**Birmingham** **Community Safety Priorities 2014–16**

**Birmingham Community Safety Police and Crime Board**

**Pan-Birmingham Key Outcome Measures**

**Pan-Birmingham Guiding Principles**

*The priorities are grouped into five key areas; each will have Delivery Plans and a performance framework relevant to the subject areas****.***

***(i) Domestic Violence***

***(ii) Youth Violence***

***(iii) Mobilising Communities***

***(iv) Vulnerable People***

***(v) Business related crime***

**Overarching Strategic Thematic Priorities**

1. Priorities and interventions should be more than ‘business as usual’
2. The focus should be on working better together and adding value to existing work
3. The main priorities will be set for two years; however there will be flexibility to enable emerging threats and concerns to be addressed throughout the two years.
4. A clear narrative is necessary describing what will be done and why and communicated widely
5. There should be clear accountability for delivery, confirmation of complementary activities within other city partnership boards and also clarity on the lead partnership/board for subjects
6. The momentum around the Victims Charter and improved services should be maintained
7. There will be a particular focus on young people as Birmingham is the youngest city in Europe, with under 25s accounting for nearly 40% of the population
8. Business crime can have a detrimental effect and impact on inward investment, there will be an emphasis on encouraging and facilitating growth.
9. Work to prevent violent extremism and counter terrorism is vital in Birmingham. The work is managed through the Contest Board with established links to Community Safety.
10. Evaluation should be designed into relevant programmes and space created to encourage innovation

*There is a desire to move away from a narrow numbers-driven set of targets, however three outcome measures will be used to track and monitor overall performance as they provide consistency over a long time period and the trend analysis can also be broken down by geographic and demographic groups.*

1. Reduce Total Recorded Crime
2. Increase Perceptions of Safety
3. Reduce Re-Offending

*Successful partnership working and delivering the priorities of communities across the City will also be measured by a wider range of processes that will be developed throughout the year, including:*

1. Wider use of satisfaction measures for both direct customers and general public across services delivered by the partnership
2. The successful development and implementation of agreed interventions, new ways of working and progress against the plan
3. Improved confidence to report domestic abuse which may lead to a rise in recorded violent crime (a distinction will be drawn between domestic related violence and non-domestic related violence)



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**Birmingham South**

**Community Safety Local Delivery Group**

Birmingham South Local Delivery Group (LDG) is chaired by Superintendent Pete Henrick (Local Policing & Partnerships, Birmingham South Local Policing Unit) and supported by Austin Rodriguez (Safer Places Office, BCC). Membership consists of representatives from BCC District Services, BCC Landlord Services, BCC Youth Service, BCC Community Safety, BCC Safeguarding & Family Support Service, Birmingham Social Housing Partnership, Bournville Village Trust, West Midlands Police, West Midlands Fire Service, Centro, Aquarius, Addaction, Birmingham South & Central Clinical Commissioning Group and Selly Oak Area Caretaker Society.

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The purpose of the LDG is to provide a forum and platform through which members can coordinate their efforts to prevent crime and disorder, as well as maintain community safety in Birmingham South. It also provides a partnership forum through which pan-Birmingham or Quadrant/LPU level strategies and policies can be put into practice in local communities and neighbourhoods.

**2014/15 Priorities:**

In selecting the priorities there were three particular considerations taken by LDG members, which were:

* How can the LDG contribute towards Birmingham’s community safety priorities?
* What are the unique trends and challenges to Birmingham South relating directly and indirectly to community safety?
* How can we contribute towards other areas such as health, employment and economic development, for example (with particular consideration of the District profiles and conventions)?

The priorities for 2014/15 for Birmingham South, identified by the LDG are as follows:

* ***Domestic Abuse***
* ***Young people (10-24yrs)***
* ***Mobilising Communities (including Substance Misuse, Road Safety, Environment)***
* ***Vulnerable People (including safeguarding children, safeguarding adults, older adults, mental health)***
* ***Business Crime & Partnerships***

*These priorities have been identified and agreed by LDG members through meetings during January to March. They have been shared and agreed with local Councillors via the Edgbaston, Northfield and Selly Oak District Committees during the summer of 2014.*



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**Community Safety in 2013/14**

**From Birmingham Community Safety Strategic Assessment:**

1. Perceptions of safety within pan-Birmingham target though have reduced from 2012/13
2. Violence with injury (VWI) has increased in-line with the pan-Birmingham trend, though Birmingham South is the second best performing LPU/Quadrant
3. ASB satisfaction with West Midlands Police is behind the Birmingham target and Birmingham South is the worst performing LPU
4. There has been a decrease in Most Serious Violence within all Domestic Abuse
5. Road safety incidents where people are killed or seriously injured have reduced in Northfield and Edgbaston, but increased in Selly Oak, which is the worst performing District in the City

**Domestic Violence**

1. Domestic Abuse is increasing, but most serious violence is decreasing
2. Increasing prevalence and presence of substance misuse, mental health, welfare reform
3. More needs to be done around earlier intervention and engagement with “standard” and “medium” risk

**Children & Young People**

1. Provision of a “youth offer”, joint enforcement activity and early intervention via Schools & Police panels and Think Family key to addressing youth related ASB.
2. Birmingham South has highest level of youth related ASB, being particularly high where above are not all in place or working well
3. Partnerships with education from Primary to Secondary and Further Education are important

**Social Media & Community Engagement**

1. Web based activity providing big increases in community engagement where being put into action
2. Provision of support or “scaffolding” needed for community and third sector groups to get more involved in neighbourhoods

**Emerging issue**

1. Cannabis cultivation, particularly linked to welfare reform and household finances

**Resident Priorities identified via West Midlands Police via Community Consultations:**

1. ASB involving young people
2. Burglary Dwelling
3. Drug dealing and use
4. Prostitution
5. Speeding and parking
6. Vehicle crime (including criminal damage)

**Key issues and trends identified via 2013/14 sub-group activities**

**ASB & Safer Communities**

1. Children’s safeguarding and child protection presenting frequently in most complex cases
2. Mental Health and Substance Misuses presenting frequently in complex cases involving adults

**District Tasking**

1. Road safety issues regularly being referred including school parking and speeding.
2. Environmental issues regularly being referred including dog fouling, graffiti, fly-tipping

**Student Serious Acquisitive Crime**

1. Burglary continuing to fall for further year in Selly Oak

**Wider trends and issues from 2013/14**

**From District Profiles:**

1. Jobs, housing and public services are resident priorities in general
2. Population features large numbers of older people, small families and British White residents
3. Areas of high dependency on and competition for health and housing services
4. Isolation, mental health and preventable diseases above average amongst older population
5. Young people and young adults struggling with access to basic services and opportunities for housing, employment and children’s health
6. The majority of residents are satisfied with the area as a place to live and there is a comparatively high number of active residents contributing to the area



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**Community Safety Local Delivery Structure**

**BIRMINGHAM COMMUNITY SAFETY KEY OUTCOME MEASURES:**

REDUCE TOTAL RECORDED CRIME; INCREASE PERCEPTIONS OF SAFETY; REDUCE REOFFENDING; WIDER USE OF SATISFACTION MEASURES; IMPROVED CONFIDENCE TO REPORT DOMESTIC ABUSE

**Young People**

* Lead – BCC Youth Services (Jan Collymore)
* Young people aged 10-24yrs; CYP Provision; CYP Engagement & Support

**PLACE**

**Business Crime & Partnerships**

* Lead – West Midlands Police (Inspector Cate Webb-Jones)
* Business related crime; Transport ASB

**Mobilising Communities**

* Lead – BCC District Services (Karen Cheney)
* Community scaffolding; Social Media; Transforming Place & Neighbourhoods

**B’HAM SOUTH LOCAL DELIVERY GROUP**

**Safeguarding & Supporting Families**

* Lead – South & Central Clinical Commissioning Group (Jenni Northcote)
* Domestic Violence; Think Family; Safeguarding & Family Support; Workforce development; CSE, FGM, Prevent.

**Substance Misuse**

* Lead – West Midlands Police (Inspector Nicola Court)
* Drug enforcement strategy; Cannabis cultivation; Drug treatment; Young People

**PEOPLE**

**Safeguarding & Supportin Adults**

* Lead – West Midlands Fire Service (Sue Brookin)
* Hoarders; Home Fire Safety Checks; Mental health & well-being; Vulnerable victims of crime and ASB

**Environmental Tasking**

* Lead – BCC Landlord Services (Natalie Potter)
* Dog fouling; Graffiti; Fly-tipping and littering, Tatters

**Schools & Police Panels** - Involved and integrated through “ASB SCG”; “Young People Sub-Group”; “Road Safety Sub-Group”

**Prevent** – Involved and integrated through “Safeguarding Families”; “Safeguarding Adults”; “Young People”; ASB SCG”

**Priority Neighbourhoods** – Involved and integrated through “Substance Misuse Sub-Group”; “Mobilising Communities Sub-Group”; “Safeguarding Families”; “Safeguarding Adults”; “Young People Sub-Group””; “Domestic Abuse Forum”

**District Tasking Groups**

* Lead – West Midlands Police
* Community concerns and problem solving

**ASB Safer Communities**

* Chair – West Midlands Police (Partnerships)/BCC Safer Communities (Jonathan Antill)
* Referrals and case management; ASB; Repeat callers; Groups & Gangs; Think Family; Offenders; Vulnerable victims; Hate Crime

**Road Safety Tasking**

* Lead – West Midlands Fire Service (Chris Wood)
* School Parking; Speeding; Parking; Road Condition; Mini-motos and off-road bikes

**Schools & Police Panels** - Involved and integrated through “ASB SCG”; “Young People Sub-Group”; “Road Safety Sub-Group”; “Substance Misuse Sub-Group”; “Safeguarding & Supporting Families Sub-Group”

**Prevent** – Involved and integrated through “Safeguarding & Supporting Families”; “Safeguarding & Supporting Adults”

**Priority Neighbourhoods** – Involved and integrated through “Substance Misuse Sub-Group”; “Involving Communities Sub-Group”; “Young People Sub-Group””; “Environmental ASB Sub-Group”

**District Tasking**

* Chair – West Midlands Police (Constituency Inspectors)
* Community concerns and problem solving



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**(ii) Young People**

**(i) Domestic Violence**

*The focus of this work will be from 10 to 24 years old, with different aspects more relevant to some age groups than others:*

1. Using an intelligence led approach engaging, accessible activities and programmes to be identified, collated and commissioned, which can provide a platform and pathways to engage young people in:
   1. Preventative work and education to reduce risky behaviour
   2. Positive opportunities to improve aspirations and life outcomes
2. Target additional youth provision and activities using an intelligence led approach to impact on the
3. Ensure that “What’s On South Brum” as a signposting and information facility is fit for purpose – for needs of practitioners, professionals, communities and young people
4. Provision of timely networking opportunities, events and support to facilitate local partnerships and joint working
5. Practical support and advice for local groups, staff, commissioning, funding and facilities
6. Improve clarity and understanding of landscape of support available for at risk, challenging and vulnerable young people

*Delivery Methods:*

* *Young Persons Sub-Group*
* *CYP Providers Forum*

*Lead: Jan Collymore, Area Youth Officer, BCC Youth Services*

*This includes a wide range of abuse that is not always explicitly physical violence; the range of work will include but not be limited to the following:*

1. Focus on Domestic Violence where children and families are involved:
   1. Dissemination of learning and emerging trends from Domestic Homicide Reviews and Local Profiling work
   2. Pathways between domestic abuse, mental health, welfare reform, crisis support and substance misuse services
   3. Local partnership working, particularly applicable to early intervention, low and medium risk victims and joint working between Police, Housing and Family Support Services
   4. Awareness raising in communities
   5. Young people and healthy relationships
2. Maintaining regular Birmingham South Domestic Violence Forum and network of agencies and services
3. Development of guidance and clarity about information sharing particularly between Police, Housing and Family Support Services

*Delivery Methods:*

* *Domestic Violence Forum*
* *Safeguarding Families Sub-Group*

*Leads:*

* *Domestic Violence Forum - Paula Harding, Violence Against Women Strategic Lead, Birmingham Community Safety Partnership*
* *Safeguarding Families Sub-Group – Jenni Northcote, Partnerships Head, Birmingham South & Central Clinical Commissioning Group*



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**(iii) Mobilising Communities**

**Road Safety**

*This work will focus on issues regularly raised by local communities as local concerns:*

1. Development of a more collective, joined up and intelligence led approach to better understand locations and issues of concern, as well as opportunities for earlier intervention and prevention
2. Development of a more joined up approach to forward planning to identify opportunities and issues, which can benefit from a more collective approach
3. Development of inter-agency understanding of the resources, services, powers and good practices in place and available to address road safety issues, particularly speeding, parking, mini-moto’s/off road bikes
4. Support the safety element of the development of sustainable travel planning in Birmingham South

*Delivery Method: Road Safety Tasking Group*

*Lead: Chris Wood, Northfield Station Commander, West Midlands Fire Service*

**Environmental**

*This work will focus on issues regularly raised by local communities as local concerns:*

1. Fly-tipping; Dog fouling; Graffiti; Litter; Derelict buildings; Fly-posting; Bon-fires
2. Identify, share and develop good practices
3. Development of better inter-agency and inter-services understanding about the different processes, services, roles, responsibilities, powers, structures in place for reporting, cleaning and enforcement
4. Development of a more collective approach to identifying and understanding hotspots, trends and issues to inform more effective and evidence based responses
5. Development of more collective responses to issues incorporating a wider range of resources, powers and including particularly enforcement, problem solving
6. Encourage greater work with communities and community groups to enable them to take more ownership of these issues

*Delivery Method: Environmental Tasking Group*

*Lead: Natalie Potter, Local Housing Manager, BCC Landlord Services*

*In addition to agencies working together to address neighbourhood issues, there will be a strong emphasis on encouraging, supporting and mobilising communities to tackle them too:*

1. Identify and share information, news, emerging issues, opportunities and good practice to enable individual and collective responses to “Involving Communities”
2. Develop the support available from statutory agencies, as well as dialogue with community and voluntary sector organisations to empower and enable them to take a greater role in neighbourhood issues, planning and delivery of services.
3. Develop a collaborative, evidence led approach to developing and resourcing ways of working to enable and empower community groups, active citizens and volunteers to be more involved in neighbourhood issues and decision making. This is with a particular focus on communication and community engagement between agencies and with communities.
4. Inform and coordinate the partnership development and implementation of the Transforming Place Strategy and other place based working in Birmingham South’s neighbourhoods.

*Delivery Method: Involving Communities Sub-Group*

*Leads: Karen Cheney, Selly Oak District Head, BCC District Services*

**Substance Misuse**

*This work will be informed by the Drugs Profile commissioned by Birmingham South Local Policing Unit. This will have a particular focus on the:*

1. Particular focus on drugs related activity in Bartley Green, Longbridge, Northfield, Kings Norton and Brandwood Wards
2. Improve systems and processes through which agencies report concerns and intelligence about drugs activity to West Midlands Police
3. Improve multi-agency information sharing, planning and enforcement relating to drugs activity
4. Identify, share and develop good multi-agency practices, which encourage greater community reporting and ownership of drugs activities
5. Improve public education and awareness about illegal drugs and “New Psychoactive Substances”, particularly with young people

*Delivery Method: Substance Misuse Subgroup*

*Lead: Inspector Nicola Court, Offender Management, West Midlands Police*



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*There will be a dual focus on “safeguarding families” and “safeguarding adults”. The following issues will be addressed and referral pathways will be scoped, clarified, refined and promoted amongst professionals with an emphasis on “every contact counts”. Accurate and timely referrals should ensure assistance is provided by the right agency and quickly to improve earlier interventions and reduce long-term demand on services.*

**Safeguarding & Supporting Families**

*In addition to domestic abuse, there will also be a particular focus on:*

1. *Help make the safeguarding landscape more understandable and accessible to non-specialist services*
2. *Understand and remedy current gaps in agency engagement in safeguarding processes and structures*
3. *Identify and influence policy issues impacting on safeguarding*
4. *Identify and share good practice and case studies to develop and disseminate*
5. *Assist in the delivery and implementation of pan-Birmingham safeguarding activity, plans and recommendations from bodies such as the Safeguarding Children’s Board (TBC)*
6. *Raise awareness of and engagement with specialist areas of community safety related safeguarding issues such as domestic abuse, child sexual exploitation, female genital mutilation, Prevent, home fire safety*

*Delivery Method: Safeguarding Families Sub-Group*

*Lead: Jenni Northcote, Partnerships Head, Birmingham South & Central Clinical Comissioning Group*

**Safeguarding & Supporting Adults**

*There will be a particular focus on mental health and olders adults, included within:*

1. *Two areas of focus - safeguarding/ protecting AND supporting vulnerable adults, as well as helping people distinguish between the two*
2. *Information sharing about changes to services, good practice, emerging issues and trends, as well as referral outcomes and issues*
3. *Make it easier for people to understand and engage with safeguarding and support services, including professional relationships and joint working*
4. *Encourage earlier intervention and work with support services to prevent safeguarding and protection issues, including referral pathways and training*

*Delivery Method: Safeguarding & Supporting Adults Sub-Group*

*Lead: Sue Brookin, Partnerships Officer, West Midlands Fire Service*

*There is a need to develop new relationships with businesses with regard to promoting local regeneration, economic activity and partnerships, encouraging a focus on community safety via existing forums such Northfield BID, Lifford Business Association, Harborne Business Association and the St Modwens Development, as well as promoting corporate social responsibility and business participation in local community safety programmes. This will take a particular focus on:*

1. Reduction of business related crime with greater emphasis on crime prevention initiatives and working more collaboratively with businesses
2. Reduction of crime and anti-social behaviour on the public transport network to increase passenger confidence and safety

*Delivery Method: TBC*

*Lead: Inspector Cate Webb-Jones, Investigations & Volume Crime, West Midlands Police*

**(v) Business Partnerships**

**(iv) Vulnerable People**