

South Lincolnshire
Community Safety Partnership

Partnership Plan

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Foreword

South Lincolnshire Community Safety Partnership (CSP) is committed, through partnership working, to ensuring South Lincolnshire is a safe and enjoyable place to live, work and visit.

The partnership comprises key agencies who serve the local community, including South Kesteven and South Holland District Councils, Lincolnshire County Council, Lincolnshire Police, Lincolnshire Police Authority, Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue and Lincolnshire Primary Care Trust.

This community safety plan shows how we will work with our partners to address key issues. This plan will be refreshed and re-focused as necessary throughout its life.

We are here to work together to tackle the root causes of crime, disorder and substance misuse, and thereby improve feelings of safety and well-being for the community.

John Atter- Chairman
South Lincolnshire Community Safety Partnership

Our aim...

The partnership will work towards reducing the impact of the fear of crime and disorder, ensuring that South Lincolnshire maintains its reputation as one of the safest places to live, work and visit in the country.

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Introduction

Local authorities and the police were first required to work together to produce a crime reduction strategy every three years by the Crime and Disorder Act 1998. In 2002, as a result of the Police Reform Act, the requirement to focus jointly on crime and disorder reduction priorities was extended to the Police Authority, Fire and Rescue Authority and Primary Care Trust.

The Police and Justice Act 2006 further extended the requirements on partnerships. Now all partnerships must produce an annual strategic assessment and a three-year partnership plan. The partnership plan will be refreshed annually to reflect the findings of the strategic assessment.

To help us make the most of the resources we have, South Lincolnshire Community Safety Partnership covers the districts of South Holland and South Kesteven.

The Partnership

The partnership's structure was developed to help it tackle crime, disorder and substance misuse.

The strategic leadership of the partnership is provided by the South Lincolnshire Community Safety Partnership Executive Board. This group is made up of senior officers representing:

- South Holland and South Kesteven District Councils
- Lincolnshire County Council
- Lincolnshire Police
- Lincolnshire Police Authority
- Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue
- Lincolnshire Primary Care Trust

The Executive Board commissions the annual strategic assessment, assessing the priorities for the area. It meets twice a year to approve and monitor the progress of the strategy. It also agrees the allocation of partnership resources, considers the implications of new legislation and shares information on partnership activities.

Performance against the partnership plan is reviewed by the Performance Management Group (PMG), which meets quarterly.

Operational work is co-ordinated through thematic groups and lead agencies. Detailed yearly tactical business plans will be set by the thematic groups and agreed by the PMG.

South Lincolnshire

Information in this profile has been extracted from district council publications, the Office of National Statistics census data and population estimates (www.neighbourhoodstatistics.gov.uk) and the Audit Commission (<http://www.audit-commission.gov.uk>)

South Lincolnshire is part of the East Midlands region. It shares borders with Norfolk, Cambridgeshire, Rutland, Leicestershire and Nottinghamshire. It comprises a mix of towns, villages and rural areas, covering 651 square miles.

The most recent population estimates calculate South Lincolnshire's population is approximately 214,000. By gender, this can be broken down into 49% males and 51% females. The average age of someone living in South Lincolnshire is 38.85 years, compared to an average of 38.7 years in England and Wales. In South Holland, 17.4% of the population is under 16, while 25.9% is of pensionable age. The population of those under 16 years in South Kesteven is 20.5%, while 19.6% is of pensionable age.

97.22% of South Holland's population and 96.63% of South Kesteven's population are classified as White British. The remaining 2.78% and 3.37% respectively, are from ethnic groups other than 'white British' including Asian, African, Caribbean and Chinese. This is lower than the average for England and Wales (13.01%).

The migrant population in both districts has increased. No published migrant worker counts are available. The number of people registered under the Worker Registration Scheme indicates numbers of migrant workers. Between May 2004 and March 2007, 4,330 people from A8 states registered under the scheme in South Holland, with 1,600 people in South Kesteven. For 2006/7 this represents an average of 345 migrant workers per quarter in South Holland and 150 in South Kesteven.

South Lincolnshire is a very safe place to live, with a low crime rate. Lincolnshire Police and its partners are working together to make sure the crime rate stays low and that the area is safe for everyone who lives, works or visits.

Key drivers and priority setting

Community Engagement

The partnership continually seeks to improve its engagement with the community. The partnership will publicise its work and raise awareness about the role of the partnership. We are committed to effectively engaging our communities and responding to their concerns, working together to resolve neighbourhood priorities. Through the Policing Pledge, Lincolnshire Police, with the full support of partners, will tackle local concerns.

Equalities

We are committed to equality and diversity and will embed these in all of our policies and procedures. We will promote good race relations. We are committed to eliminating discrimination and actively promoting equality of opportunity for everybody who lives in, works in or visits south Lincolnshire. These commitments are central to the partnership plan.

Strategic Assessments

Once a year, the Community Safety Partnership is required to conduct a strategic assessment to determine our priorities for the forthcoming year. The assessment must include an analysis of the levels and patterns of crime and disorder and substance misuse for South Lincolnshire, including any changes to these levels.

Priorities

The partnership uses the information and analysis from the strategic assessment to inform its priorities for the year. Priorities also need to reflect key national priorities and the priorities of partner agencies.

Five thematic priorities were identified:

1. Violent crime and substance misuse
2. Arson and anti-social behaviour
3. Community cohesion
4. Prolific and Priority Offenders (PPO)
5. Acquisitive crime

Priority 1: Violent Crime and Substance Misuse

Theme lead: Lincolnshire Police (Theme Group Chair)

Summary

Violent crime accounts for just over 20% of all crime in South Lincolnshire. The priority strands are violence against the person, domestic abuse and sexual violence.

Over the last four years, violence against the person offences have decreased in both districts. We would like this trend to continue. The number of domestic abuse and sexual violence offences has fluctuated. We will work to reduce both offences.

Alcohol and drug abuse is a driver of offending behaviour for offences ranging from acquisitive crime and violence to anti-social behaviour. Therefore, South Lincolnshire CSP will tackle this issue through enforcement, education and treatment.

The priority is managed by a theme group who develop action plans accordingly.

What we intend to do

- Tackle alcohol fuelled violence in the night time economy

- Support organisations working to reduce domestic abuse and awareness raising campaigns
- Deal with drink and drug-related abuse by supporting campaigns and initiatives to proactively target offenders
- Deal with public concerns about violent crime
- Promote our successes through the media

How we will measure success

To determine the impact of the work, the partnership will measure the following indicators:

- Monitoring alcohol-related crime to identify trends
- Monitoring alcohol-related violent crime
- Alcohol-related hospital admissions (NI 39)
- Repeat violence against the person offences
- Repeat incidents of domestic abuse (NI 32)
- Assault with injury incidents (NI 20)
- Serious violent crime rate (NI 15)

Priority 2: Arson and Anti-Social Behaviour

Theme lead: Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue (Theme Group Chair)

Summary

Anti-social behaviour remains a high priority for the CSP.

Low level incidents of nuisance and disregard for the community can affect residents' quality of life. The partnership wants to develop previous work, tackling incidents and perceptions of anti-social behaviour. We will identify and tackle hotspots across South Lincolnshire, conduct targeted initiatives, challenge our communities' perceptions of young people and anti-social behaviour and consider causal factors and address them with a problem-solving methodology.

Arson links to many different elements of crime and disorder, including anti-social behaviour. The CSP will identify and tackle arson hotspots, undertake work to remove opportunities for deliberate fires, raise public awareness and undertake interventions and education work with those who are engaged in such behaviour.

What we intend to do

- Reduce the incidence of agricultural arson
- Reduce the incidence of deliberate "refuse" fires

- Reduce the incidence of deliberate fires in vulnerable properties
- Deal with local concerns about anti-social behaviour involving vehicles
- Deal with local concerns about young people
- Deal with local concerns about alcohol
- Deal with local concerns about parental responsibility
- Target festivals including Halloween and bonfire night
- Deal with environmental factors that lead to anti-social behaviour
- Work with our communities

How we will measure success

To determine the impact of the work, the partnership will measure the following indicators:

- Primary arson (NI 33)
- Secondary arson (NI 33)
- Perceptions of anti-social behaviour (NI 17)
- Dealing with concerns about anti-social behaviour and crime by local councils and police (NI 21)
- Understanding local concerns about anti-social behaviour and crime by the local council and police (NI 27)

Priority 3: Community Cohesion

Theme lead: South Holland and South Kesteven District Councils (Theme Group Chairs)

Summary

Community Cohesion is an important issue for the partnership. As part of our commitments in this area, we will look at making our communities more cohesive; monitoring and addressing community tension; delivering Prevent (a national strategy aimed at addressing causal factors and in support of the overall aim of stopping people becoming or supporting terrorists) or violent extremists, and reducing hate crime.

A CSP theme group will develop and deliver a programme of activity to address these strands on behalf of the Community Safety Partnership.

What we intend to do

- Bring communities together to improve understanding and tolerance
- Promote positive citizenship
- Provide opportunities for different groups of people to mix
- Reduce incidents of hate crime
- Develop community pride
- Celebrate cultural diversity
- Improve local neighbourhoods
- Develop safer communities

How we will measure success

To determine the impact of the work, the partnership will measure the following indicators:

- NI 1 % of people who believe people from different backgrounds get on well together in their local area
- NI 4 % of people who feel they can influence decisions in their locality
- NI 17 Perceptions of anti-social behaviour
- NI 21 Dealing with local concerns about anti-social behaviour and crime by local councils and police
- NI 35 Building resilience to violent extremism
- NI 110 Young people's participation in positive activities

Priority 4: Prolific and Priority Offenders

Theme lead: CSP Chair/PPO Management Group

Summary

Home Office research informs us that approximately 10% of the active offender population are responsible for half of all crime that is committed, with a much smaller group of 0.5% of active offenders accounting for one in ten recorded crimes, and a similarly disproportionate number of unreported offences. The PPO Strategy was implemented in 2004 as a way of providing end-to-end management of this group of offenders via an effective partnership mechanism made up from the criminal justice, public and voluntary sectors.

Individual offenders are adopted onto the PPO schemes at a local level, based upon local selection criteria, ensuring that it is those who are causing the most harm to local communities that are the subject of the interventions available for PPOs in order to challenge and manage their offending behaviour. Statutory responsibility for the delivery of the PPO strategy rests with the Community Safety Partnership, and it is therefore a key responsibility for this group.

Prolific and other Priority Offenders are managed via a local Delivery Group, the members of which are

responsible for providing appropriate interventions to individual PPOs based upon identified areas of need. A multi-agency framework has been established to provide these in the most effective and efficient ways, allowing partners to work together to ensure that the individual is carefully managed and all their needs are considered.

What we intend to do

- Ensure that the PPO selection criteria remain relevant to the needs of our local communities
- Support the work undertaken with individuals on the Prolific and Priority Offender Scheme in the PPO strategy's strands of Prevent, Deter, Catch & Convict and Rehabilitate & Resettle

How we will measure success

To determine the impact of the work, the partnership will measure the following indicator (subject to the availability of local data from the Home Office):

- Reduction in PPO re-offending (NI 30)

Priority 5: Acquisitive Crime

Theme lead: Lincolnshire Police (Theme Group Chair)

Summary

By using information in the strategic assessment, the partnership identified the key strand of acquisitive crime. This has the most effect, in terms of volume and consequences, on our communities.

The priority strands are:

- Domestic burglary
- Theft from vehicles
- Theft from shops

Responsibility for chairing the Acquisitive Crime Thematic Group sits with Lincolnshire Police, ensuring it complements the work the organisation is already doing as part of its core business.

The theme group allows all partners to work together on existing and new projects aimed at reducing acquisitive crime.

What we intend to do

- Use Lincolnshire Police's fortnightly tasking process to engage partners and tackle acquisitive crime
- Commit resources, where required, to tackle acquisitive crime
- Reduce the rate of serious acquisitive crime

- Work with public and private sector partners to effectively address acquisitive crime

How we will measure success

To determine the impact of the work, the partnership will

- Monitor serious acquisitive crime (NI 16)
- Receive regular progress updates from Lincolnshire Police

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