



Cambridge Community Safety Partnership

Annual Review 2023 (1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023)

“Keeping Cambridge safe for residents and visitors”

Q: What is Cambridge Community Safety Partnership?

A: The Cambridge Community Safety Partnership (“Cambridge CSP”) meets regularly throughout the year to help keep Cambridge safe. It is made up of representatives from the following agencies, some statutory:

- Cambridge City Council
- Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Integrated Care Systems (ICS)¹
- Cambridgeshire and Peterborough NHS Foundation Trust
- Cambridgeshire Constabulary
- Cambridgeshire County Council
- Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service
- The National Probation Service

- Anglia Ruskin University
- British Transport Police
- Cambridge Business Against Crime (CAMBAC)
- Cambridge Council for Voluntary Service
- Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
- University of Cambridge
- Office of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC)

¹Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) ceased to exist on 1st July 2022. Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Integrated Care Systems (ICS) took over CCG’s statutory responsibilities.

The Cambridge CSP looks at what community safety issues people in Cambridge are experiencing such as antisocial behaviour or specific types of crime and decides what actions to take to prevent or deal with these issues together.

Documents such as the strategic assessment, compiled from a variety of data sources by Cambridgeshire Research Group, and other reports, offer valuable insights. These determine which areas to focus resources (both human and financial) upon, which are called “priorities”.

Each year, the community safety priorities for Cambridge are reviewed with actions for the year ahead set out in the Community Safety Plan.

Q: What priorities did the Cambridge CSP deal with 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023?

A: Following consideration of the strategic assessment, the Cambridge CSP decided to continue to tackle two priorities during 2022-2023. The priorities were:

- Safeguarding young people against violence and exploitation
- Listening to community needs and responding together to reduce harm

Q: How does the Cambridge CSP tackle the priorities it sets?

A: Aside from day-to-day partnership working between the member organisations some of the priorities have multi-agency task groups in place to target work and commission specific projects.

From 2022, the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) has been funding a new Problem-Solving Co-ordinator post, which is hosted by Cambridge City Council’s Community Safety team. This role can bid into the PCC’s Safer Communities Fund to tackle local crime and disorder issues. In 2022/23, the amount of funding that Cambridge CSP successfully received from the Safer Communities Fund was £27,300.

Q: What projects did the Cambridge CSP fund during 2022/23 to help achieve the reductions in crime?

A: Set out below are the projects that were funded from the PCC’s Safer Communities Fund under each of the priorities:

Priority: Safeguarding young people against violence and exploitation

- In 2020, Cambridge CSP created the **Cambs Against County Lines** campaign, which received national recognition and has been rolled out across the county. As part of this work, schools were supported to raise awareness of the dangers of county lines among pupils aged 11 to 18, creating a video to be shown in schools to support pupil workshops.

- In 2022-23 to increase younger pupils' awareness funding by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) Serious Violence Duty was provided for a specialist company to create **2 animated videos and educational packages for Primary Schools' pupils aged 10 – 11 on the issues of County Lines and Knife Crime**. This work will continue in 2023-24 in collaboration with partners such as Healthy You, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Safeguarding Partnership Board, and the PSHE (Personal, Social, and Health Education) Service.
- Cambridge City Council's Community Safety Team has created a **County Lines information poster for parents** - with parents' input - which explains what County Lines is, spotting the signs and what to do if you're worried about a child. This poster has been sent to schools and can be downloaded from the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Safeguarding Partnership Board at <https://www.safeguardingcambspeterborough.org.uk/children-board/professionals/exploitation/county-lines/>
- For information about the Cambs Against County Lines campaign, visit <https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/cambs-against-county-lines>
- A review of The County Lines Project is available under the 'Insights' section: <https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/cambridge-community-safety-partnership>
- In July 2022, Cambridge City Council started a pilot for **Peer Group and Places meeting (PGPM)**. The PGPM is a monthly multi-agency meeting which is attended by the Police, Fire and Rescue Service, Schools, Social Care, Targeted Support, Youth Offending Teams, the charity Romsey Mill, the City Council's Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) Team, and Housing Associations. The PGPM looks at cases where young people have come to our attention for ASB or crime in a contextual safeguarding approach. Contextual Safeguarding identifies that no young person can be seen in isolation from the environment around them as they are part of a much wider network of peers, neighbourhoods, and other influences. It is important when we consider some of the issues affecting children and young people that we understand these influences. The County Council has created some training for professionals to explain Contextual Safeguarding. This current approach continues to be trialled and to explore a model which can be used countywide.

Priority: Listening to community needs and responding together to reduce harm

- Aiming to decrease bicycle theft and crime in Cambridge City Centre: Investment of **2500 x Cycle Marking Kits** funded by the OPCC and Cambridge City Council. Cambridge Police led this project and held monthly

cycle marking events for the public. The kits were a fantastic opportunity to engage with the public as well as aid crime prevention and detection. Some of the events were supported by the charity Camcycle. There were 2,210 Bikes registered on BikeRegister, the national cycle database, in the Cambridge area between 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023.

- **Save Our Cycles Campaign 20,000 x leaflets printed** funded by the OPCC and Cambridge City Council. The campaign is led by the charity, Camcycle, to raise public awareness about cycle security, including to the many students arriving in the city. The leaflets were designed as an educational tool to promote public awareness and best practice guidance to protect bikes from theft and encourage bike registration to increase the chances of successful outcomes of bike theft reports made to police. The leaflets were shared with the university colleges, schools, and at events such as Cambridge Festival of Cycling in September. Digital Save our Cycles materials were also sent to colleges and schools along with other resources for safe and considerate cycling (Cycle Lighting poster and 'Welcome to Cycling' leaflet). The campaign website is <https://www.camcycle.org.uk/resources/cycletheft/>

In addition, funding towards CSP 'Business as Usual'

To improve community safety as well as public safety within the Night Time Economy in 'hotspot' anti-social behaviour, crime and disorder areas:

- Investment of **permanent CCTV and redeployable cameras to be installed**
- **across Cambridge City** funded by the OPCC and Cambridge City Council.
- Funding for **2 x Taxi Marshalls to be deployed at City Centre Taxi Ranks**
- (St Andrews Street and Rose Crescent) for a 10-week period (January 2023 – March 2023) co-funded by the OPCC, Cambridge Bid, and Cambridge City Council.

The list of the PCC's Safer Communities Fund Awards 2022-23 is available at <https://www.cambridgeshire-pcc.gov.uk/get-involved/funding/>

The Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC)'s Youth Fund

Using the proceeds of criminal activity, the PCC's Youth Fund is set up to support voluntary and community organisations working with young people with safe spaces and activities to help them develop into responsible adults.

Cambridge CSP supported the successful submission of applications to the PCC's Youth Fund for £7,000 on behalf of the City Council for:

- **8 x LED Rocket Tower Lights** to enable children and young people's physical activity/outdoor groups to continue during the dark winter months, led

- by Cambridge City Council.
- Part funding of a **10-week music and film making project** being run by The Junction for under 25s. This was to increase engagement of young people in pro-social activity, who are currently disengaged from education or employment and/or at risk of criminal activity or anti-social behaviour.

The full list of the County Youth Fund Awards 20223-23 is available at <https://www.cambridgeshire-pcc.gov.uk/get-involved/funding/>

In addition to the Cambridge CSP Business As Usual Groups, Task and Finish Groups are set up as required.

- In October 2020, a multi-agency **Cambridge Cycle Crime Prevention Task and Finish Group** was created to respond to increasing concerns about cycle crime led by Cambridge City Council, with a number of different stakeholders from local businesses and other organisations involved: British Transport Police, Cambridge Ahead, Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, Cambridgeshire Constabulary, Cambridgeshire County Council, Shared Service CCTV, Greater Anglia Rail, Anglia Ruskin University, University of Cambridge, the voluntary sector: Camcycle and Neighbourhood Watch, a representative of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, and relevant Cambridge City Councillors. There has been continuing success of the multi- agency approach to make a real impact. In 2022 cycle theft rates reduced 61.4% since 2019. There has been multi-partner work undertaken around 3 areas:
 - 1) Education – ‘Save Our Cycles’ Campaign, led by Task Group member Camcycle available at <https://www.camcycle.org.uk/resources/cycletheft/> The Save our Cycles video made by Camcycle with advice on how to find and record your frame number, continues to have good exposure and over 5,000 views: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7poVlfbHDh4>
 - 2) Infrastructure – safety and shaping designs for security improvements to strengthen user confidence and prevent cycle related crime. This has included joint investment in CCTV enhancements and work by Greater Anglia at the city railway stations.
 - 3) Enforcement – Police led enforcement work continues provided crime prevention advice as well. The public are asked to report any crimes directly to the Police by reporting online using the link <https://www.cambs.police.uk/report/Report-Shared/Report-a-crime> or by calling 101, so that this is officially recorded.

For 2022-23, Communication was a focus for the Cambridge CSP

- A Cambridge CSP Communications Task Group was set up to develop a communications plan.
- The website was updated to reflect the current priorities and to bring to life the difference Cambridge CSP is making in the city:
<https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/cambridge-community-safety-partnership>

Q: What other projects were Cambridge CSP involved in?

A: The Cambridge CSP were involved in:

- Supporting the research: **‘Investigating the needs and vulnerabilities of Asian women around Domestic Abuse in the East of England to strengthen service provision and responses’** led by Dr Mirna Guha at Anglia Ruskin University. A pilot phase of the research ran for 8 months between January 2021 and September 2022. A Knowledge Exchange event was held in September 2022 and the Cambridge CSP looks forward to continuing to support this work.
- During 2022-23, the Police led a media campaign designed as part of the **Home Office “Safer Streets Fund” Round Three**, which aims to make public spaces safer with projects to help women and girls feel safer on our streets as part of the government’s Safer Streets Fund. The educational media campaign highlighted behaviours that are abusive and misogynistic using social media on platforms such as Instagram and Tiktok as well as physical advertising such as posters. The website link is <https://knowviolence.org/>.
- **CAMBAC (Cambridge Business Against Crime) led projects funded by the Proceeds of Crime Act (POCA)**. This included work towards standardising Safeguarding and Prevention training for night-time economy and hospitality. This work aligns to the Home Office Safer Streets 4 training being delivered by Cambridgeshire Constabulary in Peterborough and Fenland and will link into the city’s Purple Flag award. There is also work towards national accreditation training, with the decision to add Violence Against Woman and Girls aspect to the training to ensure safeguarding and welfare is achieved. Also, the local Pubwatch network had been refreshed.

Q: How does Cambridge CSP link into local, countywide, and national strategy?

A: The Cambridge CSP Member organisations were involved in:

- Strong partnership work with licensed premises and businesses. This included achieving [Purple Flag award](#) for the evening and night-time economy, Cambridge City having first achieved this in 2019.

- Continuing implementation of the [Domestic Abuse Act 2021](#) which includes supporting the work of local services as well as Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Partnership.
- The county [Vision Zero Partnership](#) Road Safety Day of Action on 8 June 2022, which was attended by the Police and Crime Commissioner, Darryl Preston.
- Cambridge City Council [Transformation Cambridge Together](#) project.
- The Cambridge CSP is represented on the **Cambridgeshire Countywide High Harms Board**, previously known as the Countywide Community Safety Strategic Board, which is chaired by the Police and Crime Commissioner. This Board focuses on high harm issues such as drugs, serious violence, violence against women and girls (VAWG), and links into county and local delivery groups as well as national strategy such as:
 - The new 10-year national drugs strategy: [From harm to hope: A 10-year drugs plan to cut crime and save lives](#)
 - [Serious Violence Duty](#) in accordance with the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022
 - [Tackling Violence Against Women And Girls](#) (VAWG) strategy

Q: How does the Cambridge CSP know whether these priorities are working to reduce crime and ASB (Anti-Social Behaviour)?

A: The Cambridge CSP requires the lead officer for each priority to provide a progress report at meetings of the Cambridge CSP. These meetings are usually open to the public and details of each meeting, as well as copies of all the papers to be discussed, are made available on the Cambridge CSP's webpage on the City Council's website:
<https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/cambridge-community-safety-partnership>.

Q: Where can I get further information about the Cambridge CSP and the work it does?

A: You can get further information about the Cambridge Community Safety Partnership by visiting the Cambridge City Council's website:
<https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/cambridge-community-safety-partnership>.

Alternatively, you can contact the Community Safety Partnership Support Officer on 01223 457950 or email: community.safety@cambridge.gov.uk.

Useful Contacts

Antisocial behaviour team: For information and reporting antisocial behaviour (ASB)



01223 457950



<https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/report-antisocial-behaviour>



asbsection@cambridge.gov.uk

CAMBAC - Cambridge Business Against Crime



<http://cambac.co.uk/>

Cambridgeshire Constabulary



101 (Non-emergency) / 999 (Emergency)



<http://www.cambs.police.uk/>

Domestic violence directory



<https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/domestic-violence-directory>

Advice for people affected by domestic abuse



<https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/advice-for-people-affected-by-domestic-abuse>

Environmental health issues



01223 457900



<https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/report-a-noise-issue>

First Response Service: Puts mental health first:

24-hour access, 7 days a week, 365 days a year, to mental health care, advice, support, and treatment



111, then press option 2



<https://www.cpft.nhs.uk/helpinacrisis>

Hate crime against race, faith, gender, sexuality, disability, and age



<https://www.cambs.police.uk/ro/report/hate-crime/hc-av1/report-hate-crime/>

Personal safety advice for young people



101 (Non-emergency) / 999 (Emergency)



<https://www.cambs.police.uk/studentsafety>

Public Health Joint Commissioning Unit



<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/be-well/>

Racial harassment



01223 457967 / 07973 883 261



<https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/racial-harassment>