



CAMBRIDGE COMMUNITY SAFETY PLAN

February 2022 – February 2023

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PARTNERSHIP

Cambridge Community Safety Partnership

The Cambridge Community Safety Partnership (CCSP) brings together a number of agencies and organisations concerned with tackling and reducing crime and antisocial behaviour in Cambridge. Some organisations, like the City Council and the police are statutory members, but voluntary group and businesses are also represented and play an important role.

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 undertaken by our individual agencies and organisations. We detail these actions in our community safety plan which we update each year.

To help us to do this we commission Strategic Assessments during the year. These provide a range of detailed information that exists about crime, disorder, substance abuse and other community matters that are affecting Cambridge. In light of this information the assessment makes recommendations about how best to keep the Community Safety Plan priorities on track for the next year.

Area Committees regularly consider the issues that are of concern to the public in their community and these concerns are adopted by the Neighbourhood Policing Teams in partnership with other agencies. The priorities set at Area Committees are taken into account when developing our plan.

In producing our plan we have been mindful of the [Cambridgeshire Police and Crime Commissioner's Crime Plan 2021-2024](#) and the requirement to 'have regard' to the priorities that will be established by the commissioner in his plan. The Police and Crime Commissioner is providing a 'Putting Communities First' funded role for three years. The postholder will be hosted by Cambridge City Council to support partnership work tackling anti-social behaviour via multi agency problem solving approaches.

The Cambridge Community Safety Partnership Board decided that the priorities for 2022-2023 would be:

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

Since 2019, a new agreed CSP structure has a Multi-Agency Steering Group which oversees the business as usual operational groups. Task and finish groups are set up as required. In addition, the focus is a Transformation Topic, with the aim to reduce demand and work on prevention utilising the opportunities and expertise available countywide.

For each of the Cambridge Community Safety priorities, the lead officer provides a verbal update at the CSP meetings and this is published with the other meeting papers on [Cambridge Community Safety Partnership](#).

Contact Us

Any comments or queries on this Year 2022-2023 version of the Community Safety Plan should be addressed to:

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Board Members of Cambridge Community Safety Partnership

- Cambridge City Council – Debbie Kaye
- Cambridge City Council – Alex Collis
- Cambridge Council For Voluntary Service – Mark Freeman
- Cambridgeshire Constabulary – Paul Rogerson
- Cambridgeshire County Council – Jessica-Rose Kennedy
- Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service – James Ball
- Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group – Marek Zamborsky
- Cambridgeshire and Peterborough NHS Foundation Trust – Maggie Page
- The National Probation Service – Matthew Ryder

Non- voting Members of Cambridge Community Safety Partnership

- Anglia Ruskin University – Greg Dumbrell / David Walmsley
- British Transport Police – Joe Mills
- Cambridge Business Against Crime (CAMBAC) – Hannah Hancock
- Cambridge City Council – Keryn Jalli
- Cambridge City Council – Louise Walker
- Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust – Adrian Boyle / James Morgan
- Cambridgeshire Research Group – Kat Webb
- Public Health Joint Commissioning Unit – Susie Talbot
- University of Cambridge – Michelle Reynolds

In attendance at Cambridge Community Safety Meetings

- Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner – Representative

Community Safety Plan 2022-2023 Priorities: Strategic Statement

There are Business As Usual Operational Groups:

- **City Centre**, led by the Police, works with stakeholders such as businesses and universities to discuss issues such as night time economy and retail crime
- **Domestic Abuse**, led by Cambridge City Council, raises awareness, co-ordinates training, a Community Forum and White Ribbon Campaign
- **Problem Solving**, led by Cambridge City Council, Multi-Agency Partners discusses cases including hot spots to develop action plans
- **Street Community**, led by Cambridge City Council, discusses individual cases and develop action plans

Task and Finish Groups are set up as required:

- In October 2020, a multi-agency Cambridge Cycle Crime Prevention Task and Finish Group was set up. Cambridge City Council is the interim lead with stakeholders involved such as Camcycle, businesses, universities, voluntary sector, and Cambridgeshire Constabulary.

- **Priority 1: Safeguarding young people against violence and exploitation**

What we know: Our strategic assessment highlighted key risks that affect young people exposed to or experiencing violence and exploitation. A number of these risks are outside the family home. To try to address them we need to look at how the different relationships that young people form in their neighbourhoods, schools and online can feature violence and abuse. This approach is known as “contextual safeguarding”.

Our Aim: To add value to our city’s safeguarding efforts by fully encouraging and supporting “contextual safeguarding” and “problem solving” as joint ways of working.

We’ll achieve this by:

1. Creating opportunities to support a contextual safeguarding approach
2. Mapping the service available to young people in the city that can prevent them being exploited into violence and criminality

A tactical action plan will be developed with the CCSP members to utilise the different expertise available in the city. This will also include reviewing and embedding CCSP work such as Cambs Against County Lines project and Transforming Lives.

Lead Officer: Jessica-Rose Kennedy, Think Communities Place Coordinator - Cambridge City, Cambridgeshire County Council

Deputy Lead Officer: Communities Chief Inspector Paul Rogerson,

Cambridgeshire Constabulary

- **Priority 2: Listening to community needs and responding together to reduce harm**

What we know: The pandemic has galvanised community spirit and presented us with a unique opportunity to develop new ways to listen, respond and collaborate with our communities.

Our Aim: To bring together community concerns on safeguarding the vulnerable, crime and antisocial behaviour and work alongside our communities to create solutions.

We'll achieve this by:

1. Making more opportunities for communities to come together with CCSP partners to address the crime and safety issues that matter to them
2. Better informing our communities of what the partnership is doing through a "you said we did" communications plan

A tactical action plan will be developed with the CCSP members using the "Think Communities" approach across all partner agencies in order to deliver on this priority.

Lead Officer: Communities Chief Inspector Paul Rogerson, Cambridgeshire Constabulary