

OUR VISION

Respond to local community safety needs and issues, working to resolve the root cause to maintain a safer stronger community where it is safe to live, work and visit.

SECTION 17

Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, as amended by the Police and Justice Act 2006, requires responsible authorities to consider crime and disorder (including antisocial behaviour and other behaviour adversely affecting the local environment) and the misuse of drugs, alcohol and other substances in the exercise of all their duties, activities and decision-making. This means that in all policies, strategies and service delivery there is a need to consider the likely impact on crime and disorder.

Partner agencies and Dover District Council staff are asked to consider Section 17 and to identify within their department all existing and planned activity that may have an impact on crime and community safety.

PARTNERSHIP

The Partnership identifies a series of priorities that collectively partners can work on together to achieve the best outcomes for individuals, families and communities.

The Partnership is made up of a number of statutory agencies involved in promoting public safety, reducing anti-social behaviour and crime.

The Partnerships were introduced through Section 5 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, as ammended by the Police and Justice Act 2006. This appointed a number of authorities responsible for implementing strategies to reduce anti-social behaviour (ASB) and crime and disorder. In the Dover District those responsible authorities are:

- Dover District Council
- Kent County Council
- Kent Police
- Clinical Commissioning Group
- Kent Fire & Rescue Service
- Probation

We also work closely with other relevant agencies, the voluntary and community sector, the business sector and local residents.

Safer Stronger Communities
Partnership (SSCP) is committed to
working closely with the Police and
Crime Commissioner (PCC) and aligns
its priorities with the PCC's.

The Partnership receives funding that the SSCP sub groups can bid into for projects – the projects must be aligned to both the Partnership Objectives and the Police & Crime Commissioner Priorities.

STRATEGIC ASSESSMENT

Each year, for the duration of the plan, the Partnership will carry out a Strategic Assessment. The purpose of a Strategic Assessment is to provide knowledge and understanding of community safety issues to the members of the Partnership.

This has been done through intelligence analysis to identify the emerging priorities by considering the patterns, trends and shifts relating to community safety. Additionally, it will include a performance assessment of how far the partnership has achieved its previous priorities and an update of those issues that the local community consider to be emerging priorities.

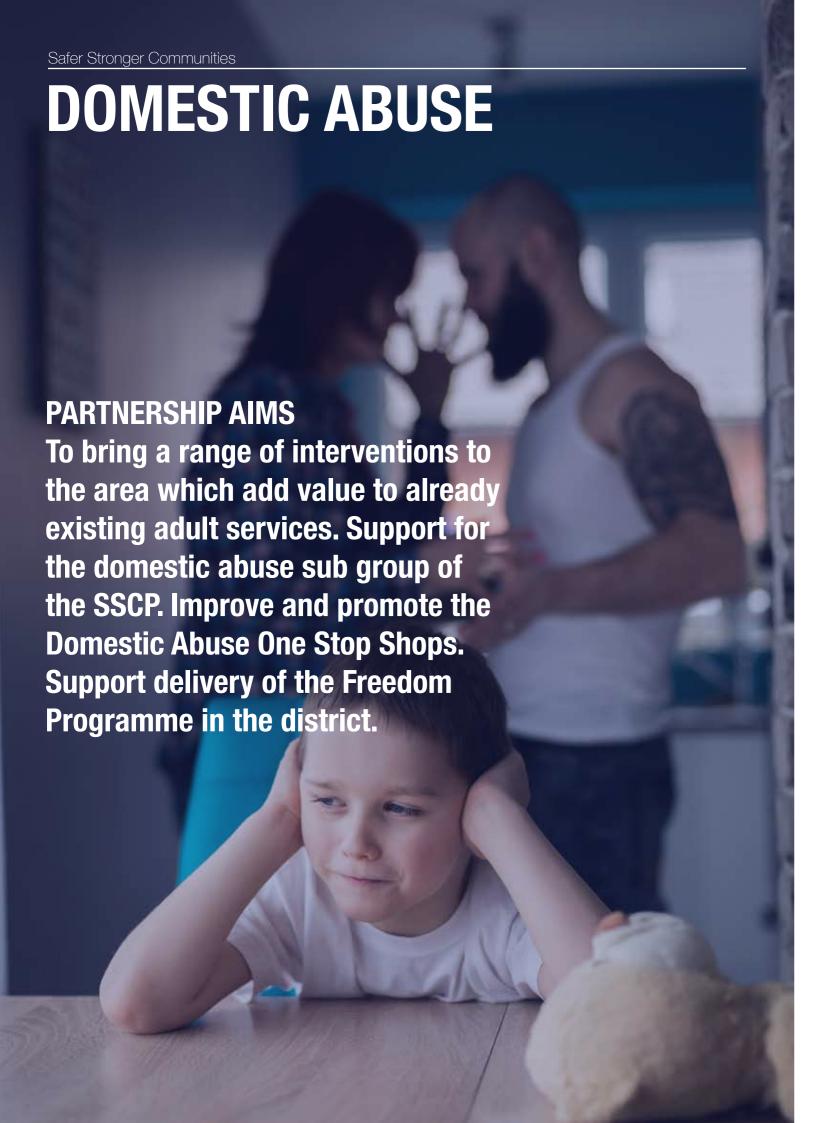
The annual Strategic Assessment is central to the development of the Partnership Plan.

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The Strategic Assessment for 2019-2020 has identified the following priorities:

- Domestic Abuse
- Safeguarding (Vulnerable Adults and Children) (to include Substance Misuse and Mental Health)
- Safer Communities
- Prevent
- Serious Organised Crime





Kent Police received 2,722 reports of Domestic Abuse in the Dover district between Jan-Dec 2018. That is on average 7.5 reports per day.

(source - Kent Police official data)



The Dover Domestic Abuse One Stop Shop saw a **25% increase** in the number of attendees from 141 in 2017, to 177 in 2018.

1.3m ††††
600,000 ††

Each year nearly 2 million people in the UK suffer some form of domestic abuse - 1.3 million female victims (8.2% of the population) and 600,000 male victims (4%).

(source - Office for National Statistics, 2016).

PARTNERSHIP PROJECTS

DA Café

A café has been set up in the Dover district to support those who have or are experiencing domestic abuse. The café is as a place where individuals can build up a support network and meet others who have similar experiences.

Freedom Programme

The Freedom Programme is a programme set up to support victims of Domestic Abuse. The programme helps victims to reclaim their lives and recognise what a healthy relationship is. During 2018, 67 individuals completed the Freedom Programme.

One Stop Shop

The Domestic Abuse One Stop Shop enables a victim of Domestic Abuse to seek support from a number of agencies in one location.



370,000

- Over 370,000 older people are abused in the UK every year.
- The number of children in need has risen from 389,040 in 2017 to 404,710 in 2018, an increase of 0.4% in England.

SUBSTANCE MISUSE

- There has been an increase in the number of people aged between 45-65 years old seeking help for alcohol misuse in the Dover district.
- In the UK, more than 40% of children who start drinking before the age of 13 will go on to abuse alcohol or to become alcoholics at some point in their lives.

Mental Health

 According to the Mental Health Foundation, nearly one in 10 children and young people aged five to 16 are affected by a mental health problem.

PARTNERSHIP AIMS Prevent

Deterring individuals, providing education and diversionary signposting and activity.

Protect

Protecting individuals, families and communities against community safety threats. Ensuring the right controls and practices are in place and people have information to help themselves.

Prepare

Being prepared to manage impacts or consequences of community safety issues. Able to respond in a rapid and effective way.

Pursue

Prosecuting offenders and disrupting activity that has a detrimental effect on communities and individuals.

Vulnerability and Risk

Safeguarding those who are vulnerable and at risk from issues including: substance abuse, drugs and legal highs, cuckooing and related vulnerability, alcohol and mental health issues.

High/Repeat Service Demand

Preventing offending, preventing reoffending and supporting integrated offender management.

Education and Prevention

Building positive relationships, helping those Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET), providing vulnerability training/engagement and tackling scams and fraud.

TO SAFEGUARD VULNERABLE YOUNG PEOPLE THE PARTNERSHIP WILL BE ADDRESSING:

Child Exploitation – child sexual exploitation, missing persons, gangs and anti-social behaviour, female genital mutilation, modern day slavery and radicalisation.

Children & Young People's

Resilience & Wellbeing – child

poverty, mental health, domestic

abuse and substance misuse.

Prevention initiatives – positive healthy relationships, Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET), community engagement and inclusion, early intervention and emerging risk-taking behaviour.



John Muir Awards

25 young people completed the John Muir Awards Scheme.

The John Muir Award is a 4 day non-residential environmental award scheme that is focussed on life experiences of wild places. It helps people connect with nature and learn to enjoy and care for wild places.

The award improves personal development through outdoor experiences. At the end of the programme each young person is awarded a Bronze, Silver or Gold award.

Safety in Action Week

256 year 6 pupils undertook 8 interactive workstations on a variety of community safety themes, to raise awareness and protect and safeguard them. Themes included: gangs, substances, fire safety, water safety, internet safety, etc.

Youth Conference

802 Year 8 pupils from across the Dover District attended the Dover Youth Conference.

Pupils were able to learn about a range of issues from national speakers on subjects including: gangs, County Lines, Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE), radicalisation and drugs.

Young people will learn safety mechanisms and support will be given to protect and safeguard.

Peer Mentoring Programme

The Safeguarding Peer Mentoring
Programme focusses on tackling: CSE,
Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE), gang
behaviour and risk taking behaviour
across the Dover district. The programme
targets Secondary Schools - 15
students from Years 12/13 are to mentor
approximately 300 students from Years
8/9, in a project led by Christ Church
University with support from Dover District
Council.

Local Members will be invited to participate in schools to act as community advocates in promoting this important resource and all other communication tools used as appropriate in conjunction with the school.

Dover Smart Project

The Partnership is supporting an arts diversionary engagement project raising awareness of youth crime and gangs. The project lead is Dover Smart. Local media and cultural avenues will be fully utilised to showcase this innovative piece of targeted diversion. 14 male students from Astor College School took part in the project exhibiting their work in a number of locations across the Dover district.

Gang Awareness Training

6 workshops were delivered in identified local secondary schools with experiences of gang related issues. These workshops were delivered directly to the parents of vulnerable young people to raise awareness of signs and symptoms of gang involvement and to complement other direct delivery programme to young people contained in this plan.

Safer Communities and Community Projects

PARTNERSHIP AIMS

Providing targeted education and awareness campaigns for communities.

Provide training to frontline professionals.

Working collaboratively with our partners to ensure the Dover district remains a safe place to live, work and visit.

Picture: Dover District residents at a community event in Sandwich

The Safer Stronger Communities Partnership recognises that it should focus on addressing the potential exploitation and vulnerabilities of those involved in low level Anti-Social Behaviour.

COMMNITY PROJECTS

Property and Bike Marking

Community property and biking marking events have been held across the Dover district, and information and security measures were offered.

Graffiti removal

Community groups have been supported in the removal of graffiti in hotspot areas within the district.

Nuisance Bikes

Awareness has been raised regarding the dangers of using off-road bikes, offering information and guidance.

Community Caretakers

6 Community Caretaker stores have been set up in various locations. This is to support volunteer community caretakers to carry out small scale projects within their community, such as: graffiti removal, litter picking and the general appearance of the local area.

Community Hub

The Community Hub was set up in 2015, to bring together different sections of the community, challenging intolerance, understanding varying cultural beliefs and promoting community cohesion.

Safer Stronger Communities

Prevent

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Awareness training delivered to Front line professionals 87 Professionals attended training



Film about Hate Crime
The Safer Stronger Communities
Partnership, using funding from
the Police Crime Commissioner,
has produced a film to educate
young people across the Dover
district.

The film was made in the Dover district highlighting the effects on victims of hate crime, how hate crime affects communities, why people feel they may be targeted and how victims of hate crime can be supported.



Prevent is part of the Government counterterrorism strategy. It is designed to tackle the problem of terrorism at its roots, preventing people from supporting terrorism or becoming terrorists themselves.

PARTNERSHIP AIMS

To support delivery of the Government's Prevent Strategy from a local multi agency perspective.

To support the Channel Panel process.

Serious Organised Crime

£37 billion

Serious and organised crime affects more UK citizens, more often, than any other national security threat. It costs the UK at least £37 billion annually

Organised crime can be defined as serious crime planned, coordinated and conducted by people working together on a continuing basis. Their motivation is often, but not always, financial gain. Organised criminals working together for a particular criminal activity or activities are called an organised crime group.

PARTNERSHIP AIMS

All partners to work collaboratively to address the impact of serious organised crime groups in the Dover district.

EXECUTIVE GROUP

The Partnership is overseen by the Executive Group, comprising senior personnel from the responsible authorities and other agencies in the district who are able to help. Sub Groups have been set up to deal with each priority. Each sub group will have an action plan to address their objectives set by the Community Safety Partnership Executive.

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Demographic profile of the district

The Dover district is situated on the eastern coast of the county of Kent in South East England, with an outstanding natural and cultural heritage. As home to the Port of Dover and closest to mainland Europe, Dover is often referred to as the 'Gateway to Britain.' The district covers approximately 123 square miles, and comprises a mixture of rural and urban areas.

Within its borders there are three major towns: Dover, Deal and Sandwich. There are also several large villages such as Aylesham and St Margaret's-at-Cliffe, that sit within rural wards and account for large percentages of those wards' populations.

The Dover district is home to around 113,100 people. The majority of residents live in Dover (43,800) and Deal (30,200).

The district's population displays a much stronger than average trend towards an aging population. The proportion of people aged over 65 is forecast to increase by 72% in the 20 years to 2031, while the proportion of children and those of working age in the district would shrink.

The overall population is expected to rise by 20.6%.

Average household size is the third lowest in Kent and is set to reduce further, a trend reflected across Kent. The population also suffers from a much higher than average incidence of long-term illness. Skills levels amongst the population are considerably lower than the Kent and regional averages. ONS Census 2011 records show that 96.7% of the population is of white ethnic origin (of which 92.9% are white British), with the remaining 3.3% from a range of minority ethnic groups. The Dover district has the lowest proportion of residents from a black or minority ethnic group in Kent. It has minimal and decreasing numbers of asylum seekers, the great majority of asylum seekers now pass straight through Dover and the numbers coming through the port have been declining for some years.



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https://www.dover.gov.uk/Community/Community-Safety/Home.aspx







