

# **Safer Oxfordshire Partnership**

## **Annual Report 2024/25**

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# **INTRODUCTION**

## **Purpose of the Annual Report (Community Safety Agreement)**

The legislation states that an annual community safety agreement is required in two tier county areas. Such an agreement provides a summary of our achievements over the past year and sets out our joint priorities for the year ahead. It also sets out our principles for working together and provides information about the partnership works.

## **Our Vision**

**Working together to reduce crime and create a safer Oxfordshire.**

## **Background**

The Safer Oxfordshire Partnership is a thematic group in Oxfordshire that brings together community safety partners to work together to deliver on joint priorities and emerging themes. The partnership is part of a strategic framework that community safety partners are expected to put in place to improve outcomes for local people.

Regulation eight of The Crime and Disorder (Formulation and Implementation of Strategy) Regulations 2007 sets out the community safety requirements which apply at a county-wide level. This requires that for each county area there shall be a county strategy group whose function shall be to prepare a community safety agreement and partnership plan for the county area on behalf of the responsible authorities in that county area.

In Oxfordshire, the Safer Oxfordshire Partnership fulfils this function through the Co-ordination Group which is a senior officer group that ensures the countywide statutory functions in relation to community safety in Oxfordshire are met through the coordination of action on community safety matters, directing resources to the highest priority areas and ensuring efficiency.

We will deliver this vision through the priorities identified in this plan that outlines our priorities for safeguarding vulnerable adults and children through supporting victims, tackling offending, and collaborating with the local community to keep themselves safe.

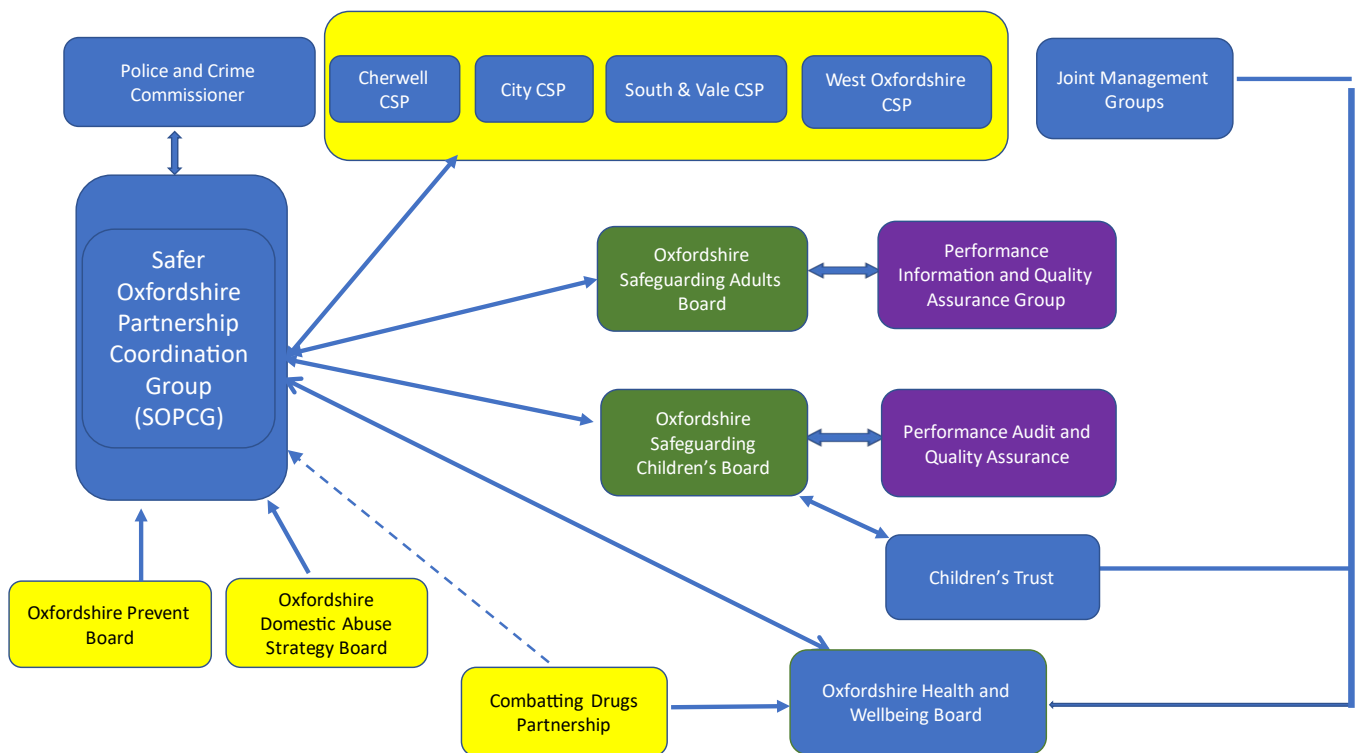
All our activity will include consideration of inclusivity and access to Oxfordshire services by minority and vulnerable groups. Oxfordshire is a low crime area, and we are committed to working together to ensure that crime levels remain low, and we continue to improve the safety of our local community.

# WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP

## Safer Oxfordshire Partnership

The Partnership provides a coordinated approach to responding to shared community safety priorities across the four-district & City level CSPs. Representation on the Safer Oxfordshire Partnership includes the county council (children’s social care, fire and rescue, public health), the district/ city councils (who chair the four CSPs), as well as the police, probation service, community rehabilitation company, prison service, Integrated Care System, and the voluntary sector.

SOPCG’s broad membership ensures strong links between other strategic partnerships, such as the Oxfordshire Safeguarding Children Board, the Oxfordshire Safeguarding Adults Board, the Health and Wellbeing Board and the newly formed Combatting Drugs Partnership.



## **Principles of Working Together**

A working protocol has been agreed across the multi-agency Boards/ Partnerships that are working to improve the health and wellbeing of Oxfordshire's residents and safeguard children, young people and adults with care and support needs who are vulnerable to abuse and neglect.

Underpinning this protocol are the principles of thinking partnership working; understanding our own responsibilities and those of other partnerships; working together on themes of common interest; sharing information about risk; providing mutual challenge and support; sharing good practice and resources; and working with openness and honesty.

The protocol sets out how the different Boards and partnerships will interface with each other, including reporting; regular liaison and consultation; and escalating safeguarding concerns.

## **How the Priorities are Agreed**

Each year the partnership produces a Strategic Intelligence Assessment (SIA) for Oxfordshire. The assessment is a snapshot of crime and community safety. It describes future threats and opportunities and helps us to understand crime and disorder issues. The assessment uses data from Thames Valley Police, the Home Office, and the Office for National Statistics. The SIA, together with the strategic objectives of the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC), and the priorities of the district/ city Community Safety Partnership (CSP) Plans, provide the evidence base to agree our countywide priorities.

We also now have included a Violent Crime Strategic Needs Assessment as prescribed by the Serious Violent Duty Act - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/serious-violence-duty>

## **Strategic Intelligence Assessment – Summary**

### **National police and crime survey trends**

As of December 2022, national police recorded crime (excluding fraud) has now exceeded pre-coronavirus pandemic levels.

National crime survey data, however, shows that compared with the pre-coronavirus pandemic year ending March 2020, total crime decreased by 12%.

Oxfordshire has seen a 11.5% (+602) increase in recorded crime in West Oxfordshire from the previous year.

West Oxfordshire has seen an increase of 13% in violence against the person and a 25% increase in violence with injury offences compared to 2021. This is above the Thames Valley rate; +5% violence against the person, +8% violence with injury.

Cherwell has seen a 10% increase in stalking and harassment offences, this is above the Thames Valley rate of change at +2%.

Between 2020/21 and 2021/22, the crime severity score and the offence rate each increased in Cherwell, Oxford, Vale of White Horse, and West Oxfordshire.

Early results of the OPCC survey shows Oxfordshire respondents generally felt:

- A high level of trust for the police
- Those that used public transport felt safe.
- Most felt safe in their normal environment.

### **Poverty and crime**

In Oxfordshire, there is a high correlation between deprivation and violence and sexual offences.

Areas of Oxfordshire that have a high correlation include Banbury Ruscote, Banbury Grimsbury, Banbury Neithrop.

The full SIA document can be found here: <http://insight.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/community-safety>

## **Our Priorities in 2024/25**

### **Fighting modern slavery and serious violence**

- The partnership remains committed to tackling child criminal exploitation and safeguarding children from harm outside the home using contextual safeguarding approaches. The Violence & Vulnerability Strategy, Youth Justice & Exploitation Annual Plan and OSCB CE sub-group action plan outlines how, as a partnership, we are continuously striving to develop and improve our practice to safeguard children in Oxfordshire
- The vision is “For everyone in Oxfordshire to live a safe and happy life free from slavery and exploitation in all its forms” and the strategic priorities are to: Improve awareness, understanding, identification and reporting of modern slavery across all relevant organisations and with the public in Oxfordshire; Facilitate a positive protection and support system for victims which prevents repeat victimisation; Prevent the victimisation of those vulnerable to exploitation; and Hold perpetrators to account, promote appropriate prosecutions and develop effective disruption activities.
- The Oxfordshire Violence & Vulnerability strategy sets out how the Safer Oxfordshire Partnership will address public space youth violence including knife crime and serious violence associated with drug-related exploitation of vulnerable adults and children in the county; focussing on the people who are posing the greatest threat, harm, and risk to our communities. We fully recognise that sexual violence, domestic abuse and violence against women and girls is cross-cutting and no less serious in terms of risk and harm, for clarity and accountability these areas are delineated into distinct strategies and plans, each with their own measures and impact indicators.

### **Protect vulnerable people through reducing the risk of abuse.**

As of 1st April 2023, Oxfordshire County Council has a new provider for the Oxfordshire Domestic Abuse Champions Network, Adolescent Safeguarding Consultancy (ASC). All Reducing the Risk DA Champions will be contacted to inform them of the changes to the local provision, ask if they would like to share their details with the new Oxfordshire DA Champion Network lead, and provide contact details and a hyperlink to a survey gathering feedback on what existing Champions would most like from the new set up.

The new model will maintain regular mail outs to Champions, the provision of an online hub, and fourteen half day sessions (including induction sessions for new Champions, CPD opportunities, and networking). The new DA Champion Network Provider is exploring formal accreditation of training modules / interactive workshops to encourage continual professional development & engagement in the networking sessions (intending to improve uptake) - supporting Champions to remain involved in the Network and develop relationships with local professionals, with the aim to gain their accreditation. The new Network focusses significantly on the professional development of Champions to optimise the opportunities for Champions to change attitudes and organisational cultures and improve outcomes for those affected by domestic abuse.

The approach of our new Provider is an exciting opportunity to revitalise the Oxfordshire DA Champions Network. Moving forward ASC will be ensuring that the Network is achieving its

aims and gathering a robust evidence base of the activities, engagement, and outcomes for people affected by abuse across the County.

**Reduce the harm caused by alcohol and drugs misuse.**

- Aligned with the newly established Combating Drugs Partnership (CDP) Action Plan as part of the National Drug Strategy, two priorities in 2023/24 for the community alcohol and drug service in Oxfordshire delivered by Turning Point are to continue increasing the numbers of people in treatment, and to improve pathways and continuity of care for people coming out of prison with an ongoing drug treatment need.
- The Refresh Café is an initiative that provides support for drug and alcohol users with a history of offending access to work/employment-based interventions and real work experience, to reduce re-offending, increase employment opportunities, support sustained recovery, and prevent relapse. The priority for 2023/2024 is maintaining the achievements in activity delivered through the Refresh Café, whilst integrating it within a broader programme of interventions for drug and alcohol users with offending histories delivered by Turning Point under a new contract for supplementary substance misuse services from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023. Key output targets for the Refresh Café to maintain in 2023/2024 include: (i) at least thirty offenders completing its accredited volunteering programme; (ii) at least twenty offenders moved into further training; (iii) at least fifteen offenders moved into paid employment; and (iv) at least thirty offenders becoming drug / alcohol free.
- There are number of other pilot interventions being delivered locally, funded by additional grant money linked to the national drug strategy, Harm to Hope. These include a “drive safe” probation pilot, focusing on people who have committed a driving offence whilst under the influence of drink or drugs, and a custody-based screening pilot ensuring people in custody receive substance misuse support where required.
- Continued development of the Alcohol Partnership in Oxfordshire by Public Health team which comprises CSP leads, local authority licensing leads, Hospital Trust, SCAS, TVP, Commissioned Outreach Teams etc.
- Alcohol Awareness week – social media campaign supporting and advertising events across the county run by our young peoples and adult’s community alcohol and drugs services.

**Reduce the level of re/offending, especially young people.**

- Improving victim and witness satisfaction - putting people at the centre of the CJS.
- Supporting the principle of facilitating the required Criminal Justice processes necessary to make Restorative Justice a timely, safe, and efficient intervention to reduce re-offending and the risk of repeat victimisation.
- Reducing Reoffending - reducing crime, harm and risk by focusing on evidence-based, partnership approaches including Integrated Offender Management, Focussed Deterrence and prevention and diversion work to prevent children from entering the youth justice system in the first place
- Improving access to health provision for offenders and reducing health inequalities.
- Supporting children within the youth justice system in line with the YJB Child First principles, to treat children as children, include children in decision-making and planning, support them to build pro-social identities and make positive contributions to their



communities, and to ensure all work reduces criminogenic stigma from contact with the criminal justice system

## **Some of Our Achievements in 2023/24**

### **Public Health – Refresh Cafe**

Funding has been used to support the delivery of the Refresh Café' on Cowley Road. Refresh provides access to employment-based interventions and real work experience, to reduce re-offending and sustain drug and alcohol recovery. The project offers a safe environment, a place that people can learn new skills and be surrounded by likeminded people.

We have continued to focus on supporting offenders from criminal justice settings county wide to engage in the programme and to help facilitate engagement in these sessions we aid with transport, bus passes, train travel warrants or providing taxis so they can attend for sessions we provide. In addition to recruiting offenders from our weekly Court sessions, we have also recruited offenders from Turning Point's weekly in-reach sessions at Bicester Probation, Oxford Approved Premises and Bullingdon Prison

Volunteering at the café offers an opportunity to gain valuable work experience and enables offenders to redevelop people skills and work-based skills to allow volunteers to learn and move forward with their lives, promoting self-confidence, responsibility, and a chance to interact with other staff and customers. The volunteers are central to developing the Refresh Café Recovery Community and it has proven to be a successful springboard for offenders. In 2022/23 our offenders' team have provided 4,768 hrs of meaningful activities within our Refresh Café Programme

- Recovery Events – we have run a variety of recovery events over the last 12 months that have included:
- Stoptober – smoking cessation week at the Refresh Café in October 22 encouraging offenders to quit smoking. Free vapes are distributed within formal smoking cessation sessions with fourteen people achieving a quit.
- Sober October - a week of alcohol awareness sessions at the Refresh Café with mocktails, safer drinking sessions and safer drinking resources distributed.
- Dry January – we continue to run weekly alcohol awareness sessions at the start of year that run alongside the national campaign of Dry January
- Sober Spring – a alcohol awareness campaign that we run in conjunction of the Sober App to continue with reduced drinking.
- Health & Wellbeing pop-up days – we run monthly sessions in arrange of community settings.

### **Public Health – VAWG Coordinator**

The VAWG Coordinator regularly attends a range of multi-agency meetings. This helps to ensure, that the right people are in the right places, and the right connections are made. Supporting system coordination of VAWG in this way is anticipated to improve outcomes for those affected by improving strategic consideration and service response, as well as a stronger focus on prevention resulting in reduced tolerance, fewer people experiencing VAWG, and reduced harm for Oxfordshire residents.

As an example, this year the postholder has:

As of 1st April 2023, Oxfordshire County Council has commissioned Adolescent Safeguarding Consultancy (ASC) to provide the Oxfordshire Domestic Abuse Champions Network. The provider

has created a new network of professionals who receive regular mail outs in relation to Domestic Abuse news and updates on the service.

The course which is accredited consists of five sessions of two full-day Domestic Abuse Champion training events some of which take place online but more due to be held in person. There is an online hub which focusses significantly on the professional development of Champions to optimise the opportunities for Champions to change attitudes and organisational cultures and improve outcomes for those affected by Domestic Abuse. September 2024 will see the delivery of the Domestic Abuse Champions training taking place at RAF Brize Norton to raise awareness of this issue to this hard-to-reach group.

The in-person Network sessions are another means for members to continue their professional development and network with others. The network continues to grow with a view to increasing the number of accredited DA Champions in workforces across Oxfordshire.

This approach is an exciting opportunity to revitalise the Oxfordshire DA Champions Network. ASC ensures that the Network is achieving its aims and gathering a robust evidence base of the activities, engagement, and outcomes for people affected by abuse across the County.

### **South & Vale Community Safety Partnership -Mediation Service**

When trying to tackle neighbour related ASB cases (which can present significant demand on the services of the police, district councils and housing associations), there is often no enforcement route that can be taken so being able to offer the practical tool of mediation demonstrates that the agencies want to try and help resolve the ASB.

Although the best outcomes are secured when disputing parties go through the mediation process, even being able to offer mediation as a solution to neighbours can often provide the key opportunity for them to stop and review their situation and take greater ownership of resolving the problems. To try and capture this benefit, the community safety team recorded those neighbour ASB cases they were dealing with where they offered mediation (even if it did not result in a referral being made to Mediation Bucks). The results are as follows:

- Number of times mediation was offered to parties involved in reported case of neighbour ASB - 36
- Percentage of cases where the referring agency received no further reports of the neighbour related ASB after the offer of mediation was made to the complainant, but no referral was subsequently made – 75% (15)

### **West Oxfordshire Community Safety Partnership Contribution towards Oxfordshire Domestic Abuse Services Contract**

The case studies show us how important this support is to victims of domestic abuse, whether it be getting the support to leave an abusive relationship or help with navigating the complexities that life brings after separation.

Places of Safety and Refuges continue to remain available and are a vital aspect of this service. There have been concerns about the delay in receiving security/safeguarding checks through TVP and MASH and we understand this has led to delays in some victims leaving an abusive relationship. It is important that this is improved if at the point they have built up that courage, they then must wait up to a week for clearance to come through, it gives a lot more thinking time and the window of escape gets smaller. Victims continue to be able to access support at any stage of the abuse.

### **West Oxfordshire Community Safety Partnership - Youth Needs Assessment**

- Just under four thousand young people and 177 parents responded to our surveys which informed the Council's Youth Needs Assessment, covering a wide range of issues, including mental health, the pandemic, access to activities as well as a range of community safety topics.
- Young people aged 11-25 have told us where they like to socialise with friends, how safe they feel in those areas and what would make them feel safer. We had several open questions asking about the challenges young people face and what young people need where community safety themes like violence against women and girls, drugs, gangs, and alcohol were all highlighted.
- What was most surprising was that just over 450 young people, representing 12% of those who responded to the survey, said they have felt the need to carry a weapon, with nearly 50% of those being female. When breaking that data down geographically it was closer to 60% of females in the school catchment area that covers Witney.
- The survey provides a wealth of information about young people in West Oxfordshire, which will support decision making around services and provisions, additionally providing a starting point for having future conversations with young people about issues that are important to them. It is also hoped that the Voluntary and Community Sector, which is currently struggling due to escalating core costs and patchwork funding may be able to use this Assessment to evidence a need for young people across the district and access funding.

### **Cherwell Community Safety Partnership – Safeguarding Children in Banbury Project**

SCiB have delivered:

- Bespoke substance misuse drama workshop for year 6 pupils 20 x 2-hour sessions across primary schools in Banbury - this would deliver the workshop to approx. six hundred year 6 children.
- Bespoke 2-hour Exploitation workshop 20 x 2-hour sessions across primary schools in Banbury - this would deliver the workshop to approx. six hundred year 6 children.
- Website hosting - Provides a central and secure place to be able to upload SCiB content and additional related resources (for example, Project 10). This is accessible by any professionals who are associated with SCiB including schools in wider Oxfordshire.
- New resources ('ask me about' stickers and Digital leaflets to be created centrally to distribute to all schools).

Stickers to raise the profile of key concepts within SCiB within the community. This is intended to be three stickers for all primary-aged school children that are directly associated with SCiB in Banbury - this equates to fifteen schools (presently) for all their pupils. This would be approximately 4,500 children and their families (calculation based on average on Fifty children in a year group x 6 years in school x 15 schools).

### **Oxford City Community Safety Partnership - Host and manage the Oxfordshire Anti-Slavery Coordinator**

- Outcomes achieved as at end March 2023:  
Development of data recording has enabled threat, risk, harm, and trends to be identified in Oxfordshire. Key risks currently identified are brothels, labour exploitation in hospitality and restaurants and the highest risk being overseas workers in the care sector. The planned weeks of action will give the opportunity to engage and raise awareness with those involved, including potential victims.
- The coordinator is a member of the National Network Coordinators Forum, national trends are also identified, and good practice shared on how other areas are tackling issues. There was concern of exploitation of Ukrainian refugees so work was and continues to be undertaken with the lead in Oxfordshire to develop resources to share with refugees and those supporting them and to attend current support groups to raise awareness of exploitation and to whom they should report. This work will also now be conducted for those accommodated in asylum hotels in the county.
- Development of Guidance and Pathways document for frontline services in Oxfordshire has raised more awareness of what modern slavery is, the typologies, the indicators and how to respond. This coupled with useful resources including an indicators checklist and questions to ask potential victims has ensured that practitioners are able to identify more victims and are more confident in dealing with cases which is encouraging for victims and empowers them to speak to agencies.

### **Oxford City Community Safety Partnership – Host and manage the Oxfordshire Community Safety Problem-Solving Officer**

- Working across Oxfordshire to assess and implement Situational Crime Reduction Surveys in response to local community priorities including drug dealing and misuse, ASB and serious violence. Manage, hotspot identification, deployment, and data protection issues in relation to the redeployment of mobile CCTV cameras in areas that need additional public space surveillance. This will be in response to the recommendations in the Crime Reduction Surveys
- Project management and delivery of interventions. Timescales depend upon the magnitude of the problem, for example, the SSF3 project has run for six months with multiple work-streams. Training of CSP staff based on the number of suitable officers put forward by partners.

### **Oxford City Community Safety Partnership - Community Safety Framework**

- Oxford City CSP lead on development of a multi-agency place-based approach to initially address an increase in serious violence and anti-social behaviour in an Oxford neighbourhood following two deaths over a couple of months and the behaviour of identified children being significant cause for concern.
- The framework is applicable to community safety risks that impact the quality of life in neighbourhoods where the visible signs of youth crime and anti-social behaviour are seen and felt by the local community, for example: drug dealing, child criminal exploitation, anti-social behaviour, and violence outside the home.
- The framework supports the contextual safeguarding model by coordinating interventions and safeguarding/public protection at the person, family, peer, school, and neighbourhood levels. Embedded in it is the person-centred safeguarding work from statutory and voluntary sector organisations who support people in need, or who have vulnerabilities that increase their risk of victimisation and exploitation. Using a localised assessment of need, it helps partners identify where there are local or strategic gaps in provision.

## Youth Justice & Exploitation Service – Restorative Justice

Our highly effective Joint-Decision Making Panel continues to play a key role in diverting children from the criminal justice system where appropriate and proportionate, and we have increased the number and use of Outcome 20s where we can evidence work is already being done with a child to help address their behaviour and meet their needs.

Children's feedback is collected following completion of their Reparation activity, and in 2022-2023 the views of thirty children were collated and analysed. The average score (on a scale of 0 – 10) was 9.5 for feeling safe and 9.3 for always being treated with respect, 8.2 for finding Reparation meaningful, 7.2 for Reparation being helpful to the community, and 7.1 for learning new skills. Where reparation is directly for the benefit of the victim. Asked what was good about doing their reparation activity, comments from children included; 'Feeling like I am doing work for a good cause'; 'Learn new skills that are applicable elsewhere'; 'I didn't get treated like a criminal'; 'Meeting people who help the community'; 'Learning about things I never knew I cared about, overall an eye opening experience'; and 'Keeps me busy and reminds me everything comes with a consequence.

Oxfordshire was successful in our bid to be an NRM devolved decision making pilot site, which commenced in March 2023. For the last quarter of 2022 Oxfordshire submitted 3 NRM referrals. For comparison, since the pilot began, we have received 21 NRM referrals to be considered at our local Panel. To date fourteen children have been discussed and we have made nine conclusive grounds decisions. Panels are held fortnightly and ensure a timely response to identification of child victims of modern slavery in Oxfordshire. The Panel consist of representatives from Children's Social Care, YJES, Health, Police and Oxfordshire's Anti Modern Slavery Coordinator. Feedback from the Single Competent Authority (SCA) has been positive and after shadowing our initial Panels they are now confident in our approach and decision-making and have withdrawn from shadowing our Panels. Thus far all our decisions at Panel have been upheld by the SCA.

The YJES 'One Step Ahead' parenting group approach is underpinned by the concept that we need to work with 'parents are partners' when looking at managing the risk to children from outside of the home. The sessions have been led by our Family Support and Student Social Workers and the content draws on delivery of sessions from various partner agencies. In 2022-2023 we ran three groups online with input from police, health, education, youth justice and the child's drug & alcohol service. We reached in total about thirty parents.

We also offered a bespoke face-to-face parenting course for a specific secondary school where they were concerned about drug-dealing in the school. This ran for 4 weeks and focused on social media harms, children missing from home, youth justice interventions and processes, input from the drug & alcohol team and a session by Police around exploitation and how the Police and partners respond.

The feedback from parents has been positive; many spoke favourably about having the direct access to services they would not normally feel able to access, and a resounding response was that this type of support should be available to all parents of adolescents. Parents told us they felt better equipped to have conversations with their children about their peers, lifestyles, and risk and more empowered to work with services to safeguard their children.

## **Appendix 1 - Police and Crime Commissioner Strategic Objectives**

The role of the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) includes working with the Safer Oxfordshire Partnership to achieve the shared objectives of tackling crime, the causes of crime, and supporting victims and offenders. The PCC has ring-fenced a portion of his budget for community safety activity and gives this funding to the Safer Oxfordshire Partnership for allocation to various projects and partnerships to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour across the county.

The Safer Oxfordshire Partnership coordinates bi-annual reporting to the Commissioner to account for this funding and ensures that it supports delivery of the PCCs strategic objectives, which are outlined below.

### **Police and Crime Commissioner Strategic objectives 2021-25**

#### **Strong local policing**

Recruiting more police officers, supporting neighbourhood policing, and focussing on driving down the crimes that matter most to the public.

#### **Fighting serious organised crime**

Cracking down on the threat from "county lines" drugs gangs to protect children from exploitation and abuse.

#### **Fighting cybercrime and fraud**

Crime is changing and I will invest in the technology and resources the police need to protect the public online.

#### **Improving the criminal justice system**

Supporting victims of crime, bringing more criminals to justice, and reducing reoffending.

#### **Tackling illegal encampments**

Ensuring a fair but firm response to illegal encampments and reducing the effect on our communities.

The priorities have been kept broad to allow organisations to address concerns in different ways and to meet local needs but there are a number of key aims under each priority.

For full details of the Police and Crime Plan visit: <https://www.thamesvalley-pcc.gov.uk/police-and-crime-plan/>

## **Appendix 2 - Resourcing**

Investigating and enforcing crime is not the only, nor the best approach to making communities safer. The police cannot cut crime on their own. Effective partnership working is essential. The PCC collaborates with other local leaders to improve outcomes for communities and make sure that local resources are used efficiently and effectively. There are 12 Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) that bring together key partners at local council levels, and they form a bedrock of delivery on crime reduction and prevention.

CSPs consist of five 'responsible authorities' – police, local authority, fire and rescue authority, probation provider and Integrated Care Boards (ICB) and are under a duty to assess local community safety issues and draw up a partnership plan setting out their priorities.

The OPCC has allocated £712,271 to Oxfordshire for strategic partners to bid into the OPCC for projects and posts to deliver against their plans.

## **Appendix 3 - Safer Oxfordshire Partnership Membership**

Members include representatives of organisations with a statutory responsibility for community safety, and groups key to shaping and delivering the community safety agenda.

The SOPCG will consist of the representatives of the following organisations at a minimum -

- OCC Director of Community Safety and Chief Fire Officer (Chair)
- District and City Community Safety Partnership Managers.
- Chief Superintendent for Oxfordshire
- A representative from the Integrated Care System (formally CCG)
- A representative of Youth Justice and Exploitation Service
- A representative from the Probation Services
- A representative from Public Health
- Appropriate people to provide a voluntary sector perspective.
- A representative from Children's Social Services with oversight of Children Safeguarding.
- A representative Adult Social Care with oversight of Adult Safeguarding.
- A representative from Police and Crime Commissioners Office
- A representative from County Council education team

## **Appendix 4 - City and District Community Safety Partnership Plans and Priorities**

Each district level Community Safety Partnership (CSP) is responsible for publishing its own community safety plan. Each plan outlines how the CSP will engage with local communities to reduce crime and the fear of crime and their priorities for the year ahead. Links to the district community safety pages are below:

Cherwell Community Safety Partnership – <https://www.cherwell.gov.uk/info/120/community-safety/166/cherwell-safer-communities-partnership-cscp>

Oxford Community Safety Partnership – [https://www.oxford.gov.uk/info/20101/community\\_safety/1107/oxford\\_safer\\_communities\\_partnership](https://www.oxford.gov.uk/info/20101/community_safety/1107/oxford_safer_communities_partnership)

South and Vale Community Safety Partnership - <https://www.southoxon.gov.uk/south-oxfordshire-district-council/community-help-and-safety/south-and-vale-community-safety-partnership/>

West Oxfordshire Community Safety Partnership - <https://www.westoxon.gov.uk/communities-and-leisure/community-safety/community-safety-partnership/>