

CSP Priorities

CSP	2016/17	2017/18
Bradford	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Safeguarding the most vulnerable people - Reducing crime, ASB and re-offending - Building stronger communities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Safeguarding the most vulnerable people - Reducing crime, ASB and Re-offending - Building Stronger Communities
Calderdale	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Increasing community confidence and resilience - Reducing crime and re-offending - Tackling the harm caused by ASB - Protecting victims and vulnerable individuals - Tackling new and emerging threats to communities and individuals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Priorities retained from 16/17 as Calderdale CSP is currently undertaking evidence based research aimed at identifying the 6 critical risks to community safety in Calderdale. The outcome of this will inform the strategic priorities for the next 3 years.
Kirklees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Improving confidence and satisfaction - Reducing crime - Tackling ASB - Protecting people from serious harm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Improving confidence and satisfaction - Reducing crime - Tackling ASB - Protecting people from serious harm
Wakefield	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Safeguarding and protecting vulnerable people - Reducing priority crime - Reducing re-offending 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reducing 'priority crime' - Protecting vulnerable people - Contribution to Police and Crime Plan 16 priorities

Examples of where the PCC is supporting CSP to address its priorities

These are some examples and not an exhaustive list.

Bradford

Hate Crime

Hate Crime Reporting Centre Co-ordinator and 'Challenge it, Report it, Stop it' project.

Safer Stronger Commission: Bradford Hate Crime Alliance Progress Report Sept 2016 – March 2017

Increase awareness of sexual harassment and hate crime for young people in the Great Horton and surrounding areas.

Community neighbourhood watch established

Improved detection and arrest rate.

Increased reporting.

On line DVD multimedia awareness message future proofed.

Improved support and access to victims of hate crime

Improved community relations increasing community cohesion

Provide intense support to sure up coping and managing stress pathways

On line DVD multimedia awareness message in different languages.

Promoting Bradford as a city of Sanctuary for all

Support Victims of reported and unreported hate crime and sexual harassment in the Great Horton and surrounding area

Support victims of reported and unreported hate crime for Eastern European, Asian Communities and Asylum/Refugee group

Restorative Justice

Bradford Restorative Justice Hub continues to lead the way across West Yorkshire and to pilot new initiatives. Referrals continue in to the Restorative Justice Hub from partners including Police, CRC, NPS, Victim Support, In-communities and self referrals.

There has been a significant increase in referrals, particularly from those who have experienced sexual abuse. Currently there are 40 active volunteers. The RJ Hub has always strived to have a fully represented group of volunteers. Of the current volunteers, 72% are female and 28% male. In November when 20 new volunteers were recruited 43% were male and 42% identified as Asian. Work in the future needs to continue to focus on recruiting volunteers from other backgrounds too.

Recognising the large number of offenders who are involved in public order offences in the town centre, with little education or insight being delivered through Out of Court Disposals. The RJ Hub

has developed the Awareness Course which aims to work with those who have committed low level public order offences to see the harm and impact of their actions. This went live in March and is being run on a monthly basis.

The CSE Insight Programme has received interest from WY Police Force Improvement Unit as a new and innovative project to deal with CSE. The CSE Insight Programme is being presented to the force Superintendent as a potential model for West Yorkshire.

Bradford was shortlisted in the Restorative Practice Awards in 3 separate categories.

In March 2017, the Bradford Volunteer's won the Award for Communities and a formal presentation event will be organised with the support of the WY Police and Crime Commissioner. West Yorkshire Police also recognised the work of the volunteers and an ACC Commendation was received in March 2017.

Calderdale

Restorative Justice - More effective co-ordination of services to victim and the production of a RJ strategy.

Retention of MARAC and IDVA support as well as establishing a partnership DA Hub.

Wakefield

PCC funding will be used to support developing projects in key areas of concern – re-offending, Serious Acquisitive Crime and repeat domestic abuse incidents.



West Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel

Principles for Engagement:

Community Safety Partnerships

Background to Community Safety Partnerships

Until November 22nd 2012 Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) were made up of representatives from the police, the police authority, the local authority, fire, health and probation services ('the responsible authorities.'). In some of the West Yorkshire districts, additional bodies have been invited to join the Partnerships.

Community Safety Partnerships were set up as statutory bodies under the Crime and Disorder Act 2008 and there is one in each West Yorkshire District. The responsible authorities work together to develop and implement strategies to protect their local communities from crime and to help people feel safe. They work out local approaches to deal with issues including antisocial behaviour, drug or alcohol misuse, burglary and re-offending.

Under these arrangements, each CSP was allocated a proportion of the Home Office's Community Safety Fund and was directly responsible for determining how this funding be used to tackle crime and reduce re-offending in that district. Approximately £2.5 million of Community Safety Funding was allocated to West Yorkshire in total for 2011/12.

Impact of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011

CSPs will continue to operate as statutory bodies. However, although the West Yorkshire Police Authority was classed as a 'responsible authority' the Police and Crime Commissioner will not be classed as a 'responsible authority' and therefore will not be obliged to sit on any of the West Yorkshire CSPs.

Although the Commissioner will not be obliged to sit on the CSPs, the act explicitly states that both parties must have regard to each other's priorities when exercising their functions and developing their respective plans.

Despite this element of reciprocity, the CSPs are to some extent directly accountable to the Commissioner. The Commissioner can request reports from the CSP and can, should they feel it necessary, convene meetings of the CSPs and convene meetings of the five West Yorkshire CSP Chairs. However, the Commissioner will not be empowered to enforce the merger of two or more CSPs (this can only take place should the CSPs involved agree to merge.)

The Community Safety Fund will no longer be allocated to CSPs. It will be for the Commissioner to determine how this funding is used and to allocate crime and

disorder reduction grants to any organisation or person in their force area, The Commissioner will be responsible for deciding how much funding, if any, is spent on community safety services.

Rationale for Engagement

The West Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel is highly appreciative of the advantages that will stem from a close and co-operative working relationship with the five West Yorkshire Community Safety Partnerships. The Community Safety Partnerships can play a critical role in helping the Panel:

- To **monitor** the impact of different community safety interventions and commissioning approaches.
- To **recognise and pursue** the positive outcomes that have been achieved previously through effective partnership working.
- To better **understand** the link between the strategic direction set by the Police and Crime Commissioner and its impact on crime and community safety in individual wards and **neighbourhoods**.
- To **focus** on those issues which are common to several of the West Yorkshire districts.
- To **maximise** the impact of local resources by ensuring the Commissioner addresses the issues that matter most to local communities.

In the same vein, the West Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel is in a strong position to support the five Community Safety Partnerships by:

- Holding the **Commissioner to account** if he/she
 - Has a detrimental impact on the safety or confidence of communities in West Yorkshire
 - Fails to have regard to CSP priorities and plans.
 - Commissions costly or ineffective community safety interventions.
 - Places excessive demands on the CSPs in terms of justifying decisions, accounting for performance trends, providing direct reports or attending extraordinary meetings.
 - Does not support an appropriate level of local control over local funding
- **Informing and supporting** the Commissioner in such a way as to ensure his/ her approach and plans reflect the needs and interests of the diverse communities across West Yorkshire.
- Helping them to **identify** common West Yorkshire priorities and then realise the benefits that would result from addressing these collaboratively and/ or replicating successful community safety interventions elsewhere in the sub-region.
- **Promoting** policing and community safety interventions which have proved successful in the past or are working well under the Commissioner.

Moving Forwards

On the basis of the rationale outlined above, the West Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel will work in partnership with the five Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) in the following ways:

1. Panel Meetings

- 1.1 CSP Chairs will, at the very least, be invited to meetings of the West Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel on an annual basis to engage in an open discussion about the impact of the Commissioner in each district and to review the relevance of the latest iteration of the 'Principles for Engagement.'
- 1.2 Should serious concerns arise during the year, the Panel may ask one or more CSP Chairs to attend additional Panel meetings and provide their perspective on the issue under consideration.
- 1.3 CSP Chairs can request an item to be put on the agenda of a Panel meeting by contacting the Chair of the Panel directly and explaining the reason for the request.

2. Influencing the Police and Crime Plan

- 2.1 The Police and Crime Panel is in a fortunate position in terms of its ability to influence the development of the Police and Crime Plan and the CSPs are encouraged to inform the Panel's approach when exercising this influence.
- 2.2 The Police and Crime Panel will encourage the Commissioner to have regard to the business cases and strategic assessments submitted by the individual authorities when developing his/ her Police and Crime Plan and subsequent commissioning arrangements.
- 2.3 CSPs will be sent a copy of all the draft iterations of the Police and Crime Plan that are submitted to the Panel and will be asked to return any comments or suggestions in advance of the Panel meeting during which the draft will be discussed.
- 2.4 CSPs are also asked to brief their authority's Panel Members in advance of any discussions on the Plan so the local perspective is sufficiently understood and so the Panel is made aware if the Plan does not have regard to the evidenced needs of communities across West Yorkshire.

3. Regular Exchange of Information and Intelligence

- 3.1 The five CSPs will each complete a quarterly briefing note for use by all Panel Members to support them in assessing the impact of the Commissioner across West Yorkshire.
- 3.2 The lead CSP officers will be notified of the deadlines for these briefing notes as far in advance as is practicable. These deadlines will be aligned with Panel Meeting dates as responses will be required two weeks before each Panel meeting.
- 3.3 All completed briefings notes are to be formally approved by the CSP Chair before submission.
- 3.4 Unless a request is made to the contrary, all submissions will be circulated to the other CSPs in West Yorkshire to allow comparisons and further linkages to be made.
- 3.5 The completion of the briefing notes will not be an onerous task and will only call upon information and examples that the CSPs are already aware of or hold.
- 3.6 CSPs will be encouraged to play an active role in developing and adapting the themes covered within the briefing note.
- 3.7 Questions in the briefing note will, at the very least, relate to:
 - The extent to which the Commissioner is having regard to the priorities within each individual Community Safety Plan
 - The extent to which the Commissioner is having regard to their own Police and Crime Plan
 - The ways in which the Commissioner is supporting or undermining CSP efforts to address local priorities, either at an individual district level or through collaboration with other CSPs in West Yorkshire.
 - Changes to the funding of/ commissioning arrangements for Community Safety related activities and the impact these changes are having.
 - Any concerns the CSPs want the Panel to be aware of, to either raise directly with the Police and Crime Commissioner or to investigate further.
 - Any suggestions about the way in which the Panel could better support or influence the approach of the Police and Crime Commissioner
- 3.8 Panel Members will have sight of all of the completed briefing notes as well as a covering note highlighting any common issues or trends.
- 3.9 CSPs may also choose to arrange regular verbal briefings with the Panel Members representing their authority on the West Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel.

4. Supporting Linkages

- 4.1 If deemed appropriate locally, a Panel Member will sit on their authority's CSP to ensure the Panel has a detailed understanding of local issues and of underlying causes and trends in relation to crime, community safety and ASB.
- 4.2 Where membership is not aligned in this way a Panel Member from each authority will be designated as the lead Panel Member for their authority's CSP and as such will contribute to CSP meetings as and when required and subject to existing workload pressures.

Endorsement

These principles have been endorsed by:

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Cllr Alison Lowe (on behalf of the West Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel)

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Cllr Abdul Jabbar Hussain (on behalf of Bradford CSP)

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Cllr Susan Press (on behalf of Calderdale CSP)

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Cllr Shabir Pandor (on behalf of Kirklees CSP)

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James Rogers (on behalf of Leeds CSP)

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Cllr Maureen Cummings (on behalf of Wakefield CSP)



Friday 6th October 2017

Wakefield Town Hall

**Community Safety Partnerships –
Assessing the Impact of the Police and Crime
Commissioner**

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1. Purpose

- 1.1 This report informs the Panel about the latest priorities and views of Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) ahead of a discussion with CSP representatives on the impact of the Commissioner and the role that CSPs can play in making communities safer and feel safer. The report is based on responses from four of the five CSPs across West Yorkshire.
- 1.2 It is recommended that the Panel and CSP representatives use the information and structure of this paper as a basis for discussion about their respective roles, including:
 - *What issues might the Panel raise with the Commissioner in future work?*
 - *How can CSPs and the Panel work together better to share information?*
- 1.3 The following CSP chairs / representatives have agreed to attend the Panel meeting on 6th October.
 - Chief Supt Whitehead (Calderdale CSP co-Chair) and Derek Benn (Calderdale CSP Manager)
 - Chief Supt Steve Cotter (Kirklees CSP Deputy Chair)
 - Cllr Maureen Cummings (Wakefield CSP Chair)
- 1.4 Four of the five CSPs provided a response to the Panel's Local Perspective Survey. . Each CSP was asked to provide their local priorities for 2016/17 and 2017/18. A summary of the local priorities in each District is attached as **Appendix A**.

2. Strategy: the Police and Crime Plan

- 2.1 Each responding CSP agrees that the Commissioner's Police and Crime Plan reflects agreed local priorities as required and they reciprocally co-ordinate local plans and partnership activities with the work of the Commissioner.
- 2.2 The CSPs continue to recognise the commitment the Commissioner has shown to engage with their CSP. All highlighted the quarterly CSP Forum as an effective way of collaborating with the Commissioner and sharing best practice across West Yorkshire. Other ways in which the Commissioner engages with CSPs are through the PEG, various Task and Finish Groups and more ad-hoc day to day engagement and information sharing.

- 2.3 The point was raised however, that there are some engagement activities that the PCC undertakes which are not always communicated through the Community Safety partnerships – particularly where this may relate to a specific local concern that has been raised.
- 2.4 Based on all of the responses received, experience of working with the Commissioner has been very positive and CSPs felt that the Commissioner is acting in accordance with the Plan.
- 2.5 *The Panel and CSPs may wish to discuss:*
- *Do CSPs have a clear understanding about what each partnership needs to do to help achieve the outcomes in the Police & Crime Plan?*
 - *What can be done to ensure that the CSPs are kept informed of all PCC engagement at a local level*

3. Supporting Local Priorities

- 3.1 All CSPs felt that the Commissioner is supporting their partnership to deliver interventions and address local CSP priorities primarily through the Community Safety Fund and other funding streams.
- 3.2 Some of the CSPs have provided some specific examples of how the Commissioner has supported their local priorities – these are attached as Appendix B.
- 3.3 CSPs have previously stated that they would welcome longer-term funding to allow work in priority areas to become more sustainable. This has not been raised as an issue by any of the CSPs in this round of questionnaires; neither do the responses reflect whether longer-term funding has been granted.
- 3.4 All CSPs have welcomed the continuation of CSF which has enabled CSPs the opportunity to continue to support local projects and to add value to outcomes. Additional funding to assist CSP's has been made available to them for this financial year and this is very much welcomed. There are also increased opportunities for across a wider range available including the Safer Communities Fund which CSPs has significantly increased the amount of funding available to deliver community led activities.
- 3.5 Along with the additional funding, more accountability for areas funded has been introduced to ensure that activities are successfully delivering on the required outcomes.
- 3.6 *The Panel and CSPs may wish to discuss:*
- *How Panel can better support CSPs to ensure local priorities are met*
 - *What information and support can the CSPs provide to the Panel to ensure that it targets the areas of priority that are impacting at a local level*
 - *Is there better clarity for CSPs about future funding*

- *How CSPs evaluate the impact of commissioned activity*
- *How do CSPs work with the Commissioner to support the delivery of the Police and Crime Plan*

4. Other issues raised by CSPs

- 4.1 No significant concerns have been raised by any of the CSPs.
- 4.2 It has been suggested that the PCP holds regular meetings and updates to consider current and emerging priorities which reflects impact on budget reductions and supporting partners with reduced resources.

Issues that the Panel and CSPs may wish to discuss might include:

- *What role can the Panel play in encouraging and facilitating greater collaboration both across the region and amongst partners?*
- *How can the Panel and CSPs improve information flows to ensure that the Panel is effectively scrutinising the Commissioner?*

5. Liaison between CSPs and the Panel

- 5.1 The Panel and CSPs have agreed Principles of Engagement (attached at Appendix C) that cover respective roles and the importance of working closely together. This provides the foundation for the 'Local Perspectives' report and the provision of information (e.g. meeting minutes) that help CSPs to keep aware of Panel's work. Whilst information is relayed back to CSPs and Committees that have provided information for the Panel, this should be further underpinned by elected members of the Panel de-briefing colleagues in constituent areas in order to put it in a firmer local context.

6. Recommendation

- 6.1 It is recommended that the Panel notes the views and issues highlighted in this report. Suggestions for future work may be included in the Panel's work programme and members may also wish to record items to raise with the Commissioner.