

Our **vision** for **safer**
and **confident** communities

A Community Safety Plan for Wakefield **2017 - 2019**



Anyone can fall victim to crime.

It is a universal problem that concerns us all and the effects of crime can be long lasting. It has costs for individuals, families, businesses, for the economy and our communities. The issues involved in building a safe and confident community are difficult and complex and it is beyond the ability of one organisation alone. Our priority is to prevent crime occurring in the first place, but equally to assist and protect those who sadly do fall victim. We will work together to ensure your needs come first and our services deliver local solutions.

I hope this Plan provides a roadmap for community safety over the coming years. Wakefield has never been a safer place to live, with much progress already having been made in reducing priority crime, tackling anti-social behaviour and protecting those in our communities who are vulnerable. But there is still more we can do.

I, along with partners, colleagues and stakeholders are committed to delivering the plan which will help to deliver a safer and more confident district, in which we can all live, work and enjoy.

We have listened and this is our response to you.....

Councillor Maureen Cummings

Chair, Wakefield District Community Safety Partnership

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Partners include

Wakefield Council, West Yorkshire Police, West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service, Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), National Probation Service, Purple Futures, Public Health, WDH, Job Centre Plus and Third Sector.

The Wakefield Together Partnership has an agreed District Outcomes Framework (DOF) in place which ensures all partners work together to deliver better outcomes for residents.

The Wakefield Together Partnership work will be based around these four themes:

- Caring for our people
- Caring for our places
- Ambitious for our young people
- Modern public services

Within each theme, we will focus our efforts on making a difference in a small number of outcomes.

The Community Safety Partnership will lead on the 'Making our communities safer' outcome to achieve the following:

- Reduction in 'priority' crimes
- The most vulnerable are protected

The Community Safety Partnership will also ensure its work aligns with the priorities within the Police and Crime Commissioners Police and Crime Plan ensuring we are delivering the priorities from this plan at a local level.

How are we going to do this?

We will work together to reduce 'Priority Crime'

Whilst overall crime is down in the district, analysis has identified types of crimes that remain higher than average: vehicle crime, burglary, violence that results in injury, hate crime and repeat domestic abuse. These will be our 'priority crimes'. At the same time, we will use intelligence-led approaches to identify new and emerging threats, including Serious Organised Crime and keep our priorities under review. We will work together to manage and deter those people we know are most likely to offend, and strive, when crimes are committed, to detect those responsible and help deliver justice for victims. We will also deliver, as a partnership, crime prevention advice and support so that people can take their own steps to protect themselves and their property.

1. The Wakefield District Community Safety Partnership (CSP) is a statutory requirement under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998.

The partnership's purpose is to enable closer working between member organisations to develop the strategic approach to safer communities. This is underlined by an agreement on District priorities, which all members commit to working towards in a planned and cohesive way.

We will work in partnership to address issues associated with the Night Time Economy

We will work together to ensure a co-ordinated approach to tackling the issues related to the Night Time Economy and alcohol related crime through preventing under-age drinking and ensuring treatment is accessible and available for those who need it. We will continue to work constructively with the licensed trade and to build partnerships across local agencies to ensure the district provides a sensible, supportive, sociable and safe environment for all to enjoy.

We will continue to reduce levels of crime and anti-social behaviour through targeted programmes delivered at a neighbourhood level.

We will work together to reach all communities

We will work together to reach all communities ensuring we are accessible to all including Black, Asian, Minority and Ethnic Communities and seldom heard groups. We know that in some of our communities there is under reporting of crime and we will continue to work to ensure that everyone reports all crime including Hate Crime.

We will continue to work to ensure we fully understand our communities and their needs, ensuring our consultation and engagement with all communities is appropriate to their needs and that our services are tailored to meet those needs.

We will direct our resources where they can make the greatest impact showing improvement and demonstrating value for money. We will ensure robust information, intelligence and analysis is core to our planning which considers opportunities, risks and threats.

We will maintain a strong evaluation ethos and ensure the services we commission are evidence based and meet the needs of our local communities.

We will respond to the changing political landscape and economic environment through creativity, integration and innovation.

We will tailor our communications and campaigns to ensure we get the right message to the right audience, in a way and channel suitable for all.

Our Priorities

We will work together to reduce re-offending

We will ensure access for adult and young offenders to education, training and employment services and will provide appropriate support in relation to drugs, alcohol and mental health.

Our Youth Offending Team has received the Restorative Justice Quality Mark in recognition of the excellent service provided by the team of staff and dedicated volunteers and we will continue to build on this outstanding success.

We will minimise the opportunities to commit crime and work together to reduce the number of those who go on to repeatedly offend.

We will work in partnership to protect vulnerable people

We will work in partnership to safeguard vulnerable people from Domestic Abuse, FGM (Female Genital Mutilation), Forced Marriage, Honour Based Violence, Modern Day Slavery, Trafficking and sexual exploitation.

We will tackle cultural and social acceptance of domestic abuse encouraging those affected to report earlier.

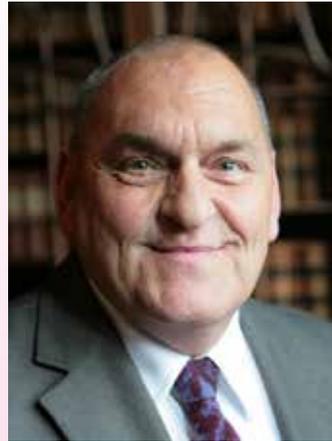
We will welcome challenge and scrutiny

Scrutiny of the Community Safety Partnership is carried out by Wakefield Council's Communities and Safety Overview and Scrutiny Committee. On behalf of the committee, it is my aim that we act as a critical friend to the Community Safety Partnership to ensure that citizens receive high quality and appropriate services. If we think there is room for improvement, we will make recommendations to address the issues we have identified. Our main functions when considering issues relating to the Community Safety Partnership are:

- Holding decision makers to account;
- Contributing to policy review and development;
- Challenging performance and reviewing quality;
- Reflecting the voice and concerns of the public.

We do this through our committee meetings which are open to the public and held ten times per year.

We can be contacted via scrutinycontact@wakefield.gov.uk or 01924 305957 and details of meetings are available at www.wakefield.gov.uk



Councillor Albert Manifold, Chair,
Communities and Safety Overview and Scrutiny Committee

We will continue to listen and respond

We always want to hear from you.

If you would like to find out more about the Wakefield District Community Safety Partnership or have any thoughts, questions, suggestions or considerations you would like to make, please contact:

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