

Leicestershire Safer Communities Strategy Board

Commissioning Plan 2012-13

Introduction

1. Welcome to Leicestershire's Safer Communities Commissioning Plan, which incorporates the Safer Communities Agreement for the County. This plan sets out the county-level community safety priorities across Leicestershire and outlines how agencies and partnerships will work together and share resources to deliver these and other Safer Communities common priorities. It also identifies how Safer Communities partners will work with other partnerships across the breadth of Leicestershire Together.

Priorities

2. The Leicestershire Safer Communities Strategy Board's priorities are identified and reviewed through the Partnership Strategic Assessment. The following priorities have been agreed by the Board:
 - a. Reduce re-offending, with a particular focus on earlier intervention with troubled families and those at risk of becoming troubled families.
 - b. Protect the most vulnerable in communities, particularly previous and repeat victims of crime
 - c. Continue to reduce anti-social behaviour, particularly in those areas with the highest levels of incidents
 - d. Increase public confidence, particularly user satisfaction with local crime and disorder services, especially in priority areas.

Plus the two further priorities within the Community Budget Substance Misuse Programme.

- e. Reduce substance-related crime and disorder
- f. Reduce the costs by optimisation of all interventions and service delivery.

Resources

3. This agreement and commissioning plan sets out the Board's joint commissioning priorities using the Safer Communities Fund allocated to the County Council from the Home Office. This funding will transfer to the control of the Police & Crime Commissioner (PCC) from April 2013 following the election of the PCC in November 2012.

4. The Board has developed its commissioning plan for October 2011 to March 2013 with £600,110 available to the Board for this period.
5. Future commissioning plans will have greater consideration of mainstream resources as outlined later in this document.

Commissioning Priorities

6. The Board held a commissioning workshop on 24th June 2011 to identify commissioning priorities for the use of the Community Safety Fund through to March 2013 to enable the Board's priorities to be delivered.
7. The following are the key areas requiring ongoing investment in order to deliver the Board's priorities:
 - a. Continuing integrated offender management arrangements which include a roll out of mentoring across the county
 - b. Sustaining domestic abuse outreach services whilst the review of these is completed.
 - c. Investigating services to support vulnerable victims with mental health difficulties.
 - d. Rolling out mentoring schemes for young people involved in perpetrating ASB across the county.
 - e. Local approaches to addressing anti-social behaviour, supporting vulnerable victims and building confidence.
8. The funding has been allocated as follows from October 2011 to March 2013.

Proposals	18 month to March 2013
Reducing re-offending:	£291,250
Integrated IOM including commissioned mentoring service	£291,250
Protecting the most vulnerable:	£59,420
Domestic Abuse Outreach transitional arrangements	£33,690
Mental Health peer support pilot	£25,730
Reducing ASB:	£91,000
Mentoring for young people involved in ASB	
Locality Allocations	£147,000
Programme Evaluation	£11,440
Total	£600,110

Reducing re-offending through Integrated Offender Management

9. £291,250 to be used to support an integrated approach to Offender Management, bringing together Prolific and Priority Offender (PPO) management, Integrated Offender Management (IOM) and Resettlement work, developing health training work and expanding mentoring schemes for offenders across all areas of the County.

Protecting the Most Vulnerable, including Previous and Repeat Victims

Domestic Abuse

10. £33,690 to be used to maintain existing area-based grant funding for domestic abuse outreach services, pending an overall service review.
11. In future we will look for funding to be allocated across areas of the county equitably based on levels of need in order to encourage sustainable support to be sought locally.

Area	Allocation
Harborough	£3,500
Melton	£3,500
NWL	£23,190
Oadby & Wigston	£3,500
Total	£33,690

Mental Health

12. £25,730 to provide a peer support service for those affected by mental health and crime and disorder.

Reducing Anti-Social Behaviour, Particularly in Areas of Highest levels of Incidents

13. £91,000 to support the roll-out of mentoring for young people involved in anti-social behaviour across the County, commissioned from a voluntary organization known as 20:20.

Increasing Public Confidence and Reducing ASB via Locality Allocations

14. Funding for each District Community Safety Partnership area to support local work on addressing ASB, supporting vulnerable victims and building confidence. The amount has been allocated based upon the formula for previous CSP allocations which includes population and crime levels.

District CSP	Allocation
Blaby	£20,938
Charnwood	£32,752
Harborough	£17,948
Hinckley & Bosworth	£22,629
Melton	£15,103
North West Leics	£21,343
Oadby & Wigston	£16,287

Programme Evaluation

15. Key to future commissioning is evaluation of current practice and programs. £11,440 has been allocated to support evaluation of all of the projects outlined above, specifically to identify and evidence value for money in order to support future commissioning in partnership with the Policing and Crime Commissioner. This will be led by the County Council's Research and Insight Team drawing upon other evaluation resources such as De Montfort University.

Commissioning of Mainstream Resources

16. Partners will work together to identify opportunities to commission in partnership with mainstream resources to address safer communities priorities.
17. The Police support community safety partnership working through their BCU fund, and are considering alignment of any future BCU funding to these priorities and a single commissioning process as part of this plan.
18. A partnership review of domestic abuse services is currently being finalised to inform commissioning of services from Leicestershire County Council mainstream funding. Future commissioning will consider opportunities for joint commissioning of services with other partners, such as Children & Young People's Services.
19. There are significant mainstream services delivering against the Safer Communities priorities to varying degrees, from whole services such as Probation, the Youth Offending Service and local ASB teams to elements of services such as Housing support, Social Care and Health services.
20. The Safer Communities Strategy Board will investigate how relevant mainstream resources can be considered in future commissioning work and is starting to map these resources to support this.

Priority Relationships Across Commissioning Hubs

21. The Leicestershire Together Integrated Commissioning Framework encourages the five Commissioning Hubs and other Theme Groups to identify interdependent priority relationships.
22. The Board already has strong links with the Substance Misuse Board with regard to alcohol and drug related crime and disorder and has incorporated two of the Substance Misuse key objectives into its priorities. In addition, the Board has identified the following priority relationships which have the potential to deliver mutual benefit.

Commissioning Hub or Theme Group	Priority Relationships
Health & Well-Being Board	<p>Mental and Physical Health are key factors in vulnerability to crime and disorder. Mental health can also influence offending, anti-social behaviour or vulnerability to crime and disorder.</p> <p>Integrated health and community safety interventions with targeted individuals, such as offenders (Offender peer health mentors) will support improved health for some of the least healthy members of our communities and support their reduced offending.</p> <p>Needs regarding crime and disorder be incorporated in development of early intervention and prevention work regarding mental health, to sustain pilot peer support services for those with mental health difficulties affected by ASB.</p> <p>Health support and joint working to address crime and anti-social behaviour will support safer communities in turn improving general population mental health.</p> <p>Alcohol and drug misuse has crime and health implications. Continue joint working through the Substance Misuse Partnership Board.</p>
Sports Partnership	<p>Offenders are a key group of people who are not engaged in sport and would benefit from involvement in sport to prevent re-offending.</p> <p>Sports based schemes can play a part in addressing ASB in some areas, for example the Positive Futures scheme in North West Leicestershire.</p> <p>Sport can be an opportunity for vulnerable people to build confidence, through engaging with services and becoming members of a</p>

	community.
LLEP	<p>Providing offenders with employment and skills opportunities supports pathways out of offending. This also supports business by making people ready for work and preventing offences against businesses.</p> <p>Projects to develop employment and skills for offenders to prevent re-offending will support these aims.</p> <p>The Night Time Economy, particularly in town centres has a link to violent crime. Work through the Community Budgets Substance Misuse Programme and Community Safety Partnerships will address this.</p> <p>Engage with businesses to support young people at risk of ASB or offending, who are currently working with existing services such as YOS and 20:20 into training and employment.</p>
Children & Young People Board	<p>Parental Domestic Abuse is identified as a key factor in Children's Safeguarding and serious case reviews.</p> <p>Young People not in education training or employment is a risk factor for anti-social or offending behaviour and early intervention with young people is an important strategy to prevent offending and anti-social behaviour.</p> <p>Risk of offending considered as a key factor in delivering early intervention and education, training and employment support.</p> <p>Assess commissioning of domestic abuse services for children and links with domestic abuse services for adults.</p> <p>The 20:20 mentoring scheme supported by the Safer Communities Board has been shown to improve broad outcomes for young people, beyond safer communities.</p>
Housing Forum	<p>Accommodation support for offenders supports pathways out of offending. Accommodation support for those affected by domestic abuse helps to reduce their risk of harm and prevents homelessness.</p> <p>Accommodation support for those affected by domestic abuse and for offenders is considered a priority.</p> <p>Social housing landlord functions and private sector housing enforcement have a key role in addressing anti-social behaviour.</p>

	Support for vulnerable tenants/occupiers of properties through tenancy support/older persons services which can link into identification of ASB/victims of crime etc.
Stronger Communities Board – Neighbourhood Management arrangements	Neighbourhood Management models developed at a locality level, are key vehicles for the delivery of safer communities priority outcomes, particularly addressing anti-social behaviour, building confidence and protecting vulnerable people.
Community Budget Programme - Troubled Families	Anti-Social Behaviour, Offending, Domestic Abuse, Substance Misuse and Vulnerability are all key issues for troubled families. Ensure these are considered within developing Troubled Families work, and consider how safer communities services join up alongside others to work with these families.

Performance Management / Governance

Performance on these priorities will be overseen by the Safer Communities Strategy Board, supported by its Senior Officer Group reporting to Leicestershire Together Commissioning Executive.

Local performance will be managed by local Community Safety Partnerships.

Equality of Access

An Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) shall be undertaken to consider ways in which we can ensure that everyone is able to access relevant services and that services are provided appropriately to meet their needs. All partners are committed to working to reduce disadvantages, discrimination, and inequalities of opportunity and promote diversity in terms of the people we serve, our workforce and the services we deliver.