping the new LLR Community Trigger Policy. This document is far more detailed than the previous policy and has newly written robust appeal process built into it. This draft policy is due to be circulated across all CSPs week commencing 27th September 2021, before seeking final sign off by the LLR Strategic ASB meeting on 4th November 2021.

However, the statutory ASB guidance published by the Home Office (January 2021) is very clear in its directive that:

“Local agencies also need to consider how victims are best supported and should ensure that victims are aware of their right to the Community Trigger case review, if they meet the locally defined threshold”.

There is every likelihood that the number of Community Triggers will increase and given the significant amount of time each review takes, and the new timescales written into the LLR policy, the CSP will need to build additional resilience into its current structure, as currently only the Community Safety Manger undertakes the Community Trigger reviews on behalf of the Partnership.

Funding

The Strategic Group continues to oversee the spending of the Partnership Locality Fund (PLF). The 2021/22 spending profile is presented at *Appendix A* of this report. It is noted that there was no opportunity for the commissioning of services during Quarter 1 due to the delay by the OPCC in delivering this years PLF contract.

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Appendix A

2021/22 Proposed PLF Spending profile

Charnwood Community Safety Partnership will have access to funding from various sources. This will be managed on behalf of the partnership by the Community Safety Manager at Charnwood Borough Council and overseen by the Charnwood Community Safety Partnership.

The funds proposed to be received by the CSP are:
Police and Crime Commissioner PLF - £75,500 (£55251 +£20249 Underspend)

Description	Amount Allocated 2021/22	Amount Spent	Amount Committed	Amount Remaining
To address transient student related ASB	£10,000	0	0	£10,000
Mediation	£5,000	£630	0	£4,370
Street Pastors	£3000	0		£3000
Targeted multiagency preventative action to reduce SAQ offences within the Priority Neighbourhood – Loughborough Central (N62)	£2,000	0	0	£2,000
Targeted multiagency preventative action to reduce SAQ offences within the Priority Neighbourhood – Loughborough East (N65)	£2000	0	0	£2,000
Prevention Campaign Materials/ and Domestic Burglary Packs	£8,000	0	0	£8,000
Student Crime Awareness	£2,000	0	0	£2,000
Substance Misuse Project	£12,000	0	0	£12,000
Mobile CCTV Camera fund	£3,000	0	0	£3,000
Domestic Abuse Services	£10,000	£2,500	£7,500	£0
Cycle Theft	£1000	0	0	£1000
Youth Violence Projects - VRN Project	£10,000	0	£10,000	£0
Charnwood Watch	£4,500	0		£4,500
Contingency	£3,000	0		£3000
Total	£75,500.00	£3,130.00	£17,500.00	£54,870.00



PCC CI001 – Youth Prevention and Diversion – 2021/22

The Office of Police and Crime Commissioner has made £15,956.25 CI001 funding to Charnwood in 2020/21.

Fund criteria:

CI001 Youth Prevention and Diversion funding is for use with the following groups:

- a) Young people identified as being high-risk first-time entrants to the Criminal Justice System
- b) Repeat offenders (primarily those already working with Youth Offending Service). In 2015/16 these were defined in the PCC monitoring requirements as 'Deter Young Offenders'. (The Youth Justice Board define Deter Young Offenders (DYO) as being those that are likely to cause the most harm to communities and pose a high risk of reoffending).

Initiative Description	Funding Received	Amount Allocated	Update
PCC CI001 – Youth Prevention and Diversion	£15,956.25		
Parent and Young People Support Programme		£4,644	This was used last year to fund virtual programmes delivered in collaboration with Fun & Families, LIP and Melton Behaviour Partnership. Now pupils are back in schools there are opportunities to deliver programmes face to face again which should be more effective however, LIP has just gone through a major re-structure and key personnel have left. C,F & Partnerships Manager needs to meet with new professionals at LIP, MBP and F&F to establish how we might target work to improve outcomes for young people at risk of being drawn into ASB etc.
Youth Engagement and Outreach in Hotspot Locations	Q1 awaiting payment £1862	£6,872	Q1 invoice received. Youth Engagement Mentoring Staffing £19.00 x 70hours = 1330.00 Ashby Road Detached Staffing £19.00 x 2hrs x 2 staff x 14 weeks = £532.00



Anstey Active Youth Engagement sport sessions	Q1 awaiting payment £532	£2,240	Q1 invoice received. Anstey Detached Staffing £19.00 x 2hrs x 2 staff x 14 weeks = £532.00
YOS Spot Purchasing		£500	No claims to date. C,F & Partnerships Manager has reminded YOS that the funding is available.
Contingence Fund		£1700	
Total		£15,956.00	