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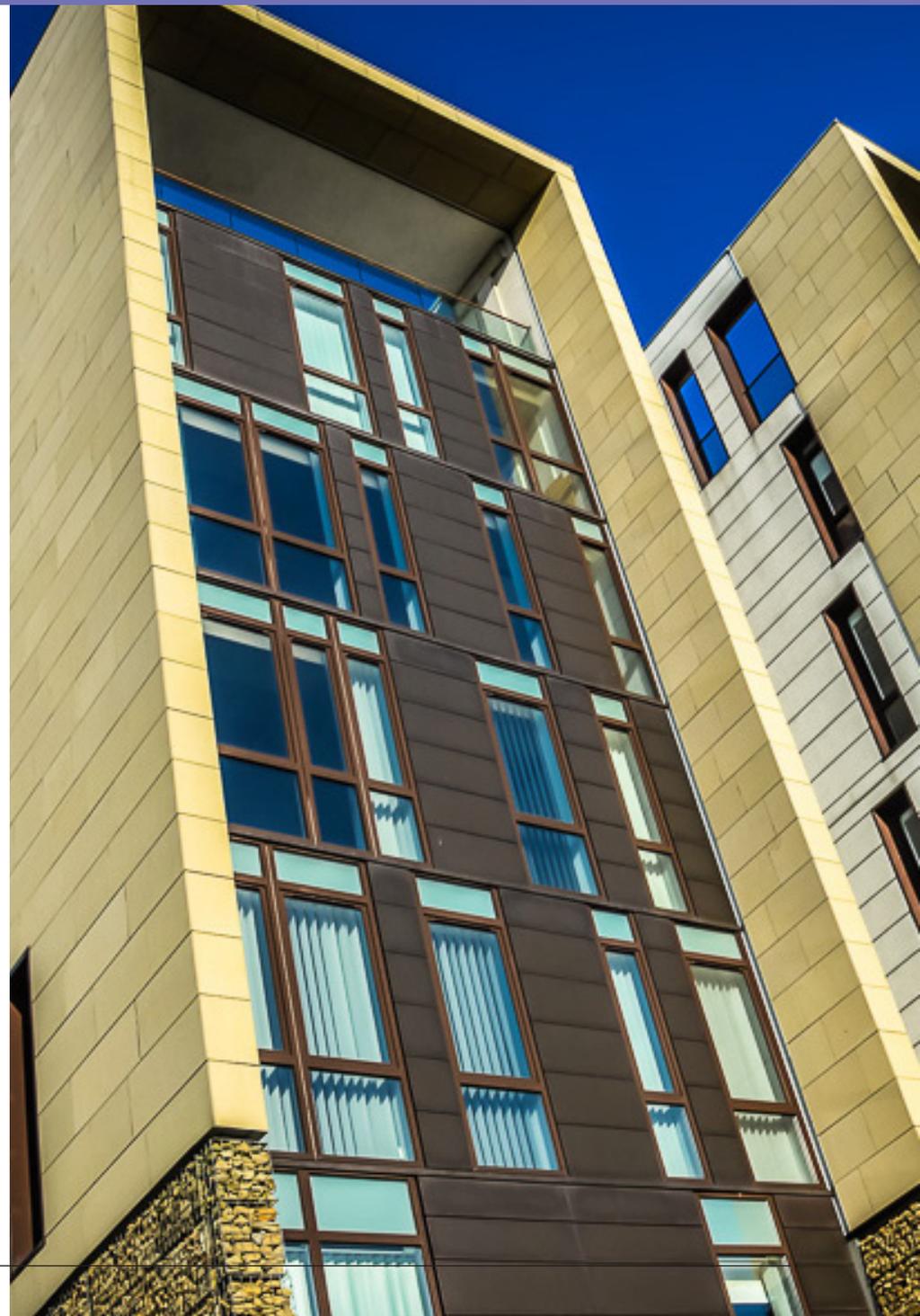
**SAFER BARNLSLEY
PARTNERSHIP**

SAFER BARNLSLEY PARTNERSHIP ANNUAL PLAN

1 APRIL 2020 – 31 MARCH 2021

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1. FOREWORD

Community safety in Barnsley remains at the heart of all our priorities. We are really pleased to introduce our 2020-2021 Safer Barnsley Partnership Plan. The Safer Barnsley Partnership includes statutory agencies and non-statutory organisations as well as the South Yorkshire Office of Police and Crime Commissioner. We meet every quarter to ensure that we are working together effectively to ensure that Barnsley is and feels a safe place for everyone who lives, works and studies here. A full list of the partner organisations is provided in section 2 of this plan.

It is essential that we work together as no agency acting alone can successfully tackle and reduce crime and anti-social behaviour in the long-term. To achieve this requires a multi-agency coordinated approach. In Barnsley we strongly believe that working in partnership with agencies and the community is the best way to deal with crime, anti-social behaviour and disorder. Our approach goes far beyond enforcement actions as we believe in dealing with the root causes. We have a strong focus on prevention and tackling the broader determinants of crime.

Our partnership plan is produced annually so that it is consistent with local needs and circumstances and so that we are able to respond to changes swiftly. It is a live document which tells you how we performed over the last year, what our commitments are for the coming year and how we intend to meet these by working together.



The commitments for the coming year are set and are a real challenge for us all, but we recognise how important they are for the well-being of all of our residents and visitors.

We look forward to engaging with you throughout the next period and continue to make Barnsley a safer place to live, work and socialise. We hope that you will join us in rising to the challenge of continuing to make Barnsley a safer place for all.



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Co-Chair of Safer Barnsley Partnership



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2. BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT

The Barnsley Community Safety Partnership (CSP) is the statutory partnership responsible for tackling crime and disorder, protecting vulnerable people and reducing reoffending.

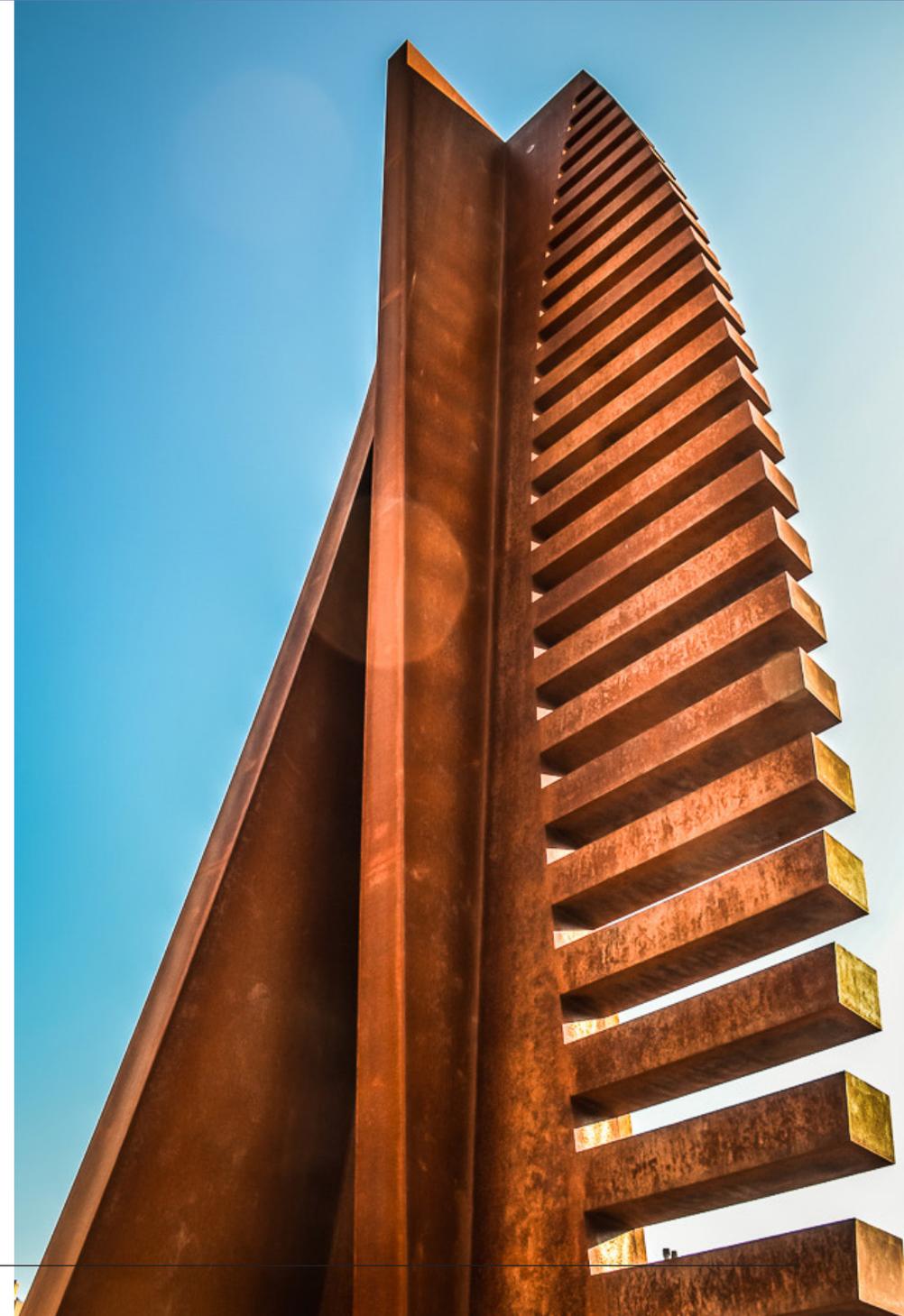
The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 and subsequent legislation place statutory duties on Community Safety Partnerships to:

- *Produce an annual Joint Strategic Intelligence Assessment.*
- *Prepare and implement a Community Safety Plan.*
- *Establish information sharing agreements.*
- *Establish domestic homicide reviews.*
- *Violence reduction.*

Our partnership is known as the 'Safer Barnsley Partnership' (SBP) and consists of representatives from the following agencies:

- *Barnsley Council.*
- *South Yorkshire Police.*
- *South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue.*
- *National Probation Service.*
- *South Yorkshire Community Rehabilitation Company.*
- *Barnsley Clinical Commissioning Group.*
- *Neighbourhood Watch.*
- *Berneslai Homes.*
- *South Yorkshire Criminal Justice Board.*
- *Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner.*
- *South West Yorkshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust.*
- *South Yorkshire Violence Reduction Unit.*
- *Youth Offending Team.*

This plan aligns with the priorities outlined in the South Yorkshire Police and Crime Plan (2017-2021), which ensures a collective approach to achieving the best possible outcomes for and in partnership with our communities.



3. THE PARTNERSHIP AND OUR COMMITMENTS

Our vision for community safety throughout Barnsley, as agreed within the 2016-2020 plan is:

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

Partnership approaches to tackling crime and disorder are built mainly 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 as partners, to achieve our collective vision:

One public sector: One borough

Residents want efficient and effective services, no matter who provides them.

We will continue working with our partners to:

- Create joined up approaches that make sense to us all.
- Place the person in need at the centre of our planning.
- Adopt a whole system approach to providing support.

In doing so, we remain committed to Engage, Prevent, Intervene, and Enforce where appropriate to promote a safer Barnsley.

A proactive relationship with our residents

We will continue to provide better connected services, that regularly engage with our communities and places our residents at the heart of what we do. In return, we expect residents will do what they can for themselves, their families and their communities, to help us all feel safe and be safe from harm.

Town Spirit is a way of connecting with our communities. We are committed to working together for a better Barnsley. We will continue supporting the most vulnerable in society by focusing our resources on helping people who are most in need. By helping each other, we can achieve much more and make Barnsley a safer place to live and work.

The Town Spirit Themes

<p>Loveit Having pride in where you live</p>	<p>Imagineit Creating a brighter future</p>	<p>Liveit Looking after yourself and others</p>	<p>Buildit Building a better Barnsley</p>
<p>Protectit Protecting our wonderful borough</p>	<p>Achieveit Helping you realise your potential</p>	<p>Developit Helping businesses to thrive</p>	<p>Changeit Having your say on things that matter</p>

For more information on Town Spirit visit: barnsley.gov.uk/town-spirit in particular **Liveit** and **Protectit**

Making our town a safer place

As part of our borough-wide initiative to help provide reassurance and keep residents safe, we have developed 'Joining Forces' with our key partners.

Joining Forces brings together key members of staff from the council and South Yorkshire Police. As part of the move, the Safer Neighbourhood Service along with the council's markets and parking services will be based at the Glass Works. This allows the delivery of our partnership approach from a central location at the heart of the town centre redevelopment.

The public will see more uniformed services under the Joining Forces banner, reflecting the joined-up approach to improving security and safety as well as providing reassurance, support and advice.

JOINING FORCES
A SAFER BARNSELY

We're working hard to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour to create safer neighbourhoods in Barnsley.

Help us by reporting your concerns

CONTACT US
Safer Neighbourhood Services
safer@barnsley.gov.uk

CALL 999 IN AN EMERGENCY



4. DELIVERING AGAINST OUR STRATEGIC PRIORITIES IN PERIOD 2020-2021

In the plan for 2019-20, we delivered against our key priorities through four sub-groups, each tackling specific areas. These sub-groups included:

- *Tackling crime.*
- *Protecting vulnerable people.*
- *Tackling anti-social behaviour.*
- *Promoting community tolerance and respect.*

The following section shows the key progress achieved by each sub-group in respect of their specific areas of focus.

5. ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE SUB-GROUPS

Crime sub-group

This group focused on meeting the outcomes: Victims and Communities are protected through a partnership approach to the identification and prevention of crime and targeted offender management.

Last year we said we would:

“Deliver an excellent victim focused service which responds to the needs and wishes of the victims.”

We have:

- ✓ *Launched the gateway into the countywide Violence Reduction Unit, offering early intervention and opportunity to our most vulnerable victims.*
- ✓ *Introduced a partnership district wide approach to tackling child exploitation through a dedicated team.*
- ✓ *Increased community and partnership feedback through both the Crime sub-group and the newly established scrutiny panel, ensuring we get wider learning.*

Case study:

In May 2019, an individual received life-changing injuries as a result of an unprovoked attack in Cudworth whilst on a night out. Working directly with the community and direct appeals supported by our partnership, the offender was ultimately traced and arrested. He was charged with the offence and received 11 years imprisonment.

Last year we said we would:

“Develop our multi-agency response to those victims of domestic violence by providing appropriate support / ensuring the proactive management of offenders and understand the causes to prevent individuals from becoming victims.”

We have:

- ✓ *Introduced a multi-agency domestic violence scrutiny panel, bringing together a range of different data sets to improve our wider understanding and establish best practice.*
- ✓ *Significantly increased the cohort of managed offenders with diversionary interventions to prevent re-offending.*
- ✓ *Introduced a dedicated investigation team with daily risk and opportunity assessments through our partners to achieve the best possible outcome.*

Case study:

In September 2019, an individual was arrested for attempted murder after his partner claimed that he had deliberately crashed their car in an attempt to cause her serious harm. The offender was ultimately arrested and dealt with for the offences and remanded in custody with significant support and safeguarding given throughout to the victim.

<p>Last year we said we would:</p> <p><i>“Ensure effective multi-agency oversight of prolific offenders and management of organised crime groups that are causing the most harm in our communities.”</i></p>	<p>We have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ <i>Set up team “Fortify” that is the dedicated multi-agency approach to organised crime and the causes of organised crime.</i> ✓ <i>Introduced dedicated days of action across all local Neighbourhood teams with collaborative enforcement from both Police and partners, ensuring the most appropriate response.</i> ✓ <i>Increased our offender management capability by integrating the team into team ‘Fortify’.</i> ✓ <i>Barnsley has continued to see a decline in year on year reductions in residential burglaries with increased effective offender management and targeted police activity in areas of vulnerability and those locations where offences of burglary were increasing.</i> ✓ <i>The Fortify approach to our organised groups that cause the most harm has increased our activity and enforcement around drugs. The continuing impact activity of both Fortify and the longer term sustainability through Neighbourhood problem orientated policing continues to offer reassurance and positive activity to our most vulnerable communities.</i>
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<p>Last year we said we would:</p> <p><i>“Ensure effective understanding and subsequent management of children’s vulnerabilities emerging from issues around knife crime and exploitation by criminal gangs, i.e. “county lines.”</i></p>	<p>We have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ <i>Successfully delivered the joint ‘Sceptre’ campaigns across Barnsley, reaching more young people than ever before around the dangers of knife crime.</i> ✓ <i>Introduced the multi-agency criminal exploitation tracker that offers early intervention pathways for those identified at risk.</i> ✓ <i>Delivered bespoke education and training packages across Barnsley around the dangers and vulnerabilities of child exploitation.</i>
<p>Last year we said we would:</p> <p><i>“Work with our communities to identify emerging themes and crime trends that cause the most harm and respond.”</i></p>	<p>We have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ <i>Increased membership and broadened our partnership approach through the crime and organised crime sub-groups. This includes direction and action management of the group.</i> ✓ <i>Launched the ‘Violence Reduction Unit’ that maps all our partnership data and identifies key themes / trends / locations to ensure a more cohesive response.</i>

Preventing and reducing violence in Barnsley

The Safer Barnsley Partnership is working closely with the South Yorkshire Violence Reduction Unit (SYVRU) to prevent and reduce violence in Barnsley. The SYVRU takes a public health approach to preventing and reducing violence. This means considering the needs of the whole population, using the available data and evidence, looking at the causes of the causes of violence, and working in partnership to prevent and reduce violence.

Find out more information at www.southyorkshireviolencereductionunit.com

The Violence Reduction Unit has produced an area profile that details the current situation in South Yorkshire. It is working in partnership with organisations and communities from across South Yorkshire to produce a Violence Reduction Strategy.

The SYVRU will then work closely with communities in Barnsley and the Safer Barnsley Partnership to produce a delivery plan against the Response Strategy.

Protecting Vulnerable People sub-group:

This group focussed on meeting the following outcome: The threat, risk and harm to vulnerable people, families and communities are minimised.

A picture of our achievements

Last year we said we would be committed to:

- Promoting Domestic Violence service and reducing risk to Vulnerable People.
- Developing a Women's Centre and a gender specific female offender accommodation.

We have:

- ✓ Raised awareness of domestic abuse across the borough and are promoting a zero-tolerance approach.
- ✓ Worked with partners across the region and published guidance, some of which have been specific to particular groups such as professionals and the general public.
- ✓ Offered a comprehensive package of training for professionals across South Yorkshire about the impact of domestic abuse on Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual and Transgender plus (LGBT+) groups.
- ✓ Progressed the development of the 'Women Centre' project by securing a suitable property in the Dearne. The Centre will have public access, a café (Snap Tin) and offices for Domestic Violence support services.
- ✓ Identified housing for female offenders which is awaiting refurbishment.

Last year we said we would be committed to:

During 2019 we will undertake a strategic review of domestic

We have:

- ✓ Completed the review of our Domestic Violence contract to ensure service users continue to receive high standards of support.

violence services to check and challenge our priorities.

- ✓ Worked in partnership with a range of key stakeholders and the Providers of the services to carry out the review. This has enabled us to ensure that our priorities are in line with what victims need.
- ✓ Extended the provision of services for domestic violence until 2022 to ensure continuity of provision.



Last year we said we would be committed to:

Raise awareness of Cuckooing through a campaign in 2019 and develop pathways of support for those at risk or involved in Cuckooing.

We have:

- ✓ Supported implementation of the Safer Neighbourhood Service Cuckooing process and are helping develop awareness of pathways which will help better deal with cases and find solutions.
- ✓ As part of the pathway development we will support the provision of emergency temporary accommodation for victims of Cuckooing known as the 'Crash Pad' facilities. Victims can access 'Crash Pad' facility through two services. People age 25 and over are supported through the 'Thrive Multiple Needs Service' offer and those aged between 18 - 24 years, through the 'Quarry View Multiple Needs Service'.

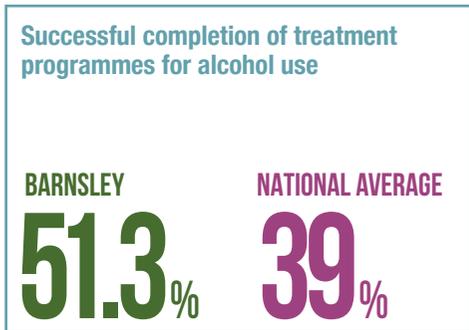
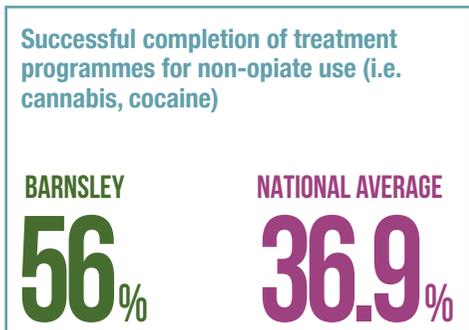
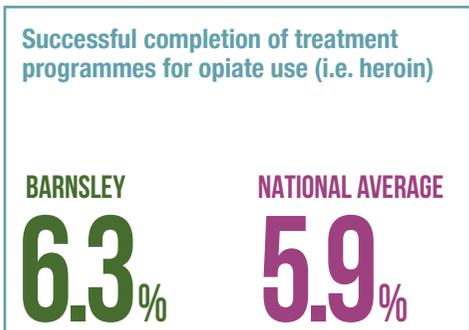
Last year we said we would be committed to:

Ensure that our substance misuse and domestic violence services are meeting the communities needs.

We have:

- ✓ *Completed the review of our Substance Misuse and Domestic Violence services. Our services meet needs to a high standard.*
- ✓ *Extended the provision of services for substance misuse and domestic violence until 2022.*
- ✓ *The offer of structured treatment programme is helping more people to exit the service with more confidence in abstaining from alcohol and substances.*

Below are key achievements that highlighted successes of the Substance misuse services:



Case study:

A person in their early twenties with a long history of substance misuse including alcohol abuse was supported through the substance misuse service and mental health support services.

This co-ordinated approach has helped the person to:

- *Stop using substances and access appropriate mental health services.*
- *Become much stronger physically through adopting a healthier lifestyle.*
- *Engage more with family and home life.*
- *Have more control of budget matters and reduce household debts.*
- *Become stronger in coping with day to day challenges.*

The person was discharged from support services following successful completion of the programme, with the confidence and skills to lead a drug and alcohol-free lifestyle.

Last year we said we would be committed to:

Develop and implement a multi-agency strategic approach to address substance misuse across the borough.

We have:

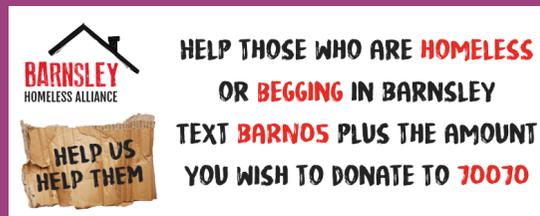
- ✓ *Worked in partnership with a range of stakeholders to better understand what is required within Barnsley to support people with substance misuse problems. This work involved bringing together information from various agencies to identify needs and gaps. This will further help co-ordinate our approach to reducing harm caused by substance misuse.*

Last year we said we would be committed to:

Maximise homeless prevention options, activities and outcomes, through early identification of problems, the provision of high-quality advice and assistance, increased homeless prevention and accommodation options. We will embed our priorities in a new supported housing strategy 2019.

We have:

- ✓ We have produced a five year “Housing and Support Commissioning Plan 2019-2024” to set out how we deliver support to people who become homeless and ultimately to reduce and prevent homelessness.
- ✓ Successfully bid for national funding which has financed two additional workers to engage with our rough sleepers, focussing on early intervention and prevention.
- ✓ Held events to consult with landlords and registered housing providers, at which we developed closer working relations and established a tenant information pack. This will increase access to accommodation for homeless households and those at risk of homelessness.



Case study:

John* has been living in a tent following eviction from his tenancy. John was unsure of his next step, but after speaking to an outreach worker (Support Navigator) from the Council he was referred to the ‘Thrive Barnsley’ supported housing service. John’s assessment suggested that he has low support requirements and was ex-armed forces. The outreach worker explored a range of options for John with a view to find a longer term accommodation. The service was initially able to secure short term accommodation out of the borough. Following further exploration of options with a range of providers the

‘Thrive’ service, was able to find suitable availability at another site, a self-contained flat, which is set up for individuals with lower support needs. John accepted this and was supported to move in into his new tenancy.

Outcome

John is now settled in supported accommodation and looking to move into his own flat. Support will be provided around budgeting and ensuring he has access to any benefits he is entitled to and food. The key, in this case, was the ongoing support of the Navigator in ensuring they maintained contact, and the engagement from John, which lead to a successful outcome in a relatively short period, minimising the amount of time he spent on the streets.

*Note: John is not his real name.

Last year we said we would be committed to:

Undertake a strategic review of multiple and complex needs to ensure commissioned services continue to deliver innovative solutions to facilitate sustained independence.

We have:

- ✓ Completed the review of our ‘Multiple Needs Services’ for (16-24 years old) to ensure service users continue to receive high standards of support.
- ✓ Worked in partnership with a range of key stakeholders and the Providers of the services to carry out the review. This has enabled us to ensure that our priorities are shaped by the needs of our communities.
- ✓ Extended the provision of services for Multiple Needs service until 2022 to assure continuity of provision.
- ✓ Started the development of a Business Case to support future options for delivering a service for people with Multiple Needs over the age of 25.

Last year we said we would be committed to:

Implement the remodelling of services for individuals aged twenty-five and over with multiple support needs, to ensure they continue to deliver the most effective support and accommodation solutions.

We have:

- ✓ Continued to develop the 'Thrive Barnsley' Multiple Needs service with a new provider, Humankind: <https://humankindcharity.org.uk/service/thrive-barnsley-complex-needs-service>
- ✓ Established 'Beevor Court Assessment Unit', William Street Move-on accommodation and the Community Intervention Team.
- ✓ Reviewed service provisions and operational processes to ensure they meet the needs and demand of people with multiple and complex needs.
- ✓ Supported the provision of a 'crash pad' facility in the 'Beevor Court Assessment Unit' to provide emergency short term placements including for those fleeing various types of crime.
- ✓ Developed new units of supported accommodation, and move-on accommodation, for people with ongoing multiple and complex support needs.
- ✓ Developed an additional six units of supported accommodation within the 'Thrive' contract to improve throughput within the 'Beevor Court Assessment Unit' which became available in January 2020.

Case study:

Alan who has a history of long term rough sleeping, has physical and mental health issues, drug addiction and an anxiety of sleeping indoors. He has been supported by 'Beevor Court Assessment Unit' and 'Housing Options Support Navigator'. Through these support services and ongoing help, Alan has been provided with secure accommodation for the first time. He is receiving continued support to maintain this tenancy through the service and is now registered with a GP. The service has supported Alan to attend his first appointment to help him manage his health situation. Alongside encouraging Alan to manage his health, he has been further supported to manage his general well-being e.g. washing, cleaning and accessing welfare benefit entitlements. This is promoting Alan's resilience and independence within his newly secured tenancy.*

Alan is now connected with 'Thrive Barnsley', a service for people with multiple needs, and will continue to access support independently to self-manage any future challenges.

Note: *Alan is not his real name.



Anti-Social Behaviour sub-group:

This group focussed on meeting the following outcome:

The impact of anti-social behaviour on residents and visitors to Barnsley is reduced.

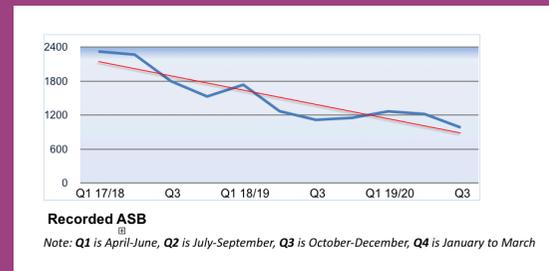
A picture of our achievements

Last year we said we would be committed to:

Deliver an outstanding service to the residents of Barnsley, particularly with regards to neighbourhood policing and intensive case management.

We have:

- ✓ Continued to see overall reductions in the numbers of recorded anti-social behaviour (ASB) incidents, as illustrated in the graph below:



- ✓ Increased the numbers of police officers and council staff attached to the local Safer Neighbourhood Services teams.
- ✓ Created a further locality Safer Neighbourhood Service team to be based in Hoyland serving the communities of Hoyland, Rockingham, Darfield and Wombwell.

Last year we said we would be committed to:

Ensure vulnerable communities and individuals in Barnsley are protected and supported.

We have:

- ✓ Focused proactive operational activity on identifying those most vulnerable to the impacts of anti-social behaviour.
- ✓ Further enhanced capacity to provide outreach support to members of the public finding themselves homeless and/or rough sleeping.
- ✓ Developed police and council teams to work directly with vulnerable residents in poorer quality private sector housing.

Case study: (Recognising Housing Related Vulnerability)

The Central Area housing and environment officer identified a potential problem with a tenancy by the condition of the garden and general upkeep of the property. A neighbour complained about waste in the garden and a constant stream of water pouring from the rear elevation of the property.

On visiting the property, the Case Management Officer (CMO) observed that there was no running hot water or any heating, the house was in a bad state of disrepair to the extent that the structure of the property was compromised. Also apparent was the level of hoarding inside the property.

Initially the occupier would not engage. Upon further investigation, it was identified that the property was part of a shared ownership property with a local provider, the CMO arranged a joint visit with their Housing Officer and Department of Work and Pensions. Immediate repairs were carried out to stop the flow of water where it had been leaking from the cistern for over 18 months. South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service fitted smoke alarms and heat detectors throughout the property and cleared an exit point. The CMO also arranged referrals to DIAL and Citizen's Advice Barnsley (CAB) due to the occupier's debt problem and arranged for the gas supply to be reinstated with metered supply.

The CMO continues to work with the occupier who is now engaging well and their debt and hoarding issues have been resolved.

Results:

- The property has been brought back into habitable condition.
- A vulnerable adult is being offered appropriate support for debt and mental health issues and his individual quality of life has improved significantly.
- Complaints from neighbours have reduced to none since the initial intervention.

Last year we said we would be committed to:

Ensure the public is reassured that their concerns are listened to and acted upon.

We have:

- ✓ Continued to engage communities through a range of forums and worked with communities to identify problems of greatest concern to residents.
- ✓ Prioritised interventions against issues identified through our community driven 'Partners and Communities Together' process.
- ✓ Targeted resources on individuals, locations and problems causing the greatest negative concern to perceptions of safety such as the Town Centre.

Last year we said we would be committed to:

Work in partnership to deliver a problem-solving approach to tackle crime and ASB.

We have:

- ✓ Embedded problem oriented policing approaches across the Safer Neighbourhoods Services to ensure ASB issues are thoroughly considered, managed, monitored and resolved.
- ✓ Broadened the scope of ASB related activity for the Safer Neighbourhoods Service by introducing such as Mental Health professionals, custody support, and private sector housing and offender management colleagues into the teams.
- ✓ Launched the "Joining Forces Brand" to demonstrate to residents our joint commitment to ensuring their safety and the safety of the borough.



Case Study: Operation Voyager, Goldthorpe

A multi-agency operation took place on the 4th December 2019, targeting anti-social behaviour and criminality across the Dearne and South Area Wards in Barnsley. Intelligence was gathered before the operation. On the day of enforcement, officers from across the Barnsley Neighbourhood Teams, Mounted officers, Barnsley council, Environment Agency, Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency and HMRC took part in the day. The operation was extremely successful and some of the results are shown below:

- A warrant was executed in Bolton-Upon-Deerne, where 12 mature cannabis plants were found at an address, along with a quantity of white powder. A large knife was also recovered from the address and the male occupant was arrested.
- A warrant was executed in Goldthorpe. Approximately 12 plants were seized from an address and the male occupant was arrested. A warrant was also executed in Darfield.
- A small amount of crack cocaine was located. The male occupant was arrested and two females at the address were arrested for several offences, including possession of drugs and suspicion of money laundering.
- A second warrant was executed in Goldthorpe. A small amount of cannabis was located. The female occupant received a cannabis caution. A Police style baton was found during the search, which has been removed and destroyed.
- In Hoyland, PCSO's located an abandoned vehicle as the occupants of the vehicle were seen running away. In the vehicle, a large quantity of what is believed to be crack cocaine was located, along with a large hunting style knife and a quantity of cash. Enquiries are ongoing in relation to the owner of the vehicle involved.
- Colleagues in the Road Policing Team recovered two stolen vehicles in the Goldthorpe area. Enquiries are ongoing.

- Two members from Barnsley Council and the Homeless and Rough Sleeping Team visited the High Street in Wombwell and made three referrals for rough sleepers.
- Traffic wardens were also in attendance and issued several parking tickets in relation to illegal parking on Wombwell High Street.

Feedback from the public during the operation and on Social Media has been positive.



Last year we said we would be committed to:

Identify key risks and vulnerabilities to facilitate early intervention and prevention activity.

We have:

- ✓ *Undertaken twice weekly outreach assessments of rough sleeping across the borough, helping many into appropriate accommodation and support.*
- ✓ *Developed detailed profiles of individuals and locations most prone to the causes and effects of anti-social behaviour, to ensure tailored intervention plans can be implemented to prevent problems later down the line.*



- ✓ *Significant financial investment into programmes to help prevent crime and anti-social behaviour, including the purchasing of a new CCTV vehicle and renewal of the public realm CCTV system.*

Last year we said we would be committed to:

Build public confidence and improve perceptions of safety.

We have:

- ✓ *Invested in wardens to further increase the highly visible uniformed presence in our town centre.*
- ✓ *Conducted high visibility operations including Operation Duxford, Dark Nights and Operation Barossa. These were in response to the challenges highlighted by the communities, and were conducted by a maximum deployment of uniformed staff.*



- ✓ *Developed successful campaigns such as Dumpit and Scarper to address issues affecting the public and tackle environmental crime.*



Case study: Operation Duxford

Operation Duxford is a force-wide Police led operation that includes multiple partner agencies. In its third year, it rotates round the four districts in South Yorkshire on a rolling basis. The Operation was brought in following the cuts to Police numbers and its intention was to bring visible and overt Policing back to neighbourhood areas.

There are two aspects to the operation, **Crime and Community**.

- **The Crime** aspect looks at enforcement, Arrest Warrants, Wanted People and Search Warrants.
- **The Community** aspect looks to the neighbourhood teams to conduct high visibility actions and engagements, with partners, to ensure our local communities see active Policing taking place in areas identified through the communities themselves.

As a force-wide operation, this enables resources to be deployed into a single district, resulting in large increases in deployable staff, particularly specialist resources, including traffic, mounted, firearms and the off-road bike team.

On Thursday 26 September 2019, Operation Duxford returned to Barnsley with over 152 staff deployed across the district:

- Seventeen arrests were made on the day, for offences including possession with intent to supply controlled drugs, burglary, possession of offensive weapons, disqualified driving, drug driving, prison recalls and warrants.



Intelligence information provided by the Safer Neighbourhoods Service supported officers to undertake eight search warrants with seven positive results.

The Community arm of the operation identified areas in each neighbourhood team's patch that required targeted activity. These included a multi-agency street blitz, housing and immigration checks, as well as crime prevention and engagement stalls. Officers had positive engagement with 3600 people in the course of these activities. Staff also visited fourteen repeat and vulnerable victims as part of the operation, promoting safeguarding and reassurance. We also held a recruitment stall in the town centre working with the Police aiming to recruit Barnsley's own residents to help protect and make their town safer. This resulted in over 60 referrals to the recruiting department.

Feedback from the public on the day was overwhelmingly positive, as was the social media reaction.

Last year we said we would be committed to:

Support the transformation of our town centre by ensuring it is, and feels a safe place to work live and visit.

We have:

- ✓ Reviewed and reintroduced a town centre Public Spaces Protection Order' which helps partners to enforce certain conditions to keep the town centre safe as agreed through consultation.
- ✓ Targeted support to those most vulnerable in the town centre through the 'Barnsley Homeless Alliance' and the 'Help us Help Them' campaign.



Find out more about Greg's story at:
youtu.be/uhzcUD2g03Q

- ✓ Launched the 'Joining Forces' brand by showcasing the alignment and co-location of more than 50 uniformed officers into the Glass Works in the heart of the town centre.

Promoting Community Tolerance and Respect sub-group:

This group focussed on meeting the following outcome:

Communities are safer,
cohesive and more resilient.

A picture of our achievements

Last year we said we would:

“Work in partnership with the public sector, voluntary agencies, communities and individuals to promote a more tolerant and resilient society.”

We have:

- ✓ Revised the membership of the ‘Community Tolerance and Respect’ sub-group to include representatives from all sectors with a view to ensure cross sector involvement in planning.
- ✓ Successfully delivered awareness raising inputs at a variety of high profile events including Barnsley Pride, Destination Barnsley and events throughout Hate Crime Awareness week.
- ✓ Expanded the number of third-party reporting centres to include the Citizens Advice Bureau, the central library and Barnsley MIND.

Last year we said we would:

“Deliver an inclusive and fair service meeting the needs of all individuals and communities allowing people to feel safe, respected and valued.”

We have:

- ✓ Expanded the Safe Places Scheme by recruiting new premises across the district to include Penistone, Cudworth, Thurnscoe, Great Houghton, Wombwell and the town centre, as well as refreshing training to staff at existing venues. The Safe Places Scheme was re-launched formally at Barnsley Town Hall on 17 October 2019.



- ✓ Continued to develop the Community Challenge Board (members of the public who scrutinise reported ASB, hate and vulnerability incidents and monitor use of Stop/Search). The board members have received awareness on cuckooing, modern day slavery and human trafficking.
- ✓ Improved the data sharing from schools across the district which has given us more intelligence on hate crimes/incidents involving school pupils (as victims and/or offenders).

Case study:

For a period of several months, a person was subjected to daily racial abuse whilst walking past the local school. This was initially reported to the school and the abuse stopped for a while before starting up again. The victim felt that nothing more could be done, so decided to alter his daily routine to avoid walking past the school.

He still experienced abuse from school children in the local area and therefore reported this to the police. The Hate Crime Coordinator (HCC) contacted the victim and agreed to contact the school directly. This led to the identification of the main offender who had also been reported by another for his behaviour from a third-party reporting centre.

The youth was spoken to by a police officer at home in front of his parents. The HCC made contact with the victim to explain what actions had been taken. He was extremely grateful and reported he had been subject of no further abuse.

Last year we said we would:

“Ensure communities and partners have the strength, capacity and capability to identify and respond to shared issues of concern.”

We have:

- ✓ Delivered training packages to ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) groups, disability groups, refugees, asylum seekers and migrant groups on what constitutes hate crime and how to report it.
- ✓ Delivered training to South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service staff who are responsible for undertaking vulnerable person visits. The aim was to recognise issues relating to hate crime, ‘mate’ crime and cuckooing.
- ✓ Incorporated a new model of community tension reporting for all members of the Promoting Community Tolerance and Respect sub group.

Case study:

Andrew*, a 30 year old, unemployed individual was referred into the Channel process¹ following concerns about his behaviour and attitude. Andrew had extreme right wing political, anti-Islamic and anti-Semitic beliefs. He was a solitary person who spent a lot of time watching extreme political videos on YouTube. His vulnerability was made worse because of alcohol dependency which was known to lead him to bouts of violence.

Due to the extensive complex issues affecting Andrew, a collaborative approach by partner agencies was considered essential to help reduce Andrew’s risk to himself and the community. The ‘Channel Panel’ approach to supporting such cases meant that multiple agencies were able to join their expertise to source the most appropriate specialists. The Home Office Intervention provider developed a longer term support package for Andrew.

The Panel worked with the Police Channel Practitioner to help Andrew address his extreme right-wing views. Health service representative was also engaged, and the panel was able to liaise with the Mental Health Liaison and Diversion

Team as well as Andrew's GP. Following various assessments, it was established that Andrew was suffering from depression and anxiety, which was due to rent arrears and poor money management. This in turn fuelled his need to drink excessively.

Andrew was supported by various services

- Barnsley Recovery Steps played a key role in monitoring and assisting Andrew throughout the Channel Process.
- Safer Neighbourhood Services Housing and Welfare services assisted Andrew throughout the housing application process.
- Rent arrears and money management support was provided by Berneslai Homes, Family Intervention Service/Tenants First.
- Andrew has also been connected with the Council's Adult Skills & Community Learning programs to help him gain further skills.

All the above agencies worked together to help Andrew to manage his multiple problems and concern in a planned way.

The support package developed through the Channel process was able to address the underlying causes that stimulated Andrew's extremist thoughts and subsequently reduce the risk that he might have posed to himself and the public.

**Note: Andrew is not the service user's real name.*

¹ **Channel Process:** Channel is a multi-agency approach to safeguarding, supporting and protecting children, young people and vulnerable adults at risk of radicalisation, extremism or terrorist related activity. Barnsley Channel Panel has been set up to support individuals who may fall into one of these areas.
<https://www.barnsley.gov.uk/services/community-safety-and-crime/prevent-and-channel/>

Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE)

Linking with the Barnsley Safeguarding Children Partnership

The Safer Barnsley Partnership works with the Barnsley Safeguarding Children Partnership Board.

Child Exploitation (CE) and Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE) are two emerging themes nationally.

The CE work plan sits alongside the Barnsley Safeguarding Children Partnership (BSCP) Strategy. This aims to prevent and protect children and young people from exploitation and help to pursue perpetrators to prosecution. It also provides support for all victims of CE and their families.

The CE work plan is led by the CE sub-group linked to the BSCP. The committee has representation from all key statutory agencies and partners in Barnsley. Regular progress updates on this work plan are reported into the Crime sub-group and the wider Safer Barnsley Partnership Board.



Work around CCE is being coordinated by Police and Local Authorities across Barnsley, Doncaster and Rotherham, to develop local multi-agency strategies to tackle this challenge. A pilot project will inform sub-regional CCE strategies with support from funding by the Police and Crime Commissioners Office.

This will help to develop a cross-boundary agreement to tackle CCE across the three Boroughs, using a common approach to identify and respond to issues.

There are various new initiatives including the “Epic” (encouraging potential inspiring change) programme, being implemented to support our most vulnerable children across Barnsley. These ensure all appropriate support is available for our most vulnerable young people.

‘Doncaster Children’s Trust’ led a successful joint bid to the PCC, to establish a response to tackle Child Criminal Exploitation throughout Doncaster, Barnsley and Rotherham.

The model’s preventative approach coordinates agencies to support young people who may be vulnerable to or experiencing exploitation.

In Barnsley we have:

- ✓ *Mapped activity relating to organised criminal gangs, and their linkages and impact on vulnerable young people. This has led to ‘targeted disruption activities’ in the borough.*
- ✓ *Created ‘Positive Activities Teams’ to help and prevent young people becoming involved in CCE. These teams have been deployed directly in high risk areas, based upon Police and local intelligence.*
- ✓ *Established a South Yorkshire wide CCE strategy and intervention offer, supporting identified young people with locally based services, including any therapeutic support they need.*
- ✓ *Developed a CCE/crime prevention offer, to be delivered in schools where CCE issues have been identified.*
- ✓ *Commissioned local voluntary, community and faith groups for ongoing aftercare and support to our young people who have experienced CCE.*

6. DELIVERING OUR KEY AREAS OF FOCUS FOR THE NEXT PERIOD (2020-2021)

BARNSELY JOINT STRATEGIC INTELLIGENCE ASSESSMENT (JSIA)

The JSIA is an annual review of data from the police, council and partner agencies which identifies existing and any emerging issues within the borough.

The production of the JSIA involves the following key steps:

- *Gathering of evidence and information.*
- *Writing and analysing the evidence and information.*
- *Understanding the information to establish the most important aspects and any trends.*
- *Identifying important areas and priorities based on the evidence considered.*
- *Engaging with the wider public and appropriate community groups.*
- *Including public views to help set the priorities.*
- *Making recommendations to the Safer Barnsley Partnership Board on the final key areas of focus for each of the sub-groups for the following year.*

These findings propose priorities to the relevant agencies, with the overall aim of ensuring that we all work together effectively to tackle crime, anti-social behaviour, protect vulnerable people and promote community tolerance and respect.

Key findings

Responses to our Public Consultation survey have seen an increase year on year.

The majority of the respondents (94.4%) live in Barnsley.

There has been an overall reduction noted in burglary, vehicle offences, robbery, arson and criminal damage offences during 2019 period.

There is more awareness of the impact of drug and substance misuse within the community and multi-agency approaches to tackling this issue is having a positive impact on vulnerable people's lives.

Our JSIA priorities for 2020-2021

The themes below have been identified as important issues which we need to tackle as a priority. We will also be focussing our resources into wider areas in parallel to the priorities below to ensure our residents are resilient, stronger and safe from harm. Whilst these priorities remain a key focus we have a supporting role with the police, the NHS and other key partners during pandemic virus's and emergency incidents.

Acquisitive crime

Acquisitive crime is where the offender has a material gain from the offence, for example theft, burglary and robbery offences. It is recognised that these offences have a harmful impact on both individuals as well as businesses; therefore it is a high priority.

Environmental crime

Environmental crime includes fly-tipping, graffiti, arson, littering, noise complaints and dog fouling. Barnsley Council's '#EverybodyThink' campaign raises awareness about disposing of rubbish responsibly and the "Love Where You Live" campaign seeks to increase pride in our borough and its communities. We will continue to pursue the reduction in harm to our beautiful borough.

Substance misuse and Drug Offences

Substance abuse and drug dealing are a high priority because of the harm and impact this has on the individuals, organisations and our community as a whole. Within Barnsley, there is an integrated substance misuse service which supports people with drug and alcohol problems. There are also a number of schemes in place to help with alcohol misuse in Barnsley, including the Best Bar None initiative, incorporating licensed premises in the town centre. Barnsley also has a Public Space Protection Order, which forbids drinking in the street and around the town centre.



Vulnerability and Safeguarding

There is support available across Barnsley, where we have a variety of specialist teams ready to listen, support and provide advice on the steps you can take to get out of an abusive situation. The “Speak Up” campaign raises awareness of domestic abuse. If you’d like to speak to someone, call the domestic abuse charity IDAS (Independent Domestic Abuse Services) on 03000 110110. There will always be someone ready to listen.

The council is working in partnership with IDAS to launch another new campaign, “Speak to me”, based around GP surgeries and establishes a safe environment to discuss domestic abuse, healthy relationships and reducing risk.

Delivery sub-groups

For the period 2020-2021 the Safer Barnsley Partnership strategic priorities and vision will continue to be delivered through our four sub-groups which are:

- *Tackling Crime.*
- *Protecting Vulnerable People.*
- *Tackling Anti-Social Behaviour.*
- *Promoting Community Tolerance and Respect.*

Our range of actions and interventions will be informed by the JSIA 2020 priorities. This will help us deliver against the Safer Barnsley Partnerships strategic outcomes.

The four sub-groups’ actions continue to promote a holistic and multi-agency approach with a clear focus on harm reduction and prevention. This approach is important because, for example, the harm caused by substance misuse and drug dealing has far reaching consequences. There are also significant implications for health and wellbeing in respect of the individual, families and the wider community, all of which have to be taken into account with equal importance.

7. ENGAGEMENT WITH THE COMMUNITY IN 2020

Working together well across the partnerships remains an important aspect of our ambition of delivering against our priorities in an effective way. The Safer Barnsley Partnership is one part of a wider partnership that aims to make Barnsley a great place to live. The diagram in section 11, illustrates this.

During 2020 the partnership will undertake a much broader campaign of public consultation in respect of its Joint Strategic Intelligence Assessment process. This will create wider opportunities to inform our priority setting work for the community.



8. KEY OUTCOMES AND COMMITMENTS FOR THE PERIOD 2020-2021

With the exception of child abuse and child sexual exploitation, all priority areas identified within the JSIA will be tackled by each of the four sub-groups as set out for the year 2020-2021. Child abuse and child sexual exploitation are already key priorities for the Barnsley Safeguarding Children's Board.

The Safer Barnsley Partnership Board works collaboratively with other key partnerships such as the 'Children Trust Executive Board', 'Stronger Communities Partnership Board' and both the Children and Adults Safeguarding Boards. This arrangement is reflected and facilitated by the Inter-Partnership Joint Working protocol.

9. KEY OUTCOMES AND COMMITMENTS OF THE SUB-GROUPS.

Crime sub-group

Outcome to be achieved: Victims and Communities are protected through a partnership approach to the identification and prevention of crime and targeted offender management.

We are committed to:

- *Improving our partnership response to domestic violence, targeting our offenders and offering an excellent victim's service.*
- *Developing a consistent community response to the threat from organised crime to lessen the harm caused.*
- *Assisting our communities in identifying emerging threats and issues that need a response through the crime sub group.*
- *Increasing our understanding and response to the threat of child exploitation and the threat to our most vulnerable in society through "county lines."*

- *Engaging with communities and developing a response to the threat from violent and knife enabled crime.*
- *Work in partnership through our "fortify" approach to tackle those who cause the most harm around serious acquisitive crime, in particular burglary offences. We will take appropriate action against those that choose to both supply and take illegal drugs.*

Protecting Vulnerable People sub-group

Outcome to be achieved: The threat, risk and harm to vulnerable people, families and communities is minimised.

We are committed to:

- *Developing domestic abuse services that will meet the needs of the community.*
- *Enabling victims of cuckooing to seek and access help, and enable other professionals to refer victims for the appropriate advice and guidance.*
- *Continuing to support individuals with multiple support needs who are aged 25 years and over to access accommodation and support that are appropriate to their needs.*
- *Co-ordinate a multi-agency response across the Safer Barnsley Partnership to tackle substance misuse across the borough by implementing a substance misuse plan.*
- *Continue to develop the current substance misuse service to help those with drug and alcohol problems to access the most suitable treatment and support that is appropriate to their needs.*
- *Continuing to strategically align the work to deliver Troubled Families/ Think Family programme objectives working with our partners.*
- *Addressing the challenge of people with complex needs to help their recovery and resettlement.*

Anti-Social Behaviour sub-group

Outcome to be achieved: The impact of anti-social behaviour on our town and residents is reduced.

We are committed to:

- *The further enhancement of the local Safer Neighbourhood Services to better tackle local crime and anti-social behaviour.*
- *Improved approaches to and opportunities for engagement to identify priorities, improve perceptions and help to strengthen communities.*
- *Focussing on those problems identified as causing most concern including antisocial behaviour associated with substance misuse, environmental crime and housing related nuisance to tackle antisocial behaviour most impacting communities.*
- *Provide tailored interventions to those most susceptible to causing or being a victim of persistent anti-social behaviour to protect and support those most vulnerable to the impacts of anti-social behaviour.*
- *Develop and improve our analytical capabilities across the partnership to be better informed in achieving our aim of tackling anti-social behaviour.*
- *Continue to work towards improving perceptions of safety in our town centre and other principal towns to help build tolerant and respectful communities.*

Promoting Community Tolerance and Respect sub-group

Outcome to be achieved: Communities are safer, cohesive and more resilient.

We are committed to:

- *Improving our service delivery to the public by developing our understanding of the make-up and needs of our communities.*
- *Increasing our engagement with the 'hard to reach' communities to build trust and confidence in service providers.*
- *Increasing the delivery of hate crime-related training to key stakeholders.*
- *Increasing the provision of 'Safe Places' and third-party reporting centres.*
- *Providing an early intervention approach to raising awareness amongst young people of hate crime and its impact.*

10. RIGHT SUPPORT, RIGHT TIME AND AT THE RIGHT PLACE

Working well together across the Partnership Boards is important in delivering our strategic priorities and reducing harm throughout our borough in an effective way.

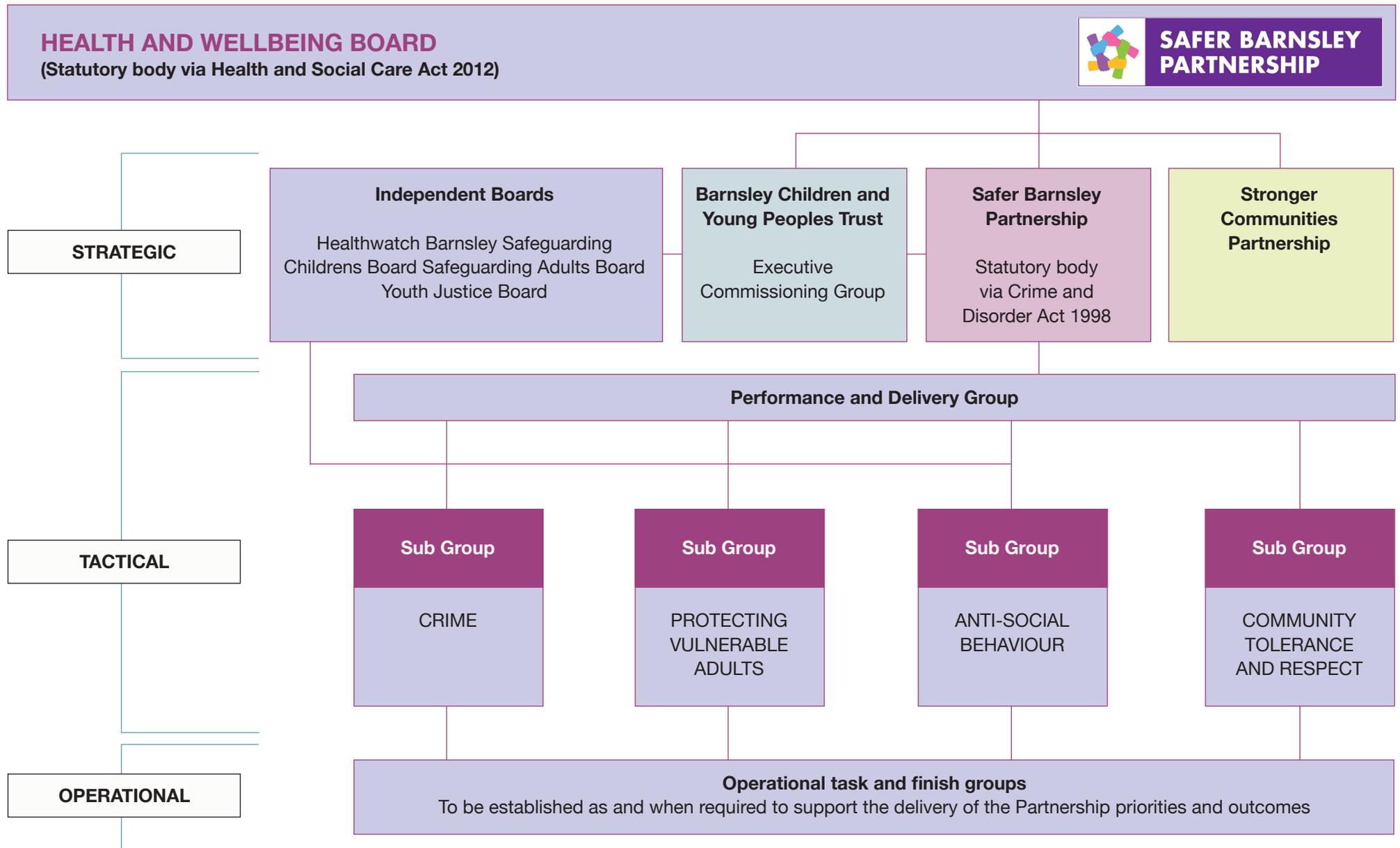
The Safer Barnsley Partnership Board is one part of a wider partnership that aims to make Barnsley a great place to live, work, invest and visit.

This Partnership links closely with the Stronger Communities Partnership Board and Safeguarding Boards. This close relationship enhances an integrated approach in supporting vulnerable people. In doing so, it helps partners to focus on enabling early help for adults, children and families and making our communities safer, stronger and resilient.

Actions are taken across many partnerships and its sub-groups. The Safer Barnsley Partnership Board ensures that progress and key issues linked to community safety are reported into the Safer Barnsley Partnership Board. This approach is assured through the 'Inter-Partnership Joint Working Protocol' which ensures the Stronger Communities, Safeguarding Boards and the TEG work closely to support people holistically.



11. MONITORING THE DELIVERY OF OUR PLAN



12. DELIVERING OUR PRIORITIES

The Safer Barnsley Partnership has overall responsibility for making sure that we deliver the priorities set out in this plan. Helping people to be safe in the community and protected from harm is everyone's responsibility. Working together with various organisations and community groups will help deliver against our priorities.

Key officers will be responsible to deliver against commitments made in this plan in the period 2020 - 2021. The results of their actions will be monitored and supported through a performance and development group. The focus will be to demonstrate how the community is benefiting from our actions.

13. REVIEW

This partnership plan covers the period 2020-2021 and will be reviewed annually to ensure any emerging trends from the JSIA are factored into future years' delivery.



14. PLAN ON PAGE

Strategic vision

Our strategic vision for Barnsley people and communities is to be:

- *Safe.*
- *Able to contribute to community life.*
- *Able to take responsibility for their own actions and how they affect others.*

Priorities for the period between 1 april 2020 and 30 march 2021

Our main priorities for this period, as recommended by the JSIA findings are:

- *Acquisitive Crime.*
- *Environmental Crime.*
- *Substance Misuse and Drug Offences.*
- *Vulnerability and Safeguarding*

Delivering against the priorities

Our priorities will be delivered by four sub-groups, which are:

- *Crime.*
- *Protecting Vulnerable People.*
- *Anti-social Behaviour.*
- *Promoting Community Tolerance and Respect.*

Outcomes to be achieved by each sub-group

Each sub-group will achieve the following outcomes by the year end:

- *Crime - "Victims and communities are protected through a partnership approach to the identification and prevention of crime and targeted offender management".*
- *Protecting Vulnerable People - "The threat, harm and risk to vulnerable people, families and communities are minimised".*
- *Anti-social Behaviour - "The impact of anti-social behaviour on residents and visitors to Barnsley is reduced".*
- *Promoting Community Tolerance and Respect - "Communities are safer, cohesive and more resilient".*

How we will measure our achievements

We will measure our achievements through key performance indicators and case studies that demonstrate:

- *The impact of joined-up approach with all our partners.*
- *That the person in need is placed at the centre of their support planning process.*
- *An increase in user satisfaction with the support they have received.*
- *A reduction in the level of crime and anti-social behaviour compared to previous periods.*

SAFER BARNSLEY PARTNERSHIP

ANNUAL PLAN

1 APRIL 2020 – 31 MARCH 2021

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If you need to report instances of anti-social behaviour or crime call 101 or 999 in an emergency.

If you need to report environmental crime such as graffiti, fly tipping, or un-authorised encampments visit:
www.barnsley.gov.uk/tell-us-about-it

