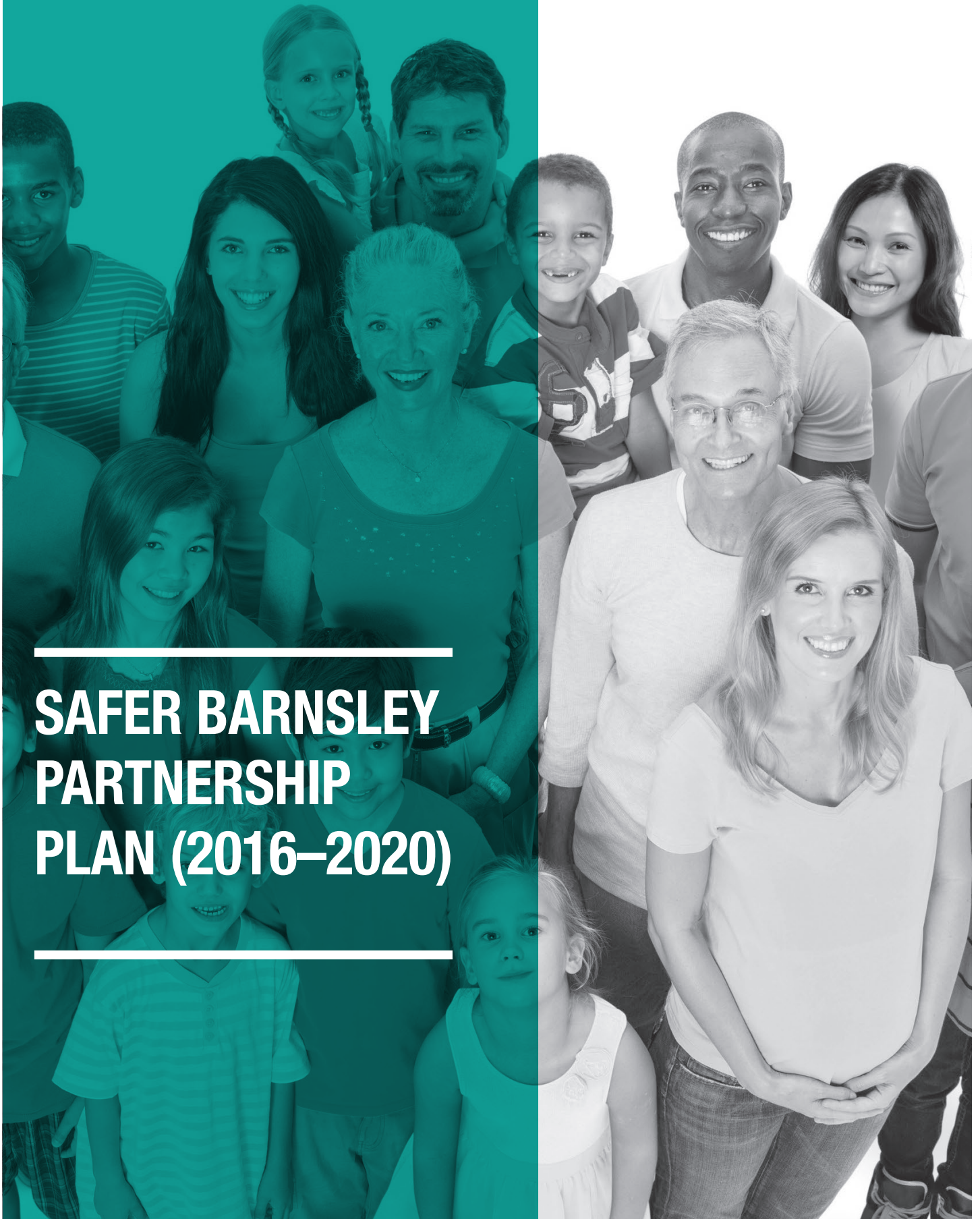




**SAFER BARNSELY
PARTNERSHIP
PLAN (2016–2020)**





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FOREWORD

Community safety is a key priority for Barnsley. We have made a significant amount of progress in a number of key areas around crime and community safety over recent years, working closely for and in partnership with our local residents and communities.

The Safer Barnsley Partnership Plan (2016–2020) identifies a series of priorities where we feel collectively, that we can make the most difference to achieve the best outcomes for individuals, families and communities. It is important that in such times where resources are reducing we are able to share and pool all our resources to address the key community safety priorities facing the borough.

Working collaboratively with our communities to build on our previous successes, will be an essential ingredient to help us to continue to evolve and make further improvements to ensure people are safe and feel safe in their homes, neighbourhoods and communities.

The Partnership Plan will remain a live document and will be used as a means to track and where required challenge our performance and delivery.

We will review the plan on an annual basis to ensure it is consistent with local needs and circumstances and able to influence how community safety resources are used within the Borough.

We look forward to working with you to continue to make Barnsley a safe place to live, work and socialise for all members of our communities.



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BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT

The Safer Barnsley Partnership is the statutory partnership responsible for tackling crime and disorder, combating substance misuse and reducing reoffending.

The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 and subsequent legislation places statutory duties on community safety partnerships to:

- Produce an annual Joint Strategic Intelligence Assessment;
- Prepare and implement a community safety plan;
- Establish information sharing agreements;
- Establish domestic homicide reviews.

Our partnership is known as the Safer Barnsley Partnership and comprises of representatives from the following agencies:

- Barnsley Council;
- South Yorkshire Police;
- South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue;
- National Probation Trust;
- Community Rehabilitation Company;
- Barnsley Clinical Commissioning Group;
- Neighbourhood Watch;
- Berneslai Homes;
- South Yorkshire Criminal Justice Board; and
- Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner.

The Safer Barnsley Partnership reports to the Health and Wellbeing Board, representing the links between crime, community safety and overall health and wellbeing.

We work closely with other strategic groups such as the Children's Trust, the Youth Offending Board and both Adult and Children Safeguarding Boards. This ensures that where joint priorities are identified, work is undertaken collaboratively to ensure the best possible outcomes for and with local people and communities.

This plan aligns with the priorities outlined in the South Yorkshire Police and Crime Plan (2013–2017) which ensures a collective approach to achieving the best possible outcomes for and in partnership with our communities.



1 THE PARTNERSHIP AND OUR COMMITMENT

Partnership approaches to tackling crime and disorder are largely built on the principle that no single agency can deal with, or be responsible for dealing with, complex community safety and crime problems.

We have developed the following principles to guide us all, as partners, to achieve our collective vision.



A new relationship with residents

We will provide better connected services, putting residents at the heart of what we do. In return, we expect that residents will do what they can, for themselves, their families and their communities, helping us all to be safer.



One public sector – one borough

Residents want efficient and effective services no matter who provides them. We will work with partners to create joined up approaches that make sense to us all.



A relentless drive for efficiencies and outcomes

We will make sure every pound is spent effectively, delivering the outcome we all want to see – a safer Barnsley.

Our vision for community safety in Barnsley is...

“Barnsley people and communities are safe and feel safe, able to contribute to community life and take responsibility for their actions and how they affect others.”

2 PROGRESS SINCE THE LAST PLAN

PRIORITY 1 – PROTECTING VULNERABLE PEOPLE

OUTCOME – VULNERABLE PEOPLE ARE PROTECTED AND HAVE ACCESS TO QUALITY, SPECIALIST SUPPORT SERVICES WHICH MEET THEIR INDIVIDUAL NEEDS, IMPROVE THEIR SAFETY, REDUCE RISK OF REPEAT VICTIMISATION AND ENABLE THEM TO IMPROVE THEIR HEALTH AND WELLBEING.

CASE STUDY 1

During a routine visit to her GP, L was identified as a victim of domestic abuse from her husband and a referral was made to the right agencies for support. L was immediately appointed an Independent Domestic Violence Advisor (IDVA) and due to her husband's coercive and controlling behaviour, she was quickly identified as high risk of further abuse.

L decided she wanted to escape from the abuse and flee her marriage. Therefore, she was supported throughout the process allowing her to leave the family home and relocate elsewhere with her children, without the knowledge of her husband. She continued to receive support and counselling at her new location. Here is what L said 11 weeks after the initial referral; "I would never have left my abusive marriage without the support from my GP and Pathways, I didn't think there were any options available to me."

A PICTURE OF OUR ACHIEVEMENTS...



Domestic abuse

- The number of Independent Domestic Violence Advisors (IDVA) has doubled to make sure we provide effective support for high-risk victims.
- 366 frontline professionals have received training in how to identify and support victims of domestic violence.



Safeguarding

- The Safeguarding Children's Board have established a multi-agency safeguarding hub to tackle safeguarding issues within the borough.
- Additional funding of £100,000 has been secured to support the delivery of therapeutic support for victims.



Hate and harassment

- We now have a new hate and harassment strategic plan, which has helped to improve community and stakeholder involvement.
- 550 people across the public, private, voluntary and community sector have received hate and harassment awareness training. This has led to an increase in reports of incidents of hate and harassment in the central areas of Barnsley.



Fire prevention

- South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue (SYFR) carried out 3,863 home fire safety checks in Barnsley in 2015.
- SYFR have launched the Safe and Well scheme, which focuses on working together to improve identification and access to those most at risk in our communities.

PRIORITY 2 – REDUCING DRUG AND ALCOHOL RELATED HARM

OUTCOME: THE HARM CAUSED BY DRUGS AND ALCOHOL MISUSE IS REDUCED FOR INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES THROUGH THE DELIVERY OF INTEGRATED CARE PATHWAYS.

A PICTURE OF OUR ACHIEVEMENTS...

61.9%

Of people in Barnsley who are dependent on opiates and/or crack cocaine are accessing treatment services which is well above the national average of 52 per cent.

Increased opportunities

The rate of successful completions from the treatment system means that those in treatment are accessing increased opportunities for education, employment and training skills.

Within the top 25%

of the best performing areas in the country.

Successful completion rates for those in treatment remain above national averages for all substance categories. Barnsley is currently ranked in the top two within Yorkshire and the Humber for all categories of treatment and remains within the top 25 per cent of the best performing areas in the country.



CASE STUDY 2

NB was arrested in the summer of 2015 and he tested positive for cocaine at the police station. Although NB reported only using cocaine occasionally, he identified that he required further support to ensure that this did not escalate and he continued to engage with the treatment offered to him. For several months, NB engaged in regular sessions with his recovery navigator and these focused heavily on identifying high risk situations, justifying substance use and relapse prevention techniques.

During the sessions, NB was also identified as a victim of domestic violence and therefore, his recovery navigator referred him to pathways for support. The interventions resulted in a sustained abstinence from illicit substances and no further arrests. NB was later discharged successfully from treatment.

PRIORITY 3 – PREVENTING AND REDUCING RE-OFFENDING

OUTCOME: THE PUBLIC IS PROTECTED AND OUR COMMUNITIES ARE SAFER THROUGH THE REDUCTION OF RE-OFFENDING IN BARNSELY.



A PICTURE OF OUR ACHIEVEMENTS...



A significant reduction in Youth Justice Re-offending, which is, along with the overall offences committed by repeat offenders better than the national, regional and comparative areas.



A higher percentage of adult offenders leaving prison with suitable accommodation.



Ex-offenders are supporting others to achieve their goals through a newly established mentoring scheme.



A women offender strategy has been developed and championed by local staff, providing women only services for women offenders.

CASE STUDY 3

JD is currently on licence and voluntarily attends the Women's Programme weekly. She feels the group has given her purpose and increased her confidence greatly. She has attended a meeting and spoke about her experiences of being a female in the Criminal Justice and Prison System.

In company with GROW and her offender manager, JD has recently attended Northern College for an insight on what they offer. She now plans to sign up for a Volunteer Mentoring Course with a view to working as a volunteer with Women in the Criminal Justice System.

PRIORITY 4 – REDUCING ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

OUTCOME: BARNSELY IS A SAFE AND PLEASANT PLACE FOR PEOPLE TO LIVE, WORK AND VISIT. VICTIMS AND WITNESSES ARE EFFECTIVELY SUPPORTED TO MINIMISE THE DETRIMENTAL IMPACT ON ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR.

A PICTURE OF OUR ACHIEVEMENTS...

40%

reduction in intensive intervention

The community intervention team conducts intensive intervention with Barnsley's highest risk antisocial behaviour families, resulting in an overall reduction of over 40 per cent in demand from these families.



The integration of South Yorkshire Police and the Barnsley Council antisocial behaviour teams now provide resilience, shared accountability and reduced duplication.

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DIRECT INTERVENTIONS

The introduction of a Public Spaces Protection Order to address antisocial behaviour in the town centre has resulted in more than 80 direct interventions since March 2016.

60%

reduction in repeat demand cases

The neighbourhood resolutions team received a national citation for good practice, increased the number of volunteers, and is now an accredited trainer for the Restorative Justice Council. There is an ongoing reduction of repeat demand of around 60 per cent for cases that have been through neighbourhood resolutions.

CASE STUDY 4

Levels of antisocial behaviour and hate related incidents on a particular street in the borough were escalating with one house being the focus of attention. The antisocial behaviour team conducted a three-day long operation in partnership with a number of agencies where both police and civil powers were used. The operation was a success with acceptable behaviour contracts, community protection notices and a harassment warning being issued. In addition, 30 tonnes of waste was removed from the communal areas and residents' gardens.

Following the operation, the number of reported incidents on the street dropped by 65 per cent which helped achieve a better life for the residents.

3 SETTING OUR PRIORITIES FOR 2016 – 2020

UNDERSTANDING HOW SAFE BARNSELY IS – RESULTS OF THE JSIA.

SHARED PRIORITIES FOR 2016 – 2020

THE SAFER BARNSELY PARTNERSHIP HAS AGREED A NUMBER OF PRIORITIES TO DELIVER THE VISION FOR 2020.

These priorities are based on information from the JSIA coupled with consultation with representatives from agencies across the partnership and the public in order to focus activity on what safety issues matter most to communities in the borough. Therefore, the shared priorities for the coming period will be:

To achieve our priorities we need to be ambitious, innovative and continue to work together so that we produce better outcomes for our community. The issues within these priorities are interlinked and therefore it is expected that work to tackle the priorities will not occur in isolation, but will support a holistic strategy to improve community safety within Barnsley.



Protecting vulnerable people;



Tackling crime and anti-social behaviour; and,



Promoting community tolerance and respect.

EMERGING ISSUES

The Joint Strategic Intelligence Assessment (JSIA) is a statutory requirement which is carried out annually with a view to providing an evidence base on which to inform the CSP's strategic plan and priorities.

The emerging issues from the JSIA 2015 are:

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

Increase in anti-social behaviour specifically in the town centre. Begging vagrancy and street drinking incidents have also seen an increase.



The number of domestic abuse repeat victims has increased, along with the number of domestic crimes reported.



Recorded sexual offences have increased, including child sexual exploitation offences.



Levels of Arson and Deliberate Fires are low, however could be linked to other areas of ASB such as fly-tipping.



There are known links between Accidental Fires and vulnerability. This is a priority area for the Fire Service.



Barnsley has seen the highest increase in hate crime when compared to other areas in South Yorkshire but still has the lowest levels in the county.



Cyber crime is recognised as a national and emerging threat.



Both adult and youth re-offending rates have remained fairly stable within the borough.



Drug and alcohol treatment has seen an increase in successful completions.



International migration has increased locally, leading to the potential for underreporting of issues or tensions amongst new arrivals and vulnerable communities.



The use of Novel Psychoactive Substances (NPS), known as legal highs is a growing threat.



Increases in line with the national trend have been seen in violence offences.



Serious acquisitive crime has continued to reduce since 2012, however, this crime type still represents 25% of all crimes reported.



There is a clear link between mental health and strands of vulnerability. There has been an increase in child admissions for mental health issues.



Hospital admissions for alcohol related conditions has increased, however, alcohol mortality rates have decreased to lower than the national average.



Modern Slavery is naturally 'hidden' due to its nature, resulting in limited data. The Modern Slavery Act 2015 which recently came into force allows for better identification of modern slavery crimes.

SHARED PRIORITY – PROTECTING VULNERABLE PEOPLE

OUTCOME – THE THREAT, HARM AND RISK TO VULNERABLE PEOPLE, FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES IS MINIMISED.

OUR FOCUS

We will:

- Work collaboratively to ensure that domestic abuse becomes socially unacceptable and that the harm caused to victims and their families is reduced.
- Take effective preventative and enforcement action to protect children from sexual exploitation.
- Acknowledge that vulnerable people are at an increased risk of the occurrence of accidental dwelling fires and ensure they are prioritised for home safety and health and wellbeing checks via the Safe and Well scheme.
- Re-commission holistic drug and alcohol services to encourage, support and empower individuals to take control of their lives and minimise the harm caused by drug and alcohol misuse.
- Provide a multi-agency approach to support and reduce the vulnerability of people with multiple and complex needs by coordinating and tailoring interventions across agencies to ensure individual, family and community needs are effectively addressed.

SHARED PRIORITY – PROMOTING COMMUNITY TOLERANCE AND RESPECT

OUTCOME – COMMUNITIES ARE SAFER, COHESIVE AND MORE RESILIENT.

OUR FOCUS

We will:

- Help to reduce ignorance and prejudice by helping people to get to know each other and challenging myths and racism.
- Defuse community tensions when they arise by recognising the signs early and having the right tools and skills available to reduce them.
- Work proactively to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism and reduce the likelihood of extremism.
- Ensure engagement processes are effective with our local communities.
- Utilise Area Councils and Ward Alliances to work in partnership with local communities to understand problems and create shared solutions.

SHARED PRIORITY – TACKLING CRIME AND ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

OUTCOME – PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES ARE PROTECTED THROUGH THE TARGETING OF CRIME AND RE-OFFENDING.

OUR FOCUS

We will:

- Prevent antisocial behaviour and reduce the impact that it has on people's lives and the community through using our collective resources to support victims, target offenders and address issues in high demand areas based on threat, harm and risk.
- Prevent people becoming engaged in criminal activity and break cycles of re-offending through the continued focus on pathways out of crime including support, education, diversion, housing and employment.
- Work with the Town Centre Board and the business community to address issues of conduct in the town centre.
- Continue to develop and enhance our partnership working practices to reduce the level of violent crime including alcohol-related violence, domestic abuse and sexual offences ensuring root causes are effectively tackled – not just the symptoms.
- Protect and reduce the risk to individuals, communities and businesses from becoming victims of cybercrime through increased awareness and making the best use of all multi-agency resources to bring offenders to justice.



4 MONITORING THE DELIVERY OF OUR PLAN

Delivering our priorities

The Safer Barnsley Partnership has overall responsibility for the delivery of the plan. To ensure delivery of the partnership priorities, a series of task and finish sub-groups will be established. These will translate the strategic intentions of the partnership into operational delivery and will report on an exception basis into the strategy and performance group and Safer Barnsley Partnership Board.

All actions will have lead officers and be time bound to ensure impact can be monitored and measured. This will be accompanied by a performance and delivery dashboard, where performance against outcomes and key metrics will be assessed; in line with key actions from the delivery plans, to provide a holistic assessment of impact and drive continuous improvement. The focus of performance assessments will be against the delivery of high-level outcomes to demonstrate the impact on local people and communities and their quality of life.

Resources

Public services are going through an unprecedented time of austerity measures coupled with rising expectations of local residents and communities which means that now more so than ever, the partnership will hold individual agencies to account for the collective delivery of the shared vision, outcomes and priorities. At a time when resources are and will continue to shrink, it is essential that all resources are applied in the most efficient and effective manner to achieve the best outcomes for and with local people and

communities. This challenge cannot be underestimated due to the organisational pressures the public sector faces over the coming period and the need to continue to further embed a culture of stronger and more resilient communities.

Communications and engagement

Communication and engagement are essential components of a successful partnership. A visioning conference was held with representatives from across the partnership, including the voluntary and community sector, to inform the development of the partnership plan.

As a product of this work, a communication and engagement plan will be produced to describe how stakeholders from across the partnership and wider general public will be engaged in the delivery of the community safety vision and priorities over the period to 2020. The intention is that a series of stakeholders from the visioning conference held in January 2016 will become part of a reference group and will be consulted regarding specific elements of work as the plan progresses over 2016-2020.

Review

The partnership plan covers the 2016-2020 period and it will be reviewed annually to ensure any emerging trends from the JSIA are factored into future years' delivery.



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