



West Oxfordshire Community Safety Partnership (WOCSP) Action Plan 2021 – 2025

West Oxfordshire Community Safety Partnership action plan is dedicated to assisting the delivery of the priorities in the Thames Valley Police Crime Commissioners Police and Crime Plan. In accordance with the duties specified in the Crime and Disorder Act of 1998, which in summary are; 'Local authorities must do all that they reasonably can in the prevention of crime and disorder'.

The Oxfordshire Police and Crime Commissioners priorities 2021-2025 can be found at: [Link to be inserted](#)

In addition to these duties the plan must have cognisance of the priorities of the Oxfordshire Safer Communities Partnership (OSCP) the Oxfordshire Safeguarding Children Board and the Oxfordshire Safeguarding Adults Board. The priorities of these boards complement those of the police, especially those surrounding vulnerability and safeguarding.

Statutory members of WOCSP are:

- West Oxfordshire District Council
- Thames Valley Police (TVP)
- Thames Valley CRC Trust (Probation)
- Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group (attend Safer Oxfordshire Partnership as alternative)
- Oxfordshire County Council including Oxfordshire Fire & Rescue Service, Adult Social Care, Public Health and Children's Social Care
- Voluntary and Community sector organisations
- Housing organisations



WOCSP relies on the County-wide Strategic Intelligence Assessment (SIA), to give see what is coming that may impact on the lives of its residents and visitors. Details of the current SIA can be found at [Safer Oxfordshire Partnership Strategic Intelligence Assessment 2021](#)

In addition to this WOCSP shares intelligence and information amongst its partners

West Oxfordshire Community Safety Partnership priorities :

1. Vulnerable People
2. Communities
3. Emerging Issues/Campaigns

To deliver these priorities a number of actions are set out below, specifically addressing joined up partnership activities:

Issue - What is the priority?

Need - What is the problem being addressed?

Activities - What activities / interventions are being delivered?

Outcomes - What change do you expect to see in your target audience? How will they and / others benefit?

Impact - What is the intended impact?



| Priority One - Vulnerable People | | | | | | |
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| Domestic Abuse (DA) | <p>The domestic abuse crime rate in West Oxfordshire for 1st quarter of 2020 was up from the same period last year 151 to 223 (48%). The figure for the whole of TVP for the same period is 28%.</p> <p>Rurally evidence shows that victims take longer to report and have unexpected barriers to accessing support – GPs and Faith groups are key contact points</p> | Contribution to ODAS Contract. The CSP will continue to financially support the countywide contract. (Details in spend plan) | <p>More victims will be able to get help more easily</p> <p>Increased feelings of safety</p> <p>Increased independence /empowerment</p> <p>Better able to recover and cope with everyday life</p> <p>Measure: Contract data and partner data to be presented.</p> | A greater number of people being able to access services within West Oxfordshire. | Ongoing | WODC |



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| | | Cut it Out - Introduce a scheme to allow hairdressers (and possibly other services) to identify DA and provide help. | Number of hairdressers that attend domestic abuse awareness training Number of hairdressing students that attend domestic abuse awareness training Feedback from Hairdressers 6 months on from domestic abuse training | Providing an opportunity for victims of DA to have discreet conversations in a non-professional setting with access to signposting and discreet barcode labels with contact details for domestic abuse services. | September 2021 | TVP |
| | | Work with rural GPs to boost levels of awareness of DA recognition and services | GPs will have higher levels of confidence. | Victims will get the help they need more quickly | March 2022 | WODC |
| | | Support sixteen days of activism and | Co-ordinated approach to campaign by sharing national and local | Public awareness of domestic abuse and sexual violence including how to | November 2021 | WODC/All |



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| | | include local focus where possible | information. Look at some WODC specific initiatives. | access support available locally and nationally. | | |
| Threat to Older People and those with dementia | Older people are being targeted and falling victims to scams and the risk for those who live alone or who have a problem with their memory, such as dementia are at greater risk. | Look at effectiveness of providing additional security (guardcams etc) in the CSP's role of capable guardianship | Able to assess the impact of increased security in respect of ongoing situations to those receiving protection. Measure – Number of guardcams/doorbells provided to people with dementia and feedback from service users or their families on effectiveness. | Increased confidence for residents and their families that they are have a deterrent in place. Reduction in such criminal activity is achieved. | Ongoing | WODC |
| | Doorstep Crime can affect anyone, but often elderly and vulnerable people are targeted by Rogue Traders offering home improvement services, or by Bogus Callers who claim to be from the council, police, health carers, market researchers or utility and phone | Raise awareness of The Herbert Protocol which is a form that carers, family or friends of a vulnerable person, or the person | Ability to establish whether there is an increase in the completion of forms for missing persons. Measure – Increase in number of new Herbert | Police and front line agencies able to offer a quick and co-ordinated response when a vulnerable person goes missing due to having access to vital identifying information | January 2022 | TVP |



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| | <p>companies. (Oxon SIA 2020)</p> <p>In the 2011 Short Changed Study by the Alzheimer’s Society, nearly two-thirds (62%) of carers said the person they care for had been approached by unsolicited or unscrupulous cold callers or salespeople.</p> <p>West Oxfordshire has comparatively higher percentage of patients with a recorded diagnosis of dementia compared nationally and within the County.</p> <p>2018/2019 Data</p> <p>England: 0.78 Oxfordshire: 0.77</p> | <p>themselves can fill in.</p> <p>It contains a list of information to help the police if the person goes missing</p> | <p>Protocol forms being completed.</p> | <p>that can be used to share with other agencies and find them.</p> | | |
| | | <p>Dementia Friendly Initiatives.</p> <p>Raise awareness of Safe Places Scheme, capable guardianship and relationships with care providers.</p> | <p>Development of additional Safe Places a greater awareness of what is available in the district to support residents and families.</p> <p>Measure – Number of ‘safe places’ and number of people accessing services.</p> | <p>A more coherent approach to dementia services in the district and greater use of schemes and initiatives.</p> | <p>Autumn 2021</p> | <p>WODC</p> |



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| | West Oxfordshire: 1.09 (Source JSNA Oxfordshire) | | | | | |
| Mental Health | <p>Identified by partners that this is a major issue in light of Covid and dealing with vulnerabilities of people is a priority.</p> <p>TVP Section 136 Detentions:</p> <p>Between 2018 and 2019, there was a significant increase in section 136 detentions in Oxfordshire, from 294 to 426 (+132, +45%).</p> <p>In West Oxfordshire this was an increase from 33 to 52</p> | <p>Assess support services available in the district and identify gaps that may cause vulnerability.</p> <p>Invite a rep from Mental Health Services to join CSP on co-opted basis.</p> | <p>Greater understanding of services that are available and increased access to those services.</p> <p>Measure – The Community Safety Partnership will be more robust in their consideration of mental health issues and support as part of their planning.</p> <p>Assess level of support available and numbers accessing services.</p> | Clearly defined services providing a range of services for residents. | December 2021 | Health/WODC |



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| Youth | <p>Young people have been disproportionately disadvantaged by the emergency – loss of social interaction, loss of youth services, large numbers employed in hospitality and leisure, training</p> <p>MASH referrals are up compared with the same time last year</p> <p>West MASH referrals in Jan 367 / Dec 443 Top issues: 1st DA, 2nd Neglect 3rd Mental health</p> <p>In 2019, Thames Valley Police recorded 3,939 children aged 0-17 as victims of crime in Oxfordshire.</p> <p>West Oxfordshire children aged 0-17 as victims of crime in Oxfordshire.</p> <p>2018 – 426 2019 – 488</p> | <p>Youth Forum to be held to support Youth Workers in West Oxfordshire 4 x per year</p> | <p>Opportunity to improve the connection between youth providers in the district and encourage better use of resources.</p> <p>Measure – meetings held and notes taken to understand current issues facing young people</p> | <p>Youth workers feel connected and are able to communicate with other youth services providers for advice and information. Topical discussions will enable those in attendance to better understand the issue young people face and offer opportunities to support them</p> | Quarterly | WODC |
| | <p>Context West - to provide contextual safeguarding to 2 cohorts of children at risk of exploitation (Carterton and Madley Park)</p> | <p>Targeted work with success being measured by reduction in incidents involving the cohorts.</p> <p>Measure – Number of subjects engaged with and</p> | <p>Focussed service to address issues with vulnerable youths at risk of criminal exploitation and violence.</p> | Ongoing | Context West | |



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| | Increase of 62 (15%) (Oxon SIA 2020) | | impact on criminal behaviour | | | |
| | | Problem Solving where Youth ASB is an issue | <p>Work will look at solutions to issues in conjunction with the local community. Reduction in ASB is indicator of success.</p> <p>Measure – Community Feedback will reflect a reduction in anti-social behaviours.</p> <p>Reduction in police reports of anti-social behaviour</p> | Interested parties can influence how issues are addressed in their community. | Ongoing | TVP |
| | | In West locality professionals networks around vulnerable children continue and involve 3 rd sector partners e.g. | <p>Vulnerable families are able to get the help they need in timely way</p> <p>Service providers are sighted on the issues and understand their role</p> | <p>Children are safer</p> <p>Children have better outcomes</p> | Ongoing | LCSS |



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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children at Risk of Exploitation Network Meeting • Early Help Meetings <p>Neglect Practitioner forum</p> | Issues are identified early before escalation | | | |
| Older People | Concerns that Older People are often targeted by criminals | Look at initiatives, in conjunction with VCS, to support older residents and reduce risk of them being victims of crime. | <p>Implement initiatives with the aim of reducing number of incidents and empowering older people to recognise signs that they may be victims of crime.</p> <p>Measure – Reporting of incidents from victims/relatives.</p> | Reduction in incidents and older people able to be aware of what could be criminal behaviour. | Autumn 2021 | TVP |



| Priority Two - Communities | | | | | | |
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| Rural Crime | <p>Many communities in West Oxfordshire are rural and spread far apart, as a result it can be difficult for police to regularly patrol these areas.</p> <p>There is a need to look at how we can support these councils to strengthen communities, enable better communication between neighbours and</p> | Awareness raising | <p>Residents know how to access information to better protect their properties.</p> <p>TVP data may not identify residential properties in rural areas as rural crime, however the local team will treat it as a crime that has taken place in a rural community.</p> <p>Measure – TVP will report on community engagement</p> | <p>A better understanding of Rural Crime issues.</p> <p>Improved reporting of incidents with communities actively participating.</p> | Ongoing | TVP |



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| | <p>work with neighbourhoods with a view to quicker reporting of rural crime A survey sent out to Town and Parish Councils highlighted that burglaries are a concern for residents.</p> <p>Thames Valley Police data indicates that there has been a reduction in</p> | | <p>activities that have taken place due to rural crime</p> <p>Victims of rural crime will receive a face to face visit within 3 days of incident – Number of follow up visits and surveys completed.</p> <p>Rural Crime Conference to be held in autumn</p> | | | |
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| | <p>burglaries in the last year. It is recognised that this could be due to Covid 19 but now that lockdown restrictions have been lifted burglaries are expected to increase.</p> <p>Two particular rural communities in the district have identified that</p> | <p>Neighbourhood Watch</p> | <p>Neighbours working together to inform each other of suspicious behaviour in communities and able to relay information to the police</p> <p>Measure – Increase in number of schemes across the district.</p> | | | |
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| | <p>burglaries take place on a regular basis (monthly)</p> <p>When asked open question about top 3 community safety issues in their communities, 5 rural parish councils identified Burglary and theft from outshouses as a top concern. These councils were Swinford and Widford, Broadwell, Freeland, Swerford, and Standlake.</p> | <p>Community Resilience Forums</p> | <p>Where there are repeated difficulties in communities, Community Resilience Forums can be used to draw on the strengths of their communities and stakeholders to look at longer term problem solving.</p> <p>Measure – More CRF’s being constituted and incidents reduced as a result of community action.</p> <p>TVP will look to set up a CRF for key land owners and farmers in the Autumn</p> | | | |
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| | | Support with security measures (i.e. guardcams) for repeat victims of burglary | Repeated victims have access to deterrents. Measure – Assess impact of use of initiatives to reduce crime. | | | |
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| | | Have Your Say Events | <p>Any resident can communicate with the police their concerns in their neighbourhood.</p> <p>Measure – Number of contacts between residents and police is increased and tangible outcomes identified.</p> | | | |
| Violence and Vulnerability | A statutory requirement for the CSP | A countywide Violence and Vulnerability Plan has been developed by District Councils. TVP also have plans in place. Look at effectiveness of plans on data. | <p>Reduction in reported crimes associated with violence.</p> <p>Measure – Green RAG ratings as part of VRU Plan.</p> | Coherent approach to V&V to ensure targeted approach. | Autumn 2021 | WODC/TVP |



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| <p>Speeding</p> | <p>Identified by Towns and Parishes as their major concern</p> <p>When Town and Parish councils were asked what their top 3 concerns were, Speeding was highlighted as an issue in 16 out of 26 responses.</p> <p>Additionally, there were 12 responses where road related issues were raised including speed limits, signage, road surface and parking.</p> | <p>Awareness raising with Towns and Parishes about mechanisms for Road Safety initiatives and consultative bodies such as Traffic Advisory Committees,</p> <p>This could include campaigns, with local speedwatch initiatives, promotion of how to set up speedwatch and banners.</p> | <p>Greater understanding of processes to address traffic issues. More community Speedwatch schemes.</p> <p>Measure – Number of towns/parishes involved in speeding initiatives is increased. Complaints about speeding reduced.</p> | <p>Reduction in complaints and better understanding of traffic issues in communities.</p> | <p>September 2021</p> | <p>WODC/OCC</p> |
| <p>ASB</p> | <p>Identified as a priority through survey.</p> | <p>Need to look at more detailed dataset to identify</p> | <p>Use of local solutions to reduce cases of ASB.</p> | <p>Interested parties can influence how issues</p> | <p>Ongoing</p> | <p>WODC</p> |



| | | levels and nature of ASB and look at how it can be addressed. | Measure – Reduction in ASB being identified as result of local input. | are addressed in their community. | | |
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| Priority Three – Emerging Issues and Campaigns | | | | | | |
| Issue | Need | Activity | Outcomes | Impact | When | Who |
| Fraud | <p>Fraud of various kinds is a major issue.</p> <p>Several Town and Parish councils highlighted fraud as a top concern, with an emphasis on doorstep crime.</p> | Awareness raising campaign | Better understanding of fraud issues. Increase in reporting of incidents. | Fraud concerns are identified in local areas and people know how to seek help. | Autumn 2021 | TVP/Trading Standards |



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| Hate Crime | Data has indicated a rise in reported Hate Crime | A competition was run and provided material, together with work by ICE Centre, to inform a targeted campaign. | Awareness of Hate Crime and reporting mechanisms with a view to increasing reporting rates. | The signs of Hate Crime can be identified and addressed easier. | Summer 2021 | WODC |
| Town and Parish Local Support | As a result of the Town and Parish Survey a number of potential issues have been raised. | Look at ways of addressing issues raised at a local level in a collaborative way. | Better communication between local communities and partners. Feedback of the survey to Town and Parish Councils and 2 way conversations about the issues and how Town and Parish Councils are tackling these issues themselves. | A two way process to look at issues and address them effectively. | Ongoing | WODC |