

Ashfield Community Safety Partnership

Strategic Plan

April 2011-2014



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Foreword

There are many challenges to achieving our vision of keeping people in Ashfield safe, ranging from the harms of alcohol and drug abuse, family breakdown and ineffective parenting skills to prolific offenders. It is the role of the partnership to coordinate the activities of those agencies who deliver services in Ashfield so that a better, more joined up and effective approach is taken.

Last year, we made significant improvements in the way we address the crime and disorder that is of greatest concern to our communities. Initiatives such as Operation Animism, which tackles antisocial behaviour and alcohol related violence, have really helped to make a difference. During the coming year we will build on work such as this and continue the improvements we have made. We will focus our activity in those areas suffering the greatest level of crime and disorder.

This plan identifies the key priorities that people living and working in Ashfield tell us are important and which have been identified as areas for action through our analysis. The plan provides information on how the partnership is structured and how it will tackle the strategic priorities for crime reduction and anti-social behaviour across Ashfield. Whilst the plan provides information about what is being done, it also forms a blueprint for those agencies who deliver services about what they need to do and influences the decisions that they make.

By working together as a partnership we will fulfil our vision of:

“Making our communities safer and our residents feel safer”

The measure of our success will be residents in Ashfield feeling and being safer.

Philip Marshall
Chief Executive Ashfield District Council
Chair of the Ashfield Community Safety Partnership Strategic Group

Introduction

This plan outlines how those agencies involved in the Ashfield Community Safety Partnership (CSP) are working together to make our communities safer and our residents feel safer.

The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 (and subsequent revisions) placed a statutory obligation on Local Authorities and the Police to work in partnership with other agencies to reduce crime and disorder in their area. The responsible authorities of the Ashfield Community Safety Partnership include the following agencies:

- Nottinghamshire Police
- Nottinghamshire Police Authority
- Ashfield District Council
- Nottinghamshire County Council
- Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service
- NHS Nottinghamshire County
- Nottinghamshire Probation Service

Additional non-statutory partners include the following:

- Nottinghamshire Drug and Alcohol Action Team
- Ashfield Homes Ltd
- Voluntary and Community Groups

The Ashfield CSP Strategic Plan is a three year rolling plan which is revised annually. The plan focuses key issues affecting Ashfield and its communities as well as any continuous or emerging priorities identified from the annual Partnership Strategic Intelligence Assessment, a multi agency analysis of crime and disorder. Information from this analysis has been used to identify the new strategic priorities for the Ashfield CSP in 2011/12. The way in which the Ashfield CSP has performed against the priorities and targets set in 2010/11 and how we intend to deliver activity to address the 2011/12 strategic priorities is set out in this document.

During the last year the Ashfield CSP has made a real difference to tackling crime and disorder and improving feelings of safety within the District. We will continue to work in partnership with our communities and to achieve further improvements in community safety across Ashfield.

Summary of Performance 2010-11

During 2010-11 our strategic priorities were to reduce:

- Violent Crime
- Domestic Abuse
- Serious Acquisitive Crime – including; Dwelling Burglary, Vehicle Crime and Robbery
- Anti Social Behaviour

The Partnership also identified the following cross cutting themes:

- Improve Community Confidence
- Reduce Drug Markets and Drug/Alcohol Misuse
- Reduce Re Offending
- Reduce Crime and Disorder associated with Young People and Families

Table 1 summarises performance at the end of January 2011 across the indicators the partnership was measured against. The final end of year performance information will be updated to the web based document when it is available.

Table 1:

| Indicator | Total in Baseline Year 2009/10 (what the target is measured against) | 2010/11 Reduction Target | | 2010/11 Year to Date Comparison (Apr 2010 - Jan 2011 compared to Apr 2009 - Jan 2010) | 2010/11 Performance to Date (Jan 2011) |
|---|--|--------------------------|----------------------------|---|--|
| | | Percentage Reduction | End of Year Target Figures | | |
| Serious Acquisitive Crime (Dwelling Burglary, Robbery, Vehicle Crime) | 2165 | -35% | 1415 | 35% reduction | 4.2% above target |
| Dwelling Burglary | 844 | -27% | 618 | 30% reduction | 3.5% below target |
| Robbery | 115 | -44% | 64 | 46% reduction | 1.3% above target |
| Vehicle Crime | 1206 | -39% | 733 | 38% reduction | 11.0% above target |
| Violence Against the Person ¹ | 2134 | -19% | 1728 | 20% reduction | 3.1% above target |
| Violence Against the Person (Domestic Abuse) | 684 | -19% | 554 | 18% reduction | 5.1% above target |
| Violence Against the Person (Excluding Domestic Abuse) | 1505 | -19% | 1219 | 24% reduction | 1.9% below target |
| Violence Against the Person With Injury | 1337 | -25% | 1004 | 31% reduction | 4.5% below target |
| Violence Against the Person With Injury (Domestic Abuse) | 418 | -25% | 314 | 23% reduction | 5.5% above target |
| Violence Against the Person With Injury | 951 | -25% | 713 | 36% reduction | 10.8% below target |

¹ Performance data is taken from official Management Information statistics. However, data involving the special crime categories (domestic abuse / non-domestic abuse) is not currently provided as part of these official Management Information statistics. Therefore, special crime category data is extracted directly from the live CRMS system and, as different sources are used for generating the baselines, the targets for Domestic and Non-Domestic Violence differ slightly from those for Violence overall.

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| (Excluding Domestic Abuse) | | | | | |
| Other Wounding | 1274 | -26% | 937 | 31% reduction | 2.8% below target |
| Other Wounding (Domestic Abuse) | 408 | -26% | 302 | 23% reduction | 7.6% above target |
| Other Wounding (Excluding Domestic Abuse) | 894 | -26% | 662 | 36% reduction | 9.2% below target |
| Assault With Less Serious Injury | 1255 | -36% | 807 | 31% reduction | 10.5% above target |
| Assault With Less Serious Injury (Domestic Abuse) | 407 | -36% | 260 | 24% reduction | 22.3% above target |
| Assault With Less Serious Injury (Excluding Domestic Abuse) | 874 | -36% | 559 | 43% reduction | 1.1% below target |
| Criminal Damage | 2791 | -34% | 1835 | 27% reduction | 14.3% above target |
| Anti-Social Behaviour | 9770 | -26% | 7230 | 17% reduction | 17.3% above target |

As can be seen in table 1, we have achieved significant reductions across all the strategic priorities including violent crime; domestic abuse; serious acquisitive crime which includes domestic burglary, vehicle crime and robbery; criminal damage and anti-social behaviour.

We have achieved these improvements in performance through the following activities:

Violent Crime

- Operation Animism: a police operation on Friday and Saturday nights to target ASB and open space violence and disorder with an emphasis on young people engaged in street drinking.
- Bans on known offenders from certain pubs through Pub Watch
- Designated Public Places Orders (DPPOs) which ban the consumption of alcohol in specific public places
- Additional patrols in town centres on Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings
- Community Safety Volunteers recruited to provide a visible presence in problematic areas. The volunteers deliver crime prevention and community safety messages and advice in conjunction with the Police and other partner agencies.
- Eleven public houses closed under Section 19 closure orders for breaching their licensing conditions
- Drinking Banning Orders (DBOs) introduced for offenders who commit alcohol related criminal offences. The first DBO in Ashfield was issued during May 2010.
- Trading Standards Operations in December targeting off licenses to prevent sales of alcohol to underage young people.
- Courage to Change campaign launched in Sutton in Ashfield to discourage local shops from selling alcohol to young people.
- Stop Hate UK launched providing a new 24 hour helpline to give advice, support and guidance to victims and witnesses of hate crime.

Domestic Abuse

- Effective embedding of Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conferences (MARACs) which aim to generate a multi-agency response to support high risk victims of domestic abuse. The MARACs have had a significant impact on reducing repeat victimisation with the rate of repeat incidents for the previous year falling from 50% in December 2009 to 26.5% in December 2010.

- Appointment of Domestic Violence Officer to ensure partner agencies are effectively addressing domestic abuse
- Protect Project started to investigate reasons for multiple repeat victimisation and partnership work to reduce incidents.
- Sanctuary scheme launched in Ashfield to enable victims of domestic abuse to remain in their own homes.
- White Ribbon Media campaign run in Ashfield to support the end of violence of men against women
- Freedom Programme delivered by a range of agencies including Nottinghamshire Women's Aid and North Nottinghamshire Independent Domestic Abuse Service (NNIDAS) to support women who wish to learn more about the reality of domestic violence and abuse.
- Domestic Abuse Link Worker seconded to Children and Young Peoples Social Care Department to support families where Domestic Violence has been reported to the police
- Domestic Violence Resolution Co-ordinator employed within Nottinghamshire Community Health Service to improve health worker training and contribute to MARACs
- Independent Domestic Violence Advocates employed to provide a high quality frontline service to high risk victims of domestic violence
- Healthy relationships course delivered in secondary schools across Ashfield by Nottinghamshire Domestic Violence Forum and six week programmes in two primary schools by NNIDAS and Children and Adolescent Mental Health Service.

Serious Acquisitive Crime including Domestic Burglary, Vehicle Crime and Robbery

- Operation Cammock launched to address vehicle crime through various partnership activities including the use of a Capture Car, intelligence gathering, and targeting activity to identify and arrest offenders.
- Community Safety Volunteers launched and working in communities to deliver crime prevention messages
- Home Safety Visits undertaken by Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service
- Improved home security through target hardening of property in high crime areas
- Improving security awareness by engaging with residents
- Crime prevention signage displayed in high crime areas
- Legal notifications issued to second hand good traders regarding responsibilities when receiving second hand goods.
- Multi agency approach taken to target scrap metal dealers to inform them of the law relating to stolen vehicles and parts and to check compliance with licensing and recording procedures.
- General Offender management working with prolific and priority offender through robust intervention plans
- Use of a Capture Car to provide evidence against vehicle crime offenders
- Park Mark Status achieved in 13 car parks in Ashfield meaning that these car parks have security measures in place to reduce the likelihood of vehicle crime occurring.
- Warning letters issued to people leaving valuable items on display in their vehicles
- Prolific burglary, robbery and vehicle crime offenders targeted with robust intervention plans
- Scam crime awareness event delivered to highlight doorstep crime amongst organisations working with vulnerable and older people

Criminal Damage and Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)

- Introduction of minimum service standards for victims of ASB and publication of the ASB Strategy.
- Victim and Witness Support Worker appointed for ASB victims and witness.
- Launch of Vulnerable Persons risk assessment meetings.
- Publication of ASB newsletters for all residents.
- Operation Animism undertaken on Friday and Saturday nights to target ASB and open space violence and disorder with an emphasis on young people street drinking.
- Dragons Den 1 initiative undertaken where school children took part in a competition to identify and implement solutions to ASB in Sutton in Ashfield.
- Dragons Den 2 launched to help improve understanding about ASB and bridge the gap between young people and older generations.
- ASB Case Workers appointed by Ashfield District Council to improve the handling of ASB cases
- Increased use of relevant legislation to address ASB such as Anti Social Behaviour Orders, Fixed Penalty Notices, and Tenancy Enforcement.
- Firework safety letterboxes distributed to high risk victims
- Positive Futures community based intervention work with young people delivered in ASB hot spots
- Anti Social Behaviour Road Shows delivered at various locations across the district
- Community Protection Officers patrolling in hot spot areas
- Dog control orders implemented in Ashfield
- Automatic Number Plate Recognition and CCTV installed at Junction 27 of the M1 to deal with car cruising
- Registered Social Landlords Group developed to share best practice in addressing ASB through tenancy enforcement

Cross Cutting Themes

Improving Community Confidence

The way the Ashfield CSP communicates with the public has improved during the last year and the following activity has been undertaken to ensure the public receives information about partnership activity to address crime and disorder.

- Appointment of Communications Officer
- Regular press releases to share good news stories and positive action with the public
- Monthly e-bulletin to keep partners, elected members, safer neighbourhood committees, tenants and residents associations, Neighbourhood Watch and community groups up to date
- Safer Ashfield Newsletter distributed to all Ashfield residents
- Residents Champions initiative launched to encourage residents to have their say in how to tackle ASB
- Local promotion of countywide and national campaigns including Stop Hate UK and the White Ribbon Campaign against domestic violence
- Respect Roadshows run throughout the district to provide residents with the opportunity to have their say about ASB and find out what is being done about it

Reducing Drug Misuse

During the 2009/10 financial year at the end of December there were 396 problematic drug users in effective drug treatment, representing a 2.6% increase in the number of users in treatment when compared to 2008/09. This is a positive move forward for getting people into effective treatment.

Partnership activity to address drug misuse:

- Young person's alcohol arrest referral project developed across Ashfield and Mansfield to reduce alcohol re-offending among young people
- Amphetamine testing pilot undertaken with offenders in Police custody.
- Double Impact TIMEOUT stimulant service up and running.
- Delivery of DARE in over 15 Primary schools across Ashfield.
- Drug testing of people suspected of substance misuse by wiping a Teflon strip over the hand. Testing is undertaken on entry to pubs and nightclubs and licensees were fully supportive of the initiative. The machine is used in the Town Centres and tests up to 200 people per night.

Reducing Alcohol Misuse

Alcohol has been identified as one of the main causal triggers for all types of crime. Tackling alcohol misuse and its effects is a priority for Ashfield Local Strategic Partnership along with the Ashfield CSP.

Partnership activity to address alcohol misuse:

- Improved follow-up services for alcohol users who attend Accident and Emergency. Staff have been recruited and clinics established through Sherwood Forest Hospitals Trust with weekend cover provided.
- A violent crime dataset has been agreed between partnership analysts and Sherwood Forest Hospitals and was launched in January 2011
- The Safer Nottinghamshire Board has agreed a 5 year alcohol strategy and a local Ashfield and Mansfield Partnership implementation plan for the alcohol strategy has been developed and agreed by the Ashfield Local Strategic Partnership (under review).
- Alcohol Awareness Week was promoted by partner agencies during October 2010
- Operation Stay Safe and Operation Animism have increased the number of young people being referred to alcohol misuse services
- The Police and Trading standards have worked with licensed premises to implement a systematic approach to reduce opportunities for young people to purchase alcohol and reduce alcohol misuse

Reducing Crime and Disorder associated with Young People and Families

The Ashfield CSP recognises the importance of early intervention with young people and families in the community safety agenda. The Family Intervention Project, Specialist Parenting Practitioner and Positive Futures initiatives have all played a significant part in how the CSP has worked with young people and families to help reduce the likelihood of them becoming involved in crime and disorder.

Family Intervention Project (FIP)

The FIP targets families who are responsible for disproportionate amounts of anti-social behaviour, who are at risk of becoming involved in offending behaviour and who are at risk

of losing their tenancy as a result of their behaviour. The FIP provides the most 'at risk' families with the intensive support they need to make positive changes. The FIP aims to:

- Break the cycle of disadvantage
- Lift families out of poverty
- Prevent patterns of intergenerational worklessness
- Reduce the likelihood of offending

The FIP role is to undertake an assessment of the family, identify the support services available, develop a support plan and safety planning, provide intensive support to the family, undertake regular review meetings and assessment, provide transparency for the families including honesty, straight talking, challenge, sanctions and consistently involving other agencies, ensuring there is a planned exit of support, and undertaking follow up activity and post intervention support where required.

Specialist Parenting Practitioner (SPP)

During the last year, Ashfield's SPP has co-ordinated the delivery of 13 parenting programmes, thus intervening in the lives of 73 families in Ashfield. The majority of the parenting programmes have been based in Kirkby-In-Ashfield and Sutton-In-Ashfield and programmes have also been delivered in Hucknall and the rural areas. Ashfield's SPP works closely with key partners to deliver this work and has trained over 40 professionals from partner agencies to deliver parenting programmes. This ensures sustainability of the service and improves best practice and effective partnership working. Quarrydale School are now trained and ready to deliver their first programme in partnership with the Specialist Family Support Service to their year 7 pupils and families and year 6 students from their feeder primary schools who will be starting at the school in September 2011. This provides a really positive move forwards and it is hoped that other schools will follow Quarrydale's lead in the future.

Positive Futures

Positive Futures is a national community based prevention programme which engages 10-19 year olds using sports and art based activities to prevent them from becoming drawn into crime or drug and alcohol misuse. Through relationship building, young people's attitudes and behaviour are challenged and they are given the opportunity to develop the skills needed to progress towards a positive career path. All of the activities aim to engage with young people over a relatively long period of time, providing support for personal development, addressing behaviour issues and enabling them to work towards nationally recognised qualifications and awards.

Ashfield Community Safety Partnership – Our Priorities for 2011/12

The 2011/12 Strategic Assessment aims to shift away from priorities focussed on individual crime types and moves towards geographic priorities. By focussing on geographic areas all of the crime types prevalent in that area can be addressed in a more holistic approach. This will provide an approach that is better able to impact on the causes of crime and disorder, as well as symptoms. Focussing resources into those areas that are suffering the greatest levels of crime and disorder should lead to improvements in the overall standard of

living in that area. Given current financial and resource concerns, this offers an efficient means of tackling crime and disorder; ensuring resources are targeted where they will have the greatest impact.

The key challenges identified in the Ashfield strategic assessment are:

- Violent Crime
- Domestic Abuse
- Anti Social Behaviour
- Domestic Burglary
- Drugs and Alcohol misuse
- Offender Management
- Young People and Families

In addition, Hate Crime has also been identified as a key challenge for the Ashfield CSP.

In order to address the crime and disorder challenges highlighted above work across the geographic priority areas will be underpinned by the following aims:

Early Intervention

- Prevent and reduce offending by Children and Young People
- Prevent and reduce the risk of substance misuse by Children and Young People
- Improve community cohesion
- Prevent the growth of extremism in our communities

Crime Prevention and Reducing offending

- Prevent and reduce violent crime
- Prevent and reduce domestic abuse
- Prevent and reduce domestic burglary
- Prevent and reduce anti social behaviour
- Prevent and reduce levels of re-offending
- Prevent and reduce drug and alcohol misuse by adults

Increasing the confidence and satisfaction of local communities

- Respond effectively to community safety issues raised by local people
- Support victims and vulnerable communities
- Improve public perception, satisfaction and confidence in community safety partners
- Improve community cohesion

In order to address these challenges, we will:

- Work with people causing problems by focusing on robust offender management through tailored intervention plans
- Continue robust policing, partnership activity and high visibility patrols in hot spot areas
- Support victims and witnesses and people who are feeling unsafe
- Focus on the places that have been identified as having the greatest problems

Geographic priorities for 2011-12

The Strategic Assessment identified three geographic priorities for Ashfield including:

- Sutton in Ashfield Town Centre and New Cross (Sutton Central and Sutton East wards)
- Stanton Hill (Sutton North ward)
- Coxmoor (Kirkby East ward)

Of the three geographic priority areas, the Sutton in Ashfield Town Centre and New Cross area has been identified by the Ashfield CSP as the area in greatest need. As such, it has been agreed that a specific problem solving group be established to focus on the issues affecting this area. The areas of Stanton Hill and Coxmoor will be prioritised by partner agencies through the local area tasking process and will include a clear focus on the strategic challenges identified earlier in this document.

The following section explains the key aspects of the problem solving approach that will be taken in the Sutton Town Centre and New Cross area.

Sutton Town Centre and New Cross Geographic Priority Area 2011/12

Activity to reduce and prevent anti social behaviour (ASB)

- Targeted activity with perpetrators will take place to reduce and prevent anti social behaviour through the effective use of tools and powers. Acceptable behaviour contracts, parenting contracts and anti social behaviour orders will continue to be used by partner agencies to help address and reduce ASB. Fixed Penalty Notices, Dog Control Orders and Drink Banning Orders will also be used to target ASB perpetrators where appropriate.
- Private Sector Housing Enforcement Officers from Ashfield District Council and the Police will continue to work with the landlords, tenants and owners of privately owned residential premises to tackle chronic disrepair and associated anti social behaviour issues. Inspections will be undertaken in problem premises and Prohibition Orders will be used to ensure people do not continue to live in unsafe conditions.
- Police and Community Protection Officers will work with fast food outlets and leisure premises to help them reduce anti social behaviour associated with their establishments.
- Community action days will be organised to help clean up and improve the environment for those streets and communities in greatest need.
- Noise nuisance will be addressed by the local authorities Environmental Health Officers. Additional noise monitoring equipment has been purchased to reduce waiting times for noise monitoring equipment to be installed.
- Residents living on the Carsic estate are working with partners to act as “Residents Champions” to help identify the causes and solutions to anti social behaviour in the area.

Activity to reduce and prevent violent crime

- The Police, Community Protection Officers and local authority officers will target enforcement activity towards those people causing the most harm through drinking banning orders and pub watch bans.
- Trading standards officers, police and local authority licensing officers will work with local traders to reduce and prevent the sale of alcohol and knives to young people through a combination of test purchase operations, education and enforcement.

- Regular checks will be undertaken by the police and local authority licensing officers to ensure licensed premises comply with their license conditions and take robust action when license conditions are breached.
- Implementation of the Courage to Change competition where young people from Sutton in Ashfield designed a logo to identify those retailers and licensed premises who sell alcohol responsibly.

Activity to reduce and prevent domestic abuse

- Delivery of targeted domestic abuse information to raise awareness of domestic abuse services.
- Provision of personal safety items to victims of domestic violence, helping to improve their own personal safety.
- Work with Doctors Surgeries to promote domestic violence services, raise awareness of the signs of domestic abuse and increase referrals to domestic abuse support services.
- Work with Quarrydale School to raise awareness about domestic abuse and increase referrals to domestic abuse support services.

Activity to reduce and prevent dwelling burglary

- Targeted enforcement and robust offender management by the police and probation service to reduce further offences taking place.
- Target hardening of vulnerable properties to help prevent repeat burglaries occurring including fitting alarms to those properties most at risk.
- Police and Ashfield District Council officers ensure that staff in cash converter businesses, scrap metal dealers and pawn brokers are aware of their responsibilities in relation to stolen property thus reducing the rewards from stolen property.

Activity to reduce and prevent hate crime

- Promotion of the Stop Hate UK reporting line to help increase reporting of Hate Crime.
- Support for vulnerable victims of Hate Crime through proactively engaging with them.
- Work with local fast food outlets, restaurants and other retail outlets to reduce hate crime targeted towards their employees.

Activity to improve community confidence

- Targeted community safety communications campaigns will be undertaken in a way that makes them accessible to the local community.
- Volunteers will be recruited from the local community to assist police and partner agencies in addressing crime and community safety issues.

How the 2011/12 priorities for Ashfield were decided

Listening to our Communities and Partners

Listening to communities, involving them in the development, delivery and monitoring of the Partnership Plan, feeding back on performance and activity and getting to know what people think about our priorities and our performance is an important part of setting and reviewing our plans for improvement. Ashfield CSP is committed to increasing accountability to communities across the district and strives to develop two way communications.

This is achieved through a range of methods:

Safer Neighbourhood Committees (SNCs): The Police Safer Neighbourhood Teams working across the District consult regularly with local community members in order to identify local priorities and to ensure that the activities delivered within neighbourhoods address the concerns of those living and working within the area. The Ashfield CSP geographic groups will consider the findings of local SNCs where appropriate.

Encouraging residents to contact partner agencies and access community safety services: We encourage residents to contact partner agencies and inform us of community safety issues and priorities. This may be through contacting organisations directly or through attendance at local meetings. Community Safety activities will continue to be promoted through the 'Safer Ashfield' newsletters, the Ashfield CSP and partner agencies' websites, and through the local press.

Strategic Intelligence Assessment: The Strategic Intelligence Assessment conducted in October 2010 is a multi agency assessment of crime and disorder across the district. The assessment is produced using information and data supplied by all member agencies within the partnership.

National Policy and other related strategies: We consider how the government wants crime and disorder to be addressed and other related strategies and documents relating to crime and disorder. A list of relevant documents can be seen at **Appendix 1**

The Partners' role in the Ashfield CSP

Ashfield District Council

Ashfield District Council is a key partner in the Ashfield CSP and works in partnership with police and other agencies to reduce crime and disorder, which forms part of the Corporate Priority of "*Making the Environment Cleaner, Safer, Greener*". The Council delivers services for and in local communities which will have impact and influence on community safety through Neighbourhood Services, Housing, Planning, Environmental Health and Leisure.

The District Council also has a range of services which are primarily there to tackle crime and antisocial behaviour. These include the Community Protection Service, Neighbourhood Enforcement Officers, the CCTV service, and Fraud Investigation Officers.

Safer Nottinghamshire Board (SNB)

The Safer Nottinghamshire Board (SNB) is a partnership that has been set up to improve the lives of people who live, work and visit in Nottinghamshire, by working together to reduce crime, antisocial behaviour, substance misuse and improve community cohesion. It is made up of a number of different agencies including Nottinghamshire Police, Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service, County, District and Borough Councils, National Health Service, Probation Service and the voluntary sector. The Board acts as an overarching body within which partners can work together to build safer communities.

The SNB meets quarterly bringing together Chief Officers from partnership agencies and organisations to progress the strategic direction and performance management of community safety delivery across Nottinghamshire.

Under the SNB are a number of themed sub-groups including Crime and Disorder, Reducing Re-Offending, Substance Misuse, Joint Youth Crime and Community Cohesion. Each of these link, to varying degrees, with the work of the Ashfield CSP. The key objectives of the Safer Nottinghamshire Board are:

- Early Intervention;
- Prevention of Crime and:
- Increase in satisfaction of local communities.

Following the publication of the SNB Nottinghamshire Strategic Intelligence Assessment in October 2010 the priorities of the SNB were agreed as:

- Serious Acquisitive Crime
- Violent Crime
- Domestic Violence
- Anti-social Behaviour
- Hate Crime
- Drugs and alcohol misuse
- Youth Issues

Nottinghamshire Police and Nottinghamshire Police Authority

Nottinghamshire Police and its Police Authority are committed to 'Policing for You' – a vision which sets out how the force operates by “working in partnership to protect and reassure through a visible and accessible service that is flexible and responsive to community and individual needs”.

Nottinghamshire County Council

Nottinghamshire County Council is fully committed to reducing crime and disorder in our communities. The County Council has a leading role in the development of the Local Area Agreement in Nottinghamshire and currently chairs the Safer Nottinghamshire Board. The diverse range of services that the County Council provides, play a key role in the work to reduce crime and disorder in Ashfield.

Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service

Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service is committed to working with partners to address anti social behaviour and crime and disorder in local communities. In particular the service aims to work with young people to reduce arson, accidental fire and road traffic collisions and is focussed on targeting those most at risk from fires and other avoidable injuries. Using and sharing data with partners underpins the way the service contributes to the community safety agenda. This ensures improved support for vulnerable persons and helps to address problems associated with derelict or empty buildings. The service also plays an important role within the partnership in reducing anti social behaviour in hot spot areas.

The following community safety initiatives are undertaken by the Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service:

- Risk Watch: a fire safety education programme delivered in schools
- Youth Engagement: to improve young peoples quality of life and reduce anti-social behaviour
- Danger Zone: a road traffic collision educational programme used in schools
- Boot Camp: where local young people attend a Fire Station for one week to take part in fire brigade led activities with a developmental and educational outcome
- Project Bendigo: a 12 week initiative for young people at risk of social exclusion
- Fire Safe Programme: a ten session, one-to-one cognitive behavioural programme aimed at medium to high risk offenders aged 12 to 17
- Fire Setters Programme: an education programme about the consequences of setting fires specifically for young people involved in starting fires

NHS Nottinghamshire County

The link between crime and health is well established, and for this reason NHS Nottinghamshire County is a key partner in tackling crime. Firstly there is a clear health impact experienced directly by those members of the community who are subject to violent injury, rape, domestic violence and other offences against the person. A negative health impact is also experienced as a result of psychological trauma of associated with crimes such as burglary or vandalism.

Nottinghamshire Probation Service

Nottinghamshire Probation Service is committed to working in partnership to rehabilitate offenders, reduce crime and the fear of crime, and protect the public. If offenders are to be supported in changing their behaviour then all local community agencies and partners have a role to play. Through an effective range of interventions the probation service aims to reduce re-offending by offenders under supervision in the community, whether on a community order or released on a licence from prison. Nottinghamshire Probation Service works with Ashfield Community Safety Partnership and Local Strategic Partners to find and develop clear, coherent, practical and achievable solutions to address the underlying social and environmental issues, which contribute to re-offending.

Mansfield Partnership Against Crime (MPAC)

During the last year Ashfield CSP has worked more closely with MPAC. Joint delivery groups have operated across both partnerships for all crime types with the exception of Anti Social Behaviour, which retained separate delivery groups for each partnership. This year we have seen the performance groups within Ashfield and Mansfield merge to form stronger working relationships and improved governance arrangements.

From April 2011 the Strategic Groups for both partnerships will merge to form the Ashfield CSP and MPAC Strategic Group. This will enable the partnerships to deal with joint issues far more effectively, making better use of resources and improving decision making, accountability and governance.

Partnership Resources

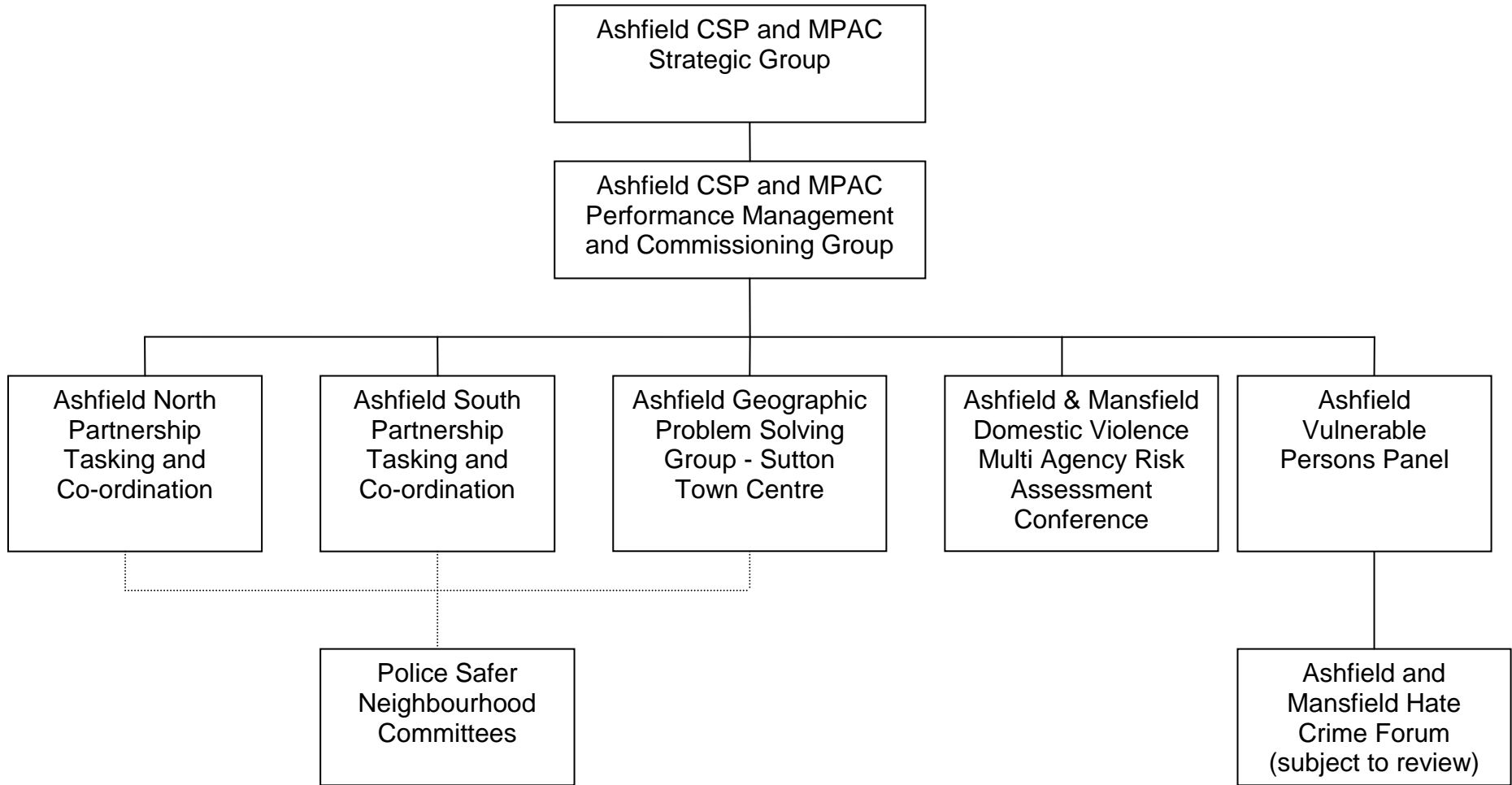
Partnership resources will be agreed at both the Strategy Group and Performance Management and Commissioning Groups. (More information on partnership structure can be seen on page 18). The Safer Nottinghamshire Board (SNB) will agree a budget at the beginning of the financial year, in order to streamline delivery the SNB will commission work within the geographical groups. This will be reviewed on an on-going basis to ensure the resources available to the Partnership are used effectively.

Communication and Reassurance

A key part of delivering the Ashfield CSP Strategic Plan is to improve the level of confidence the public have in the Partnership to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour and community engagement plays an important role in this. Work on community engagement has been undertaken by partners across the district and will be further developed during the coming year. A draft Comprehensive Engagement Strategy has been developed by the Local Strategic Partnership however further work is required to take this forward.

Communication and reassurance will be a key priority for the geographic priority areas. The Ashfield CSP will ensure that residents are informed of the work of the CSP and have greater opportunity to become more involved.

Ashfield Community Safety Partnership Structure



Governance Arrangements

The Ashfield CSP and MPAC Strategic Group

Leadership of the Partnership is crucial to its success in tackling the issues concerning the community. The Strategic Group's purpose is to:

- Provide leadership
- Develop strategic vision and direction for the Ashfield CSP that enables a diverse range of agencies and bodies to work together effectively to achieve common goals
- Agree the focus and priorities for the Ashfield CSP Partnership Plan
- Ensure that the Ashfield CSP three year Plan is agreed and implemented, and that agreed partnership targets are met
- Undertake an annual review of the Ashfield CSP Partnership Plan
- Hold the partners to account for the delivery of the Plan
- Ensure an evidence-led and problem-solving approach within Ashfield CSP

Each of the responsible authorities is required to be represented on the Strategic Group. In addition the Community Safety Portfolio Holders for Ashfield and Mansfield District Councils are also members.

The Joint Ashfield CSP and MPAC Performance Management and Commissioning Group

The purpose of the Performance Management and Commissioning Group is to monitor partnership and working group performance, providing support in achieving the strategic aims set out by the Strategic Group and reporting any exceptions such as poor performance or outstanding performance to the Strategic Group.

The group will be accountable to the Ashfield CSP and MPAC Strategic Group and will report recommendations on performance, problem solving, action planning and resource allocation as appropriate. Its membership reflects the agencies represented on the Strategic Group, with the group inviting additional representatives as required.

Partnership Tasking and Coordination

The Partnership Tasking and Coordination Groups meet fortnightly to deal with local emerging issues which require a quick and immediate partnership response. To prioritise information, intelligence sharing and partnership activity are focussed around the following key themes:

- Crime and ASB Incidents
- Perpetrators and Victims
- Priority Locations
- Key Dates
- Community reassurance and public confidence

The groups have clear and structured problem solving plans for working to tackle issues outside the geographical problem solving groups to ensure delivery and accountability.

Sutton Town Centre Geographic Problem Solving Group

Ashfield CSP has established a problem solving group focussed on Sutton Town Centre and the surrounding area, those areas that are suffering the highest levels of crime and disorder in the district. This group has identified strategic objectives for the forthcoming year, supported by detailed action plans which outline specific activity, when it will be delivered and who is responsible for it.

The chair of this group also reports to Performance Management and Commissioning Group, thus ensuring that the partnership is aware of any areas of risk which can then be escalated to performance group as a channel of accountability.

Ashfield and Mansfield Domestic Violence Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (DV MARAC)

The DV MARAC meeting plays a key role in the partnerships ability to address domestic violence. High risk cases are referred to the DV MARAC and intervention plans are put in place by partner agencies. Delivery of the Sanctuary Scheme is taken through the DV MARAC meeting, which provides the installation of additional security measures to enable victims of domestic violence to remain in their own homes.

Ashfield Vulnerable Persons Panel

The Ashfield Vulnerable Persons Panel meets on a monthly basis to consider high risk cases or those cases that cause the greatest concern to the partnership. Cases are referred through from the Partnership Local Area Tasking meetings, the Sutton Town Centre Problem Solving Group, and by individual agencies. The meeting considers each individual case and ensures that appropriate interventions and problem solving plans are in place and being delivered.

Ashfield and Mansfield Hate Crime Forum

The Ashfield and Mansfield Hate Crime Forum meets once every 2 months and undertakes a review of every hate crime or incident that has taken place across the district during the preceding 2 months. Partner agencies consider what action has been taken to date, the outcome of this action and establish if any further interventions are required. The meeting is particularly focussed on considering the needs of vulnerable victims and it acts as a check point to ensure that a high quality service is provided. The meeting also allows partners to share good practice in addressing hate crime. This meeting is currently under review and the possibility of merging this meeting with the Vulnerable Persons Panel is being considered.

Police Safer Neighbourhood Committees

Safer Neighbourhood Committees have been established across Ashfield and provide the opportunity for local residents to raise their concerns about local issues with their Neighbourhood Policing Team. These concerns are raised as beat issues. The local Safer

Neighbourhood Teams are then responsible for developing plans to address these concerns and issues.

Whilst not a formal part of the Ashfield CSP structure, the Safer Neighbourhood Committees provide a link into the Ashfield CSP where local community concerns can be highlighted. If issues raised at the Safer Neighbourhood Committee cannot be resolved at local level then they are raised directly to the Partnership Local Area Tasking Meetings for further investigation and resolution.

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Appendix 1 – Related policies, strategies and documents

Amongst others, the Partnership Plan links to, and complements, the following strategies and agreements:

- Cutting Crime – A New Partnership: The Home Office Crime Reduction Strategy for 2008-11
- Police Reform and Social Responsibility Bill
- Nottinghamshire County Council Community Safety Strategies 2010-2013
- Nottinghamshire Police Mansfield/Ashfield BCU Policing Plan 2010-2013
- Ashfield District Council Corporate Plan 2009/10-2012/13
- The Local Criminal Justice Plan
- Public Health White Paper Healthy Lives Healthy People
- Government Strategy Call to End Violence Against Women and Girls
- Breaking the cycle: Effective Punishment, Rehabilitation & Sentencing of Offenders
- Nottinghamshire Youth Crime Strategy 2010-13
- Nottinghamshire Children and Young Peoples Plan 2009-2011
- Nottinghamshire County Council Youth Work Team Annual Operational Plan 2010-11
- The Every Child Matters Delivery Plan
- Review of Preventing Violent Extremism (PREVENT)
- The Nottinghamshire Road Safety Partnership Plan
- NHS Nottinghamshire County Strategic Plan 2008-13
- The Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service Plan
- Drug Strategy 2010 - Reducing Demand, Restricting Supply, Building Recovery
- Ashfield Sustainable Community Strategy
- Localism and Decentralisation Bill