



Safer Woking Partnership Crime and Disorder Partnership Plan 2008-2011

Aims

Following a strategic assessment, the Safer Woking Partnership agreed the following aims:

- Promote crime prevention to maintain the low levels of crime and disorder
- Promoting reassurance - to involve the public and work with all communities to reduce the fear of crime and provide people with a sense of safety and reassurance.

The partnership will:

- Work jointly with other statutory and voluntary agencies
- Build capacity within the neighbourhoods and communities to enable them to contribute to the delivery of the aims of this plan.

Priorities

The following priorities were identified from the strategic assessment and a review of current issues and challenges:

Crime:

- Theft of or from motor vehicles
- Alcohol fuelled violent crime
- Domestic Abuse
- Substance misuse: drugs and alcohol

Anti-social behaviour:

- Public order offences
- Driver behaviour:
 - Anti-social parking
 - Speeding
 - Anti-social driving
 - Casualty reduction
- Litter

Community Reassurance:

- Ensure every household is able to access updates on local issues involving crime, environmental issues, and traffic and road safety.
- Local mechanism for residents to access local teams

Fire

- Youth engagement
- Road Traffic Collision reduction
- Arson reduction
- Wildfire reduction.

Re-offending

- Support to the Prolific and Other Priority Offenders Strategy, including the monthly Management Panel (PPOMP) meetings

Data quality and collection

- Review of the current quality and availability of data across all agencies to improve on this for the next strategic assessment

Background

The 1998 Crime and Disorder Act gives Surrey Police, Woking Borough Council and Surrey County Council shared responsibility for developing and introducing strategies to reduce crime and disorder in their area. As a result of the Police Reform Act 2002 the Surrey Police Authority, Surrey Fire and Rescue Service and the Surrey Primary Care Trust became statutory members. This group are known as the Safer Woking Partnership (SWP).

Under the Act, SWP published a community safety strategy every 3 years based on a full crime and disorder audit - a review and analysis of levels and patterns of crime and disorder within the area. The most recent of these strategies covered 2005 to 2008.

In 2007, the process changed after a formal review was carried out by the Home Office. SWP carried out the first annual partnership strategic assessment which was completed in November. This has been used as the basis of Woking's first partnership plan (the new community safety strategy). This is now a 3 year annual rolling strategy.

Sustainable Community Strategy

The 2020 vision Surrey sets a framework under which the second (2008-11) Surrey Community Strategy is being developed. This has five themes of which "Safer and Stronger" includes community safety.

Woking Community Strategy is consistent with the County Strategy and the work of the Partnership Plan contributes to both. The Woking Community Strategy includes six key themes within which there are priority aims. The themes are listed with those aims which the Partnership Plan contributes towards:

- A strong community spirit with a clear sense of belonging and responsibility.
 - Giving local people a voice which encourages participation and is heard by decision-makers.
 - Providing resources and facilities to enable local communities to help themselves.
 - Working towards a more caring community by encouraging a better understanding of different cultures, religion and beliefs, generations and lifestyles.
- A clean, healthy and safe environment.
 - Keeping the environment clean and encouraging everyone to respect it.
 - Helping people to feel safe in their community.
- A transport system that is linked and accessible, recognising Woking's potential as a transport hub.
 - Exploring ways of improving community and public transport.
- Access to decent affordable housing for local people and key workers.
- A community which values personal health and well-being.

- Concentrating resources on developing services which are accessible for disadvantaged vulnerable members of the community.
- Promoting emotional and spiritual well-being by encouraging support structures that help individual's live life to the full.
- Provide opportunities and encourage people to participate in learning throughout their lives so they progress and reach their full potential

In addition, the Local Area Agreement (2008–2011) sets goals and targets for partners throughout Surrey under the five themes, and the targets within the Safer and Stronger element relate to the work of the Safer Woking Partnership. These targets are detailed in appendix 1.

Links to other partnerships and strategies are listed in appendix 2.

Issues and Challenges

The aims, objectives and targets that shape the Partnership Plan come from two key sources:

- The 2007 Strategic Assessment of the medium to long term community safety issues in Woking
- National and regional initiatives

Strategic Assessment and Data Collection

The purpose of the strategic assessment is to assist the strategy group in producing, and in future years revising, the partnership plan. The data, which forms the basis of this analysis, has been drawn from a variety of sources and partner agencies across Woking and the broader Surrey area. These include:

- County Council data and intelligence.
- Borough Council data and intelligence,
- Police Crime and Incident data, intelligence and tactical assessment
- Primary Care Trust data
- Information gathered through a Community Safety Survey
- Information gathered through various community engagement events held in the borough over the last 12 months

During the course of the analysis, it has become clear that the breadth and quality of the data provided is variable across the different agencies. In particular, some data has been provided to a very detailed geographical level, while other data sets are only available at a Borough level, police division level, or even on a Surrey wide basis. This has limited the scope of the analysis in some areas.

These identified problems with data collection will be reviewed and improvements will be sought. However, it is expected that this will continue to be a challenge for future strategic assessments.

Public confidence and customer satisfaction

Public confidence in policing and community safety generally needs to be improved. The SWP therefore intends to keep the public better informed and provide positive messages to tackle perceptions of fear of crime. In addition, the partnership will seek to increase customer satisfaction by managing customer expectations, improving understanding and providing access to local officers across the SWP.

Substance misuse: Drugs and Alcohol

There is a 2008 drug strategy, Drugs: protecting families and communities.

The strategy covers four themes

- Protecting communities through robust enforcement to tackle drug supply, drug-related crime and anti-social behaviour
- Preventing harm to children, young people and families affected by drug misuse
- Delivering new approaches to drug treatment and social re-integration
- Public information campaigns, communications and community Engagement

Problematic Drug Users (PDU's), primarily opiate and crack cocaine users, are the focus of a range of specialist substance misuse services. The needs of Non Problematic Drug users, including stimulant, ecstasy and cannabis users, are an issue that Surrey DAAT is examining at a local and county level. Specialist alcohol treatment services are commissioned by Surrey Primary Care Trust.

The National Alcohol Strategy (2007) states that local communities are best placed to tackle local problems. Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships will be required to have a strategy to tackle crime, disorder and substance misuse, including alcohol related disorder and misuse in their area.

Using data about Woking from the Government sponsored North West Public Health Observatory, it is possible to estimate the extent of alcohol problems in the borough. This data suggests that overall drinking is likely to be below the national average. Only alcohol-specific hospital admissions for women are above the national average, however there are no other indications that adult female drinking is above the national average. Alcohol admissions for under 18's are at the national average level. The data suggests that approximately 10,000 people are hazardous or harmful drinkers in the borough, i.e. they regularly drink above the sensible limits, and 2,000 are dependent drinkers. On this basis around 2,500 people, the dependent and harmful drinkers, could benefit from alcohol treatment services in the borough.

Fire risks

There are members of our community that are at a higher risk of fire and should they have a fire are more likely to be seriously injured or die. Most at risk groups are lone pensioners in social/rented accommodation and those that have mental impairment, either through medical, drink or drug related issues. Also at increase risk are people who do not have smoke detection and previous experience is that occupiers of social accommodation are less likely to have a smoke detector. The

SWP will therefore be seeking to reach these vulnerable groups to give free advice to help keep the occupants stay safe from fire

Another priority is the prevention of Arson. SWP is seeking to help businesses protect their properties from arson, which is the single most common cause of fire in business premises. SWP will continue to give support to the Arson Task Force, a partnership between Surrey Fire and Rescue Service and Surrey Police, who work with businesses to detail simple steps that can be taken to help safeguard premises and staff from the threat of arson, including the control of combustible waste outside premises.

Driver behaviour

Concerns around driver behaviour have been identified in the strategic assessment. This includes noisy driving, perceptions of speeding, obstructive or dangerous parking and abandoned vehicles. Whilst this has tended in the past to translate into actions relating to highway structure, SWP recognises the issue is wider than this. SWP will coordinate measures to raise awareness of the impact of driver behaviour, to reassure and to empower and support neighbourhoods affected.

Prolific and Other Priority Offenders Strategy

Research indicates that a small number of offenders are responsible for a disproportionately large amount of crime. In 2004, the Government published the Prolific and other Priority Offenders (PPO) strategy to direct resources to this group of offenders. The strategy concentrates on 3 areas:

- Prevent and deter
- Catch and convict
- Rehabilitate and resettle.

Much of this work locally is multi-agency and is being supported by partners within SWP.

Target setting

There have been some challenges in setting SMART targets. Many of the priorities that SWP are trying to address are influenced by many factors, often outside of our local control. One of the difficulties is that many of the targets that have been considered are measuring output rather than outcomes. SWP will endeavour to identify programmes that have been demonstrated to work and estimate how these will help us to address the priorities.

Delivery mechanism

The Safer Working Partnership already has established delivery mechanisms through the multi-agency problem solving groups of the Community Incident Action Group (CIAG) looking at problem individuals and Joint Action Group (JAG) looking at problem locations. In addition there are divisional groups such as:

- Monthly Multi-agency Public Protection Agreement (MAPPA) which monitors dangerous individuals, including sex offenders
- Monthly Priority and Other Prolific Offenders Management Panel (PPOMP) which works with prolific offenders and fast tracks them through the Criminal Justice System
- Monthly Multi-agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) which assesses and manages high risk domestic abuse cases
- Quarterly Domestic Abuse Forum which is a multi-agency group that delivers the county domestic abuse strategy at a local level
- Quarterly Substance Misuse Group which assists with the delivery of the DAAT targets
 - action plan formulated by the group
 - DAAT to administer this meeting, arranging dates, agenda
 - Programme 4-5 campaigns per (depending on resources)

The Partnership will keep under review the current delivery methods with a view to ensuring they are efficient and fit for purpose.

Funding

The Safer Working Partnership benefits from a number of funding sources. Through the Local Area Agreement it receives funding under the Safer and Stronger Communities fund, which includes an element for anti-social behaviour. Surrey Police contributes a proportion of the monies they receive from the Basic command Unit. The partner agencies also put monies into a joint funding pot and towards the Domestic Abuse Outreach Service.

Some of the monies are allocated at the beginning of the year but there are some funds that organisations can bid for through out the year. Officers have delegated authority to agree smaller bids but the board signs off all others. The bid form and delegated authority document is in appendix 3.

Review mechanism

The implementation of this Partnership Plan will be reviewed at the Safer Working Partnership quarterly meetings. Much of the operational work will be reviewed at the other regular meetings, such as the monthly JAG and CIAG meetings. In addition there will be the annual strategic assessment with its relevant data collection and analysis.

LAA Priorities for 2008-11

Priority	Immediate Objective	NIS
Strengthening Communities	Environment for a thriving third sector	NI 7
	Overall/general satisfaction with local area	NI 5
	Number of vulnerable people achieving independent living	NI 141
	First time entrants to youth justice system	NI 111*
	Young people and positive activity	Community Strategy*
Crime Reduction	Re-offending rate of Prolific & Priority Offenders	NI 30
	Protection against terrorist attack	NI 36
	Dealing with local concerns about ASB by council/police	NI 21
	Repeat incidents of domestic abuse	NI 32
	Drug users in treatment	Community Strategy
	People killed/injured in road traffic accidents. Community Strategy	Community Strategy
	Support to victims of serious sexual offences Community Strategy	Community Strategy
	Perceptions of drunk/rowdy behaviour as a problem	NI 14+
	People presenting at A & E with drink-related problems	Community Strategy+

*Health & Wellbeing

+Children & Young People

Links to other Partnerships and Strategies

The Local Government Act 2000 placed a new responsibility on local authorities to work with other organisations in its area to produce a community strategy. The aim of this is to provide a shared and co-ordinated approach to meeting local people's needs, while promoting and improving the area's economic, social and environmental well-being. Community safety is an important issue for local people in Woking, so the partnership plan will support the community strategy for Woking.

Work is already being done on community safety through the day-to-day work of organisations based in the borough. SWP needs to acknowledge this as contributing to the crime and disorder reduction agenda and the aims of this strategy. This work is set out in a number of strategies including the following:

- Sustainable Community Strategy for Surrey (2020) (www.surreycc.gov.uk)
- Local Area Agreement 2008 - 2011(www.surreycc.gov.uk)
- Sustainable Community Strategy for Woking Borough (www.woking.gov.uk)
- Making Surrey a Better Place – Surrey County Council (www.surreycc.gov.uk)
- Service and Performance Plan for Woking Borough – Woking Borough Council (www.woking.gov.uk)
- Surrey County Council Community Safety Action Plan (www.surreycc.gov.uk)
- Surrey Domestic Abuse Strategy (www.surreycc.gov.uk/scsu)
- Surrey Drug Action Team Strategy (<http://www.surreydaat.org.uk/plans&documents.html>)
- Surrey Fire and Rescue Integrated Risk Management Plan (www.surreycc.gov.uk)
- Surrey Primary Care Trust Health Improvement Strategy
- North West Public Health Observatory (www.nwph.net/nwpho/default.aspx)
- Surrey Policing Plan (www.surreypa.gov.uk/ourpolicies_polplan.asp)
- Woking Borough Council Housing Strategy (www.woking.gov.uk)
- Black & Minority Ethnic Housing Strategy (www.woking.gov.uk)
- Youth Justice Plan (www.surreycc.gov.uk)
- Anti-Social behaviour Strategy 2005/08 (www.woking.gov.uk)

Funding and bid documents

Waiting approval