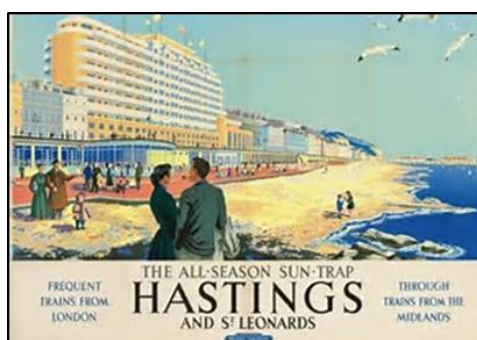
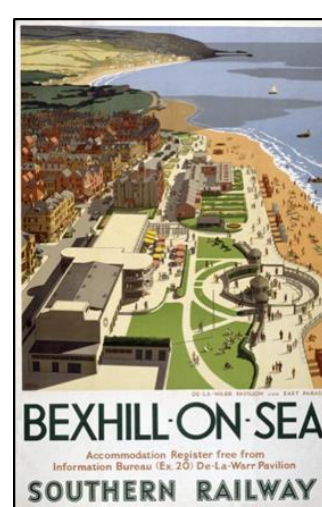
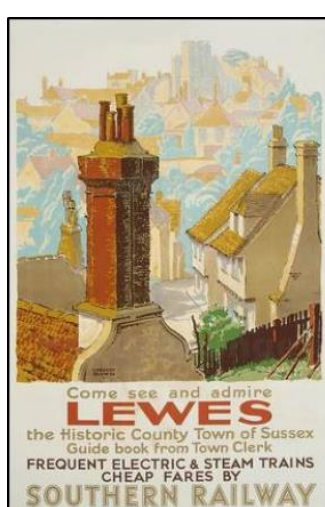
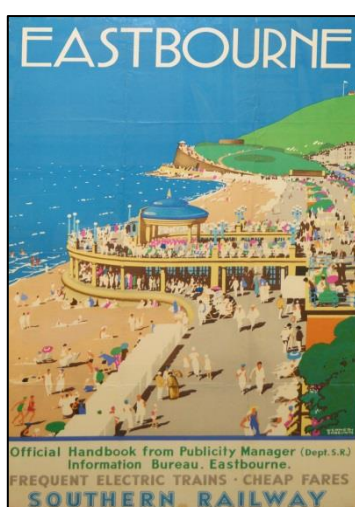


East Sussex Safer Communities Partnership's Business Plan

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for the East Sussex Safer Communities Partnership**

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Foreword

*Successful and innovative partnership
working to ensure we make the most effective
and efficient use of resources in the field of
community safety*

Welcome to our East Sussex Safer Communities Business Plan for 2017/20.

Community Safety remains a key priority within East Sussex. The Safer Communities Partnership, which involves a range of agencies, is the key strategic partnership in overseeing the community safety agenda and is committed to ensuring East Sussex remains a safe place for residents and visitors.

However, it is evident that as we move forwards, the broader threat of exploitation is something that should be considered within the field of community safety. Many of the threats identified through our engagement with a range of individuals, from directors to services users, who work, live and support various people in East Sussex, crossover into the sphere of exploitation of both vulnerable adults and young people, and it is clear that these should therefore not be considered in isolation. There are commonalities between all of these areas, with vulnerable individuals within our communities being targeted and exploited by others for personal, commercial or financial gain.

Also of note, is that much like the previous year, a common theme throughout our work is vulnerable people with complex needs, which would relate to any one or a combination of substance misuse, accommodation and mental and physical health.

It is therefore essential that we continue to ensure we are making the most efficient and effective use of resources across the East Sussex Safer Communities Partnership. Sustaining existing work within the partnership and developing new and existing relationships with partners is of particular importance to ensure that we are supporting vulnerable individuals within the community and helping them feel safe and confident in their everyday lives.

This is a three year business plan, which is refreshed annually, and sets out how partners will work together to deliver our community safety priorities. It also highlights what we have achieved during the past 12 months and what we are planning to do to improve the services to support local people for the future.

I am once again looking forward to working with all our partners to deliver the community safety priorities. I welcome the new challenges and opportunities that lie ahead. This plan will inevitably develop further as we progress, and the overall aim will be to make East Sussex an even safer place to live, work and visit.

Councillor Bill Bentley
Lead Member for Adult Social Care and
Chair of the East Sussex Safer Communities Board



About this plan

The East Sussex Safer Communities Partnership undertakes a strategic assessment of community safety every three years with an annual refresh in order to select work streams and plan activity for the year ahead. To ensure the partnership is embracing the new government strategy, the Strategic Assessment of Community Safety is refreshed each year using MoRiLE (Management of Risk in Law Enforcement), which helps us to look at the threat, risk and harm of an issue and the impact it has. It provides an evidence base for selecting and confirming partnership priorities.

In June 2017, the Safer People Safer Places engagement event took place and representatives from thirty seven organisations across East Sussex attended to discuss the East Sussex Safer Communities Partnership's priorities that had been selected as the focus of work for our three year Business Plan. Attendees agreed that the Partnership should continue to address the current priorities in at least 83% of the priority areas and no new emerging threats were identified.

Although reported crime in East Sussex has fallen substantially, new threats, new challenges and new types of crime have surfaced. There has been a notable shift away from traditional crime types to new emerging threats such as cyber crime, human trafficking, and child exploitation and this is evident in our priority areas of work.

Within the priorities and work streams outlined in this document, it is evident that the broader threat of exploitation is something which should be considered. Many of the threats identified at the engagement events crossover into the sphere of exploitation of both vulnerable adults and young people, and it is clear these should not be considered in isolation.

This plan describes the work streams for the partnership, achievements and what needs to happen next. It also details both county and district and borough level community safety work streams. There are a number of shared local and countywide areas of work, in addition to work streams which relate to specific district and borough areas.

The Resources and Performance Group within the East Sussex Safer Communities Partnership has responsibility for monitoring performance and delivery against this plan, and is accountable to the East Sussex Safer Communities Board.

The East Sussex Community Safety Partnership priorities are cross cutting and so we will continue to work closely with the Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner, Local Safeguarding Children's Board and Safeguarding Adults Board on shared work streams, particularly those that involve working with local communities and partners to keep Sussex safe.



Partnership Business Planning Process 2017/20

STEP ONE

We involved as many people as possible in identifying local threats to community safety

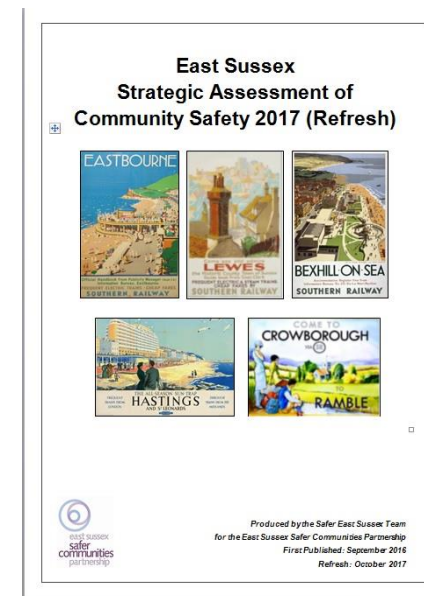


Safer People, Safer Places Annual Engagement Event

Attendees from directors to services users, who work, live and support various people in East Sussex, discussed what they feel the main community concerns are in the county

STEP TWO

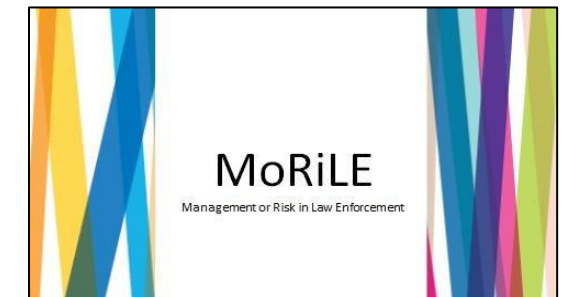
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East Sussex residents views via the East Sussex Reputation Tracker Survey helps inform our work

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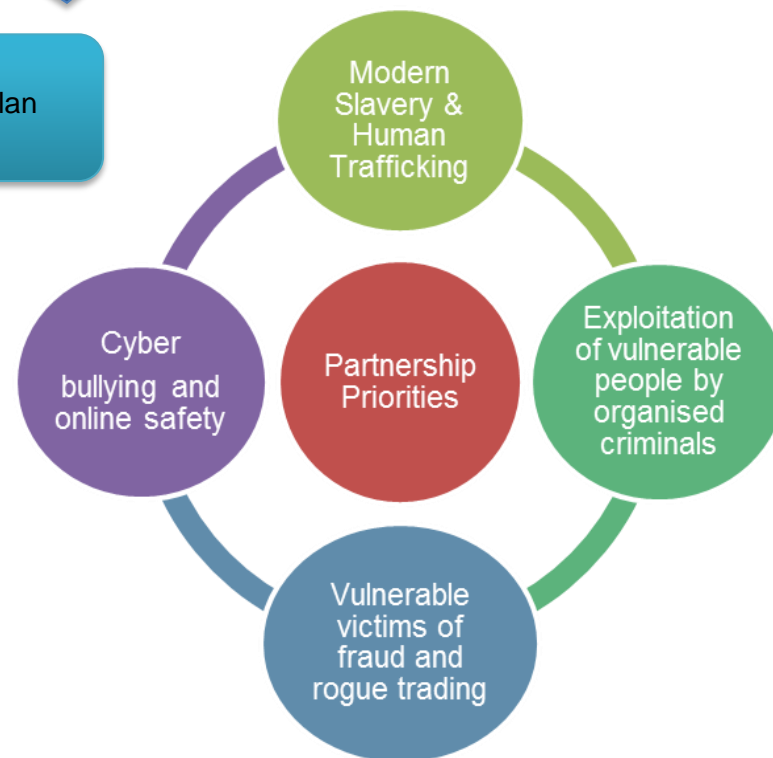
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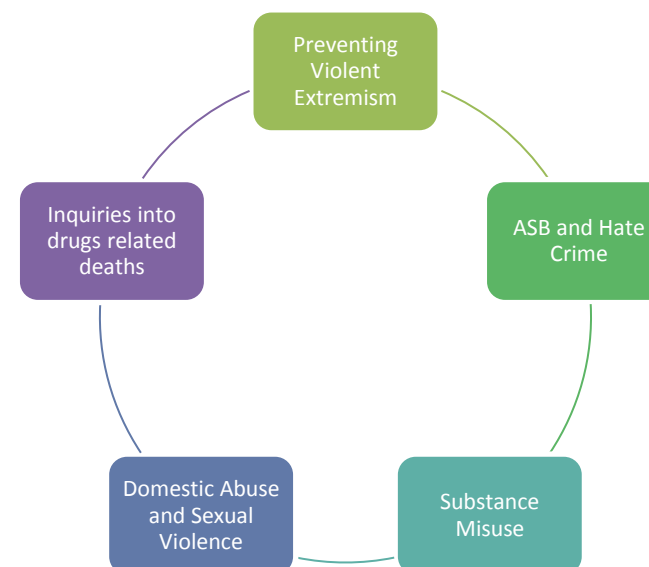
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STEP Four

We put the Business Plan together



Other work streams undertaken by the Safer Communities Partnership



Other work streams undertaken by the other Partnership structures



Community Involvement

Central to planning community safety activity in East Sussex is how we engage and listen to the concerns of our communities.

The East Sussex Reputation Tracker Survey, which is carried out annually, gathers information from a cross section of approximately 1,000 residents to find out about their perceptions on key issues. Residents were asked to select THREE community safety priorities that they thought was most important for the Partnership to tackle. The top five priorities selected were:



1. Anti-Social Behaviour
2. Burglary
3. Road Safety
4. Serious Sexual Offences
5. Tackling Violent Extremism

The new model of partnership working incorporates a wider partnership engagement event each year to engage partners in the process. This year attendees agreed that the Partnership should be addressing the current priorities in at least 83% of the priority areas. It was noted that there were no new emerging threats identified.

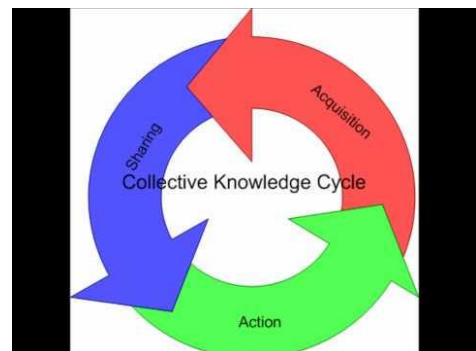
People's Voice is a panel of Sussex residents who have signed up with Sussex Police to complete a series of online surveys throughout 2017. The top Sussex Police Peoples Voice results on future emerging threats are listed below and reflect much of our current work streams:

- Terrorism/Extremism/Radicalisation
- Cyber Crime/Cyber Bullying/ Online Safety
- Anti-Social behaviour
- Fraud and Rogue Trading

Community Action and Involvement

It is our intention during 2018/19 to develop the active involvement of the wider community in the work the partnership does. An example of this over the past year has been the **East Sussex Against Scams Partnership**. Although much of this work has been developed around a partnership of organisations across the County it has also involved many local residents and communities who have taken an active part in running **Friends Against Scams** awareness raising sessions for their staff, family and friends, members and volunteers.

Building on this engagement we will develop a **Safer Communities Learning Network** – amongst the community and voluntary sector organisations across East Sussex. The overall aim will be to raise awareness of emerging crime trends and equip community groups with knowledge and current information in order for them to signpost individuals and groups about subjects they are currently not familiar or confident to respond to. The three overarching objectives of this project will be:



- Increasing knowledge; raising awareness of the latest threats and how to be preventative.
- Empowering individuals to have the ability to respond appropriately.
- Enhancing the ability for local organisations to provide solutions for these issues through partnership working.

Serious and Organised Crime Partnership Priorities



The aim of the Government's Serious and Organised Crime Strategy is to substantially reduce the level of serious and organised crime affecting the UK and its interests. The National Strategic Assessment of Serious and Organised Crime¹ 2017 identified a number of threat areas which are incorporated into our existing priority areas of work.

Cyber Crime - Under-reporting of cyber crime remains a key barrier to our understanding of its true scale and cost. The number of reports from individuals is higher than those received from businesses, but it is still lower than anticipated. Although cyber awareness is developing, there remains a lack of understanding as to what exactly constitutes a cyber crime and how to protect against it. This long-term challenge will improve with greater cyber education.

Fraud and Other Economic Crime - Fraud in the UK is increasing and it is estimated that losses could be as much as GBP 193 billion. UK residents are now more likely to be a victim of fraud than any other type of crime. Remote purchase or card not present (CNP) fraud remains the highest fraud loss type.

Drugs/Criminal Exploitation-There are two primary features of county lines that stand out from typical retail drug supply: ordering through anonymised 'deal line' numbers, and the systematic exploitation of young and vulnerable persons. Children as young as 12 are being exploited by gangs to transport drugs into county markets, store and distribute them to customers. Young girls are also vulnerable to sexual exploitation. Vulnerable adults are also exploited, particularly through a process referred to as cuckooing where the person has their home partially or entirely taken over to facilitate drug storage or supply.

Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking- It is highly likely that the actual scale of modern slavery across victim and offender numbers, as well as incidence rates, has increased year-on-year. Modern slavery and human trafficking are underpinned by a number of drivers including victim vulnerabilities, economic imbalances, the demand for cheap labour in destination countries, ease of money movement, and cultural factors conducive to slavery. Assuming that these drivers remain constant over the coming three years to 2020, it is likely that the threat will grow.

Across the priority areas outlined in our Business Plan, it is evident that the broader threat of exploitation is something that is widely linked. Many of the threats identified in Serious and Organised Crime crossover into the sphere of exploitation of both vulnerable adults and young people, and it is clear that these should not be considered in isolation.

There are commonalities between all of these areas, with vulnerable individuals within our communities being targeted and exploited criminally by others for personal, commercial or financial gain.



¹ www.nationalcrimeagency.gov.uk/publications/807-national-strategic-assessment-of-serious-and-organised-crime-2017/file

Vulnerable victims of fraud, rogue trading and cyber-enabled crime

Identify vulnerable adults at risk of fraud, rogue trading and cyber-enabled crime to develop targeted preventative support.

Why is it a Priority?

Increasingly fraud, such as mass marketing fraud, internet fraud, doorstep crime and rogue trading, is becoming more complex and deceptive, much of which is targeted at vulnerable and elderly people.

The nature of fraud victimisation is not only financial. The emotional impact is significant and includes guilt, misplaced trust and diminished confidence, resulting in detrimental effects on physical and mental health and increased social isolation. Doorstep crime, and rogue trading in particular, can involve elements of grooming and befriending, pressure and aggression. Mass marketing mail scams are often targeted at vulnerable or disadvantaged consumers, and causes approximately £5-10 billion of detriment to UK consumers each year. Some chronic victims even struggle to identify themselves as victims, and respond because it helps with feelings of loneliness.

The internet and social media is a growing platform of choice for criminals, and technology is enabling fraudsters to carry out attacks more quickly and employ more complex behaviours to remain undetected. The definition 'cyber-enabled crime' refers to traditional crimes, which can be increased in their scale or reach by use of computers. Two of the most widely published instances of cyber-enabled crime relate to fraud and theft. Action Fraud² report that 70% of fraud is cyber-enabled which is why it is now included as a partnership priority.



Victims are often, although not exclusively, vulnerable through age. With the ageing population and the documented increase in dementia³, there is an increased risk of people falling victim to these types of fraud in East Sussex.

Achievements so far

Locally, we have effective links between East Sussex Trading Standards Service, Sussex Police, the National Trading Standards (NTS) Scams Team, East Sussex Fire and Rescue Service, and Adult Social Care.

Currently, statutory partners are working together to develop a shared understanding of the profile of victims and locations to collectively target preventative activities in relation to scams in areas identified as having a high risk population. There is a wealth of community information within the statutory services and identifying the common themes within each organisation will help us to improve efficiency and effectiveness whilst reducing duplication of effort.

The direction of this work was cemented by the establishment of the **Scams Working Group**. From its inception, the group succeeded in bringing together individuals from statutory agencies with responsibility for protecting vulnerable victims of fraud and developing partnership working in the fight against scams.

² <http://www.actionfraud.police.uk/what-is-fraud>

² Operation Signature: Sussex Police Vulnerable Victims of Fraud Profile, Author: Colin Purslow, Performance Information Unit, Sussex Police

³ https://www.alzheimers.org.uk/info/20091/what_we_think/93/demography

The Scams Working group has now evolved to a bi-annual networking and engagement event to provide a platform for all partners in the voluntary and statutory sectors to showcase their work against scams. To build upon the success of the working group, each networking and engagement event incorporates a facilitated forum to test practice, share operational procedures, share research and plan strategies.

NATIONAL TRADING STANDARDS

Scams Team

The NTS Scams Team works across England and Wales and engages with local authorities and partner agencies to identify and support victims of scams. As part of this, the East Sussex Trading Standards Service team visits scam victims identified by the NTS Scams Team, usually accompanied by an Age UK or Citizens Advice Bureau representative. The NTS Scams Team also runs the **Friends Against Scams** initiative which aims to increase the awareness of scams throughout the UK.

This is supported by the **East Sussex Against Scams Partnership (ESASP)** which is a partnership of organisations - businesses, charities, church groups, clubs, community enterprises, councils, societies, voluntary groups and other partners. Partners are committed to the Charter's three key aims which are:

- Raising awareness and de-stigmatising scams
- Prevention and protection
- Identification and recording

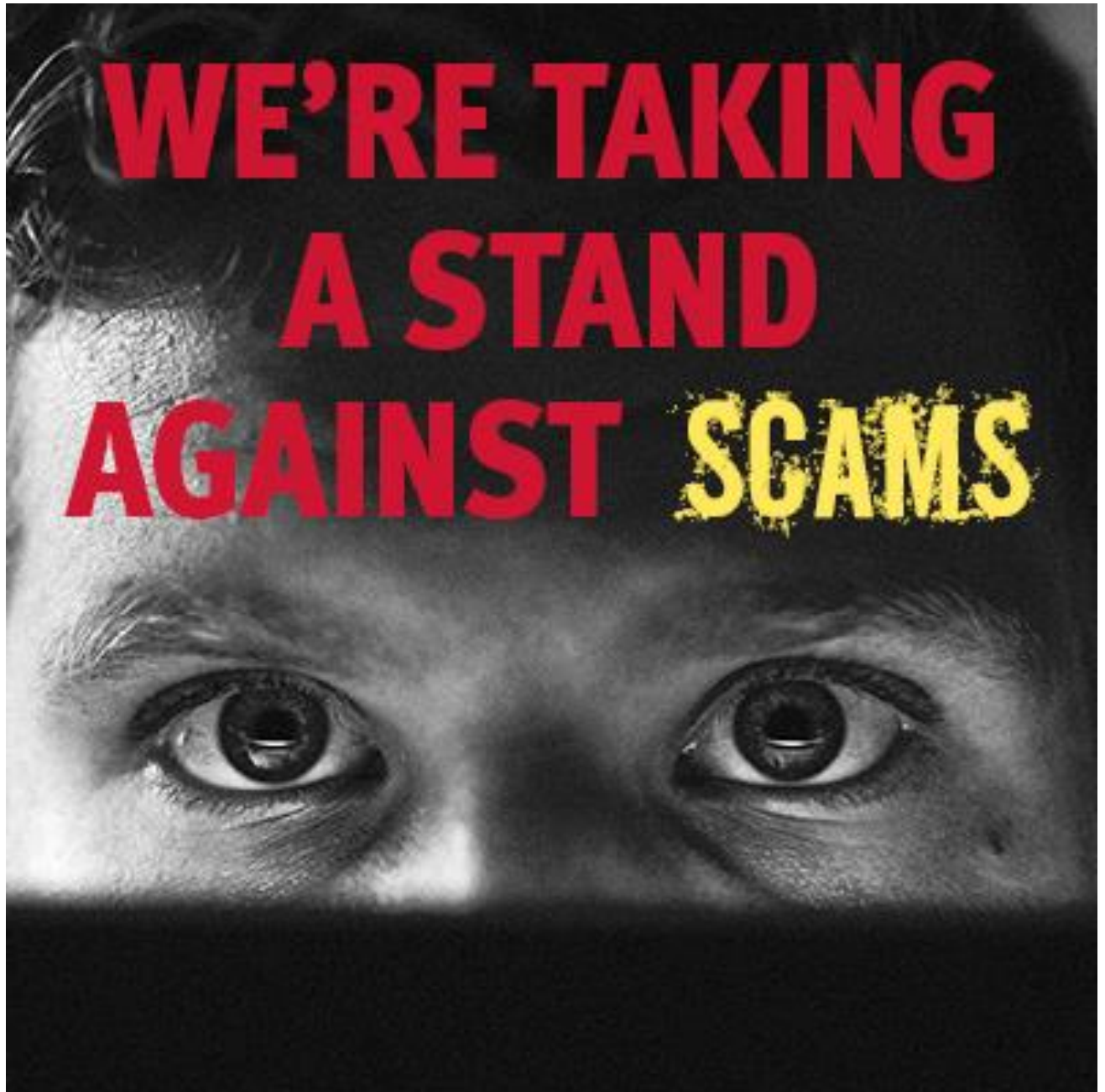
Over 60 partners have signed up to the ESASP Charter and pledged their commitment to taking a stand against scams and the number continues to grow.

SAB FINANCIAL STRATEGY

Over the next 12 months we will...

- Develop targeted resources for people with learning disabilities to prevent them from becoming victims of fraud, rogue trading and cyber-enabled crime.
- Conduct geographical area based analysis to identify and quantify vulnerability to fraud, rogue trading and cyber enabled crime in a risk based and evidenced way in order to develop preventative activities in locations where there is a high risk population.
- Conduct a mapping exercise of statutory and non- statutory agencies to outline the different pathways and available support for victims of fraud, rouge trading, and cyber enabled crime.
- Support the implementation of the SAB financial abuse strategy and development of the SAB financial abuse toolkit.
- Increase Charter Partners and continue to provide scams / fraud awareness raising activities to existing members such as the Sussex Armed Forces Network and Dementia Action Alliances and support Charter Partners to utilise their own strengths to develop preventative activities against the risks of fraud and rogue trading in order to safeguard service users and the general public.

- Hold an annual networking and engagement event which will incorporate a facilitated forum to test practice, share operational procedures, share results of surveys and plan strategies.
- Continue to strengthen communications with Charter Partners; sharing key messages, providing newsletter articles and maximising social media output for Charter Partners to disseminate information more widely through their own channels to reach a wider audience.



Cyber Crime

We will continue to focus on cyber bullying and online safety by continuing to offer sessions which promote digital resilience to young people in East Sussex.

Why is it a Priority?

Crime as we know it is changing. As we've embraced technology and moved online, it has too, and people are now more likely to be a victim of an online crime than a traditional crime.



The internet means that for cyber crime in particular, criminals can now target many thousands of potential victims with a single keystroke.

Recent preliminary estimates published by ONS suggest there could be as many as 5.1m fraud offences per year in this country, and 2.5m cyber crimes⁴.

Cyber bullying is rife on the internet and most young people will experience it or see it at some time. Due to advancements in technology, cyber bullying can happen 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and it can go viral very fast. For many cyber bullying affects their everyday lives and is a constant source of distress and worry. With mobile technology being so freely available it is an ongoing issue and one that is relentless. It has been well documented that cyber bullying has resulted in tragic events including suicide, and self-harm and clearly, more needs to be done in order to protect vulnerable children and adults from online bullying⁵.

Cyber bullying is also part of the much wider issue of exploiting the vulnerabilities of young people, which also includes threats such as grooming and even radicalisation and extremism. Cyberbullying and online safety were areas of concerns highlighted by the young people that attended the Safer People Safer Places event in 2016 and which partners agreed were areas we should continue to focus on during Safer People Safer Places 2017.



Achievements so far

Working in partnership with Priority 1-54 we co-delivered the '**Building Digitally Resilient Children**' event in January 2018. Delegates included schools and students who heard first hand from a number of national and local keynote speakers.

- Radicalisation and Extremist Content - Will Gardner, Chief Executive, Childnet International - Stimulating discussions around extreme online content and propaganda
- Cyberbullying - Martha Evans, National Coordinator, Anti-Bullying Alliance - Understanding the current climate of cyberbullying and its evolving nature
- Social Media as a Catalyst and Trigger for Youth Violence, Craig Pinkney – EU Gang Lead (UK) – Exploring the links between young people's use of social media and gang violence
- Cybercrime Amongst Young People – PC Keith Beckley, Sussex Police Youth and Engagement team. Examine the nature and extent of cybercrime amongst young people

⁴ Modern Crime Prevention Strategy:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/509831/6.1770_Modern_Crime_Prevention_Strategy_final_WEB_version.pdf

⁵ <http://www.bullying.co.uk/cyberbullying/>

Delegates who included schools and students heard first hand on how to:

- Understand the current climate of cyberbullying and how best to educate children and prevent cyberbullying incidents
- Examine the links between young people's use of social media and youth violence
- Explore a range of ideas and resources to support Safer Internet Day 2018
- Engage parents positively about children's use of digital technologies



We have developed and designed our first **East Sussex Community Safety Education Programme – Stay Safe** 2017/18 which provides a variety of programmes and workshops which are currently being offered by a range of organisations and focus on different strands of community safety and personal safety.

There is also a comprehensive section on how to use and access school funding for some of the programmes as well as incorporating a profile of risk to the directory. This profile assists schools to evidence why they are delivering prevention sessions and what education and prevention programmes could be relevant with young people they educate and support.

Within this directory there a number of workshops and sessions on online safety:

Safer East Sussex Team

- Think: Protect: Connect Programme
- E-Safety Session

NSPCC

- Talk PANTS
- Share Aware

Safety Net

- Feeling Fine Online

Sussex Police

- Digital Safety Session

Priority 1-54

- Building digital resilience
- Managing your online reputation

Over the next 12 months we will....

- Continue to develop and promote online safety sessions within the East Sussex Community Safety Education Programme and encourage educational establishments to take up these sessions through the PSHE hubs and via Partnership activity
- Continue to deliver Think Protect Connect which focuses on promoting digital resilience and critical thinking skills in the online world
- Using feedback from the "Building Digitally Resilient Children "Event (January 2018) we will ensure our work focuses on what schools and young people identify as key areas for them

Vulnerable people being exploited and recruited by organised crime groups

We will aim to collaborate with partners and engage in early preventative work in relation to County Lines, organised crime and the exploitation of vulnerable people and increase the awareness of these issues amongst the wider community.

Why is it a Priority?

Vulnerable people continue to be exploited by county lines gangs. Children from urban areas are recruited by gangs to courier drugs and money to county locations.

Since initial reporting, there has been an increase in awareness of the use of local and urban children to convey drugs into and supply them throughout county lines markets. This poses many risks to young people, not least violence, intimidation, unhygienic and unsafe practices, falling into

Class A drug use and in some cases child sexual exploitation.

Class A drug users are also being targeted so that gangs can take over their homes (known as 'cuckooing').



Locally in East Sussex data and intelligence in relation to this area is limited and often restricted. However, drugs lines between London and Hastings have been evident for a number of years and are believed to account for a considerable percentage of Class A drugs that are supplied into the town.

A number of nominals identified as being part of these drugs lines are affiliated to, or have links to London Gangs. Local intelligence suggests that these groups from London are 'cuckooing' at addresses of

vulnerable local people where they base their activities, travelling to and from London via train or hire cars. London Gangs operating in Hastings and Eastbourne have been known to coerce vulnerable young people (both from the local area and from London) to deal drugs for them.

Public awareness is very limited in relation to this threat area and to some extent professional awareness amongst practitioners who support many vulnerable people within our communities.

Achievements so far

We have completed a mapping process to identify children / young people in or at risk of being involved in serious and organised crime in East Sussex. This has involved gathering a variety of data from the youth offending team on drug offences and missing person data for example in order to pull the indicators together we know contribute towards the risk of a young person being more susceptible to exploitation by criminal groups/gangs.

We will share this 'profile' with Schools and other agencies who work with and support young people in order to offer interventions at a much earlier stage. This profile forms part of the new Community Safety Education Programme **Stay Safe**.

Also incorporated into the Programme is the Serious Organised Crime Toolkit to ensure professionals working with young people at risk are aware of this resource.

DE : TACHED YOUTH WORK


The targeted youth support teams have been delivering weekly detached and mobile sessions in Hastings and Eastbourne on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays and have developed good contacts with the main group of young people who were causing anti-social behaviour issues and at risk of being targeted for recruitment into organised crime.

They have worked with an average of 12 young people per session aged between 11 and 19 years old. An area of concern was a small number of 11 and 12 year olds who were unaccompanied in St Leonard's area and unaware of their vulnerability.

Working with partners we are raising the profile of County Lines and Child Exploitation with local Hoteliers and have developed a draft Exploitation Brochure to highlight a number of criminal offences associated with child exploitation which could have damaging consequences for a hospitality business, including a possibility of prosecution, action being taken against a premises licence and reputational and/or financial damage. It details what action they can take to protect their business, indicators that a child may be being exploited sexually or criminally and what to do if they have concerns about a young person staying in their Hotel/B & B.

Over the next 12 months we will...

- Explore and develop collaborative early prevention projects working with partners in relation to targeted prevention and awareness raising work in relation to Criminal Exploitation, County Lines and Modern Slavery.
- Support a countywide approach to identify potential victims of cuckooing and develop a multi-agency response to managing those most at risk.
- Investigate Serious Organised Crime Prevent projects which have been funded by the Home Office and scope capacity to incorporate into existing support work. We will base projects around the principles of :*How To Identify and Work With Individuals Vulnerable To Involvement In Serious and Organised Crime* (HO 2017)
- Incorporate County Lines and Cuckooing as areas of learning for the Safer Communities Learning Network in order to raise awareness within our Communities through the voluntary and community sectors of how organised crime is operating and how to respond to it.



**SPEAK OUT
AGAINST
CHILD
EXPLOITATION**

**Recognise the signs and
speak out.**

**Contact the Single Point of
Advice**
Tel: 01323 464222 or email:
0-19.SPOA@eastsussex.gov.uk

**Or Sussex Police on 101 or
999 in an emergency**

Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking

We will be seeking to increase our knowledge of the risk of modern slavery and human trafficking, improve the awareness of this crime type, and increase the reporting of modern slavery by developing and maintaining online resources for professionals and developing communications campaigns aimed at the general public using social media.

The term Modern Slavery captures a whole range of types of exploitation, many of which occur together. These include but are not limited to:

- Sexual exploitation
- Forced Labour
- Domestic servitude
- Criminal exploitation
- Other forms of exploitation: organ removal; forced begging; forced benefit fraud; forced marriage and illegal adoption

Why is it a Priority?

Modern Slavery is a priority for the East Sussex Safer Communities Partnership as one of the areas as high risk due to the severe and long-term impact that it has upon the vulnerable, the high level of public expectation and the need for a multi-agency response to tackling it effectively.

Modern Slavery is a type of abuse within the Care Act 2014 that provides the statutory footing for adult safeguarding responses. The Partnership is working in collaboration with the East Sussex Safeguarding Adults Board and Local Safeguarding Children's Board to ensure that information is effectively shared in order to protect vulnerable adults and children from harm.

Within the Sussex Police Force Strategic Assessment Modern Slavery, Human Trafficking and Organised Immigration crime was assessed as high risk and therefore remains on the Sussex Police Control Strategy to ensure a focus on enhancing understanding and improving the multi-agency response to the issue.

Modern Slavery is a hidden crime. The reported instances of modern slavery and human trafficking are increasing each year. The Modern Slavery Human Trafficking Unit report a 302% increase over the last 5 years with 3,805 offences reported in 2016 compared with 946 in 2011. The victims were from 108 different nationalities.

The reported instances in Sussex has followed this national trend, over the past 3 years according to National Referral Mechanism statistics Sussex referral figures show 33 referrals in total by Police and Local Authority:

- 2014 8 referrals (6 adults 2 children)
- 2015 7 referrals (4 adults 3 children)
- 2016 18 referrals (10 adults 8 children)

From July 2016 to June 2017 Sussex Police made 55 referrals to the National Referral Mechanism (NRM). Of these 9 were from East Sussex (with 13 from Brighton & Hove and 33 from West Sussex). The NRM is a framework for identifying victims of human trafficking or modern slavery and ensuring they receive the appropriate support

The Modern Slavery Act 2015 consolidated the current offences relating to trafficking and slavery. Its key areas include:

- Two new civil orders to prevent modern slavery
- An Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner
- Provision for the protection of modern slavery victims.

The Act introduced a duty on specified public authorities to notify the Secretary of State of any individual encountered in England and Wales who they believe is a suspected victim of human slavery or trafficking. The duty applies to all police forces and local authorities, the Gangmasters and Labour Abuse Authority and the National Crime Agency. Other organisations are also encouraged to put forward notifications where they encounter a potential victim of modern slavery who does not want to enter the NRM.

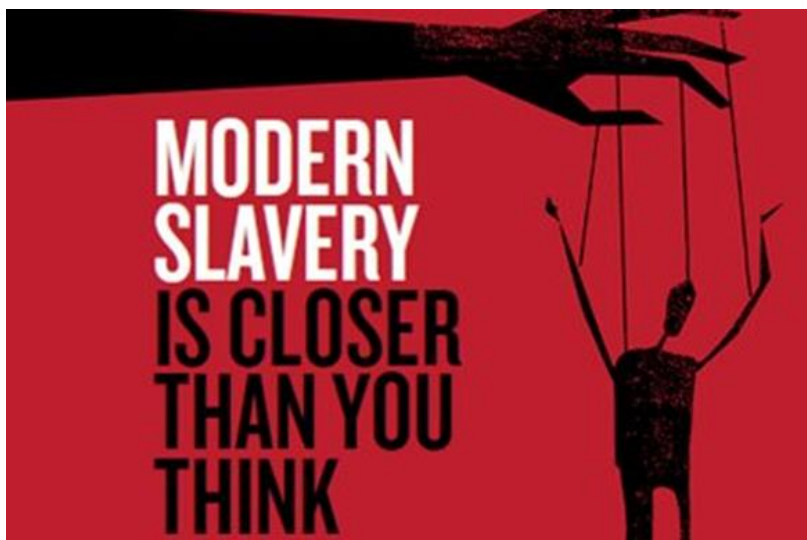
Achievements so far...

Over the last year, Hastings and Rother District of Sussex Police have been working to uncover the reality of trafficking in their area and developing a multi-agency project to identify and deal with modern slavery. They have been working alongside over 18 different partner agencies to plan activity and use the wide range of powers available to disrupt networks which are trafficking and exploiting vulnerable people. Initially, this work was carried out under “Operation Magnify” a national policing initiative concerned with illegal immigration. However, as the focus of the work in Hastings and Rother is to safeguard and protect vulnerable people (rather than capture illegal immigrants) it has now been rebranded in its own right a “**Project Discovery**”. [LOGO]

As Modern Slavery is a complex crime, with victims and perpetrators moving across local authority boundaries a **Pan Sussex Modern Slavery Network** has been established which brings together all the organisations across Sussex that are committed towards tackling modern slavery, prosecuting perpetrators and assisting the victims. The purpose of the Network is to co-ordinate activity to prevent duplication and ensure a Sussex wide approach. Membership includes statutory and voluntary sector partners and a multi-agency action plan has been developed which aims to:

- Prevent: Prevent people from engaging in slavery
- Prepare: Reduce the harm caused by slavery through improved victim identification and enhanced support
- Pursue: Prosecute and disrupt individuals and groups responsible for slavery
- Protect: Strengthen safeguards against slavery by protecting vulnerable people from exploitation and increasing awareness of and resilience against this crime

Four **workshop** sessions were hosted and delivered in partnership with the Local Safeguarding Children's Board, East Sussex Safer Communities, East Sussex Safeguarding Adults Board and the Borough and District licensing teams. These events were open to all **licensees** across East Sussex. The training sessions provided a valuable opportunity for licensee's, including taxi drivers and B&Bs, to increase their awareness of a number of forms of vulnerability including an introduction to the signs and indicators of modern slavery and information about how to report concerns.



The Safer East Sussex Team developed a **Modern Slavery Communications Resource** which provides a one stop shop of some good sources of information available freely to share and distribute within partner organisations and with the wider public to continue raising awareness of this crime.

The Sussex Police Crime Commissioner has provided £75,000 over 15 months for a Modern Slavery Coordinator which will be based within Sussex Police's Serious and Organised Crime Unit. The role will be dedicated to working with multi agency partners to better understand the complexities and the scale of modern slavery and human trafficking across Sussex and to seek to provide the right level of interventions and service to the victims of this emerging crime

The team also co-ordinated a social media communications campaign with District and Borough Community Safety Partnerships on Anti-Slavery Day. Communications also involved intranet articles highlighting the new Modern Slavery campaign TV advert Slavery is Closer than you think <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yOe2-j3QzKI>.

Over the next 12 months we will...

- Work with the Safeguarding Adults Board and the Local Safeguarding Children Board to develop a tiered training approach for Local Authority staff groups.
- Improve the awareness of this crime type and increasing reporting of modern slavery by developing and maintaining online resources for professionals, and developing communications campaigns aimed at the general public using social media.
- Continue to build the evidence base of modern slavery in East Sussex using primary and secondary data by undertaking case audits over the next 12 months in partnership with the Safeguarding Adults Board. The audits are designed to gain an in-depth understanding of how well we are identifying and responding to modern slavery in order to inform the development of care pathways.
- Continue to support and develop the safeguarding elements of Project Discovery.



Work Streams Identified Through our Other Partnerships

- Preventing Violent Extremism
- Anti-Social Behaviour and Hate Crime
- Drugs and Alcohol
- Domestic Violence & Abuse, Stalking and Rape & Sexual Violence and Abuse
- Reducing Re-Offending
- Armed Forces Community



Preventing Violent Extremism

The Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015 introduced a number of new duties for local authorities and the Safer East Sussex Team has taken the lead in implementing these duties and ensuring compliance with the legislation on behalf of East Sussex County Council.

The East Sussex Prevent Board assesses the countywide risk of people being drawn into terrorism and continues to coordinate Prevent partnership activity according to section 29 of the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015.

Prevent forms part of the National Counter Terrorism Strategy (CONTEST) which is currently under review and a new strategy is due to be published in Spring 2018.

Achievements so far



Think Protect Connect, a digital resilience programme has been integrated into the East Sussex Community Safety Education Programme 2017/18 and is being rolled out to Primary Schools. Over 30 schools and organisations have received this programme reaching over 800 young people to date with over 120 sessions being delivered. This resource provides schools and other youth settings with a range of innovative resources to safeguard children and young people from online radicalisation and extremism.

Think Protect Connect will be available nationally on the Government website: **educate against hate**. This website gives teachers, parents and school leader's practical advice and information on protecting children from extremism and radicalisation. This resource has been independently evaluated by Leicester University and approved for sharing nationally by the Department of Education, The Department of Health and the Home Office.

**educate.against.
hate**

HM Government

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Over the past 12 months seven pilot areas (including Kent and Brighton & Hove) have piloted the assessment of all Prevent referrals and the aim of this pilot was to assess the feasibility of transferring the resources and responsibility for administering the programme and case management aspects of Channel from the police to local authorities. Following the evaluation of the pilot, the Home Office have taken the decision to extend the transfer of functions from the police to local authorities to more areas, on a regional basis.

Over the next 12 months we will...

- Work with neighbouring Counties and the Home Office to implement the new Prevent case management and Channel procedures of transferring the programme from the police to local authorities
- Incorporate Prevent awareness into the Community Safety Learning Network to highlight what is happening locally and to increase community knowledge on extremism
- Continue to identify and coordinate identified Prevent activity through the Prevent Board

Anti-Social Behaviour and Hate Crime

Anti-social behaviour is a broad term used to describe the day-to-day incidents of crime, nuisance and disorder that make many people's lives a misery – from litter and vandalism, to public drunkenness or aggressive dogs, to noisy or abusive neighbours.

Such a wide range of behaviours means that responsibility for dealing with anti-social behaviour is shared between a number of agencies, particularly the police, local councils and social landlords. Please see the District and Borough Overviews in this document for localised ASB plans.

TACKLING ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

The majority of crime in East Sussex has increased over the past twelve months, due to crime recording changes, however there has been a decrease in Anti-Social Behaviour (Personal and Environmental).

Nationally, hate crime offences recorded by the police have increased by 29 percent (to over 80,000 offences) in the last year - the largest increase seen since the Home Office started collecting these statistics in 2011-12. The increase is thought to reflect a genuine rise in hate crime around the time of the EU referendum and also due to ongoing improvements in crime recording by the police. There was a further increase in police recorded hate crime following the Westminster Bridge terrorist attack on 22 March 2017.

REPORT HATE CRIME

Sussex Police figures show that between 1 April - 30 September this year the number of hate crimes in the county has increased by 5 percent (54 incidents) compared to the same period in 2016. In particular, incidents of homophobic, disablist and religious hate crime have shown significant increases, up 24 percent (43 incidents), 26 percent (26 incidents) and 42 percent (31 incidents) respectively.

The Local Policing Model, directed by the Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner's Police and Crime Plan sets out local policing in terms of **prevention**, **response** and **investigation** with the aim to remove silo working and improve consistency and partnership working.

Prevention Teams

Together with evidence from the local community gathered by the newly formed Prevention Teams or reported to police online or through the police call centre, they will develop and prioritise an action plan with ASB and Hate Crime Coordinators, and Prevention Support and Engagement Officers, who have local knowledge and are able to assess the threat and harm.

We know that hate crime has historically been under reported. By prioritising demand on the basis of threat, harm, risk and vulnerability, the police hope to see greater public confidence and trust in them to take the right actions. Continued and closer collaboration with partners and communities in dealing with ASB and other crimes and incidents which affect the most vulnerable continues to improve how all organisations support victims and witnesses.

The ASB and Hate Crime Coordinators will work closely with key partners including statutory authorities and other agencies to ensure ASB & Hate Crime is accurately recorded as well as ensuring High and Medium risk ASB & Hate Crime cases and those involving repeat victims are identified and problem solved effectively with partners.

Drugs and Alcohol

Care and Treatment

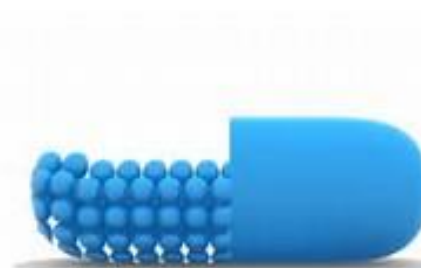
While we still remain keen to reduce the crime, anti-social behaviour and social harms caused by substance misuse the shift in the drug and alcohol agenda has a focus on developing and sustaining recovery communities throughout the county. There has also been a change from bedded care and residential rehab to community detox and peer support for people in recovery

Achievements so far...

The East Sussex Drug and Alcohol Innovation Fund projects are entering their second year. These 8 pioneering projects have been supported by the Community Development Officer. These services will support people to maintain abstinence and build positive social networks and cover all areas of the county.

The responsibility for residential rehabilitation continues to be provided by our specialist third sector provider who continues to build on their experience in Kent and West Sussex in order to improve value for money, reduce reliance on bedded care, and better use inpatient detox outside of the rigid framework.

We have changed the emphasis of our treatment service from successful completions to unique users so that we can ensure that we have the most complex people accessing the service and reduce representations.



Over the next 12 months

- Carry out an extensive evaluation of the Innovation Fund projects.
- Undertake two confidential inquiries into those drug related deaths that have occurred within East Sussex. We will include a brief 'reflection' on each death to consider whether there are any indications of opportunities for earlier intervention and whether there are lessons to be learnt that would enable partners to focus resources on areas of work that could reduce the frequency and underlying causes of drug related deaths within the county.
- Complete the process of re-commissioning of our drug and alcohol treatment service. The new service will focus on the priorities identified through our ongoing consultation with clients, families, community groups and professionals, which include dual diagnosis, protected characteristics, housing, and Education, Training and Employment. This work will also link with the principles of the East Sussex Better Together Alliance.

Reducing Alcohol Related Harm

Alcohol misuse is a sizeable problem in the UK, costing the NHS £3.5 billion a year⁶ and the economy over £17 billion per year when accounting for alcohol-related crime and lost productivity costs. Whilst the majority of people who consume alcohol do so within safe levels, more than 10 million people consume more than the recommended daily limits.⁷ And though alcohol

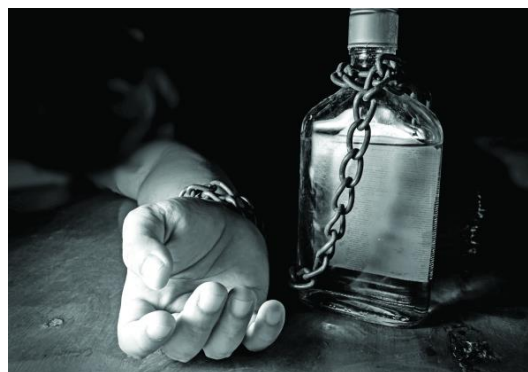
⁶ Local Government Organisation (January 2013), Public health and alcohol licensing in England: LGA and Alcohol Research UK briefing.

⁷ Office for National Statistics (February 2015), Alcohol-related Deaths in the United Kingdom.

consumption has been declining in recent years, alcohol-related harm is still at record levels. In England, alcohol misuse is the biggest risk factor attributable to early mortality, ill-health and disability for those aged 15 to 49 years, and the fifth most important for all ages.⁸

Achievements so far...

In order to involve the public in developing solutions for tackling alcohol-related harm, Public Health, with the support of the Hastings Community Alcohol Partnership, commissioned an alcohol inquiry. An Inquiry Group was established in the summer of 2016 to explore the question '*what can we all do to make it easier for people to have a healthier relationship with alcohol?*' They considered a number of areas and various local experts were called upon to give evidence to help them consider the issue. The Inquiry group have now made their recommendations and are working in partnership with local agencies to develop action plans for implementation.



Two social marketing projects, focusing on alcohol, have been commissioned by Hastings and Rother CCG. One aims to reduce alcohol experimentation and consumption in 11-15 year olds and resulted in a campaign to inform parents of the impact of alcohol on the developing brain. The other aims to reduce inappropriate alcohol-related A&E attendances and ambulance callouts. It has resulted in the establishment of 'Hastings Safe Space' which provides support, advice and first aid to vulnerable young people during the night-time economy. It opened in December 2017 and operates from His Place Church in Central Hastings on Saturdays from 10PM – 4AM.

A report entitled Alcohol Harm in East Sussex focuses on the health aspects of alcohol and pulls together information on alcohol-related behaviours and health outcomes in East Sussex. It is being used to inform local work with a focus on those areas where the harms are highest.

Over the next 12 months we will...

- Address some of the issues identified in the regional Alcohol CLear self-assessment and peer review process.
- Take forward the Alcohol Partnership Group priorities:
 - Develop local policies to prevent or reduce alcohol use by young people;
 - Develop community-based interventions through community engagement & by establishing community partnerships in high risk areas;
 - Organise targeted social marketing campaigns to encourage behaviour change in increasing and high risk drinkers;
 - Promote responsible sales and target problem premises
 - Explore the feasibility of taking learning from Hastings initiatives to other areas of the county
 - Work to progress evidence-based initiatives within the local NHS
- Up-date the *Alcohol Harm in East Sussex* report in 2018/19.
- Work with the Hastings Alcohol Inquiry Panel to ensure local people play an on-going and active role in shaping solutions to reduce alcohol related harm.
- Expand the parents campaign to a wider area and evaluate its impact

⁸ Public Health England (2016) The Public Health Burden of Alcohol and the Effectiveness and Cost-Effectiveness of Alcohol Control Policies: An evidence review. Crown copyright 2016.

Domestic Violence & Abuse, Stalking and Rape & Sexual Violence and Abuse

Domestic Violence & Abuse, Stalking and Sexual Violence are existing work packages that will continue to be progressed. The overarching aim is that local residents and communities are free from these forms of violence and abuse by delivering the following outcomes:



Achievements so far...

The Portal⁹ helps victim/survivors of domestic and sexual violence and abuse to find advice and support in East Sussex and Brighton & Hove. Other commissioned services also provide support to victims of domestic violence and abuse across the county, including Refuge (which operates five refuges in East Sussex) and Home Works (which provides flexible and tailored support to prevent homelessness).

During the year we promote awareness among residents, including knowledge of what constitutes violence and abuse and the sources of support and help available. This includes piloting the Women's Aid 'Ask Me' safe enquiry scheme which aims to promote opportunities for disclosures, with support through a simple and clear referral route. Our focus will include raising awareness of the impact of online abuse, stalking and coercive control.



We will ensure professionals have the skills and confidence to respond to violence and abuse, to ensure there are consistent care pathways delivered by a skilled workforce so there is 'no wrong door' and 'no missed chance'. This includes delivering Domestic Abuse Training as part of a 'Whole Family Approach' for practitioners from Children's Services and Adult Social Care and other professionals, as well as reviewing local training needs and seek to address any gaps in the current training offer, in particular in relation to coercive control, as well as sexual violence and harmful practices. We will maintain our Champions Network¹⁰, to bring together practitioners from a range of agencies and to further strengthen community and agency responses across the county and mark the 16 Days of Action, alongside the work conducted in by Districts and Boroughs.

We continue to work across the partnership to increase survivor safety and wellbeing, as well as developing interventions with perpetrators.

Sadly, in 2015 and 2016 there were three homicides in the county where the victim's death was due to, or suspected to have been caused by domestic violence and abuse. Each is subject of a 'Domestic Homicide Review'. We will disseminate the findings from these reviews to ensure local professionals and organisations continue to share learning and improve the way they work together.

⁹ The Portal is a partnership of leading Sussex Domestic and Sexual Abuse Charities including RISE, Survivors' Network and CGL. www.theportal.org.uk

¹⁰ <http://www.safeineastsussex.org.uk/get-involved.html>

Over the next 12 months we will...

We will continue to work with Brighton & Hove, including refreshing the Domestic Abuse Strategy to develop a shared strategy addressing Domestic Violence and Abuse, Sexual Violence, and other forms of Violence against Women and Girls. This will include undertaking a consultation process to identify which services are needed locally and to ensure victims and service providers can share their experiences and views, as well as considering changing guidance, policy and practice, and reporting trends.

Our work will be built around the key themes from HM Government's strategy to end violence against women and girls¹¹ and will include delivering or commissioning the following:



Prevention:

- Continuing to raise awareness of what constitutes violence and abuse, in particular focusing reaching different communities or addressing emerging risks like stalking and harassment. This will include ensuring victim/survivors as well as others affected, like family and friends, know where to go for help and support.
- Piloting the Women's Aid 'Ask Me' Scheme to create safe spaces in the local community to increase public awareness and promote opportunities for disclosures.
- Supporting the LSCB's work with children and young people, such as the promotion protocol for the recognition and working with DVA in schools

Provision of service

- Continuing to support The Portal, Refuge and Home Works and other accommodation services
- Work with specialist services and other commissioners to generate added value and test different models of delivery
- Develop proposals to further develop support for victim/survivors with a focus on Private Law Family Proceedings, those experiencing Stalking and Harassment, and to provide access to talking therapies.

Partnership working

- Ensure frontline practitioners have the confidence and skills to identify and respond to violence and abuse including further developing multi-agency training around forced marriage, honour based violence and sexual violence
- Develop resources for professionals including guidance to improve 'safety netting' and to support step down from specialist or commissioned services
- Implement the recommendations from the review of the MARAC to ensure that MARACs are better able to manage volume, address complex or repeat cases and integrate into Child and Adult 'front doors'

Pursing perpetrators

- Review interventions to challenge perpetrators, in particular repeat offenders and perpetrators of stalking and harassment.

¹¹ <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/strategy-to-end-violence-against-women-and-girls-2016-to-2020>

Reducing Re-Offending



Integrated Offender Management (IOM)

The Home Office estimates that nationally 0.5% of offenders commit 10% of offences; in addition 10% of offenders commit 50% of offences. A significant proportion of crime is committed by a relatively small group of persistent or prolific offenders who cause harm and distress to individuals and to our communities.

Integrated Offender Management (IOM) brings a cross-agency response to manage the small amount of offenders who cause a disproportionate amount of crime. Historically, therefore the IOM Sussex cohort has been made up of serious acquisitive offenders. From May 2017 offenders regardless of offence type, who are having the most impact on our local communities will be considered for offender management arrangements by local IOM teams. This means the scheme will now manage a wider cohort of offenders including;

- Domestic Violence Perpetrators
- Multi-Agency Public Protection Arrangements (1)
- Serious Organised Crime
- Child Sexual Exploitation



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Whole Systems Approach

The Whole Systems Approach (WSA) to women's offenders is to assess need at first contact with the Criminal Justice System (CJS) and to provide holistic support throughout her justice journey. Women's offending generates significant fiscal, economic and social costs well beyond the direct costs to the Criminal Justice System. The WSA model consolidates agencies merging together to use existing resources more effectively, to share information and to coordinate women's access to services, improving the chances of successful outcomes in and out of the CJS.

The Sussex Criminal Justice Board will be focusing on a WSA project focusing on women in the CJS. The project will focus on a multi-agency approach to addressing the complex needs of often the most vulnerable and disadvantaged women in society being processed through the CJS. The aim of the project is to use existing resources differently to target support more efficiently, avoiding gaps or duplication in service provision and supporting women to access provision successfully so that they can turn their lives around.

Achievements so far

- The Safer Communities Partnership has been involved in the development of two successful funding bids to develop Female Offender Services.
 1. A bid to the Communities Fund¹² in partnership with West Sussex County Council and Brighton Women's Centre was made on behalf of the Joint Strategic Reducing Reoffending Group. In early 2017 a grant of £67,878 was awarded to further support the pan Sussex Women's Diversionary Project by extending it to Hastings and Rother Custody Suite.
 2. Sussex is one of 6 regions across the country to be successful in gaining a grant of almost £194,000 over the next three years from the Ministry Of Justice Whole System Approach for Female Offenders Funding.
- The Safer Communities Partnership have implemented a strategic IOM Delivery Group. Members of the group include Sussex Police, the Kent Surrey and Sussex Community Rehabilitation Company, the National Probation Service and representatives from key partner agencies.
- University of Surrey study results.....
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Over the next 12 months we will

- Support the Integrated Offender Management delivery group undertake a two stage operational strategy process. This involves; conducting a sampling process of IOM clients in order to gain a better understanding of the criminogenic needs of the new cohort and supporting existing case conferencing mechanisms (e.g. MARAC) interfacing with IOM.
- Continue strategic support to embed the whole systems approach to women's justice in East Sussex

¹² <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/communities-fund-prospectus-and-bidding-form>

Armed Forces Community



The Armed Forces Network, which is funded by Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) across Sussex, Kent and Medway, supports CCGs in meeting obligations to the Armed Forces Community set out in the Armed Forces Covenant, the NHS Constitution, NHS Contracts and The Five Year Forward View.

Kate Parkin is the Armed Forces Director for both the Sussex and Kent & Medway Armed Forces Networks working across all 15 NHS Clinical Commissioning Groups. Kate has been providing the leadership for Sussex Armed Forces Network since 2011. Integration and collaborative working is required across the system which is why the network is a member of the East Sussex Safer Communities Partnership - this ensures the needs of this community are taken into account in all areas.

Thus providing:

- Support to individual vulnerable and complex members of the Armed Forces Community.
- Support through faster appropriate care for the Armed Forces Community whether reservists/regulars to be deployable or those who have been impacted by serving or a member of their family.
- Holistic support for individuals, families and carers to ensure wellbeing, prevention and care.
- Support to ensure the quality and safety of the armed forces community.
- Support the transition and utilisation of this community as an asset to the wider population and prevention unwanted diversions.

Over the next 12 months they will...

Work with their staff and local service providers to identify people who have been in the armed forces, to raise awareness and undertake training to provide support to the armed forces community.



Work Streams Overseen by Other Partnership Structures

Health and Housing

East Sussex Better Together (ESBT) is now transitioning from the 150-week East Sussex Better Together (ESBT) programme to the new ESBT Alliance arrangement. The Alliance continues to transform health and social care in East Sussex, bringing together prevention work, primary and community care, social care, mental health, acute and specialist care.



The Alliance is made up of five local partners Eastbourne, Hailsham and Seaford CCG, Hastings and Rother CCG, East Sussex County Council, East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust and associate partner Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust. It also works closely with GP practices and other organisations providing health and care to our local populations.

The Health and Housing Sub Group is a strategic forum which feeds into the ESBT and Connecting 4 You programs. One of their key priorities is homelessness which covers those with complex and multiple needs and rough sleepers.

Hastings Borough Council who lead on the bid to the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) for the Prevention of Rough Sleepers programme have now gone live with the project and are achieving positive outcomes for those at risk of rough sleeping.

More widely the group are developing a strategy for Supported Accommodation across East Sussex linking in to an Accommodation & Bedded Care Strategy. There is a recognised need for a different offer for some groups in the County and partners are working together to meet that challenge.

Sussex Rough Sleeper Prevention Project

The Home Works service is a key partner in the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) funded Rough Sleeper Prevention Project, with two specialist rough sleeping prevention workers (RSPCs) co-located in the housing teams of Hastings and Eastbourne District Borough Councils.

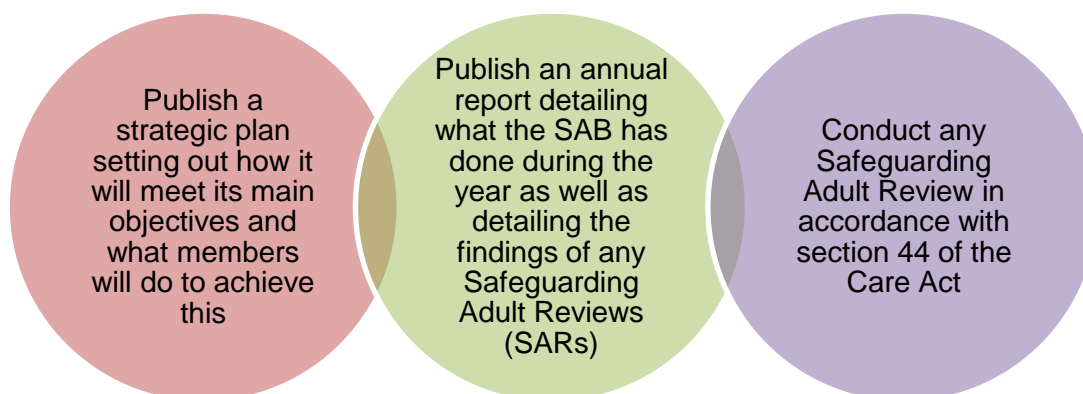
Working in close partnership with the District and Borough housing options teams across East Sussex, the RSPCs deliver responsive, intensive and whole person support for people at risk of rough sleeping. The RSPCs develop action plans tailored to the needs of individuals; working to reduce rough sleeping, improve health and wellbeing, improve access to Primary Care, reduce the use of A&E, reduce offending, reduce the use of substances, increase access to employment, training and education, and improve access to support networks.

East Sussex County Council also received a share of £1 million, along with Adur and Brighton and Hove, from the Social Impact Bond (SIB) Fund which provides targeted support for vulnerable, entrenched single homeless people. The geographical area covered will be within Sussex and the Total SIB cohort will be 150 people. Governance and commissioning arrangements for this programme will be managed by Brighton & Hove City Council as the lead Local Authority.

East Sussex Safeguarding Adults Board

The Care Act 2014 sets out the first ever statutory framework for adult safeguarding, which stipulates local authorities' responsibilities, and those with whom they work, to protect adults who may be at risk of abuse or neglect. One of these responsibilities requires the local authority to establish a Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB) in their area.

The SAB has three core duties:



In terms of community safety and the threats identified within the Strategic Assessment of Community Safety 2016 that are not outlined elsewhere in the Business Plan, it is important to note the Safeguarding Adults Board oversees adult safeguarding practice that includes the threat of elder abuse with appropriate partners.

Practice, policy and training with regards to mental capacity, self-neglect, and appropriate interventions, are being reviewed across multi-agency partners, in light of a recent Safeguarding Adult Review (SAR), which evaluates multi-agency responses to the death of a man aged 64 in a nursing home placed by an out of area Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG).

The Client and Carer Safeguarding Advisory Network (CCSAN) continues to raise awareness of elder abuse, the role of carers and sharing knowledge.

The SAB will be focussed in 2018-19 on ensuring that the principles of Making Safeguarding Personal (adults being involved and consulted in the process of helping them to stay safe and agreeing goals to achieve), are embedded within safeguarding practice across all agencies and that adults with care and support needs, and carers, assist to shape the work of the SAB and safeguarding responses.

LSCB - Multi-Agency Child Exploitation (MACE) Operational and Strategic Groups

The Multi Agency Child Exploitation (MACE) operational and strategic groups are now well established in East Sussex. Accountability for the agenda is to the Local Safeguarding Children's Board (LSCB) with membership and reporting links to the Youth Offending Team Chief Executive Group and the Safer Communities Board.



The East and West operational "bronze" groups are co -chaired by Social Care and Sussex Police operational leads and provide the multi-agency oversight of risks and safety planning for individual children and groups of children, identified as being vulnerable or involved in Child Exploitation within East Sussex.

All Youth Offending Team practitioners are aware of linkage between serious organised crime and child exploitation. Practitioners look for signs throughout their assessment process and will refer into the MACE operational meetings where appropriate.

The Youth Offending Team (YOT) is represented at all levels of the MACE meetings. Where issues are identified with a number of YOT young people, the YOT will host multi-agency mapping meetings and feed any significant information into the MACE meetings. The YOT PC attends these meetings and ensures relevant intelligence fed back to the police.

LSCB partners have widened the remit of the 2 Bronze operational MACE panels to include children identified at risk of wider criminal exploitation as well as sexual exploitation.

There are now cases active at both MACE panels where wider criminal exploitation (i.e. suspected involvement in drug supply) is the dominant risk factor. Information has been shared with all of the Duty and Assessment Team Practice Managers and specific awareness raising work is ongoing with the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) and Single Point of Advice (SPOA) multi agency teams.

Water Safety

Since 2013 72 people have died in and around the waters of our County and the most recent figures from The National Water Safety Forum (NWSF) show that in 2016 there were a total of 16 deaths in East Sussex related to water.

If the number of people who were recorded as having drowned as a result of a fall from Beachy Head is included that number increases.

Nationally over 400 people drown each year making drowning the third most common cause of death amongst young people aged 10-18.

The risks associated with water are not confined to the coast. Nationally more people drown in inland water than the sea in flooded quarries, lakes, canals and rivers.



Whilst accurate data on the number of people left with life changing injuries as a result of a water related incident is not at present recorded expert views are that for every drowning there are 8 life changing injuries (such as paralysis, brain damage due to lack of oxygen etc.)

Locally drowning incidents hit the headlines during the summer of 2016 with the tragic deaths of 7 people in two incidents at Camber Sands which have resulted in a significantly higher profile for drowning prevention. District & Borough Councils are very much involved in water safety and it is likely that incidents will continue to be scrutinised. The tragedy prompted an evidence session held by the Transport Committee in Parliament on 5 December 2016 to scrutinise the structure and coordination of organisations that work to prevent and respond to emergency incidents around the coastline.

In 2016 the National Water Safety Forum published the first UK Drowning Prevention Strategy with an aim to reduce accidental drowning fatalities by 50% by 2026. East Sussex Fire & Rescue Service has its own Water Safety Strategy and is working collaboratively with the Royal Life Saving Society, Royal National Lifeboat Institution and a number of District and Boroughs.

Sussex Safer Roads

PARTNERSHIP

The Sussex Safer Roads Partnership (SSRP) The Sussex Safer Roads Partnership (SSRP) comprises Sussex Police, East and West Sussex County Councils, East and West Sussex Fire and Rescue Services, Brighton and Hove City Council and Highways England, and believes that together, we can create a safer environment for all road users, significantly reduce life-changing injuries and eliminate fatalities.

Locally, the East Sussex Road Safety Co-ordination Group co-ordinates road safety across the County. This is a multi-agency group that comprises Sussex Safer Roads Partnership (SSRP), Sussex Police, ESFRS, all five District and Borough Community Safety Partnerships, East Sussex Highways and Public Health and the Institute of Advanced Motorists.

Data relating to casualties and from Operation Crackdown (an anti-social driving reporting portal) is provided to District and Boroughs in order that current risks and trends can be addressed. In addition SSRP analysts provide bespoke analysis where appropriate.

East Sussex Road Safety Programme

The use of data is vital in understanding risk and how to mitigate it. East Sussex County Council is currently in the process of implementing a two to three year programme of work, designed to reduce the numbers of people killed or seriously injured in East Sussex. Utilising dedicated funding from Public Health, this work began with detailed data analysis of the key issues underlying collisions and to identify those at higher risk of being involved in an incident which results in someone being killed or seriously injured.

The project will implement a number of targeted education and behaviour change programmes, specifically designed to address these groups and underlying issues.

This programme of work is being complemented by a series of road infrastructure improvements to be implemented in those areas within East Sussex which evidence has shown are particularly high risk.

Both aspects of this programme of work are data and evidence driven and will be developed based on both national best practice and following a review of successful similar schemes elsewhere with the overall aim of improving road safety and reducing the number of people killed and seriously injured on the roads in East Sussex.



Police and Crime Plan

The Police & Crime Commissioner (PCC) has a statutory duty to set the policing and crime objectives for their area through a Police & Crime Plan.

A new Police & Crime Plan for 2017/21 was developed last year which sets out the strategic policing objectives for how policing services will be delivered in Sussex across 2017/21. An Operational Delivery Plan sets out how the Chief Constable will deliver policing services to achieve the strategic policing objectives of the Police & Crime Plan.

The PCC has confirmed the following four policing and crime objectives, each containing three underpinning aims, for 2017/21 as follows

Strengthen local policing

- Ensure local policing services are accessible
- Provide effective specialist capabilities to support local policing
- Maintain engagement in the delivery of local policing services to improve public confidence

Work with local communities and partners to keep Sussex safe

- Encourage and support local communities to prevent crime and disorder
- Work with partners to reduce offending and reoffending
- Catch criminals and prevent serious and organised crime and terrorism

Protect our vulnerable and help victims cope and recover from crime and abuse

- Commission high-quality services which support victims
- Prioritise access to services for vulnerable victims
- Enhance our understanding and meet the needs of victims in Sussex

Improve access to justice for victims and witnesses

- Ensure victims and witnesses have the most positive experience of the criminal justice system
- Support vulnerable victims and witnesses
- Maximise the use of technology to improve access to justice for all

Also of note, the PCC has supported the Chief Constable in the development of the new Local Policing Model (LPM). The Local Policing Programme (LPP) is charged with implementing the LPM and encompasses crime prevention, response and investigation based on threat, risk and harm. Now that implementation has begun, the PCC continues to hold the Chief Constable to account for the delivery of the LPP, including monitoring progress and challenging, where appropriate, on behalf of the public.

District and Borough Community Safety Overviews

There are five local Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) in East Sussex:

- **Eastbourne and Lewes Community Safety Partnership**
- **Safer Hastings Partnership and Safer Rother Partnership**
- **Safer Wealden Partnership.**

The local partnership priorities follow, to deliver the priorities each Borough or District area has a separate action plan.



Eastbourne Community Safety Partnership

“Our vision is to improve people’s lives in Eastbourne’s Communities by working in partnership to reduce the levels of crime and anti-social behaviour and to manage the fear of crime”.



What are the priorities and why?

- **Anti-Social Behaviour** – Anti-social behaviour is a key priority for residents of Eastbourne as it can have a detrimental effect on quality of life. Members of the Eastbourne Community Safety Partnership recognise that there are areas where we can work together to find long lasting solutions to more complex anti-social behaviour.
- **Street Community** – Anti-social behaviour related to the Street Community is a key concern for Eastbourne residents, businesses and visitors. However, members of the Street Community are amongst the most vulnerable in our community. The Partnership has a leading role in tackling the anti-social behaviour but also in supporting agencies and partnerships that provide the necessary help to address the needs of the Street Community.
- **Proactively Respond to Emerging Threats and Priorities Based on Threat, Risk and Harm** – with the nature of crime continually changing we need to support our most vulnerable residents from new and emerging threats which they may be particularly at risk of falling prey to. We also need to react to and address the concerns of our local communities.
- **Contributing to the Work of Agencies and Partnerships that have a Leading Role in Working with Victims and Offenders** – There are a number of agencies and partnerships across East Sussex that provide a broad range of support services to victims and offenders. Where the Partnership does not have a leading role in delivering these services, it can play a key part in supporting and raising awareness of these.

Achievements so far...

Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPO) have been introduced to Eastbourne

Neighbourhood management projects such as Naomi Close and Langney Village have empowered communities with an effective response to crime and anti-social behaviour.

The Eastbourne and Lewes Street Community Partnership is working to address the anti-social and multiple and complex needs of the Street Community in Eastbourne

Business Wardens are now equipped with further powers to deal with anti-social behaviour

Diversions sports have been run over the summer holidays to help reduce youth related ASB in this period

Over the next 12 months, we will...

- Complete the formal process for merging the Eastbourne and Lewes District Community Safety Partnership
- Coordinate and support multi-agency responses to anti-social behaviour through our Joint Action Group
- Encourage the reporting of incidents of Personal ASB
- Grant fund organisations that work with individuals, families and communities to help reduce anti-social behaviour
- Coordinate and support a multi-agency operational response to anti-social behaviour related to the Street Community in Eastbourne
- Support the work of the Eastbourne HUB in addressing the multiple and complex needs of the Street Community
- Highlight and address emerging threats and priorities, including Modern Slavery, Child Exploitation and Rogue Trading, through the Joint Action Group
- Review changes in national policy and strategy, research the impact of changes and respond to changes which affect our local communities
- Develop the membership of our Joint Action Group
- Proactively engage with our communities to help identify and respond to local priorities and concerns
- Raise awareness of the services available to victims and offenders
- Provide training to frontline staff to increase awareness, encourage safeguarding and the reporting of offences
- Communicate with residents and businesses through channels such as social media and e-bulletins to promote community safety messages and to change and challenge perceptions of crime and anti-social behaviour in Eastbourne.



Safer Hastings & Safer Rother Community Safety Partnership

Working together to make a difference by addressing the following priorities



The Safer Hastings Community Safety Partnership and the Safer Rother Community Safety Partnership are currently trialling a joint strategic partnership.

Joint local priorities have been developed that will be the focus of current and future activities. This joint action helps in improving communication between partners, pools resources and makes the impact of interventions, initiatives and projects far more effective and long lasting.

Local Hastings & Rother activities will still continue to address local needs. This will result in different results and different outputs but, have longer term outcomes which will show a marked improvement in the issues addressed across the trialled partnership.

What are the priorities and why?

- **Street & community related anti-social behaviour** – street based antisocial behaviour, in all its forms, causes alarm and distress to all. Tackling the most visible antisocial behaviour involves the whole community. The impact of community based antisocial behaviour affects residents, reducing the quality of life of those 'just trying to get on with life'.
- **Violent Crime** (including Domestic Abuse) – violence, either in public or at home is unacceptable. Public violent behaviour will not be tolerated in any of the town centres or in rural areas. Reported hidden violence and abuse continues to rise. More is being dealt with. The joint partnerships want to continue this positive activity and promote reporting of domestic abuse.
- **Youth Crime and vulnerable young people** – 'young people are our future'. Efforts to protect them as well as explain the consequences of their actions into the future continue to be made.
- **Road Safety** - inconsiderate driving behaviour continues to be at the root of all traffic collisions. The Hastings & Rother Roads Partnership, part of the community safety agenda, is developing a range of campaigns and simple actions needed to reduce injury and make road use safer.
- **Modern Slavery & Human Trafficking** – these are emerging and serious issues. Hidden in variety of circumstances from hand car washes to nail bars and in agriculture. The exploitation of individuals across the area is of considerable concern to the joint partnership and to other agencies.
- **Partnership communications and reassurance messages** – Many messages about personal and community safety are lost in modern communication methods. Improving and focusing on messages that are important to residents, visitors and businesses will be developed.

What has been done now and into 2018/19

In Hastings	In Rother
The Hastings Street Community Partnership consisting of 25 voluntary and statutory partner agencies was formed to look at the support and enforcement of the antisocial behaviour being exhibited in Hastings, St Leonards and in Bexhill.	Full participants of Domestic Homicide Review of Rother residents (overseen by the Home Office).
Hastings Borough Council and Sussex Police have imposed Public Space Protection Order in the borough to deal with inappropriate street drinking, drug use and antisocial behaviour.	Delivered training sessions on the tools and powers available to address ASB e.g. Public Space Protection Order (PSPO), Community Protection Warning (CPW), Community Protection Notice (CPN) for council, police and social housing staff engaged in this work.
Hastings Borough Council has changed the role of its wardens to enforce various aspects of the PSPO taking the pressure off local police.	Commissioned and delivered research into Road Safety and incidence of killed and injured road users and pedestrians. An action plan for work over the year 2018/19 is being developed.
A number of locations, across Hastings and St Leonards, have been redesigned to limit antisocial behaviour associated with the street community.	Worked to identify, engage with and work with other agencies with Rough Sleepers in Rother to find alternative solutions.
The Hastings Community Alcohol Partnership was re-launched in Ore to address alcohol misuse in underage residents.	White Ribbon Campaign – ‘Days of Action’ at locations across Rother, including a social media campaign



- A modern slavery team formed to address hidden human exploitation.
- Reaching Communities youth activity coordination project – across the area providing a joined up approach to youth diversionary activities.
- Joint Hastings & Rother communications plan to help reassure residents that the partnership are working together to address local community safety issues.



Safer Hastings - Local Actions

Action in Hastings continues to tackle local issues, some examples are shown below:



The use of the Antisocial Behaviour Public Space Protection Order has shown a decrease in street based nuisance.

Redesigning public spaces and installing gates reduces the impact of local nuisance.



Antisocial behaviour and hate Crime both in the towns in in residential areas continues to be one of the main issues residents want addressing as well as inconsiderate driving behaviours and violence.

The Community Police Hub remains open in Central St Leonards addressing local issues.

Tackling those issues that make the Borough seem unattractive, like drug paraphernalia, litter and removing graffiti continues.

Promotion, through the White Ribbon campaign, encouraging of reporting of domestic abuse incidents and offences, ensuring appropriate support and advice is available to victims.



Safer Rother - Local Actions

The Safer Rother Partnership's Joint Action Group helped fund a number of diverse projects over the last 12 months.



Help was given to a newly formed organisation, 'Sussex Ladies Integrating Communities' (SLIC) to hold their first community event 'Sunday Fun Day Eid Day' at the Youth Centre in Bexhill on Sea.

The group aims *'to break down boundaries, to support integration within the multicultural society and for us today and for the future, tomorrow.'*

Members of SLIC worked tirelessly hard to hold stalls for cakes, scarves, and numerous other activities for children to enjoy, such as face painting, henna tattoo, raffles prizes and lucky dip!

Purchase of equipment for Community Café for vulnerable people in Bexhill on Sea offering food and advice to those who are homeless or have mental health, social issues or poverty.



Provision of window sticker for vehicle to show police when on patrol during the summer months that they are a Camber resident as opposed to a visitor.

Approved funding for branded High Visibility jackets and baseball caps to increase safety and raise profile for both the Hastings & Westfield and Brede Community SpeedWatch initiatives.



Purchase of 30 shed alarms to help protect vulnerable and at risk residents, and 30 Door Jammers to be issued to vulnerable victims of crime

Current indications are that the emerging priorities for 2018/19 will include:

- Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) and Hate Crime
- Road Safety
- Reducing Offending and Re-offending
- Fear of Crime
- Promotion of local Neighbourhood Watch and Speed Watch initiatives
- Improved communication.

Other issues identified during 2017/18:

- Cuckooing
- Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking
- Rough Sleepers and the Street Community
- Delivering interventions under the ASB tools and power such as Public Space Protection Orders, Community Penalty Warnings and Community Penalty Notices.

Lewes District Community Safety Partnership

"Our vision is to improve people's lives in Lewes District's communities by working in partnership to reduce the levels of crime and anti-social behaviour and to manage the fear of crime."



What are the priorities and why?

- **Anti-Social Behaviour** – Anti-social behaviour is a key priority for residents of Lewes District as it can have a detrimental effect on quality of life. Members of the Lewes District Community Safety Partnership recognise that there are areas where we can work together to find long lasting solutions to more complex anti-social behaviour.
- **Reduce the number of people Killed or Seriously Injured on Lewes District's Roads** –Working with Town and Parish Councils, Partnerships and Community Groups to improve road safety in the district as this is a key concern for residents.
- **Proactively Respond to Emerging Threats and Priorities Based on Threat, Risk and Harm** – with the nature of crime continually changing we need to support our most vulnerable residents from new and emerging threats which they may be particularly at risk of falling prey to. We also need to react to and address the concerns of our local communities.
- **Contributing to the Work of Agencies and Partnerships that have a Leading Role in Working with Victims and Offenders** – There are a number of agencies and partnerships across East Sussex that provides a broad range of support services to victims and offenders. Where the Partnership does not have a leading role in delivering these services, it can play a key part in supporting and raising awareness of these.

Achievements so far....

The Lewes District Road Safety Action Group is engaging with Towns and Parish across the district to improve road safety

Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPO) have been introduced in Lewes District

'No cold calling' signs have been introduced in East Saltdean

The newly formed Eastbourne and Lewes Street Community Partnership is working to address the anti-social and multiple and complex needs of the Street Community in Lewes

A multi-agency action group has been set up to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour in Peacehaven

Over the next 12 months, we will....

- Engage with and support Town and Parish Councils in responding to geographically based anti-social behaviour
- Complete the formal process for merging the Eastbourne and Lewes District Community Safety Partnership
- Develop the Lewes District Business Crime Group and explore the potential for a Business Warden to work across the area
- Support the development of the Lewes District Anti-Social Behaviour Risk Assessment Conference and Problem Solving Group
- Encourage the reporting of incidents of Personal ASB
- Grant fund organisations that work with individuals, families and communities to help reduce anti-social behaviour
- identify KSI hot-spots and implement initiatives to reduce incidents
- Work with and support Town and Parish Councils and Community Groups to
- improve road safety across the district
- Work with Wealden Road Safety Action Group to incorporate best practice and deliver behaviour change initiatives
- Highlight and address emerging threats and priorities, including Modern Slavery, Child Exploitation and Rogue Trading, through the Joint Action Group
- Review changes in national policy and strategy, research the impact of changes and respond to changes which affect our local communities
- Develop the membership of our Joint Action Group
- Proactively engage with our communities to help identify local priorities and concerns
- Raise awareness of the services available to victims and offenders
- Provide training to frontline staff to increase awareness, encourage safeguarding and the reporting of offences
- Communicate with residents and businesses through channels such as social media and e-bulletins to promote the community safety message and change and challenge perceptions of crime and anti-social behaviour in the district.



Safer Wealden Partnership

What are the priorities and why?

- Working to ensure local people feel safe and secure and reducing the fear of crime.
- Taking a dynamic and flexible approach to emerging threats and rising crime types.
- Working together to reduce the number of people killed or injured on Wealden's roads and to improve road safety awareness.



Our priorities for the year ahead have been informed from several sources. We looked at what residents are saying is important to them; what crime data informs us is happening in the district; and insights from people in this area of work.

It is also considered important that the partnership reflect, in its priorities, what all partners working together can bring to an issue, rather than, as we have in the past focussed on a list of crime types. These priorities should create a more dynamic working environment and partnership, which has the ability to focus on any crime type or issues which emerge as posing a threat, risk or harm to the communities we represent.

There is one exception to this more flexible approach and that is road safety. Wealden has the worst crash record in the County and local residents and communities clearly prioritised the subject for action.

Achievements so far....

Many successful projects have been carried out directly by partners or funded by the Safer Wealden Partnership to improve community safety and increase awareness of the issues over the year. These projects have included:

Operation Blitz, aimed at tackling anti-social behaviour across the district, particularly on Friday and Saturday evenings

Safety In Action which aims to teach children about important personal and community safety messages in a practical and hands-on way

Fun and safety days, this project focusses activity at community fire stations and attracts young parents and their children and provides the ideal environment to discuss personal and community safety issues;

The 'We're Keeping an Eye on You' initiative is a multi-agency road safety project which uses insights from the behavioural sciences to craft interventions and communicate key road safety messages to road users across the district

The purchase of equipment to improve the motivation and numbers of Community Speedwatch initiatives across the district

The purchase of additional youth work sessions in identified hotspots of youth related anti-social behaviour

The Friday Night Project in Hailsham, now partly extended into Heathfield provides vital diversionary interventions to provide young people with alternative constructive things to do on Friday evenings

Over the next 12 months, we will...

The Safer Wealden Partnership will continue to work hard for the communities it serves to reduce crime and the fear of crime.

As a partnership we are increasingly being intelligence led and use insights from the behavioural sciences to improve the effectiveness of any interventions. Many of the projects highlighted above will continue to be developed during the year ahead.

We will also be looking to develop new projects and joint working on emerging threats to the District and the people who live here.

