

South Cambridgeshire Community Safety Partnership

Transformation Plan 2019/20/21

The Community Safety Partnership is responsible for improving community safety, including reducing crime, disorder, substance misuse and reoffending in South Cambridgeshire. The partnership includes the local authorities, police, fire service, NHS, probation service, community rehabilitation company and the voluntary sector. We work alongside the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Our two-year Transformation Plan aims to:

1. Make sure we know what makes our communities vulnerable
2. Give communities the knowledge and skills to tackle concerns themselves
3. Share our learning across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough

As a partnership all our actions try to add value to what we can do individually as organisations. We do not list everything we do separately.

This year and next, rather than just focusing on the crime types that are committed, we will be focusing on understanding what causes people to be vulnerable to becoming victims or perpetrators of crime and anti-social behaviour in the district.

In addition to the things included in this plan, the partnership will still come together to resolve specific issues and cases that cannot be resolved by one agency on its own and fulfil its statutory duties. The duties include assessing relevant data each year, reviewing Community Trigger cases and carrying out Domestic Homicide Reviews. Please see our Operational Plan for further information.

Making sure we know what makes our communities vulnerable

We will work together to better understand what makes people vulnerable in South Cambridgeshire. We will do this by looking at all relevant data available to us, and especially data that we haven't looked at in the past. We hope that this will help us to see how we can better help people to avoid becoming vulnerable.

What we know already:

- Our rural areas are faced with lots of risks that can be hard to understand.
- Our communities tend to focus on the crimes that have been committed rather than the reasons why people commit crimes or become victims. We need to look at both.
- As a very rural area, it is not easy to predict where crimes will take place based on what has happened in the past. Risks such as domestic abuse, modern day slavery and county lines do not show in statistics, however, we know that they are happening in our area.
- Not all our communities are the same. We have different needs in the various communities, and some are more able than others to protect themselves.
- Our communities expect a lot of us. We need to work together, as well as with our communities, to make the most of resources.
- Our communities often think that there is more crime than there is, and that they are at more risk than they are.

In looking at the data and anecdotal evidence in more detail we hope to:

- use a greater range of data to examine the concerns of communities.
- better address the causes of crime and victimisation.
- show if we need to focus on issues that do not show in statistics.

First we will set up a data group to:

1. review how we currently know who is vulnerable in our area.
2. look at how we share information now and compare it to best practice elsewhere.
3. design a way to use this information to help vulnerable people living in a rural district.

Second, we will use any new information from the data group to help us decide which risks and vulnerabilities we will focus on. This will help:

- The CSP to agree which should be looked at together (districtwide, local level or non-geographic community-level).
- The Problem Solving Group to better prioritise and focus.
- Individual agencies to better understand the risks and vulnerabilities that will inform their own work.
- Community groups to make informed decisions.

Giving communities the knowledge and skills to tackle concerns themselves

We will work with our rural communities to develop and share a series of projects and initiatives that will help us to work together with them or help them to help themselves where they would like to, and we are unable to do so.

What we know already:

- Many of the traditional ways to help communities cannot be used because organisations do not have the resources to use them.
- Many of the traditional ways to help communities do not involve community safety organisations working with communities to solve concerns together.
- The rural nature of the area makes it difficult for organisations to tackle every community's concerns.

Through this work we hope to:

- improve partnership working at a local level.
- provide communities with the information and skills to help themselves if they would like to.
- increase our communication with communities that we are working with or those that are helping themselves.

Using our newly agreed priorities and processes, we will:

1. coordinate and communicate with active local communities.
2. help communities turn their desire for change into action.
3. support local action through:
 - a. developing and publishing a toolkit for how to make things happen.
 - b. providing skills training if required.

4. offering small grants to turn ideas into action.

Sharing our learning across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough

Once we have developed our toolkit and piloted the approach in South Cambridgeshire’s rural communities, we will share our experiences. We hope to be able to show how community energy can be converted into action that makes a difference to people locally.

The toolkit will be a library of off the shelf projects and initiatives for communities to use, backed up by support from local agencies who can provide advice where needed. We will include templates, ‘how to’ videos, first-hand experiences from communities and advice on how to keep projects running and evaluate their success.

Ultimately, we want to help our communities as much as possible within the resources we have. We want to collaborate with them, as well as provide them with the right support to be able to solve their own issues and help themselves.

Summary Action Plan

	Action	Lead Team, Organisation	Resources	Timescales (complete by)
1	Set up data group: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brief organisations • Agree date/time of first meeting 	Research Group, Cambridgeshire County Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Researcher time – funded by partners • Staff time – organisational budgets 	30 September 2019
2	Facilitate data group: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agree terms of reference • Relevant officers to attend meetings 	Research Group, Cambridgeshire County Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Researcher time – funded by partners • Staff time – organisational budgets 	31 December 2019
3	Report on findings from data group, to include current processes, proposed new processes and	Research Group, Cambridgeshire County	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Researcher time – funded by partners 	5 February 2020

	analysis of data collected: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Present written report to CSP Tasking & Coordination Group 	Council		
4	Agree focus for action: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CSP Tasking & Coordination Group to make recommendations • CSP Board to agree focus 	Cambridgeshire Fire & Rescue Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partners time – organisational budgets 	27 February 2020
5	Collect, assess and pilot case studies of community-led success stories: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set up 'toolkit group' • Contact and collect information from local communities and further afield • CSP Tasking & Coordination Group agree first set of case studies for the toolkit • Criteria, governance and delivery of funding 	Sustainable Communities and Wellbeing Service, South Cambridgeshire District Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional staff time - £4,750 • Pilot projects – kick start funding £8,000 • Project evaluation - £3,000 	30 June 2020
6	Produce toolkit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request quotes for case studies • Develop 'How to' videos • Design and create online 	Sustainable Communities and Wellbeing Service, South Cambridgeshire District Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional staff time - £1,900 • £10,000 video development • Host toolkit – SCDC 	31 August 2020

	toolkit		operational costs	
7	Develop support package: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify training needs • Work with communities to develop support materials where professional training is required 	Cambridgeshire Constabulary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional staff time - £3,800 	30 September 2020
8	Launch toolkit and support package: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Host launch event, inviting local communities and countywide partners • Publicise launch of toolkit and support • Host local information events, if required • Promote other Cambridgeshire CSP projects, e.g. Community Eyes and Ears, where appropriate 	Sustainable Communities and Wellbeing Service, South Cambridgeshire District Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional staff time - £1,900 • £2,000 event costs • £800 publicity materials • £500 training costs 	31 March 2021