



# CAMBRIDGE COMMUNITY SAFETY PLAN

February 2021 – February 2022

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PARTNERSHIP

## Cambridge Community Safety Partnership

The Cambridge Community Safety Partnership (CSP) 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 2017-2020](#) and the requirement to 'have regard' to the priorities that will be established by the commissioner in his plan. The new Police and Crime Commissioner's Plan will be developed following the election in May 2021, which had been delayed following government guidance due to the international coronavirus pandemic.

The Cambridge Community Safety Partnership Board decided that the priorities for 2021-2022 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 2021-2022 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 – Nicky Massey
- Cambridge Council For Voluntary Service – Mark Freeman
- BeNCH CRC Ltd – Bedfordshire, Northamptonshire, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire Community Rehabilitation Company Limited – Jo Curphey
- Cambridgeshire Constabulary – Paul Rogerson
- Cambridgeshire County Council – Lisa Riddle
- Cambridgeshire County Council – Claire Richards
- Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service – James Ball
- Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group – Marek Zamborsky
- Cambridgeshire and Peterborough NHS Foundation Trust – Maggie Page

## **Non- voting Members of Cambridge Community Safety Partnership**

- Anglia Ruskin University – Greg Dumbrell / David Walmsley
- British Transport Police – Matt Quinn
- Cambridge Business Against Crime (CAMBAC) – Adam Ratcliffe
- Cambridge City Council – Lynda Kilkelly
- Cambridge City Council – Louise Walker
- Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust – Adrian Boyle / James Morgan
- Cambridgeshire Research Group – Leigh Roberts
- 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 2021-2022 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 November 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 and Cambridgeshire Constabulary.

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

**Youth Consultation** - revisit initiatives for engaging with young people in Cambridge City. Proposed methods include:

- Adaptation of Police specific engagement process to capture and respond to concerns of young people.
- Challenge to area committees to report on young person's issues when making request of partners.
- Work with the Cambridgeshire Youth Panel to better understand the needs of young people in Cambridge.

### Outcomes

- a) To identify and respond to youth specific concerns directly relating to violence and exploitation using "you said we did" approach.
- b) Seek opinion and advice from young people as we seek to achieve this priority.

**Organised Crime Groups** – ensure the partnership responds to the needs of young people influenced or being exploited by organised crime groups (O.C.G.s)

- a. Multiagency problem solving - When young people are identified as being at risk of O.C.G. activity as a member or associate of a group young people are referred and managed by the appropriate multiagency process.

- b. Using the principles of early intervention following simple protocols to ensure safeguarding.
  - i. Child protection referral.
  - ii. Romero principle
  - iii. Early help assessment.

#### Outcomes

- a) Increase the number of O.C.G. associated referrals to multi agency working groups.
- b) Increase understanding of O.C.G. disruption models with all partners to ensure disruptions are actioned.

### **Lead Officer: Communities Chief Inspector Paul Rogerson, Cambridgeshire Constabulary**

- **Cambridge CSP Project: County Lines Campaign**

This project is funded by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner and led by Cambridge CSP working with Peterborough City Council. It focusses on those areas around County Lines and its influence and risks to children and young people, where it has been identified that the Cambridge CSP can add value to the work already in progress.

The project has three phases, two of which were completed in 2020.

Phase One saw the setting up of a multiagency task and finish group to plan and carry out a consultation process with a wide range of communities including parents, carers and young people across Cambridge and Peterborough.

Phase Two involved the appointment of a project co-ordinator with responsibility for developing the project in accordance with the findings from the consultation carried out by the task and finish group. The role will also connect with the findings already available elsewhere such as with Local Safeguarding Board (LSB) and engage with the LSB, Healthy Schools, Fearless.org and the County Pathfinder Co-ordinator to ensure that all resources, information and messages already developed are used within the local context. This will include close working with LSB and County Lines Pathfinder to increase the impact of the available information and resources.

Phase 3 - The Expansion and Delivery of the Project will take place from January 2021 to September 2021.

A flexible and dynamic action plan is being developed by the task and finish group which will include ideas and initiatives from communities as the project develops. Some of the actions included are:

- a 'You said – We did' approach to promote the development of the programme of activity in relation to both communications and actions.
- outreach work with communities, helping them to establish links with businesses, voluntary sector and community services to build on resilience in their local area to address the impact of County Lines.
- a universal approach for all young people, to avoid duplication of targeted work delivered by the County Safeguarding Children's Board and Youth Offending Scheme for those young people identified in the emerging, moderate or significant risk groups.
- alignment to the County's Demand Management Hub - Think Communities partnership approach (2018) to contribute to building community resilience across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

The aim of the project is to enable communities to have:

- a) a greater understanding of the signs of county lines involvement
- b) clear pathways for getting information and reporting concerns

**Lead Officer: Lynda Kilkelly, Community Safety Manager, Cambridge City Council**

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

Operation Carmel and Area Committees to be used in partnership to consult the community locally and then issues to be taken to Cambridge City Problem Solving Group (PSG) for a partnership approach to reducing harm.

Operation Carmel – three step approach “engagement, targeted activity and problem solving” to be extended to a fourth step “Think communities’ approach”, building on using ABCD to reduce crime and disorder.

Outcomes

- a) Problem-Solving Group chair to highlight successes and “blockers” to CSP on in a quarterly report.
- b) Operation Carmel continue to report on activity and aim to develop an ABCD / Think communities’ project in each areas (North/ East/ South and West)

**Lead Officer: Communities Chief Inspector Paul Rogerson, Cambridgeshire Constabulary**