

HEALTH & WELLBEING BOARD

DATE 12th March 2026

Safer Oxfordshire Partnership

Report by Rob MacDougall - Appendix 1 & Serena Abel - Appendix 2

RECOMMENDATION

1. The Health & Wellbeing Board is **RECOMMENDED** to

NOTE the activities and outcomes of the Safer Oxfordshire & Oxfordshire Domestic Abuse Strategic Board, reflected in Annex 1 & 2

Executive Summary

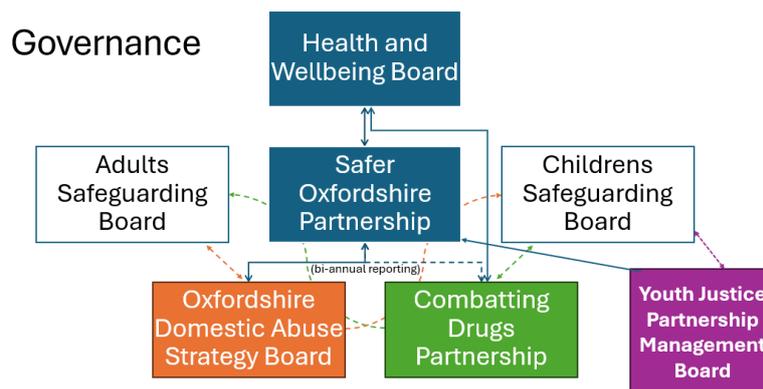
2. The Safer Oxfordshire Partnership is reporting to the Health & Wellbeing board, and this is the first overview of the work of the partnership in Oxfordshire.

Safer Oxfordshire Partnership

3. The Safer Oxfordshire Partnership serves as the strategic framework for enhancing community safety and reducing crime and anti-social behaviour throughout Oxfordshire. By fostering collaboration among various stakeholders, the partnership effectively aligns resources and initiatives to address shared community safety priorities across the region.
4. Central to its mission, the partnership acts as a vital conduit between the office of the Police and Crime Commissioner and the district-led Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) in each of Oxfordshire's four districts. This collaboration ensures a cohesive approach to tackling local and countywide safety issues.
5. The Safer Oxfordshire Partnership is structured around an officer-led coordination group that oversees the execution of strategic initiatives. Each district CSP is empowered to develop tailored strategic plans that reflect the unique needs and challenges of their respective communities. These district plans are integrated into broader countywide strategies, ensuring that local priorities align with overarching objectives.
6. Key components of the partnership include the Combatting Drugs Partnership, which provides biannual updates to the Safer Oxfordshire Partnership while also reporting directly to the Health & Well-Being Board. This dual reporting

structure allows for a comprehensive understanding of substance misuse issues within the context of broader health considerations.

7. Additionally, the Youth Justice Partnership Management Board and the Oxfordshire Domestic Abuse Strategic Board are integral to the Safer Oxfordshire Partnership. Both boards have established reporting protocols to ensure that their activities and initiatives are regularly communicated and integrated into the partnership's strategic discussions.
8. This structure facilitates a proactive and coordinated response to emerging challenges, ensuring that all partners are informed and engaged in promoting safer communities. The accompanying diagram illustrates the reporting relationships and communication channels among the various partnerships, highlighting the collaborative nature of the Safer Oxfordshire initiative.
9. By prioritizing strategic oversight and fostering collaborative efforts, the Safer Oxfordshire Partnership aims to create a safer environment for all residents of Oxfordshire, ultimately enhancing the quality of life and community well-being across the region.



10. The Oxfordshire Domestic Abuse Strategic Board are responsible for providing strategic leadership for domestic abuse in Oxfordshire, overseeing the delivery of the Overarching Oxfordshire Domestic Abuse Strategy and Safe Accommodation Strategy. The Domestic Abuse Act was enacted in parliament in April 2021 and Part Four of the Act confers statutory duties on Tier One Local Authorities within England including the need for provision of accommodation-based support in its area for victim-survivors and their children.
11. Health and Wellbeing board are recommended to note the activity of the Oxfordshire Domestic Abuse Strategic Board as outlined in the 2024/25 annual report included in Annex 2.

Annexed Documents: Annex1 Safer Oxfordshire Partnership Annual Report
 Annex 2 Domestic Abuse Annual Report

Exempt Information

12. Not applicable

Corporate Policies and Priorities

13. The activity of the Safer Oxfordshire Partnership supports the vision, values, objectives and strategic priorities in the County Council's corporate plan by tackling inequalities through ensuring that services are accessible to all and demonstrates our commitment to prioritising the health and wellbeing of our residents

Financial Implications

14. This report covers the activities achieved in the last year under the SOP, all resources required to delivery these activities are funded through existing received grants and therefore does not present any financial implications.

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Legal Implications

15. The Domestic Abuse Act 2021, established key provisions for the protection and support of victims of domestic abuse, including requirements for 'relevant' local authorities to:
 - prepare, publish and monitor the effectiveness of a strategy for the provision of accommodation-based support in its area,
 - appoint a domestic abuse local partnership board to provide advice to the local authority about its strategy and the provision of other local authority support in its area, and
 - provide an annual report to the Secretary of State on the performance its responsibilities under the Act.
16. This report provides an update on the activities of the Local Partnership Board and the Safer Oxfordshire Partnership. There are no specific legal implications arising from this report

Comments checked by: Janice White, Principal Solicitor

Staff Implications

17. There is no staffing implications specifically linked to this report.

Equality & Inclusion Implications

18. There are no Equality and Inclusion implications specifically linked to this report.

Sustainability Implications

19. There is no sustainability implications specifically linked to this report

Risk Management

20. There is no risk management associated with this report

Consultations

21. There are no consultations as this is retrospective review of activity in the Safer Oxfordshire Partnership.

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Annex 1: Safer Oxfordshire Partnership Annual Report 2025-26

Annex 2: Domestic Abuse Annual Report

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