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Introduction

Welcome to 2021-22 Annual Report for the Cheshire West and Chester Community Safety Partnership (CSP).

During the 2020 and early 2021 the Cheshire West and Chester (CW&C) area was continuing to be impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic and the associated periods of restrictions which limited people's movement, closed retail establishments and the night-time economy, consequently making people spend more time at home.

The lifting of imposed restrictions on individuals and businesses between February and May 2021 continued to have a profound effect on people's behaviours, which in turn influenced patterns of crime. For example, fewer open shops limited opportunities for retail theft (which recorded a -26.9% reduction locally), and closure of bars and pubs reduced opportunities for alcohol-related crime and disorder during restrictions. The decline in certain crime types, such as burglary (-14.5%) and vehicle crime (-7.3%), is likely to reflect the greater presence of people in residential areas during the daytime, increasing natural surveillance within communities.

During 2021 there were increases in victim-based offences were recorded such as Violence offences, Sexual Offences, Stalking and Harassment which recorded 10.6%, 32.6%, 19.2% and 22.2% respectively. Online and online enabled crimes such as Child Sexual Abuse (plus 47.7%), Cyber-crime (plus 21.2%) and Hate Crime (plus 26.0%) also increased during this period. Mental Health incidents increased by 7.9% across CW&C, as did Missing Person incidents (plus 6.7%).

Covid 19 related breaches were recorded locally as anti-social behaviour (ASB) by Cheshire Police during this period (496 incidents).

Changes in crime recording practices for improved compliance with the National Crime Recording Standard (NCRS) were embedded within 2021 following recommendation made to Cheshire Police in 2017 by the Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services (HMICFRS).

This annual report sets out the work that has taken place within each of the priority areas shown in the table below:

Priority 1	**Prevent and Reduce Reoffending**
Priority 2	**Exploitation & Serious Organised Crime (SOC)**
Priority 3	**Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)**
Priority 4	**Substance Misuse**
Priority 5	**Domestic Violence & Abuse (DVA)**
Priority 6	**Killed and Serious Injured on our Roads (KSI)**
Priority 7 (added July 2021)	**Serious Violence**

Priority 1: Reducing Re-offending.

Lead Agency: Probation Service

Context:

The purpose of this priority is for partners to contribute positively to projects designed to promote and encourage change in individuals so that their risk of reoffending reduces.

Achievements 2021/22:

- ✓ Maintained a weekly Police and Probation pre-release group to more effectively plan and manage high risk of harm offenders being released into the community.
- ✓ Established a quarterly IOM governance meeting to review the management of Integrated Offender Management (IOM) nominals and look to ensure appropriate reducing reoffending pathways are in place and being utilised.
- ✓ Identified Probation Officers to co-work / consult on stalking and harassment perpetrators in conjunction with the Harm Reduction Unit based at Cheshire Police HQ.

- ✓ Re-commissioned Restorative Justice serviced for victims being supported by Probation and to provide restorative awareness sessions and interventions for people on probation.
- ✓ Commissioned Women's centre provision for Women subject to probation supervision
- ✓ Developed better housing pathways for those being released from Prison homeless through regular contact with local authority (LA) housing leads and the development of Probation specific accommodation contracts with providers who will provide short term accommodation (CAS3 – Mears).
- ✓ Commissioned a range of services for people on probation including employment training and education, accommodation support & personal wellbeing.

Current picture:

The new unified Probation service was established in June 2021 and has moved through mobilisation, stabilisation and is now at the point of full Transition to the new target operating model from December 2022.

Emerging challenges

- To establish a specialist Probation / Police approach to the management of registered sex offenders & domestic abuse perpetrators.
- To contribute to the Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) stagey focusing on the management of perpetrators.
- To commission an enhanced substance misuse service for people on probation & contribute to the combating drugs strategy.
- To commission a Mental Health support provision for people on probation.

Next steps

To take on the challenges identified above.

Priority 2: Exploitation & Serious Organised Crime (SOC)

Lead Agency: Cheshire West and Chester Council / Cheshire Police

Context:

The purpose of including this priority is for partners to work together to tackle Serious and Organised Crime (SOC) and to identify, prevent, and support those at risk of exploitation, both children and vulnerable adults.

Serious and Organised Criminals ruthlessly target the most vulnerable in our communities and their exploitation of others takes many forms, including sexual or criminal exploitation such as county lines, economic crime, modern slavery, and human trafficking. Offenders' techniques are also continuously adapting, so collective efforts are needed to focus on ensuring our communities are better prepared to identify the threat, are supported to report illegal activity and to work towards stopping the problem at the source.

Achievements 2021/22:

- ✓ A joint development day was held across the Community Safety Partnership (CSP), Safeguarding Childrens Partnership (SCP) and Local Safeguarding Adults Board (LSAB) which focused on Exploitation and Contextual Safeguarding.
- ✓ Child Exploitation Warning Notices were piloted in West Cheshire West for 6 months to deter adults whose behaviour causes concern from contacting children under 18 years old.
- ✓ A cross-partnership task & finish group was formed to develop a partnership All-Age Exploitation Strategy and refresh cross-partnership contextual safeguarding approaches for exploitation.
- ✓ Cyber Crime and scams – resources have been shared with schools, businesses, and multi-agency professionals.
- ✓ Organised Crime Group (OCG) mapping has continued and individuals which have been identified have been subject to multi-agency information sharing and targeted interventions.
- ✓ Supported National Safeguarding Adults week with messages about exploitation. Themes covered exploitation, cuckooing, fraud, internet safety.
- ✓ Produced a refreshed SOC local profile containing relevant data on local SOC activity and nominals.
- ✓ A new SOC Board plan was produced to reflect the refreshed local SOC profile and national strategies.
- ✓ An enhanced SOC dashboard of data has been produced to enable the partnership to identify emerging trends at a local level in real-time and target collective responses more efficiently.
- ✓ '2Engage' awareness raising inputs for West Cheshire secondary schools were commissioned in 2021-2022 to reduce young people's vulnerability to exploitation.
- ✓ Endorsed the pilot for a passive drug-dogs scheme for local schools to prevent exploiters targeting school pupils to sell drugs to their peers that will be rolled out in the next financial year.

Current picture:

COVID-19 has continued to present unique challenges in all areas of Police and Partnership working, including Serious and Organised Crime. Police and Local Authority priorities have adapted over this period to meet these challenges.

Serious and Organised crime activity has similarly changed and adapted their behaviours in response to the pandemic, but the level of criminality has continued, and some criminals have exploited new opportunities.

The current OCG picture shows an ongoing risk of SOC within Cheshire West and Chester. The OCG picture within Cheshire West and Chester shows that drug supply remains the predominant OCG risk to the area.

Emerging challenges

The COVID-19 pandemic exposed vulnerabilities for exploiters to target vulnerable children and adults, particularly those who were isolated from their usual support networks to deal drugs and engage in other criminal activity, often referred to as 'Cuckooing'.

Cybercrime and online exploitation are being used by criminals to financially exploit and cause other types of harm to vulnerable people.

A continuing challenge is preventing those 'at risk' from becoming involved in SOC activity and diverting those already involved onto a different pathway. The links between vulnerabilities and the pathways into SOC are well established, as is the fact that partnership working is fundamental to achieving the desired outcomes for individuals and communities. CSP partners will all continue to play our part in making our communities safer from the threat of organised crime.

Next steps

- To enhance partnership awareness of Operation Expel for 'Cuckooing' activity.
- Formalise the partnership tactical response to SOC activity.
- Embed the use of '4 P' plans (Pursue, Prepare, Protect and Prevent) within the SOC and multiagency arena.
- To support the use of drug dog deployments within communities to detect and deter SOC activity on the streets and public transport.
- To deliver cybercrime awareness session(s) for partners to raise the profile of online risk and support communities.

Priority 3: Anti-Social Behaviour

Lead Agency: Cheshire West and Chester Council (Community Safety) & Cheshire Police

Context

The purpose of including this priority is for partners to work together to increase community confidence through the prevention, detection, and reduction of Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) within our communities.

Addressing Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) remains a priority for the CSP. ASB activity is coordinated and delivered locally through the partnership ASB Board, which has continued to meet quarterly. The ASB Board leads on the development and delivery of multiagency ASB activity and oversees the work of the three local multi-agency Problem-Solving Groups (PSGs).

PSGs bring together statutory and non-statutory agencies to work together to share information and address local ASB within communities. PSG meet monthly and operate on the same footprint as the three local policing units (LPUs) and associated ASB units which are embedded within police stations across West Cheshire.

ASB units include resources from both the Council and Police including Community Safety Officers (CSOs) and dedicated Police Officers who work in close partnership to lead on interventions. ASB Units also have dedicated Community Safety Wardens (CSWs) who are uniformed and accredited with additional powers under the National Community Safety Accreditation Scheme so that they can directly address anti-social behaviour within communities.

Achievements in 2021/22:

- ✓ Continued development and embedding of the partnership ASB Board locally to enhance the partnership planning and response for ASB.
- ✓ A performance reporting framework has been created for the ASB Board, including temporal analysis of relevant data, to enable partners to monitor trends, address issues and plan resources.
- ✓ The Chester City Centre Public Space Protection Orders (PSPO) was renewed in March 2022 for a further period of three years. The measures in the PSPO include

restrictions on consuming alcohol in a public place, preventing the use of intoxicating substances and public urination / defecation within Chester City Centre.

- ✓ The first national ASB Awareness week was supported in July 2021 locally by partners together to raise the profile and impact of ASB within communities.
- ✓ Multiagency service standards were developed and embedded for the partnership resources operating in Chester City Centre to enhance the partnership response to incidents of ASB, including: ASB / public order, cycling through pedestrianised areas, drugs, graffiti, intoxication, smoking on the rows, littering and public urination / defecation.
- ✓ A 'business guide to reporting issues' was developed to support and encourage businesses to report and utilise local reporting mechanisms. The guide was distributed to businesses and published online on the CSPs 'Reporting crime and ASB' web page.
- ✓ The multiagency Operation Treacle was delivered for the Bonfire Night and Halloween period to challenge ASB and prevent harm to communities.
- ✓ An ASB forward plan and evaluation process was created for the ASB Board.

Current ASB picture:

Anti-Social Behaviour Incidents -Cheshire West and Chester

Anti-social Behaviour - Incidents				
2017	2018	2019	2020	**2021**
10,149	7,677	6,554	8,755	**6,874**
-2.7%	-24.4%	-14.6%	33.6%	**-21.5%**

During the last twelve months there has been a decrease of -21.5% (minus 1,881) reported ASB incidents in Cheshire West and Chester. Some of this reduction could be attributed to changes in crime recording standards at Cheshire Constabulary. Contrastingly Covid 19 related breaches were recorded locally as ASB during the pandemic (496 incidents).

The following table provides a breakdown of ASB incidents by sub-category, Local Policing Unit (LPU) and Beat Team Cluster (BTC). Analysis of incidents by LPU indicates that during 2021 42% of all ASB occurred in Chester LPU; 34% in Northwich LPU and 24% in Ellesmere Port LPU. Looking at the volume table of ASB incidents by BTC this order changes Chester City (15.2%); Winsford (13.1%); Ellesmere Port West & Neston (12.4%); Northwich North (12.2%) and Ellesmere Port East (12.0%).

Local Policing Unit (LPU)	Police Beat Team Cluster (BTC)	ASB - Environmental	% of LPU	ASB - Nuisance	% of LPU	ASB - Personal	% of LPU	Total ASB	% of LPU
CHESTER	CHESTER CITY	88	31.8%	761	39.0%	199	30.7%	1048	36.4%
	CHESTER NORTH	59	21.3%	369	18.9%	133	20.5%	561	19.5%
	CHESTER RURAL AND FRODSHAM	69	24.9%	459	23.5%	165	25.4%	693	24.1%
	CHESTER SOUTH	61	22.0%	363	18.6%	152	23.4%	576	20.0%
	CHESTER LPU TOTAL	**277**	**43.6%**	**1952**	**41.1%**	**649**	**43.6%**	**2878**	**41.9%**
ELLESMERE PORT	ELLESMERE PORT EAST	69	49.3%	595	50.1%	160	45.5%	824	49.1%
	ELLESMERE PORT WEST AND NESTON	71	50.7%	592	49.9%	192	54.5%	855	50.9%
	ELLESMERE PORT LPU TOTAL	**140**	**22.0%**	**1187**	**25.0%**	**352**	**23.6%**	**1679**	**24.4%**
NORTHWICH	NORTHWICH NORTH	71	32.4%	605	37.6%	161	32.9%	837	36.1%
	NORTHWICH SOUTH	64	29.2%	395	24.5%	123	25.2%	582	25.1%
	WINSFORD	84	38.4%	609	37.8%	205	41.9%	898	38.8%
	NORTHWICH LPU TOTAL	**219**	**34.4%**	**1609**	**33.9%**	**489**	**32.8%**	**2317**	**33.7%**
CWaC Grand Total		**636**	**100.0%**	**4748**	**100.0%**	**1490**	**100.0%**	**6874**	**100.0%**

Emerging challenges

The Community Safety team is being moved into the Councils newly formed Public Protection Service and embedded into a new management structure in 22-23.

Next steps

- Develop a multiagency plan for ASB Awareness Week 2022
- Embed the partnership Service Standards for Chester City Centre
- Develop a resident's version of the Business Guide to Reporting Issues
- Support the creation of a pan Cheshire Water Safety Partnership
- Develop an action plan for the Hate Crime Strategy

Priority 4: Substance Misuse

Lead Agency: Cheshire West and Chester Council - Public Health

Context:

This priority aims to prevent and reduce the harms caused by substance misuse and understand the drugs profile for Cheshire West and Chester.

Achievements in 2021/22

Substance Misuse Partnership Board

The Cheshire West and Chester Substance Misuse Partnership Board exists to work in partnership to prevent and reduce the harms caused by alcohol, drugs and other substance misuse. Seeking to create a culture that supports individuals to make positive choices for the benefit of their health and wellbeing and those around them. The Substance Misuse

Partnership Board first met in May 2019 on a bi-monthly basis but was stood during 2021 down due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Board was re-established in February 2022

Drug Related Deaths

The Cheshire West and Chester Drug Panel is commissioned by Public Health and provided Liverpool John Moore's University, who also provide panels across Cheshire and Merseyside. The panel is a multi- agency group which meets quarterly and reviews all drug related deaths in the borough. Intelligence in each death is gathered from relevant agencies including the coroners office and then deaths are discussed at the panel to identify any modifiable factors, key themes and trends and any learning for services to help prevent future deaths. Throughout the year the Drug Related Death Panel continued to meet and all drug related deaths in the borough were reviewed. There were challenges in accessing coroner data for some of the deaths due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Data on deaths:

- Drug related death remains a significant issue at both a local and national level within England and Wales, with 2021's death registrations showing a record number of drug poisonings recorded for the tenth consecutive year
- The number of drug poisonings which were registered by the ONS in 2021 for Cheshire West and Chester was 35, an increase of 94% on the previous year and the highest figure of drug poisonings since ONS records began in 1993
- Chester City & the Garden Quarter ward had the largest number of deaths recorded, which was the case in 2020.
- The proportion of cocaine implicated in toxicity deaths increased from 17.6% in 2020 to 41.7% in 2021. Morphine deaths also increased substantially, rising from 5.9% to 25.0% as a proportion of all toxicity deaths. Prescribed substances formed 16.7% of implicated substances compared to 35.3% in 2020

Key panel findings

Bereavement support for people who have lost their partner and for staff : Ongoing work highlighting the issue for both relatives and friends of deceased and also staff within treatment providers.

Relationship between alcohol services and mental health services: New quarterly meetings taking place between WDP and mental health services in order to discuss joint cases.

Contact with clients who are difficult to engage: New protocols in place reiterating important of using various methods in order to try to contact individuals other than standard phone calls

Alcohol Related Harm in the night-time economy

Chester's Purple Flag status has been renewed acknowledging its flourishing night-time economy and safe environment during both the day and night.

Chester first achieved Purple Flag status in 2018, a recognition of UK towns and cities that offer an 'entertaining, diverse, safe and enjoyable night out'.

Established in 2012, the Purple Flag programme is managed by the Association of Town and City Management (ATCM) and is similar to the Blue Flag award for beaches, but instead aims to raise standards and broaden the appeal of night-time and evening economies within towns and city centres across the UK

Chester City have confirmation that Chester has once again been awarded Purple Flag status. Due to Covid-19 considerations, ATCM chose to conduct assessments virtually. In November, representatives from the Purple Flag Working Group met with two Purple Flag Assessors to discuss Chester's application. This meeting was incredibly positive, with assessors praising the strong knowledge base and commitment shown by members of the group.

Feedback from the assessment cycle informs us that we have improved in 2 of the 5 Core Principles assessed by the Purple Flag Assessors

Ahead of the next interim assessment, the Purple Flag Working Group will be looking at the following areas to develop:

- Consider new approaches to delivering a Safe Space
- Develop an alternative to the Street Pastors
- Support improvements to signage
- Develop profile of Purple Flag in Chester
- Develop a Comms Strategy
- Designate a specific comms representative

Substance Misuse Treatment Services

New Beginnings specialist substance misuse treatment service is commissioned by the Council and provided by Westminster Drugs Project (WDP) and provides the following services to adults and young people:

- 1-2-1 Psychosocial Interventions,
- Prescribing interventions,
- Group Work,
- Relapse Prevention,
- Needle Exchange and harm reduction,

- Peer mentoring,
- Volunteering opportunities,
- BBV testing and vaccination,
- Criminal justice support,
- Access to Detoxification & Rehabilitation Services,
- Access to the Capital Card (incentive scheme).

Throughout 2021 the focus of the service remained on delivering safe, quality treatment options for clients, particularly in the context of the impact of COVID restrictions on staffing and clients.

Current picture:

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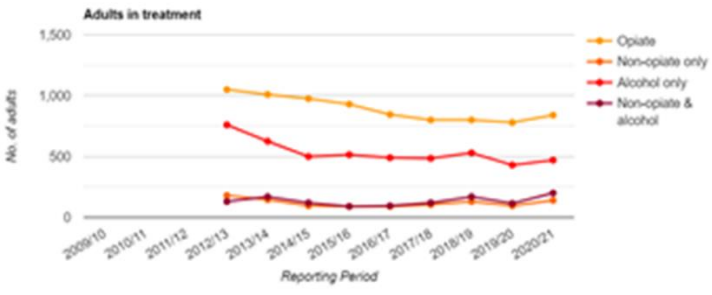
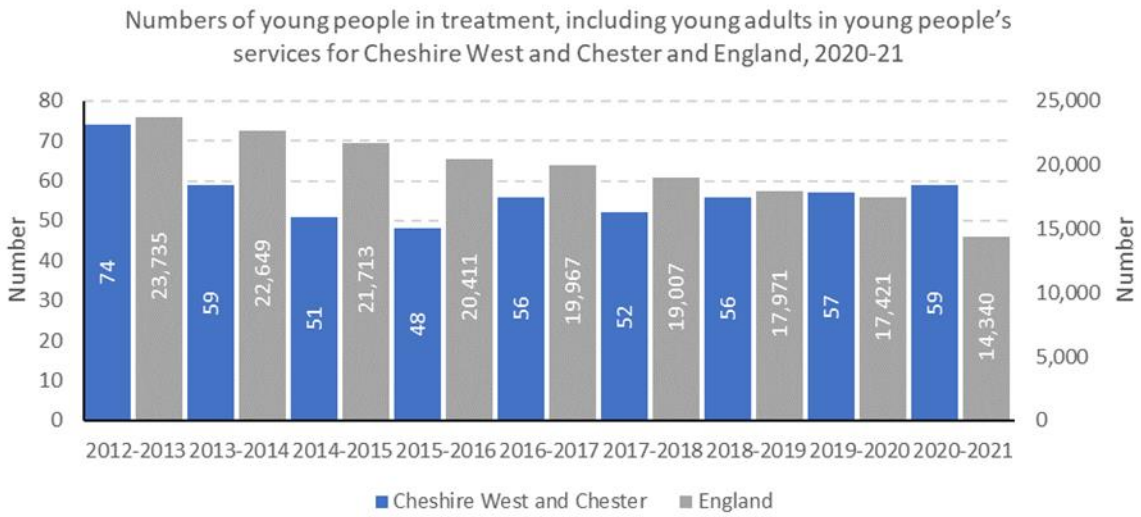
Adults in Treatment



Young People in Treatment



- There were **59** young people receiving treatment in Cheshire West and Chester, 73% were male and 27% female
- Cheshire West and Chester has a higher proportion of young males in treatment compared to the England average
- 88% of young people in CW&C reported cannabis as a problem substance, compared with 85% of England

Emerging challenges

There is a need to refresh the Drugs and Alcohol Joint strategic Needs assessment to better understand current patterns of use and supply of drugs and alcohol.

Areas of focus include:

- Children affected by parental substance misuse
- Improving Health Behaviours in young people (0-19) – includes substance misuse.

Next steps

- Refresh drug and alcohol needs assessment
- Develop Local Drug Information System
- Continue to bid for Purple Flag status for Chester nighttime economy

Priority 5: Domestic Abuse

Lead Agency: Cheshire West and Chester Council – Early Help and Prevention Service

Context

This priority aims for agencies to intervene to prevent or reduce repeat experiences of Domestic Abuse (DA).

Achievements in 2021/22

- ✓ Continued delivery of the 'engage' programme across children's services; continued delivery of the programme direct to people who harm.
- ✓ Secured continued funding for additional Independent Domestic Violence Adviser (IDVA) capacity through Police Crime commissioner (PCC).
- ✓ Ongoing communications campaign adapted including police webchats and the 'You are not alone' campaign - Open the Door.
- ✓ Delivery with Police DA Matters training in 21/22.
- ✓ Weekly multi agency risk management meetings in place.
- ✓ Local Authority training offer (delivered through Safeguarding Childrens Partnership) IDVAs continue to support this.
- ✓ Reducing Parental Conflict bid successful and secured £44k in total.
- ✓ Reducing Parental Conflict & DA training to children's services rolled out.
- ✓ DA Strategy and action plan.
- ✓ Community model and Open Access Groups implemented.
- ✓ Secured new perpetrator programme.
- ✓ Burdens funding continued.
- ✓ Repeat incidents remain below the corporate KPI of 38%.
- ✓ Increased staffing.
- ✓ Bespoke screening offer for over 60s put in place.
- ✓ Local safeguarding adults conference session on referrals into the Domestic Abuse Intervention Prevention Service (DAIPS).
- ✓ Safe Lives completed a needs Assessment following the DA Act.

Current picture:

Domestic Abuse – Information from the Strategic Assessment 2021:

Domestic Abuse - Recorded Crime				
2017	2018	2019	2020	**2021**
2,949	4,831	4,885	5,262	**5,227**
21.4%	63.8%	1.1%	7.7%	**-0.7%**

In 2021 there was a decrease of 0.7% (minus 35 offences) in domestic abuse offences recorded in Cheshire West and Chester. This is the first decrease recorded across the previous five-year period; however, volumes have increased 77.0% since 2017.

Across the Force area in 2021 there was a decrease of 4.0% in domestic abuse offences, which means Cheshire West and Chester have recorded a 3.4 percentage point lower decrease.

When comparing domestic abuse offences by Local Authority, Cheshire West and Chester has the smallest percentage reduction when compared to 2020.

Referrals the to the Domestic Abuse Intervention & Prevention Service:

In the financial year 2021-22, 1804 enquiries were made to DAIPS. This is similar to the previous year 2020-21, however, the volume of open cases has increased over this time. This could be due to the volume of high-risk referrals increasing over the past three years (since 2019/20). The level of self-reporting to DAIPS has remained stable over the three years.

The age group with the highest volume of referrals into DAIPS was 25 to 34 years and the volume in each age group has remained similar to previous years. Of the children impacted by Domestic Abuse, 41.9% were aged 0-5 years. Repeat referrals within 12 months have remained stable.

Emerging challenges

Increase Safe Accommodation to ensure that the Local Authority meets duties set out in the Domestic Act.

DA Board subgroup to ensure that all data across partners pertinent to DA is analysed.

Retention of people harmed on recovery groups in a timely fashion.

Increase attendance at the open access groups and increase attendance at the open access groups for males.

Increase numbers attending the perpetrator programme.

Increase our reach to ethnic minority groups.

Next steps

- Secure additional safe accommodation.
- Consideration for implementation of Safe and Together model.
- Further development of the PCC perpetrator programme for local implementation.
- Reducing Parental Conflict to be widened so next step funding to be secured.

- Implementation of new perpetrator programme.
- Strategic Action Plan in place to support delivery of the strategic priorities for DA.
- Development of new DA Board governance structure to include subgroups.
- Increase reporting ethnic minorities, male victims, people with disabilities and those with protected characteristics across all agencies.
- Explore and analyse the data relating stalking and harassment to ascertain the links to domestic violence and abuse.
- Develop the Cheshire West offer to non-intimate domestic violence and abuse including that perpetrated by children informed by national research.

Priority number 6: Killed and Seriously Injured

Lead Agency: Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service (CFRS)

Context

Through a multi-agency approach we encourage a coordinated and effective delivery of road safety improvements and interventions in Cheshire West and Chester. The aim is to reduce the numbers of people Killed and Seriously Injured (KSI) on the roads through delivery of key priorities:

1. Continue to Explore and understand key stakeholders and their planned initiatives for reduction in killed and seriously injured. - All partners continue to work cohesively together across this area of activity, co-ordinated primarily from outcomes at the Cheshire Road Safety Group which feeds into the Education Training and Publicity Group. There are core areas that the teams continue to work towards utilising up to date intelligence ensuring that targeted activity occurs to address any upcoming issues.

2. To explore the viability of a Road Safety Strategy to ensure coordinated activities with relevant partners are undertaken to reduce the number of fatalities and casualties. - This work is ongoing via the Cheshire Road Safety Group a review is underway of the group's current structure, activities, governance and funding arrangements and work continues to promote the use of a strategic road safety plan. There is currently work being carried out to reviewing two external companies that will develop the road safety strategy for the Cheshire Road Safety Group.

3. To explore and understand what data is available to monitor collision and casualties to ensure appropriate interventions - Supported by Cheshire Police and the Cheshire Police Partnerships team a request made by Cheshire Fire & Rescue Service to enable all of Cheshire's Safety Partnerships to adhere to the same data sharing agreement, so that a standard approach is utilised pan Cheshire.

Achievements 2021/22

- ✓ Cheshire West & Chester Council continue to complete all school education from nursey to colleges – including cycle education, Cheshire Police support and Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service when required/requested.
- ✓ Cheshire West & Chester Council have commissioned a new behavioural change programme for Road Safety education which will be delivered to all Key Stage 3/4 age groups across West Cheshire.
- ✓ Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service 'Think, Drive, Survive' has been refreshed and the Think part which is delivered by the Fire service has been re branded to "fork in the roads good people make bad choices", this delivery is supported by Cheshire Police and Highways England.
- ✓ 'Bikerdown' Course for motorcyclists, free of charge for delegates completed by Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service with one event each month.
- ✓ All partners continued to support the Cheshire and Merseyside Young Driver Programme, "Engage" this gives driving instructor's relevant resources, a new website has been created to aid in the improved education of new drivers. Greater Manchester have also joined the programme in 2022.
- ✓ Drive safe for longer delivered virtually for the past year face to face delivery has taken place.
- ✓ Winter and summer driving vehicle checks and advice were completed by all Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service whole-time stations using social media as the delivery method.
- ✓ Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service staff completed their Summer and Winter drink drive events.
- ✓ Junior safety officer programs have continued and are offered to all Key Stage 2 West Cheshire schools in Partnership with Cheshire West and Chester Council and Cheshire Police.
- ✓ Cheshire West and Chester Council have continued to deliver the Modeshift Stars programme which is a Nationally accredited travel plan scheme recognising schools in supporting cycling, walking and other sustainable and active travel.
- ✓ Farndon was the first school to achieve the green accreditation in West Cheshire. The online tool provides a facility to record modes of transport to school including how the students would prefer to travel, and assist in creating, developing and implementing an up-to-date School Travel Plan. The programme continues to include the creation of a #StaySafeGetActive Walking Bubble.

Current picture:

Unitary Area	2018			2019			2020			2021		
	Killed	Seriously Injured	Total	Killed	Seriously Injured	Total	Killed	Seriously Injured	Total	Killed	Seriously Injured	Total
Cheshire East	26	137	163	18	102	120	15	99	114	20	102	122
Cheshire West & Chester	14	134	148	9	81	90	9	89	98	7	116	123
Halton	2	28	30	3	31	34	1	21	22	2	17	19
Warrington	4	77	81	5	50	55	5	44	49	4	54	58
Total	**46**	**376**	**422**	**35**	**264**	**299**	**30**	**253**	**283**	**33**	**289**	**322**

A total of 291 Road Traffic Collisions required the attendance of CFRS in Cheshire during 2021 (Calendar Year)
37.5% of these incidents required extrication from the vehicle

Data from 2020 and 2021 may have been impacted by the Covid 19 pandemic and the associated restrictions on travel.

Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service continue to complete works against the Service Delivery Plan for Road Safety via direct public engagement and via a method of differing social media methods.

Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service, Cheshire Police and the local Authority have taken part in active enforcement using an intervention called Operation Close Pass. A police rider is placed on the roads on a pedal cycle, those road users that pass within an unsafe distance are then where appropriate, educated or enforcement of the traffic law will occur, like wise those who cycle in an inappropriate manner are also engaged with. The key part of this is to promote consistent fair interactions with both target groups to encourage people to "Share the Road". Two Equine Close Pass events have also been delivered.

Cheshire West And Chester Council Roads Safety team continue to deliver fully funded adult, family or children or child cycle training and continue to help reduce congestion outside school gates. Graduated child drops offs brought in during C19 have been beneficial to child safety and congestion in local areas, Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service and West Cheshire would support this to continue but it must be recognised it does course la large number of logistical issues to the schools.

Cheshire West And Chester Council Road Safety team have been actively encouraging schools to continue to take part in both the Bikeability and Pedestrian training scheme, Let's Walk, along with the Parent Parking Charter for some time now. Cheshire West and Chester Council is committed to making sure the borough is safe and clean and part of this includes looking at ways we can tackle air pollution.

Emerging challenges

Current KSI Data 2020 (RSS- road safety support) shows that 70% of all KSI data recorded involves one of the following methods of transportation involved in Road traffic collisions in Cheshire. They are Cars (33%), Cyclists (21%) and Pedestrians (13%). All three of these categories of KSI's should be focused on and continued or increased with targeted educating, training, and publicity around these areas. Additionally, the demographics such

as locations, sex, age and times that are involved during these incidents should be factored into the delivery methodology to ensure targeted resources and time are best placed to affect a reduction in the above figures.

Some examples of current activities are the Operation Close Pass, Think Drive Survive, and the Highway code hierarchy of road users are some of the key tactics in West Cheshire are utilizing to tackle this emerging safety issue for road users that use West Cheshire roads.

Powered scooters, continue to cause issues in specific areas in West Cheshire, with the main of issues coming from privately owned scooters.

The trail ongoing within Chester, from Ginger scooters has been extended and the number of units increased, again these are a new mode of transport and a reactive approach may be required to support any issues from them even when used correctly, also to react if these scooters are used in an inappropriate manner, via possible education and enforcement of riders and those that share the roads with them.

Next steps

- Partners to continue to work towards reducing the killed and seriously injured on West Cheshire's roads.
- This should be intelligence led, updated casualty profiles are required and will be produced under the Cheshire Road Safety group via the sub group – the Education, training and Publicity group, both groups are represented by all key partners relating to Road Safety activity in the area, Local Authority, Cheshire Police and Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service.

Priority number 7: Serious Violence

Lead Agency: Office of the Police Crime Commissioner (OPCC)

Context

The purpose of introducing this new priority is for partners to prepare for the forthcoming Serious Violence (SV) duty which is going to be a statutory responsibility of Community Safety Partnerships, requiring CSPs to understand the local risks and factors contributing to SV and to develop multiagency strategies to prevent and address serious violence within communities.

Achievements 2021/22

- ✓ New Serious Violence CSP priority created.

Current picture:

Violence against the Person - Recorded Crime				
2017	2018	2019	2020	**2021**
7,794	9,895	11,244	11,550	**12,780**
41.5%	27.0%	13.6%	2.7%	**10.6%**

In the last twelve months there has been an increase of 10.6% in violence against the person in Cheshire West and Chester, a volume increase of 1,230 crimes.

Across the Force, over the last twelve months there has been an increase of 6.1% (2,328 offences) in violence against the person, which means Cheshire West and Chester have a larger percentage increase.

Violence with Injury - Recorded Crime				
2017	2018	2019	2020	**2021**
3,093	3,341	3,234	2,854	**3,131**
16.0%	8.0%	-3.2%	-11.8%	**9.7%**

In the last twelve months there has been an increase of 9.7% in violence with injury in Cheshire West and Chester; thus reversing the reductions observed since 2019. This represents 277 more crimes when compared to the previous year (2020).

Across the Force, over the last twelve months there has been an increase of 4.7% in violence with injury offences, which means Cheshire West and Chester has seen a larger percentage decrease.

Emerging challenges

The CSP needs to wait for the Statutory Guidance to be published and understand if there are any funding opportunities for interventions and resources to develop the Strategy and associated response.

Next steps

- Review the Statutory Guidance when published.
- Understand the government support being offered for the introduction of this duty.
- Undertake and evidence-based analysis of the causes of serious violence in Cheshire West and Chester.
- Develop a Strategic Needs Assessment based on the evidence-based analysis.
- Explore the development of a serious violence strategy with solutions to reduce local serious violence.

Next steps for the Community Safety Partnership

The CSP will consider the next Strategic Assessment of Crime and Disorder and set priorities and a CSP plan for 2022/23. The partnership will continue to meet its statutory functions and partners will continue to work together to reduce crime and disorder across the borough.

Glossary

ABC	Acceptable Behaviour Contract
ABD	Acceptable Behaviour Discussion
ASB	Anti-Social Behaviour
BID	Business Improvement District
CBO	Criminal Behaviour Order
CCG	Clinical Commissioning Group
CFRS	Cheshire Fire & Rescue Service
CJS	Criminal Justice System
CSO	Community Safety Officer
CSP	Community Safety Partnership
CSW	Community Safety Warden
CW&C	Cheshire West and Chester
DAIPS	Domestic Abuse Intervention & Prevention Service
DRDP	Drug Related Death Panel
DA	Domestic Abuse
DAIPS	Domestic Abuse Intervention and Prevention Service
DVA	Domestic Violence & Abuse
DVPN	Domestic Violence Prevention Notice
DVPO	Domestic Violence Prevention Order
IDVA	Independent Domestic Violence Advocate
IOM	Integrated Offender Management
IRIS	Identification and Referral to Improve Safety
KSI	Kill & Seriously Injured
LA	Local Authority
LSAB	Local Safeguarding Adults Board
MARAC	Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference
MAPPA	Multi-Agency Public Protection Arrangements
NPS	National Probation Service
PCC	Police Crime Commissioner
PSPO	Public Space Protection Order
SCP	Safeguarding Children's Partnership