

# Coventry Community Safety Partnership



Coventry City Council

## Coventry Community Safety Partnership (CCSP)

Under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, the Council and the Police have a joint responsibility for preventing and reducing crime and disorder within their area. They are “Responsible Authorities” and have a duty to cooperate through the “Coventry Community Safety Partnership” (CCSP).

The “Responsible Authorities” within the CCSP are:

- Coventry City Council (Regulatory Services, Public Health, Youth Offending Services)
- West Midlands Police
- West Midlands Fire and Rescue Authority
- West Midlands Probation Services
- Coventry and Warwickshire Integrated Care Board

Other stakeholders include:

- Social Housing Providers
- Voluntary Community and Social Representatives
- Elected Members.

The CCSP meets each quarter. The purpose of the group is to bring together local partners to solve issues around crime, disorder, Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB), drugs and alcohol misuse and reoffending.

Every three years Community Safety Partnerships are required to develop a Community Safety Partnership Plan under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998. The plan provides an overview of the work and priority areas that fall under the responsibility of the CCSP.

In creating the Community Safety Partnership Plan the CCSP is required to review the levels and patterns of crime and disorder in the area. This review is known as a Strategic Assessment. Within Coventry, the Strategic Assessment is created on behalf of the CCSP, by West Midlands Police Partnership Intelligence Team (PILT) and analyses data from the previous 12 months. Data comes from a range of sources including partnership data and national data where relevant.

## The Coventry Community Safety Partnership Plan 2025- 2028.

The Coventry Community Safety Partnership Plan outlines the priorities and objectives of the CCSP for the next three years. In addition to reducing crime and disorder, the plan focuses on fostering a greater sense of safety and enhancing well-being within our communities.

The plan focuses on three key priorities

1. Reduction of offending, preventing reoffending and reducing serious violence
2. Public place safety and reassurance
3. Tackling exploitation and protecting victims of crime

The priorities are grounded in problem-oriented policing model, focusing on victim, location, and offender. Each priority is closely connected, with all three influencing and supporting one another to ensure a comprehensive and effective approach to community safety.



# The Coventry Community Safety Partnership Plan

The CCSP Plan sets out our objectives in reducing crime and ASB. The CCSP cannot achieve this alone and has strong links with other strategic boards in the city. The plan has been aligned with other strategic plans within the city. This includes

## [One Coventry Plan](#)

A key priority of the One Coventry Plan is improving and tackling inequalities within our communities. The CCSP Plan supports the reduction of crime and violence and supports the most vulnerable and those likely to be targets of exploitation

Preventing and reducing violence, abuse and exploitation, crime and ASB is embedded in a range of our strategies and work under the [Serious Violence Duty](#) has identified how the local authority and its partners can collaborate to reduce serious violence.

## [Coventry Youth Justice Plan](#)

Outlines its priorities for reducing violence and offending as well as addressing exploitation in children and young adults within our city. This is also supported by the [Coventry Safeguarding and Children's Partnership Exploitation Strategy](#) and the [Early Help Strategy](#) which are key to providing support and early intervention to families within the city.

## [Adult Safeguarding Strategic Plan](#)

Outlines the Coventry Safeguarding Board's priorities. This supports the CCSP priorities by making it a key focus to prevent harm, abuse and neglect of vulnerable adults

## [Domestic Abuse Strategy](#)

specifically addresses how domestic abuse will be tackled, and how victims will be supported, and measures put in place to prevent exploitation and prevent reoffending

Drugs and alcohol significantly influence crime and Anti-Social Behaviour, as well as reoffending rates. The Drugs and Alcohol Strategy will support the CCSP.



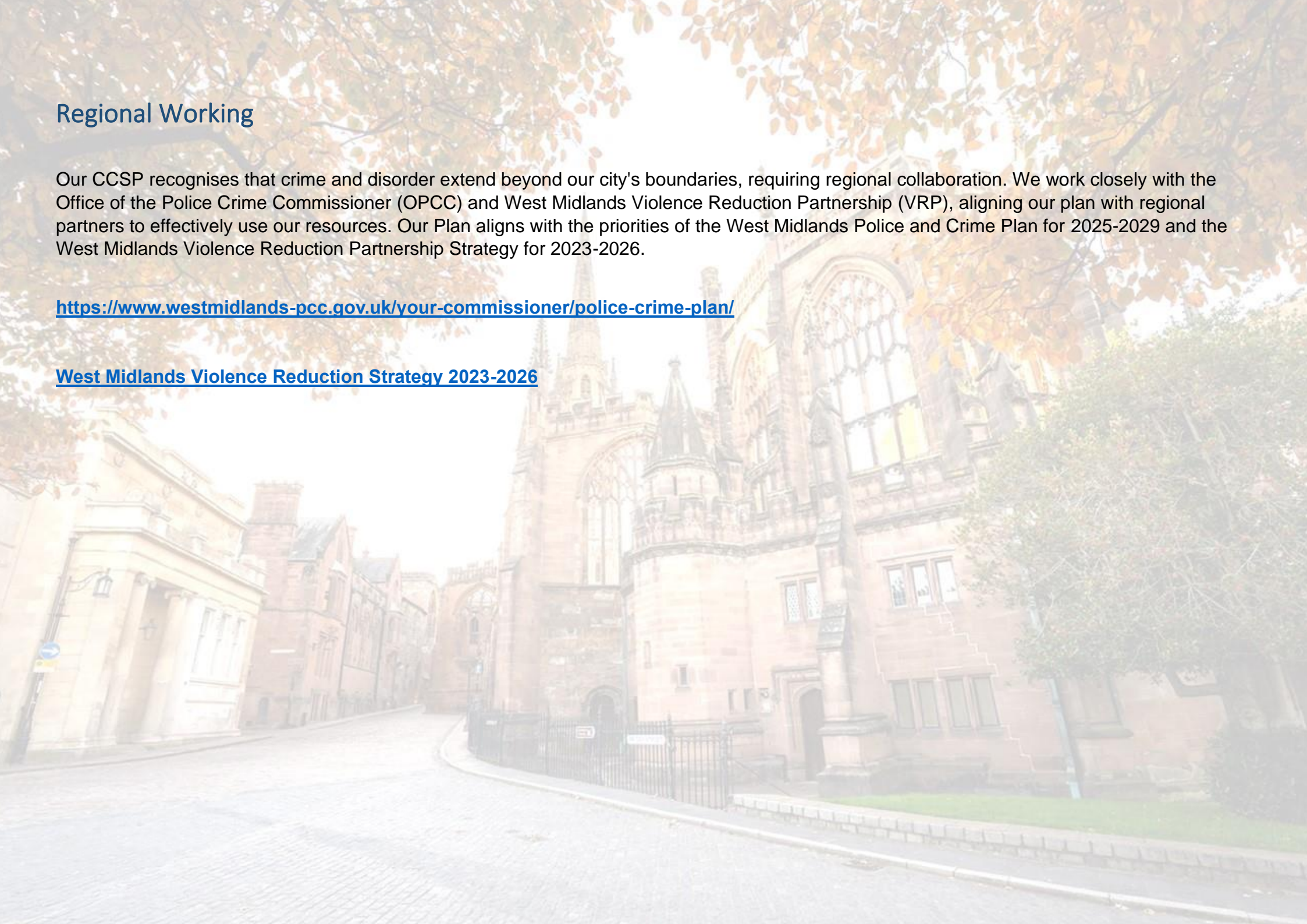
<b>Board</b>	<b>Coventry Protect, Prepare and Resilience Group</b>	<b>Harm Abuse Reduction Partnership</b>	<b>Prevent</b>	<b>Coventry Reducing Reoffending Board</b>	<b>City Tasking Group</b>	<b>Night Time Economy Steering Group</b>	<b>Coventry Serious Violence Prevention Partnership</b>
<b>Issues Covered</b>	Protect and prepare against Counter Terrorism	Modern Slavery Hate Crime Vulnerable persons	Counter-Terrorism Radicalisation Extremism	Offending /Reoffending Integrated Offender Management Probation	Place based Issues ASB PSPO enforcement	Safety in the Night Time Economy	Serious Violence Duty
<b>Subgroups</b>		<b>Coventry Modern Slavery Partnership</b>  <b>Coventry Slavery &amp; Exploitation Risk Assessment Conference</b>	<b>Channel Panel</b>		<b>City Centre Case Management Forum.</b>	<b>Responsible Authorities</b>	
<b>Issues covered</b>		Modern slavery cases	Radicalisation Extremism cases		City Centre ASB issues	Licensed premises	
<b>Supporting Groups</b>	<b>Domestic Abuse Local Partnership Board</b>	<b>Drugs and Alcohol Steering Group</b>					
<b>Issues covered</b>	<b>Domestic Abuse Strategy</b>	<b>Drugs and alcohol strategy</b>					

## Regional Working

Our CCSP recognises that crime and disorder extend beyond our city's boundaries, requiring regional collaboration. We work closely with the Office of the Police Crime Commissioner (OPCC) and West Midlands Violence Reduction Partnership (VRP), aligning our plan with regional partners to effectively use our resources. Our Plan aligns with the priorities of the West Midlands Police and Crime Plan for 2025-2029 and the West Midlands Violence Reduction Partnership Strategy for 2023-2026.

<https://www.westmidlands-pcc.gov.uk/your-commissioner/police-crime-plan/>

[West Midlands Violence Reduction Strategy 2023-2026](#)



## Chair Profile – Cllr Abdul Khan – Chair of Community Safety Partnership

"Coventry Community Safety Partnership plan highlights our commitment to making our city safer. Collaborating with regional partners allows us to address crime and disorder effectively. Aligning with the West Midlands Police and Crime Plan and the Violence Reduction Partnership Strategy ensures we maximise our resources to support the community.

We focus on improving public safety through proactive policing and community engagement. Reducing reoffending is key, as we provide rehabilitation and employment support to ex-offenders. We are dedicated to reducing serious violence via targeted interventions and support services.

Protecting vulnerable individuals from exploitation is paramount, and our coordinated efforts ensure victims receive the necessary support and protection. Partnership working and community engagement are essential to creating a safer environment for everyone." - Cllr Abdul Khan, Chair of the Coventry Community Safety Partnership





## Strategic Assessment

The Strategic Assessment (SA) is an annual review of crime patterns and demand on policing and other partners in Coventry. The SA fulfils the partnerships responsibility outlined in the Crime and Disorder Act 1998.

The purpose of this SA is to provide an analysis of the levels and patterns of crime including changes in levels and patterns since the previous SA. Secondly, the SA will highlight threats and emerging threats that the CCSP should prioritise when exercising their functions in order to mitigate threats and reduce harm to our communities.

The SA will aim to provide the CCSP with an overview of the 12-month period of April 2023 to March 2024 to support strategic decisions for the next year

### Coventry – Profile of the city

Coventry is a diverse and cohesive city with a relatively young population, with a median age of 35 years old compared to the UK average of 40 years old. In recent years, the city has experienced an 8.9% growth in its population, from 316,915 in 2011 to 345,300 residents on Census Day 2021. This is higher than the rate in the region (6.2%) and England (6.6%).

The city's population has grown in recent years, particularly amongst younger adults. The growth can likely be attributed to the success of the city's two universities in attracting students locally and internationally; as well as better-paid jobs in certain sectors of the local economy.

Newly arrived communities play a vital role in Coventry's social fabric, economic development, and economic growth. This group includes students, people fleeing conflict and economic migrants. Coventry's long-standing tradition of providing safety and refuge to those escaping conflict is a testament to the city's welcoming and inclusive ethos.

## Strategic Assessment – Key Findings



### Total Recorded Crime (TRC)

- 38,508 crimes in Coventry in 23/24 this was a 10.1 % decrease to last year.
- ASB has increased by 22.6%



### Assault and Battery – Top Offence

- 4345 offences accounting for 11.2% of TRC
- 8.1% Decrease compared to previous year.
- 20.6% of these offences were influenced by drugs and alcohol.



### Shoplifting and Theft – Second Highest Offence

- 44.5% increase from the previous year
- Accounted for 6.7% of total recorded crime (TRC)



### Acquisitive Crime

- Has decreased by 7.6%
- Vehicle Crime (second highest proportion of acquisitive crime) has decreased by 10.5%



### Drugs and Substance Misuse

- Overall decrease in a number of offences linked to drugs and alcohol compared to the previous year.
- Decrease in the number of drug-related crimes



### Serious Youth Violence

- Overall decrease in Serious Youth Violence by 5.8%
- Increase in child exploitation (county lines) by 18.5%



### Child Abuse

- Decrease in Child Abuse by 9.9%



### Violence against Women and Girls

- Higher number of female victims for Domestic Abuse and Sexual Offences
- Total number of Domestic Abuse Offences reported to police has decreased
- Referrals to Domestic Abuse Support Services have increased.
- Increase in sexual offences recorded to and by the police.

### Areas



#### St Micheal's Ward

- St Micheal's ward saw the highest volume of crime (8209). This accounted for 31% of TRC



#### Foleshill Ward

- Foleshill Ward saw the second highest volume of crime (3496). This accounted for 9.1% of TRC

## Priority One - Reducing Offending, Reoffending and Serious Violence

### Reducing Serious Violence.

Under the Police Crime, Sentencing and Court Act 2022, Coventry City Council and its partners have a duty to collaborate to reduce serious violence within its area (The Serious Violence Duty (SVD)). Since 2020 the partnership has had a particular focus on those 25 years and under because, as a group they are most at risk of becoming involved in serious violence. The SVD requires the partnership, to address the root causes of violence for all and try to reduce the levels of serious violence over the long term.

**In 2020, the partnership adopted a Public Health approach to tackling serious violence and committed to a 10-year plan to address serious violence.**

A Public Health approach focuses on understanding and addressing the root causes of violence rather than just responding to its symptoms. It treats violence as a preventable issue, much like a disease, and works to reduce it through early intervention, prevention, and long-term solutions. This approach involves analysing data to identify risk factors, engaging communities, and promoting collaboration between agencies to tackle the wider social and economic factors that contribute to violence.

# Coventry Youth Violence Prevention Strategy

- Empowering young people to be safe in our city #SafeCoventry ■

## 1 Building strong foundations

We will scope the issues relating to violent crime by gathering data and intelligence, engaging with our communities, analysing the evidence and implementing a public health approach

## 2 Primary Prevention

We will passionately advocate for early years support and seek to maximise our early help offer to parents and their children. We will recognise when intervention is needed at an early stage and put appropriate support in place at a population level

## 3 Secondary Prevention

We will recognise those who are vulnerable to exploitation and intervene to prevent further harm. We will encourage a culture of professional curiosity, training staff about contextual safeguarding and trauma informed practice

## 4 Tertiary Prevention

We will support those who have been harmed and intervene to support them to cope, recover and rebuild their lives

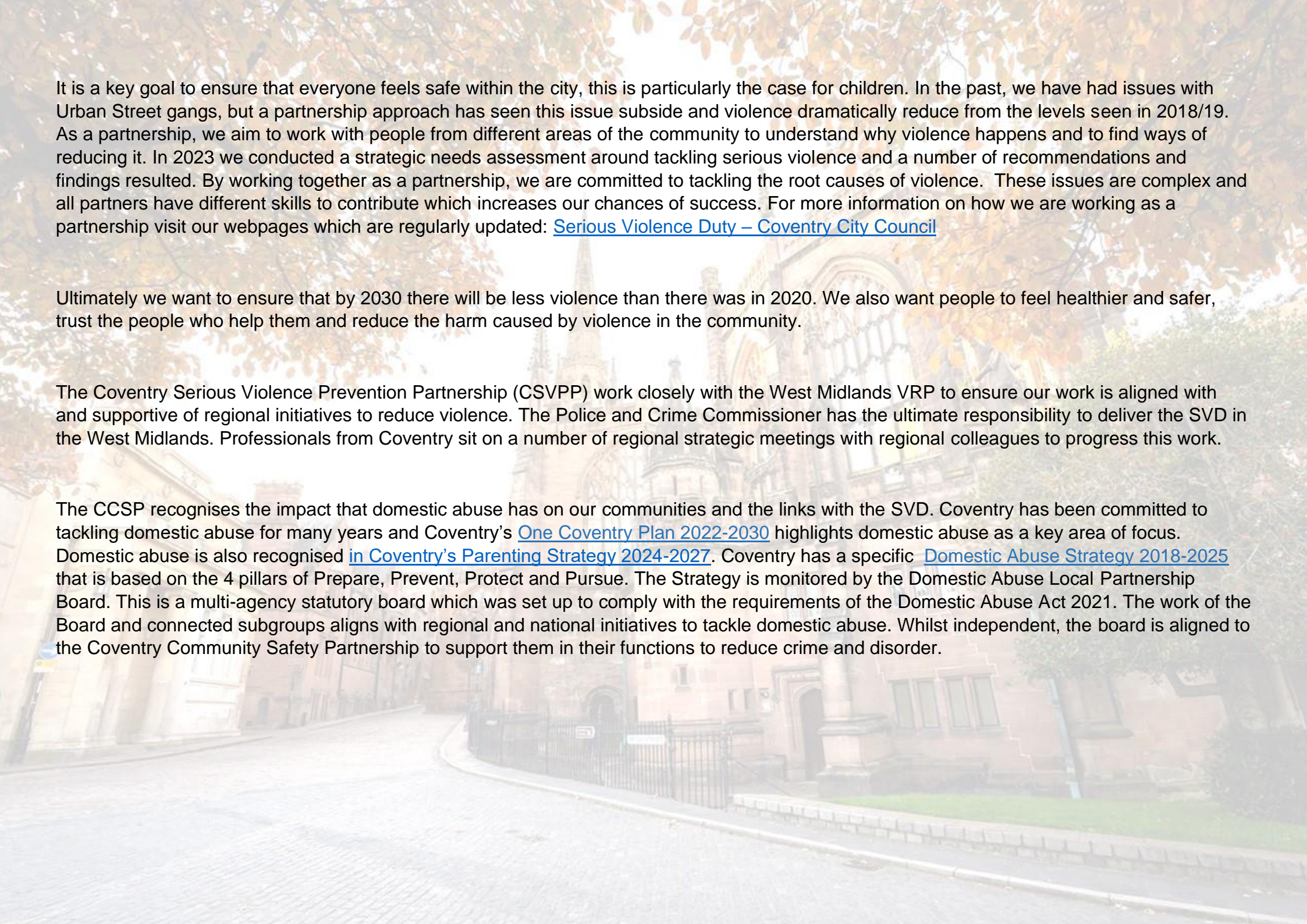
## 5 Enforcement and Criminal Justice

We will work in cross-cutting ways, developing innovative practice to ensure our young people are not unnecessarily criminalised using alternative methods of justice. We will deliver effective enforcement across the City and maximise the safety of individuals vulnerable to exploitation

## 6 Attitudinal change using effective communication

We will work with communities and organisations to challenge the narrative of violence and empower young people to be safe in our city



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It is a key goal to ensure that everyone feels safe within the city, this is particularly the case for children. In the past, we have had issues with Urban Street gangs, but a partnership approach has seen this issue subside and violence dramatically reduce from the levels seen in 2018/19. As a partnership, we aim to work with people from different areas of the community to understand why violence happens and to find ways of reducing it. In 2023 we conducted a strategic needs assessment around tackling serious violence and a number of recommendations and findings resulted. By working together as a partnership, we are committed to tackling the root causes of violence. These issues are complex and all partners have different skills to contribute which increases our chances of success. For more information on how we are working as a partnership visit our webpages which are regularly updated: [Serious Violence Duty – Coventry City Council](#)

Ultimately we want to ensure that by 2030 there will be less violence than there was in 2020. We also want people to feel healthier and safer, trust the people who help them and reduce the harm caused by violence in the community.

The Coventry Serious Violence Prevention Partnership (CSVPP) work closely with the West Midlands VRP to ensure our work is aligned with and supportive of regional initiatives to reduce violence. The Police and Crime Commissioner has the ultimate responsibility to deliver the SVD in the West Midlands. Professionals from Coventry sit on a number of regional strategic meetings with regional colleagues to progress this work.

The CCSP recognises the impact that domestic abuse has on our communities and the links with the SVD. Coventry has been committed to tackling domestic abuse for many years and Coventry's [One Coventry Plan 2022-2030](#) highlights domestic abuse as a key area of focus. Domestic abuse is also recognised [in Coventry's Parenting Strategy 2024-2027](#). Coventry has a specific [Domestic Abuse Strategy 2018-2025](#) that is based on the 4 pillars of Prepare, Prevent, Protect and Pursue. The Strategy is monitored by the Domestic Abuse Local Partnership Board. This is a multi-agency statutory board which was set up to comply with the requirements of the Domestic Abuse Act 2021. The work of the Board and connected subgroups aligns with regional and national initiatives to tackle domestic abuse. Whilst independent, the board is aligned to the Coventry Community Safety Partnership to support them in their functions to reduce crime and disorder.

## Reducing Offending, and Reoffending

In 2010, the Policing and Crime Act (2009) amended Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act (1998) to make Community Safety Partnerships responsible for formulating and implementing a strategy to reduce reoffending by adult and young offenders.

Reducing offending, re-offending and tackling substance misuse is a key priority for the CCSP.

According to the 2020 [Neighbourhood Crime IOM Strategy](#) a total of 80% of all crime is created by those reoffending, a significant proportion of which is neighbourhood crime. Effective Integrated Offender Management is essential to have a driver to reduce crime and disorder.

Under the Coventry Community Safety Partnership, the Coventry Reducing Reoffending Board are responsible for co-ordinating the CCSP response to reducing reoffending. Offending and reoffending are focused on breaking the cycle of offending by focusing on the Government 7 pathways which are:

- Accommodation
- Attitudes, thinking and behaviour
- Children and family
- Drugs and alcohol
- Education, training and employment
- Finance, benefit and debt
- Health

By tackling these root causes, the partnership is more likely to have a more sustained result in reducing, offending, reoffending and serious violence.

The work in achieving a reduction in offending and reoffending is supported by the Youth Justice Board through the [Coventry Youth Justice Plan](#).

The misuse of drugs and alcohol are major factors contributing to both offending and reoffending. This is evidenced by the work of the Drugs and Alcohol Strategy group and the associated Drugs and Alcohol Strategy.

## Reducing Offending, Reoffending (Key achievements)

- The CSVPP successfully implemented the Serious Violence Duty locally in accordance with legislation.
- Creation of Serious Violence Prevention Operational Plans
- Successfully commissioned and delivered the school holiday outreach work which has significantly reduced robbery, ASB and knife crime in Coventry city centre.
- Continued commitment to fund “Step Together” an after-school chaperone service aimed at providing safe egress routes from schools in violence hotspot areas.
- Coventry has launched the “Our Tomorrow” campaign which is a regional-wide initiative which delivers a youth-led counter-narrative against violence.
- Successful delivery of the Community Initiative to Reduce Violence (CIRV) Programme which is designed to engage with those involved in violence and connect them to an exit pathway from gangs, violence and country lines.

## Summary of the issues (information from Coventry’s Strategic Assessment (SA))

- Serious Youth Violence (SYV) decreased by 5.8% from last year. It accounted for 4.2% of TRC and 29% of serious violence offences.
- Violence with Injury offences were the most common offence (52.2% of TRC).
- Of the Violence with Injury offences 62.3% of the victims are male and of these 40.1% are 10-15 years old.
- Within Serious Youth Violence, robbery accounted for 24.6%. 88.7% of the victims were male. (37.9% were 16-20 years old. 31.2% were 10-15 years old.
- Knife crime accounted for 14.9%. The majority of victims were 86.2% male – 37.7% were 15-19 years)
- Gun crime accounts for 1.6%.
- Of the 8 homicides in Coventry 1 was linked to youth violence
- Domestic abuse accounts for 14.9% of TRC in 2023/24. Whilst this has decreased from last year, there has been an increase in referrals made to DA services.
- Sexual offences have increased by 6.8%. Rape accounted for 41.8% of Sexual Offences and 58.2% accounted for other sexual offences.
- Violence against Women and Girls (VAWG) has decreased by 8.0%.
- Stalking and Harassment was the top offence (48.5%) of which were DA related.



## What are residents telling us?

- Residents did not feel that youth violence and violent crime were significant issues in their area.
- Residents felt it should be a key consideration of the CCSP (rating it in the top two issues).
- Resident felt to reduce crime it was important to have youth services and outreach work within the city.
- There was some public support to invest in specialist services to reduce reoffending.

## How will we respond?

Even though residents may not see the immediate impacts of youth violence, the data and consultation with young people indicate that it is a significant problem for the city and therefore we will continue to progress preventative work in this area. A key way in which we prevent violence is to continue to build a support network for children by working with the Coventry Youth Partnership.

Objective	How we plan to achieve this
Reduce the level of serious violence within the city year on year.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Targeting the transition of youth offenders transitioning into adult probation services to reduce the likelihood of them being involved in serious violence.</li><li>✓ Increasing the use and enforcement of protective orders in order to safeguard victim survivors of domestic abuse (restraining orders, Domestic Violence Protection Order, Stalking Protection Order, Forced Marriage Protection Order, Domestic Abuse Protection Order etc) and manage offenders</li><li>✓ Increase the number of offenders charged to court for offences of domestic abuse resulting in conviction that offers protection to victims' survivors, whilst also ensuring that more victims are supported to engage with the criminal justice process</li><li>✓ Increase the number of domestic abuse offenders who are drug tested whilst in custody</li><li>✓ Review the requirements of the Victims and Prisoners Act 2024 and how the Duty to Collaborate will affect partners within the CCSP.</li></ul>

Reduce the level of children entering the Criminal Justice System	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Preventing violence through the education system to ensure that schools are providing a safe and supportive environment.</li><li>✓ Providing positive alternatives and targeted interventions for young people at risk of becoming involved in violence.</li><li>✓ Empowering young people to lead on communication strategies that challenge the narrative of violence and offer positive messages (i.e. My Tomorrow Campaign).</li></ul>
Reduce the levels of youth and adult reoffending	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ We will be reviewing the 7 support pathways associated with preventing reoffending and what measures and be used to strengthen and support reoffending with Coventry.</li><li>✓ Understanding Coventry's unmet needs and identifying vulnerable individuals or groups not accessing or representing in treatment services.</li><li>✓ Review and develop of all treatment pathways of people involved in the criminal justice system.</li><li>✓ Exploration of opportunities to take early intervention and preventative approaches to divert persons with substance misuse issues away from the criminal justice system.</li><li>✓ We will undertake a review of the impact of neurodiversity on offending and reoffending and identify measures to appropriately support neurodiverse offenders through rehabilitation.</li><li>✓ Review and monitor the impact of the Integrated Offender Management Scheme on reducing reoffending.</li></ul>
Reduce duplication of data production surrounding crime and ASB.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ We are working towards a single data product to serve multiple meetings. This will give a better holistic view of the current crime and ASB picture in the city.</li></ul>

## Priority 2 - Public Place Safety and Reassurance

Public place safety and reassurance is a key priority of the CCSP. It is essential to address issues that impact the daily lives of those living and working within Coventry, as people desire to feel secure in their communities.

According to our 2024 Crime Survey, residents indicated that ASB had increased over the past 12 months. They identified environmental ASB and general ASB as the most significant issues in their neighbourhoods, emphasising that addressing these should be a top priority for the CCSP. Furthermore, 43.8% of residents reported being victims or knowing victims of crime; however, 27.5% did not report these incidents to the police.

The survey also assessed perceptions of safety. While 60% of respondents felt safe during the day, there was a notable increase in feelings of insecurity during the evening, with 63.2% expressing concerns. Additionally, residents raised issues about safety in the city centre, both during the day and at night.

The One Coventry Plan prioritises the reduction of crime and disorder. It is essential to ensure we have secure neighbourhoods and a dynamic city centre that provides a safe environment both during the day and at night.

Under the Coventry Community Safety Partnership, the City Tasking Group is responsible for managing place-based issues within Coventry. The partners within the group work collaboratively, using problem-solving methods to effectively utilise each partner's resources in addressing issues of crime and ASB. The group also monitors the effective use of powers to tackle ASB introduced through Public Spaces Protection Orders within the city.

A significant challenge to the group is the demand and resource. The group have been tackling these issues through the effective use of operations. These are regionally led through the OPPC or locally led through West Midlands Police. Operation Advance is a force-wide initiative in the West Midlands where police and partners work together to deliver a 24 hours of intensive policing operations.

ASB within the city centre has been a key concern raised by both partners and the public. In response, a dedicated City Centre Partnership Group has been established. This group collaborates to address prolific offenders, working closely with drug and alcohol support services and implementing interventions, including enforcement measures such as fines, penalties, or legal actions to deter and address such behaviour.

CCSP also prioritises safety within the night-time economy. The Coventry Nighttime Economy Steering Group oversees and coordinates a partnership approach to the tactical delivery of initiatives that support strategic priorities such as preventing violence, reducing harm, and curbing ASB. Over the past five years, the group has set a key goal of ensuring a safe and healthy night out through key initiatives, including the Best Bar None and Ask Angela schemes. The group aims to continue this work while also striving to obtain Purple Flag status, an accredited scheme that recognises excellence in managing the nighttime economy.

The CCSP also recognise that a significant root to ASB and crime is in underlying drug and alcohol addiction. We therefore recognise the importance of connecting with Coventry's Drug and Alcohol Strategy

### Public Place Safety and Reassurance (Key Achievements)

- Key initiatives have been introduced into night time venues in the city such Best Bar None and Ask Angela.
- Successful initiatives on drinking spike campaigns
- The continued support of the Street Pastors programme to support safety in the nighttime economy.
- Successes of joint partnership initiatives to deal with derelict and abandoned properties.
- Renewal of Citywide PSPO to bring in measures to control public space drinking and off-road motorbikes.
- Operation Eternity and Guardian have been implemented to tackle ASB hotspots within the city.
- Police operations have been used to bring intensive patrol resources together to reduce crime.

### Public Place Safety and Reassurance (Summary of the Issues)

- Theft from Shops was second highest offence in total recorded crime. This has increased by 44.5%
- Overall there was a 22.6% increase in ASB last year. This was made up of 67% nuisance, 18% Environmental and 15% personal.
- St Michaels neighbourhood saw the highest level of ASB incidents (21.3%)
- Fly tipping has decreased by 13.5%. 24% of fly tipping occurs in Foleshill.
- There were 30,376 offences with a recorded victim. 48.0% of alcohol related incidents took place in the Night Time Economy (NTE) hours. Females were slightly higher than males (53.2%) The age with the highest incidents were female 35-39 years old and males 30-34 years old.
- This year there has been a decrease of drug offences in Coventry (14.8%). St Michaels ward was the highest 41%. 64.2% of offences in the city centre is possession of drugs and 35.7% were 'Possession with intent to sell.

## What you are telling us

- 63.2% disagreed when asked if they felt safe at night.
- 64% felt that ASB had increased.
- 51.52% of residents do not go into the city centre during the daytime and 83% at night. A significant reason is that they do not feel safe.
- The top three priorities were Environmental ASB, ASB and motor vehicle/theft.
- 43.8% said they had been a victim of crime.
- 27.5% didn't report this to be police. 58.9% of which felt nothing would happen if they reported it.
- Residents want more high-visibility patrols by police or wardens. More enforcement against ASB and crime.
- There was a call for more Neighbourhood Watch schemes.
- Residents want more guidance on reporting crime and more information on action taken against crime

## How will we respond

Evening and Nighttime Economy Strategy to be developed and consulted on that will provide the framework to achieving a safe and thriving night life in Coventry. Obtaining Purple Flag status will support a safe and thriving night life in Coventry.

We will use partners collective powers to respond to ASB. This will be focussed on areas causing the most demand. We will use a problem-solving approach so our police and partners resources can be used in the most effective way.

We will work with communities to enable them to regularly meet with their local policing team and other local partners so that they can raise questions and issues of community issues, find about partner priorities and receive information on what action has been taken in their areas.

## Objective

## How we plan to achieve this

To create a safe and healthy night out within the city centre.

- ✓ Working with partners to obtain Purple Flag status for the city.
- ✓ Developing an Evening and Nighttime Economy Strategy.
- ✓ Enhancing the safety and health in the NTE through a wide range of initiatives (Best Bar None, Ask Angela and Street Pastors).

Reduce the yearly rates of ASB within the city by improving the partnership response to ASB in the city.

- ✓ Using Problem-Solving Policing in a partnership context to identify repeat demand hotspots and effectively deploy resources to reduce ASB.
- ✓ Implementing an effective monitoring of PSPO enforcement through the City Tasking board and undertaking a review of new powers in the Crime and Policing Bill.
- ✓ Deliver an initiative in Hillfields aimed at reducing crime and disorder while promoting community cohesion.
- ✓ Using a case management approach to tackle city centre ASB issues such as public space drinking, drug taking, shoplifting and begging.
- ✓ Implement education and enforcement initiatives to reduce the levels of environmental ASB by targeting fly-tipping hot spots and areas with high multi-occupancy areas.

Improve community engagement with the residents of Coventry so that they have a great influence on policing and partnership priorities in the neighbourhood where they live.

- ✓ Identifying through the ASB strategy work on improving information to the communities on reporting the crime and providing information on crime outcomes.
- ✓ Conduct Police and Communities Together (PACT) meetings in every city ward to enhance community engagement.

## Priority 3 - Tackling Exploitation and Protecting Victims of Crime

A key priority of the CCSP is protecting the victims of crime, particularly the most vulnerable in our communities. It is equally important that, as a partnership, we identify those at risk of exploitation and implement measures to reduce these risks, helping to prevent exploitation. As exploitation often remains hidden within our communities, we must raise awareness of these crimes and ensure our frontline agencies are equipped to recognise individuals at risk. This will enable the creation of effective referral pathways to provide the appropriate support.

Within the West Midlands, preventing the exploitation of children, young people and adults is a key priority for the VRP. The VRP have established an Exploitation and Missing Regional Strategic Board to improve the response to children and young people who are at risk to exploitation.

The newly established [Coventry Safeguarding Children's Partnership](#) leads on the legal duties place on local authorities to make arrangements locally to safeguard and promote the welfare of children in their areas. Coventry's Horizon Team lead on Child Exploitation including Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) and County Lines. This is also supported by the work outlined in the Youth Justice plan.

The [Coventry Safeguarding Adults Board](#) (CSAB) lead on the protection of vulnerable adults. The CSAB priorities support the CSP by ensuring the safeguarding and protection of vulnerable adults, particularly those with care and support needs.

Coventry's Domestic Abuse Local Partnership Board lead on the protection of victims of harmful practises within the context of domestic abuse including Honour Based Abuse (HBA), Forced Marriage (FM) and Female Genital Mutilation (FGM).

Within the CCSP, exploitation is managed through the Harm Abuse Reduction Partnership. The group manages issues such as hate, modern slavery and vulnerable adults. Over the last few years hate crime has been tackled in partnership with Remedy, West Midlands Police and Citizen through the Hate Crime Forum. The Community Safety Partnership has also used the community safety fund to implement the "Stand by Me" campaign to promote by-stander awareness training through professionals and volunteer groups in the city.

Significant progress has been made in addressing adult modern slavery over the last two years. Significant work has been undertaken to:

- Establish proper reporting and data monitoring processes.
- Effective management of cases of adult exploitation via increased staff training, awareness, and the establishment of a risk assessment conference.
- Form a strategic modern slavery partnership to oversee all aspects of our response to adult exploitation.
- Improve the discharging of our statutory duties under the Modern Slavery Act 2015.

Work is underway to create new tiered training packages to ensure all levels of professionals have appropriate training to respond to modern slavery.

Tackling radicalisation is a key priority for the CCSP. The Prevent Board oversees the delivery of Prevent across the partnership and ensures compliance with the Prevent Duty. Alongside Prevent sits the multi-agency Channel Case Management Panel, which focuses on early intervention by providing tailored support to individuals identified as susceptible to radicalisation.

The risk and threat of radicalisation are collated and assessed by West Midlands Police Counter Terrorism Intelligence Analysts. This intelligence is shared with the partnership, enabling a strategic, evidence-based approach to prioritising actions, supporting early intervention, and ensuring effective prevention measures, much like the strategic assessment process.

Prevent has delivered significant work across education, community groups, and professional development. This includes embedding clear referral pathways and offering advice to ensure that those at risk are identified and supported at the earliest opportunity. By providing training, raising awareness, and building resilience, Prevent helps to reduce risk, address threats at an early stage, and safeguard individuals and communities.



## Preventing Exploitation and Protecting Victims of Crime (Summary of the Issues)

- Honour based abuse has decreased by 29% but is highly likely that these figures are under represented.
- Hate crime has marginally decreased this year (>1.0%).
- Racial hate crime was the top offence accounting for 80% of all hate crimes.
- There has been a 18.5% increase in county-line offences involving children under 18.
- Males aged 15-17 years old were involved in 68.8% of county line offences.
- Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) has seen a 35.9% decrease.
- Modern slavery cases reported to West Midlands Police have seen a 51.3% decrease in modern slavery offences, however Coventry City Council have recorded 124 cases which has been steadily increasing.
- Within the cases of modern slavery, females fell victim to sexual exploitation across all ages. Females under 25 years old were seeing more criminal exploitation and over 25 years forced labour.
- Males fell victim to criminal exploitation (drugs) across all ages. Younger males (10-19 years) saw higher levels of gang affiliation. Focused labour was seen in victims over 20 years old.

## What are partners telling us?

- They felt that the biggest priority should be dealing with vulnerable people in the city.
- The biggest challenges facing victims was the lack of faith in services and recognising themselves as victims of crime.
- Taking a trauma-informed approach, working in partnerships and making sure we were person-centred were important values to ensure that victims were supported.

## How will we respond

We will train our professionals to recognise signs of exploitation and support other organisations in doing the same.

We will establish strong pathways for victims to access appropriate services.

We will consult with those with lived experience to design services that instill confidence in victims.

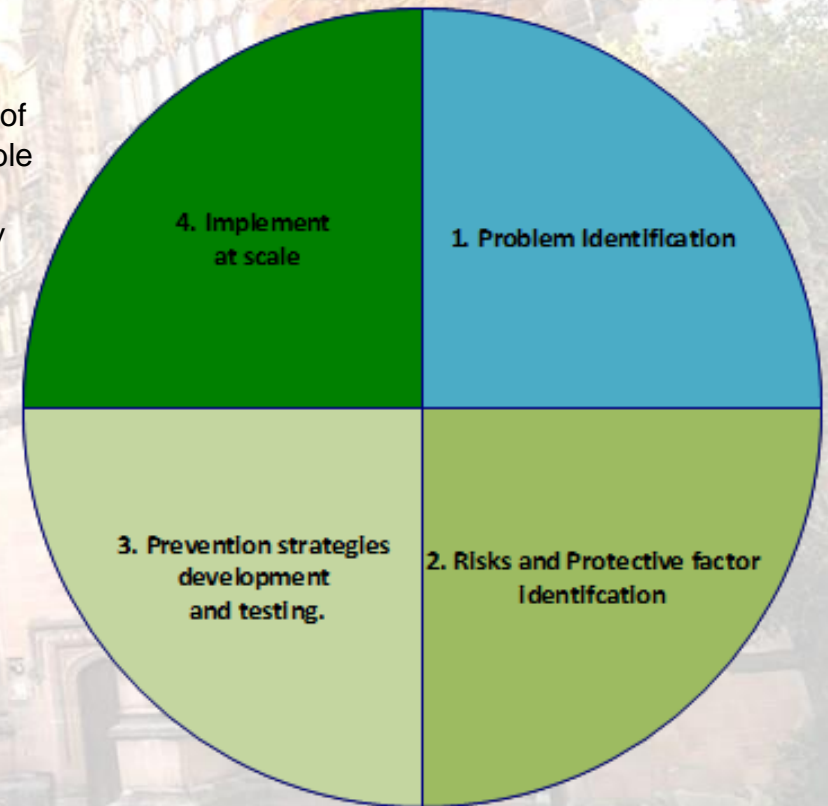
Trauma-informed practice and a person-centered approach will be central to our work.

Objective	How we plan to achieve this
Reduce the prevalence and increase awareness of modern slavery, radicalisation, exploitation and other hidden harms.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Delivering a 3-tier training programme to frontline staff and professionals to increase the awareness of modern slavery.</li> <li>✓ Development of age-appropriate educational resources for schools to reduce the risk of young people being exposed to radicalisation.</li> </ul>
Reduce and increase awareness of the levels of hate crime	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Undertake a review of the current hate crime strategy and establish if a new strategy is required.</li> <li>✓ Continue to deliver training to professionals and communities to raise awareness of hate crime.</li> </ul>
Increase the number of victims of exploitation, hate crime and other hidden harms accessing appropriate support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Create and implement effective pathways for victims of modern slavery.</li> <li>✓ Creation of case management forums to identify victims of exploitation including victims of modern slavery, hate crime and other hidden harms.</li> <li>✓ Create a Modern Slavery Strategy and embed the strategy through an appropriate action plan</li> </ul>
Increase knowledge and understanding of the picture of exploitation and hidden harms.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Using data and information from lived experience groups to drive our commissioning of services and strategy work.</li> </ul>

## Approaches

### A Public Health Approach

A Public Health approach focuses on understanding and addressing the root causes of violence rather than just responding to its symptoms. It treats violence as a preventable issue, much like a disease, and works to reduce it through early intervention, prevention, and long-term solutions. This approach involves analysing data to identify risk factors, engaging communities, and promoting collaboration between agencies to tackle the wider social and economic factors that contribute to violence.



**4 Ps** – We will use the 4 P's approach to reduce violence, abuse and exploitation, protect victims and to take action against those who perpetrate crime

**Prepare**

Ensuring there are systems and processes in place to prevent incidents of crime

**Prevent**

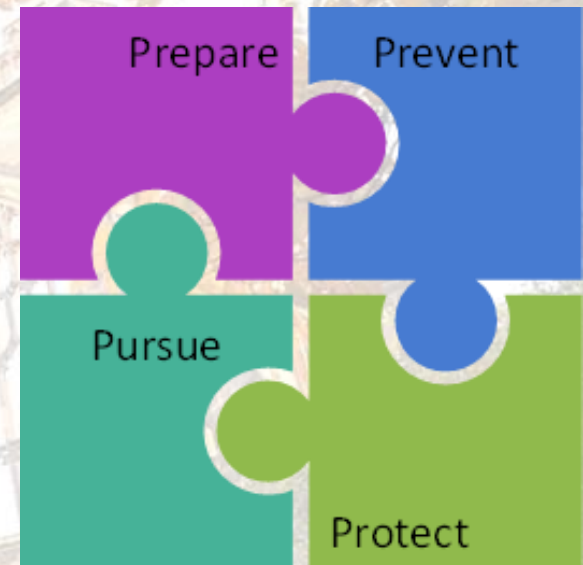
Preventing crime before it happens by raising awareness, educating the community and implement programmes and initiatives to prevent crime.

**Protect**

To provide support to safeguard those who have been victims of crime and are vulnerable to crime and exploitation.

**Pursue**

To take action against perpetrators of crime and hold offenders to account for their crimes.



**Trauma-Informed Approach**

The Community Safety Partnership recognises the impact of trauma on individuals, groups, and communities.

It is important for us to improve the partnership's understanding of a trauma-informed approach.

To ensure that policies, strategies, and initiatives undertaken by the partnership consider trauma-informed principles.

we encourage trauma-informed training for professionals working within our partnership.



## Monitoring and Measuring performance

The CCSP will convene on a quarterly basis. During these meetings, each subgroup will be required to report on the strategies they are accountable for. The CCSP will closely monitor the progress of these strategies to ensure that, as a partnership, we are effectively meeting the objectives outlined in the CCSP Plan.

Board	Objective	Strategy
<b>Coventry Serious Violence Prevention Partnership</b>	<p>Reducing levels of serious violence within the city year on year.</p> <p>Reducing the level of children entering the criminal justice system</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prevention of violence through the education system</li> <li>• Providing positive alternatives and targeted interventions for young people at risk of becoming involved in violence</li> </ul>
<b>Coventry Reducing Reoffenders Board</b>	<p>Reducing levels of serious violence within the city year on year.</p> <p>Reducing the level of youth and adult reoffending.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reviewing the support pathways associated with reoffending.</li> <li>• Understanding the unmet needs of vulnerable individuals not accessing treatment services</li> <li>• Exploring opportunities to take early intervention for diverting people away from the Criminal Justice System.</li> <li>• Reviewing the impact of neurodiversity on offending and reoffending.</li> <li>• Reviewing and monitoring the impact of the IOM.</li> </ul>
<b>Domestic Abuse Local Partnership Board</b>	<p>Reduce levels of serious violence within the city year on year.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The use of enforcement of protective orders for Domestic Abuse cases.</li> <li>• Monitoring the number of Domestic Abuse offenders convictions.</li> <li>• Number of victims supported through the Criminal Justice system</li> <li>• Levels of Domestic Abuse Offenders subject to Drug testing in custody.</li> </ul>

<b>Night Time Economy Streeting Group.</b>	<p>To create a safe and healthy night out in the city.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Achievement of purple flag</li> <li>• Creation of Evening and NTE Strategy</li> <li>• Monitoring initiatives for a safe and healthy night out.</li> </ul>
<b>City Tasking</b>	<p>Reduce the yearly rates of ASB within the city by improving the partnership response to ASB in the city.</p> <p>Improve Community engagement with the residents of Coventry so that they have a great influence on policing and partnership priorities in the neighbourhood where they live.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monitoring the use of PSPOs within the City</li> <li>• Monitoring the initiatives to be delivered in Hillfields.</li> <li>• Tackling of City Centre ASB</li> <li>• Reviewing the implementation of education and enforcement to reduce environmental ASB.</li> <li>• Levels of ASB reports and the successful crime outcomes</li> <li>• Levels of community engagement through PACT meetings.</li> </ul>
<b>Harm Abuse Reduction Partnership</b>	<p>Reduce the prevalence and increase awareness of modern slavery, radicalisation, exploitation and other hidden harms.</p> <p>Reduce and increase awareness of the levels of hate crime.</p> <p>Increase the number of victims of modern slavery, exploitation, hate crime and other hidden harms access appropriate support.</p> <p>Increase knowledge and understanding of the picture of exploitation and hidden harms.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The delivery of training initiatives for modern slavery and hate crime.</li> <li>• Monitoring of the current pathways for victims of Modern slavery.</li> <li>• Delivery of modern slavery strategy.</li> <li>• Review of current hate crime strategy.</li> </ul>
<b>Prevent</b>	<p>Reduce the prevalence and increase awareness of modern slavery, radicalisation, exploitation and other hidden harms.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Development of educational resources for schools to prevent radicalisation.</li> </ul>
<b>CCSP wide</b>	<p>Reduce the levels of Serious Violence</p> <p>Reduce duplication of data production surrounding crime and ASB.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reviewing the requirement of the “Duty of Collaborate” .</li> <li>• Reviewing how a single data product can be used to give a better holistic view of the current levels of crime and ASB across the City.</li> </ul>

# CCSP - Plan on a Page

## Theme

## Priorities

## How do we measure success?

### Reduction of Offending, Re-Offending and Serious Violence

- Reduce the level of serious violence within the city year on year.
- Reduce the level of children entering the Criminal Justice System.
- Reduce the levels of youth and adult offending and reoffending.
- Reduce duplication of data production surrounding crime and ASB.

- Reductions in levels of Serious violence.
- Reduction in re-offending and first-time entrants in the CJS.
- improved data production within the partnership.

### Public Places Safety and Reassurance

- To create a safe and healthy night out within the city centre.
- Reduce the yearly rates of ASB within the city by improving the partnership response to ASB in the city.
- Improve community engagement with the residents of Coventry so that they have a great influence on policing and partnership priorities in the neighbourhood where they live.

- Overall reduction in ASB and Crime in the city centre.
- Improved reporting of ASB and satisfaction of outcomes
- An increase in successful partnership approaches to community issues.

### Tackling Exploitation and protecting victims of crime.

- Reduce the prevalence and increase awareness of modern slavery, radicalisation, exploitation and other hidden harms.
- Reduce and increase awareness of the levels of hate crime.
- Increase the number of victims of modern slavery, exploitation, hate crime and other hidden harms access appropriate support.
- Increase knowledge and understanding of the picture of exploitation and hidden harms.

- Increased reporting hidden crimes. (modern slavery, hate crime, radicalisation)
- Reductions in repeat victims
- Increased victim satisfaction.
- Improved community confidence and satisfaction.

