

Luton Community Safety Partnership Plan 2020-2024

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Logos of responsible authorities

Tagline – Working together to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour in Luton.

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Page 1: Introduction by the Chair of the Community Safety Partnership

Welcome to the 2020 - 2024 Community Safety Partnership Plan for Luton. I am delighted to hold the role of Chair of the Community Safety Partnership – crime reduction and improving community safety are of absolute importance for our Town and play a significant role in meeting our vision for Luton 2040.

We have a hugely ambitious agenda in Luton to ensure that no-one is in poverty by 2040. We are very much aware of the stark links between the impact of criminal activity and a whole range of socio-economic factors. We are wholeheartedly committed to doing everything we can to tackle these issues to ensure that all people living in, working in or visiting Luton live good lives and meet their aspirations.

We will take a strategic approach to ensuring that our crime reduction and community safety work supports our agenda to eradicate poverty. We will connect our approach with other areas of work to tackle the causes of crime and the factors which enable crime to flourish. This includes:

- addressing levels of deprivation which makes crime an option
- tackling domestic and sexual violence which perpetuate repeat offending and victimisation
- improving housing standards and the availability of safe accommodation
- creating safe and accessible public spaces
- confronting the harm caused by drugs and alcohol and driving this down

This partnership plan will set out the priorities we have identified as targets for action over the next four years. We have a new set of values which will create a re-energised, outcome focused partnership that will strive to deliver longer term change, increased opportunities for the co-production of solutions and a Town where crime is not an option for anyone.

Robin Porter, Chief Executive, Luton Council

Chair of the Luton Community Safety Partnership

What is Luton Community Safety Partnership?

The Community Safety Partnership is a collective of statutory agencies, local organisations, charities, businesses, residents and community groups who are committed to working together with the strategic aim of reducing crime and anti-social behaviour across Luton.

This partnership is overseen by the Community Safety Partnership Executive which is made up of the statutory partners (Luton Council, Bedfordshire Police, Bedfordshire Fire & Rescue, Luton Clinical Commissioning Group, National Probation Service & Bedfordshire, Northamptonshire, Cambridgeshire & Hertfordshire Community Rehabilitation Company).

The main role of the partnership is to actively lead on the development and delivery of strategic approaches to a range of priority crime and community safety issue. The priorities for 2020-2024 are set out on the next page of this plan.

Delivery

The Community Safety Partnership Executive will appoint theme leads from the partnership who will oversee delivery of work within that work area.

Theme leads will lead the collaboration and delivery of work in these areas and will report back to the CSP Executive on outcomes and performance.

An annual review will take place by the Crime & Disorder Committee who will independently scrutinise the work of the partnership.

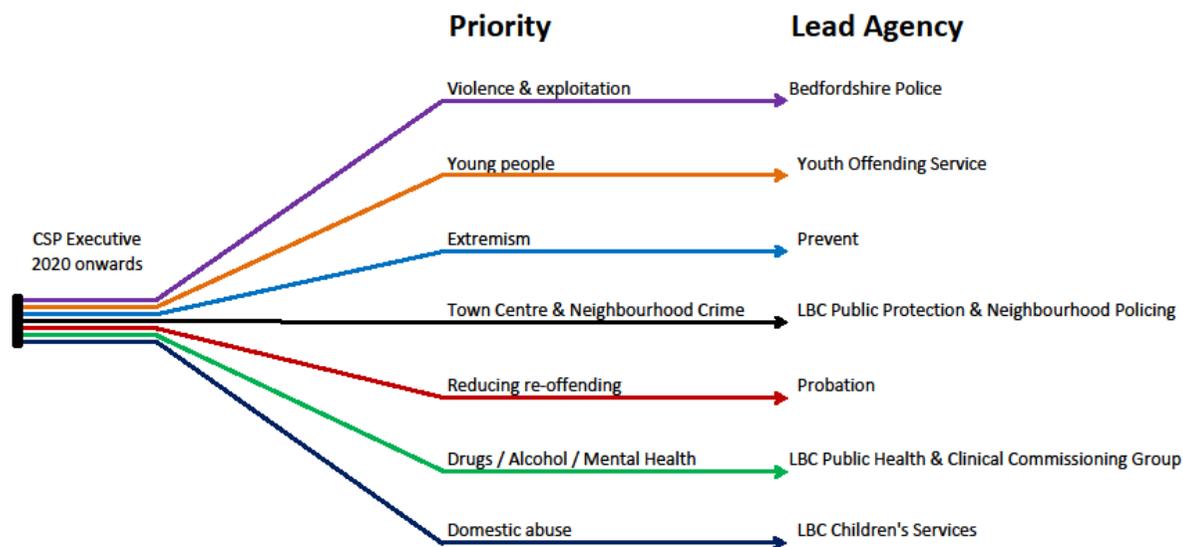
Page 4: Our priorities for 2020-2024

We have undertaken a review of current crime and community safety issues and identified the following areas as priority work areas for 2020 -2024.

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Luton Community Safety Partnership Delivery Model 2020-2024



- Our values**
- Trust
 - Accountability
 - Delivery
 - Outcomes
 - Collaboration

Luton 2040
No-one in Poverty

Page 5 : Our Key Targets

- Reducing crime and anti-social behaviour across the Town
- Co-producing outcomes with local communities
- Promoting an early identification and intervention approach
- Ensuring all people are given access to support services
- Working towards lasting behaviour change
- Driving down the availability , prevalence and impact of drugs
- Creating safe and accessible public spaces

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Keeping Luton Safe & Tidy

- Launch of the 'Keep Luton Safe, Keep Luton Tidy' campaign which has supported many community clean ups over the last 3 years, involving hundreds of volunteers collecting thousands of bags of rubbish and fly tipping **(image A)**
- A Public Spaces Protection Order for the Town Centre was launched in July 2018. 2228 interactions have taken place and 52 fines issued. Interactions have supported us to achieve civil injunctions for persistent persons and also helped safeguard individuals **(image B)**
- We've commenced Operation Octans, selecting a geographical area of focus, with the overall aim being to reduce overall crime levels, improve confidence and trust of the public and reduce fear of crime
- We've made significant use of tools and powers within the ASB, Crime and Policing Act 2014, including Closure Orders, Criminal Behaviour Orders and Community Protection Notices to tackle ASB
- We worked with Wenlock Church of England Junior School, to deliver a safe school parking campaign **(image C)**
- We carried out a number of afterhours parking enforcement operations, resulting in 15,009 tickets issued across Luton **(image D)**
- Since 2017, 1791 adults (25+) have engaged in structured treatment for alcohol and/or drug misuse, with 540 adults completing treatment successfully
- Since 2017, 6191 outreach sessions have been delivered to young people, 4,990 accessing interventions for advice and guidance **(image E)**
- Luton Town Centre was awarded 'Purple Flag' status, a sought after accreditation for towns and cities that provide a vibrant mix of dining, entertainment and culture, while promoting the safety and wellbeing of visitors and residents **(image F)**
- The Big Change Project was launched in December 2019, giving the community an alternative way to give donations to local charities, supporting people living with homelessness in Luton **(image G)**
- The Neighbourhood Enforcement Team has grown to 12 officers and 2 team leaders, focussing on a number environmental issues affecting residents and visitors to the town **(image H)**

- Our Dog Wardens Service won the RSPCA Gold Stray Dog Award for the 6th year running, for special recognition of their consistent high standards in promoting responsible dog ownership **(image J)**
- Introduction of the Police Town Centre Community Team, basing themselves in The Mall **(image K)**
- We met our targets for reducing ASB:
 - Reduce Town Centre ASB by 25%
 - Reduce youth ASB by 20%
 - Reduce reports of nuisance motorcycles by one third
 - Reduce neighbour related ASB by 10%
- Funding awarded to address rough sleeping across Luton. The funding allows for innovative new approaches, helping to meet the council's ambition to end poverty in Luton by 2040
- Since the introduction of vehicle removals for parking contraventions, the service has removed 120 illegally parked cars, which had a combined number of 2,691 unpaid penalty charges. To date, 55 had been disposed by way of scrapping. The service continues to pursue outstanding cases in line with regulations **(image L or M)**
- Luton is home to 6 parks that have been awarded a Green Flag, the national quality indicator for parks **(image N)**
- Due to successful external funding bids, Luton has recently benefitted from 2 new basketball facilities, a new play provision, better located outdoor sport facilities and a number of outdoor fitness equipment stations
- Parks Service continues to support and work in partnership with the Friends of Luton's Parks and Greenspace on projects that deliver corporate targets including Green Skills programmes and Health and Wellbeing programmes such as the Food Hub
- The Parks Service are supporting 'Garden The Town' – an initiative enabling local community groups to plant and maintain areas of local open space, historically been targeted for vandalism and ASB **(image O)**

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Reducing violence and exploitation

- Partial closure on 60 properties, the first of its kind in Bedfordshire, preventing 'unauthorised visitors' from the properties and communal areas to prevent ASB and criminal activity **(image 1)**
- A Serious Youth Violence Community Engagement Strategic Plan was produced, to ensure more frequent and better communications with the community
- The Amber Unit was launched to address serious youth violence and respond to concerns of possible tensions. The team have regular contact with schools, young people and the community
- External Domestic Abuse grant funding from the Home Office awarded for housing support
- A Child Sexual Exploitation settings disruption toolkit was created, alongside a programme of work with local hotels and taxi drivers, to help them be better equipped to identify CSE
- 'Hidden Victims' campaign launched, raising awareness of all forms of exploitation, including: domestic abuse, sexual exploitation, forced labour and cuckooing **(image 11)**
- The 'Signpost for Bedfordshire' unit launched in April 2018 and have received 12,873 referrals, supported 4093 victims and scored 97% on victim satisfaction **(image 8)**
- Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government funding was awarded and been used to fund a project addressing Female Genital Mutilation in Luton
- A multi-agency meeting was established to identify vulnerable people who are at risk of having their home taken over, seeking to put in support, preventative measures and taking action against offenders
- A multi-agency operation saw 15 warrants being executed at properties suspected of operating as brothels and housing sexually exploited women. 8 arrests were made and 9 victims supported **(image 9 or 10)**
- Violence and Exploitation Reduction Unit (VERU) has been established, creating a network of different agencies and groups to tackle root causes of issues such as gang membership **(image 4, 5, 6 or 7)**

- Preventing Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) strategy was launched, alongside a VAWG Champions programme within the Council **(image 2)**
- Around 200 knives collected from Bedfordshire's weapon bins have been transformed into a sculpture of a Phoenix, a symbol of breaking free from violence and rising into life. Arranged by St. Mary's Church, with sculpture made by Joe Carey **(image 3)**
- The VERU are distributing £400,000 to projects across Bedfordshire to tackle the problem of young people's involvement in gang, gun and knife crime
- Key Stage 2 and Key Stage 3 knife crime prevention programmes continue to be offered and delivered to all schools in Luton. The programmes are highly innovative and are part of a sustained programme
- Winner of the PCC's 'Pan Bedfordshire Impact Award', the VARAC (multi-agency group led by Bedfordshire Police) supports and case manages the most vulnerable adults within our community and has achieved successes in safeguarding individuals. Partners include Police, Victim Support, Probation, Sodexo Justice, NHS, CCG, Penrose, Stepping Stones, Mental Health Services, ELFT, local councils and adult safeguarding.
- NHS Luton has employed a Multiagency Safeguarding Hub Nurse for Adults, who is located within the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) Adult team, to support complex adult safeguarding referrals relating to a person's health needs.
- The CSP are working alongside a number of local voluntary community sector groups, working to address and tackle youth violence
- The Multi Agency Gang Panel (MAGPan) remains the intelligence and safeguarding hub for all agencies taking a collective responsibility for young people who become exploited through gang associated behaviours.
- The Routh Sleeper Partnership confirmed that between September 2018 and December 2019 over 300 individuals have been moved off street and into accommodation
- A toolkit has been designed to support women, exploited by the on street sex trade, to access support from any services they may engage with. The toolkit helps practitioners to understand complex needs of the women, the barriers they may encounter and possible life journeys they have experienced. The ultimate aim being to support women to exit street sex work and disrupt perpetrators.

Page 10 – How to report

Residents can report crime, anti-social behaviour or intelligence through 101; or 999 in an emergency. You can also report online via www.bedfordshire.police.uk/report

Environmental crimes can be reported to the council through 01582 510 330 or online at www.luton.gov.uk

Hate crime can be reported at www.report-it.org.uk

If you have safeguarding concerns, you can seek advice or report to the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub on **01582 547 653**, out of office hours: **0300 300 8123** or via mash@luton.gov.uk

Support for those affected by crime in Bedfordshire

Whether it is you, a partner, friend, relative or colleague who has been the subject of a crime, the Signpost Hub is the way for you to find the help that meets your specific needs.

The Signpost Hub is an innovative approach to supporting those affected by crime in Bedfordshire, putting victims at the heart. The Hub offers free and confidential support to anyone affected by crime, whether it has been reported to the police or not.

This includes victims themselves, bereaved relatives, parents or guardians of victims under 18 and members of staff where a business has been the subject of a crime.

They can be contacted by calling 0800 0282 887 (calls are free from landlines and mobiles) or by emailing info@signpostforbedfordshire.com