



Cambridge Community Safety Partnership

Annual Review 2021

“Keeping Cambridge safe for residents and visitors”

Q: What is Cambridge Community Safety Partnership?

A: The Cambridge Community Safety Partnership (“Cambridge CSP”) is made up of representatives from the following agencies, some statutory:

- Cambridge City Council
- Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group
- Cambridgeshire and Peterborough NHS Foundation Trust
- Cambridgeshire Constabulary
- Cambridgeshire County Council
- Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service
- The National Probation Service (replacing Bedfordshire, Northamptonshire, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire Community Rehabilitation Company Ltd (BeNCH CRC Ltd))
- 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 the Cambridgeshire Police and Crime Commissioner

The Cambridge CSP works to reduce levels of crime, disorder, antisocial behaviour, substance misuse and behaviour adversely affecting the environment across Cambridge. Our key role is to understand the kind of community safety issues Cambridge is experiencing; decide which of these are the most important to deal

with; and then decide what actions we can take collectively; adding value to the day to day work of our individual agencies and organisations.

We use documents called Strategic Assessments, compiled from a variety of data sources by the Cambridgeshire County Council's Research Group, to determine which areas to focus resources (both human and financial) upon. These areas are known as "priorities".

The Cambridge CSP agree and publish a Community Safety Plan ("CS Plan"), setting out its objectives, which is reviewed each year.

Q: What priorities did the Cambridge CSP deal with last year (1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021)?

A: Following consideration of Strategic Assessments, the Cambridge CSP decided to tackle two priorities during 2020-2021.

The priorities were as follows:

- 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. The Cambridge CSP usually receives a grant from the Police and Crime Commissioner called the Community Safety Fund ("CSF").

During 2020-2021, one large scale project: 'Cambs Against County Lines' campaign was funded by the Police and Crime Commissioner related to the Cambridge CSP's Transformation Topic: Serious Violence - Young People and County Lines.

The 'Cambs Against County Lines' campaign aims to raise awareness amongst young people and adults in Cambridge city of the risks around county lines drug dealing and to help young people and members of the community to recognise the signs of the related grooming process. A bespoke Cambridge-centred video was commissioned and a resource pack available for schools and the local community. This project will continue into 2021-2022 and for more information about the campaign please visit: <https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/cambs-against-county-lines>

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. Work has been undertaken around three areas:

- 1) Education – ‘Save Our Cycles’ Campaign, led by Task Group member Camcycle, was launched encouraging the public to record their bike’s frame number with a description, register their bike on [Bikeregister.com](https://www.bikeregister.com), which helps the Police trace and return stolen bikes, and to always lock their bike securely to a fixed object even if it is only being left for a few minutes. Please visit <https://www.camcycle.org.uk/resources/cycletheft/>
- 2) Infrastructure – there has been an audit of the cycle stands in the city, which has included identifying opportunities for safety and security improvements to strengthen user confidence and prevent cycle related crime.
- 3) Enforcement - The Police continue their enforcement work and are using theft data combined with the CCTV locations to make sure that they are correctly placed to capture where the cycle theft is more evident. There has been a rise in cycle crime following the end of the Covid-19 lockdowns and it is important for the public 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.

Q: What other projects were Cambridge CSP involved in?

A: The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner was successful in securing £546,693 from the Home Office “Safer Streets Fund” Round One in October 2020. The bid had to meet the required evidence-based criteria for a burglary prevention / community engagement project, which was delivered in the wards of Arbury and West Chesterton. The six-month project focussed on improving home security working with partners such as Cambridge City Council and community-led organisations like Neighbourhood Watch to prevent burglary, investing in, and engaging directly with the community and ensuring those with the highest needs received the most support.

Q: What were Cambridge CSP member organisations doing to support the city during Covid-19?

A: Cambridge CSP recognised the goodwill of the community’s response to Covid-19 with communities working well together with positive results to be able to identify and resolve issues.

The Cambridge CSP Member organisations were involved in:

- Successful formation of a countywide Community Reference Group to be able to support Covid-19 preparedness and emergency planning.
- Emergency Housing Provision for the homeless and victims of domestic abuse.

- Strong harm reduction focus on substance and alcohol misuse throughout lockdowns.
- A robust offer to families and young people including provision of IT equipment and internet connection, and wellbeing for young people to tackle mental health.
- A virtual community centre was set up with the closure of community centres.
- Significant partnership work with licensed premises and businesses to mitigate any issues during lockdowns and the re-opening of the city centre.

Q: How does the Cambridge CSP know whether these priorities are working to reduce crime and ASB?

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 general 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



01223 457950



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



asbsection@cambridge.gov.uk

CAMBAC - Cambridge Business Against Crime



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



Twitter: @cambac1

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



<http://www.cpft.nhs.uk/about-us/mental-health-crisis.htm>

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



<https://www.cambs.police.uk/information-and-services/Hate-crime/Hate-crime-support>

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>