



Oxford Safer Communities Partnership

Rolling Plan 2016-17

THE OXFORD SAFER COMMUNITIES PARTNERSHIP

Welcome to Oxford Safer Communities Partnership's (OSCP's) annual Rolling Plan for 2016-17. The plan describes the partnership's community safety priorities and its achievements in 2015-16.

OSCP was established in 1998 with the introduction of the Crime and Disorder Act making statutory authorities responsible in tackling crime and disorder. Oxford's Community Safety Partnership comprises of representatives from the Oxford Local Police Area, Oxford City Council, Oxfordshire County Council, the National Probation Service, Thames Valley Community Rehabilitation Company, the Clinical Commissioning Group, Oxford University Hospital Trust and Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Service.

The partnership works together to address local community safety priorities and represents Oxford's "Safer Communities" priority on the delivery arm of the Oxford Strategic Partnership. As Chair of OSCP, I also represent Oxford within the County Safeguarding Boards for vulnerable people.

The partnership also works closely with the office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, ensuring there is a close connection between its work and the local policing priorities.

Our challenges will continue to centre upon the impact of service reductions for the vulnerable and neediest; in particular addressing the needs of vulnerable adults and housing shortages.

Priorities for the Year Ahead: 2016-17

Oxfordshire's Community Safety Strategic Assessment 2016 identified the following community safety issues as priorities for Oxford:

- Violent crime
- Anti-social behaviour
- Organised crime
- Preventing extremism
- Violence against Women and Girls

These priorities will be tackled through six strategic work areas:

- Problem-solving community safety concerns at a neighbourhood level.
- Local implementation of the Government's Violence against Women and Girls Strategy.
- Developing our safeguarding approach to all forms of extremism.
- Local action to tackle organised criminal gangs.
- Understand roles and responsibilities to improve our response to exploitation and safeguard vulnerable people in a community safety context.
- Understanding and engaging with our communities to reduce community safety risks and reduce demand.

During 2015-16 we responded to many challenges in a robust and coordinated way. I hope this plan demonstrates how, by working closely together, partners in Oxford are striving to make the city a safe and vibrant city for all to enjoy.



Tim Sadler
Director of Community Services, Oxford City Council



OUR ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2015-16

In 2015-16, we made significant progress against our community safety priorities. These achievements are set out below by working with our communities, supporting victims and challenging offending.

SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITIES

In 2015-16 key achievements included:

- Issuing 154 Community Protection Warning Notices and 39 Community Protection Notices to tackle low level anti-social behaviour and environmental crime. Introduced within the Anti-Social Behaviour and Environmental Crime, Crime and Policing Act 2014, these warning notices and notices have proved very successful. Failure to comply with the notices could result in a fine being issued or being prosecuted at Magistrates Court. One fine has been issued and one successful Court prosecution.
- Oxford City Council's Anti-Social Behaviour Investigation Team successfully ran a conference for practitioners working in the anti-social behaviour environment. Over a 100 practitioners from around the Country attended the conference. Participants discussed best practice and new legislation within the remit of anti-social behaviour.
- Thirteen officers from Oxford City Council's Anti-Social Behaviour Service received Restorative Justice accreditation to level 2. Restorative Justice is one of many tools to tackle anti-social behaviour that supports a positive resolutions.
- The delivery of four anti-social behaviour Appreciative Inquiries on key topics affecting our community. Developed by Oxford City Council's Anti-Social Behaviour Service, topics included graffiti, busking and youth disengagement. All these events are supported by staff from Oxford City Council and Thames Valley Police.
- All new taxi licences and alcohol licensed holders to have receive safeguarding and awareness training. Supporting this training, a leaflet was produced under the national programme, "Say Something if you See Something". This scheme is now being rolled out across Oxfordshire.
- The increase our CCTV coverage in Oxford with the installation of additional CCTV cameras in the city centre, bringing the total of 41 cameras.
- Delivery on the Government's National Prevent Strategy to increase confidence within our communities by focusing on reducing threats, risks and vulnerabilities posed by domestic extremists such as the far right, far left and extreme animal right groups.

SUPPORTING VICTIMS OF CRIME AND ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

In 2015-16 OSCP key achievements included:

- Development of the Community Trigger programme to review any case where the complainant was not satisfied with the outcome or the failure to investigate properly. Since the Community Trigger was set up in September 2014 Oxford City Council received eight applications to activate the Trigger. Of these, four applications passed the required threshold and led to an anti-social behaviour case review.
- Oxford City Council's Licensing team investigating 234 complaints made by our residents and visitors to Oxford in relation to taxi drivers, taxi vehicles or taxi operators. Six applications to renew or apply for taxi licenses were refused and four licenses were revoked.
- Supporting SAFE, a community based service that works with young people who are in abusive relationships. SAFE provides one to one support for victims of crime, from the age of eight to 25 years. SAFE provide additional work with victims of domestic abuse and sexual violence under the 16.
- Supporting victims of domestic abuse to stay within their homes by providing improved security measures. Oxford City Council's Target Hardening project has supported over 160 victims (including repeat victims) to stay within their home. No victim during the year presented themselves as homeless.
- Hosted a conference for over 100 practitioners that work in the domestic and sexual abuse field, on Restorative Justice, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence.
- Provided a Violence Against Women and Girls awareness training for 236 students from Oxford Brookes University from five disciplines; social work, health visitors, midwifery, school nursing and teachers.
- Supported the development of the Building Respectful Families' 12 week programme where there has been child on parent abuse. Three programmes have run in the past year, providing support to 23 families.
- Supporting a number of child sexual exploitation awareness training events for different arenas including Oxford City Council staff, private care homes and hostels. Last year, over 100 officers received awareness training.
- Supported the Independent Trauma Advice (ITA) service who work with with victims of exploitation and slavery. Officers from the service attended eleven police operations where intelligence suggested there were victims of human trafficking in the property. Twenty-three victims from Romania, Brazil, China and Poland were supported by the ITA service. All victims had at least one element of exploitation, including domestic servitude.

The ITA service has also supported and referred eight victims to the National Referral Mechanism (NRM) to provide victims supported housing and support.

- The launch of Hotel Watch in Oxford which aims to raise awareness of child sexual exploitation and human trafficking. Eighty-four hotels, guesthouses, short let accommodation and bed & breakfast establishments have signed up to receive Thames Valley Police's Hotel Alert.
- Oxford City Council linking up with other statutory agencies to interrogate the Council's IT systems when there is a concern on a vulnerable child. The Anti-Social Behaviour Service search all IT systems on behalf of Oxfordshire's Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH).
- Officers from the Anti-Social Behaviour service attended a Young Carers conference in Oxford. Following on from the conference, two officers were nominated to take part in post conference focus groups.

REDUCE REOFFENDING

In 2015-16 OSCP key achievements included:

- Oxford City Council's Anti-Social Behaviour Service and Thames Valley Police running two joint operations to tackle low level anti-social behaviour. The operations supported the introduction of Public Spaces Protection Orders for the City Centre and an area in Osney.
- Parts of Oxford City Centre is now compliant for Thames Valley Police's VIPA CCTV usage.
- Oxford City Council's Licensing Team, in partnership with Thames Valley Police conducted five test purchase operations, visiting 21 licenced premises for underage sales. Three premises failed and were issued with fines and warning notices were issued against the licensed premise holder.
- Supporting the Making Changes Programme that works with male perpetrators of domestic abuse. Last year there were 64 referrals. The community based perpetrator programme lasts 27 weeks and challenges the underlying beliefs and intentions of males which gives them a sense of entitlement leading to violence and abuse their views
- Deliver the Weekend Operation service between 11 p.m. and 4 a.m. to tackle noise and other cases of anti-social behaviour or regulatory functions.
- Oxford City Council's Out of Hours service tackling statutory noise complaints. From 1 August 2015 to 31 March 2016, the Out of Hours service responded to xxxxxx noise complaints. For Friday and Saturday night, officers also patrol around the city centre and East Oxford ensuring street trading vans comply with their conditions and identifying the vulnerable people who are sleeping on the streets.

ACTIVITIES FOR 2016-17

The partnership's priorities for 2016-17, informed by an assessment of community safety information called a Strategic Assessment, are:

- Violent crime
- Anti-social behaviour
- Organised crime
- Preventing extremism
- Violence against Women and Girls

The priorities will be delivered through a number of key strategic work-streams.

1. Problem-solving community safety concerns at a neighbourhood level

The review of neighbourhood policing by Thames Valley Police will provide new opportunities for partners to work together in the community to address community-led problems. The police are committed to neighbourhood policing and the partnership Neighbourhood Community Safety Strategy will deliver its four key components; visibility, engagement, community resilience and problem solving.

2. Local implementation of the Government's Violence against Women and Girls Strategy.

The partnership will bring together its work on exploitation and abuse under one Violence Against Vulnerable People strategy. This approach supports the government's Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) strategy but recognises that males can also be victims of different abuse but less likely.

Oxford City Council's Strategic Officer for Domestic and Sexual Abuse will organise a conference to raise awareness and improve response of domestic and sexual violence within the learning disabled community.

3. Developing our safeguarding approach to all forms of extremism

OSCP will build on its work to implement the Prevent agenda locally and incorporate the Protect strand of the government's CONTEST strategy. Close relations across partners and communities keep Oxford a safe, low risk area.

4. Local action to tackle organised criminal gangs

Our approach to organised crime groups uses the recognised Achilles heel method of enforcement, intelligence sharing and disruption. We will continue to work together to identify and target these groups.

5. Understand roles and responsibilities to improve our response to adult safeguarding and human trafficking in a community safety context

Safeguarding vulnerable adults is a significant concern for the partnership. Cuts in local services for people with vulnerability and the emergence of increase exploitation activities pose a significant safeguarding challenge for all organisations. Safeguarding is a shared

responsibility, one the partnership needs to be confident that we are all playing our part.

6. Understanding and engaging with our communities to reduce community safety risks and reduce demand

The success of our strategic work-streams will depend on our ability to understand who lives, works and visits our city, and work with these diverse communities to address their community safety concerns, and seek their help in delivering the partnership priorities. We have already started on this exciting aspect of community safety practice with a number of Appreciative Inquiries. Officers are restorative justice trained and we will be taking this further as part of our neighbourhood community safety work.

Joint working protocols with Safeguarding Boards

Oxford Community Safety Partnership is a signatory to a working protocol between strategic boards in Oxfordshire that work to improve the health and wellbeing of Oxfordshire residents and safeguard children, young people and adults with care and support needs who are vulnerable to abuse and neglect.

The protocol formally establishes the direct line of communication between Community Safety Partnerships and these Boards.

- i. Oxfordshire Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) and its associated partnership boards and joint management groups
- ii. Oxfordshire Safeguarding Children Board (OSCB)
- iii. Oxfordshire Safeguarding Adults Board (OSAB)
- iv. Oxfordshire Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs)
- v. Oxfordshire Safer Communities Partnership (OxSCP)

The protocol presents opportunities for:

- An integrated approach to tackling key issues and commissioning services by sharing information and intelligence; for example, each Board/Partnership contributes to the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment which is drawn to inform strategic plans.
- Aligning annual plans with shared strategic priorities, including safeguarding children, young people and adults with care and support needs.
- Evaluating the impact of the key business strategies on safeguarding outcomes, community safety and wider determinants of health.
- A coordinated approach to performance and risk management, quality assurance and transformational change.

Risk Assessments and Action Plans

Each thematic area has a risk assessment tool that helps to inform the robustness of the partnership's approach to the theme. The components are reviewed for each theme and an action plan is developed that priorities the work that needs to be done to increase the effective of the partnerships work.





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