

# Safer Barnsley Partnership Plan



**SAFER BARNSLEY  
PARTNERSHIP**



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## 1. Foreword

“As Co-Chairs of the Safer Barnsley Partnership, we are pleased to present our partnership plan.

The partnership works to deliver its duties and responsibilities linked to the ‘Crime and Disorder Act 1998’. The partnership includes statutory and non-statutory organisations that works together to keep our communities safe. We meet every three months and focus on making Barnsley a safe place for everyone to live, work, and study.

Together, we aim to deliver the priorities in this plan and continue making Barnsley an even safer place.

We know how important it is to work together when responding to local and national challenges. Our plan underpins our commitments and reflects the local priorities of the council, Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner. We want Barnsley to be a place of possibilities.

We’ll continue working together, providing a safe community for all Barnsley’s residents, businesses, and visitors.”

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Co-Chair of the Safer Barnsley Partnership

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South Yorkshire Police  
Chief Superintendent  
Barnsley District Commander  
Co-Chair of the Safer Barnsley Partnership



## 2. Background and Context

The Barnsley Community Safety Partnership (CSP) is a statutory partnership. The partnership coordinates how Barnsley will tackle crime and disorder, protect vulnerable people, and reduce re-offending.

The [Crime and Disorder Act 1998](#) and subsequent legislation place statutory duties on Community Safety Partnerships to:

1. Produce an annual Joint Strategic Intelligence Assessment (JSIA).
2. Prepare and put in place a Community Safety Plan.
3. Establish information-sharing agreements.
4. Establish domestic homicide reviews.

Our partnership is called the '**Safer Barnsley Partnership**' (SBP) and consists of representatives from:

1. Barnsley Council.
2. [South Yorkshire Police](#).
3. [South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue](#).
4. [Probation Service](#).
5. [NHS South Yorkshire Integrated Care Board](#).
6. [Neighbourhood Watch](#).
7. [Berneslai Homes](#).
8. [South Yorkshire Criminal Justice Board](#).
9. [Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner](#).
10. [South West Yorkshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust](#).
11. [South Yorkshire Violence Reduction Unit](#).
12. [Youth Offending Team](#).



Our plan aligns with the statutory priorities and aspirations outlined in the [South Yorkshire Police and Crime Plan](#). This guarantees a collective approach to achieving the best possible outcomes for our communities.

It also aligns with the [Barnsley 2030 Strategy](#). This provides a vision for developing a Healthy, Growing, Learning and Sustainable Barnsley.

## 3. Our Partnership

The partnership believes that no single agency can deal with community safety and crime on its own. Our approach is to work together to tackle crime and disorder.

Our guiding principles for achieving this vision are:

## One public sector: One borough

Our residents want efficient and effective services, no matter who provides them. We will continue working in partnership to:

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



We remain committed to Engage, Prevent, Intervene, and Enforce where appropriate to make a safer Barnsley.

## A proactive relationship with our residents

We will:

1. Make sure that there are better-connected services.
2. Have regular engagement with our communities.
3. Continue to place our residents at the heart of everything we do.

We aim to support residents to do what they can for themselves, their families and their communities to help us all feel safe.

## 4. Delivery Against our Priorities

In our last plan, we delivered our priorities through four sub-groups: *'Crime'*, *'Protecting Vulnerable People'*, *'Anti-Social Behaviour'*, and *'Community Tolerance and Respect'*.

The scope of the sub-groups has been reviewed to reflect the refreshed areas of focus for the partnership. Therefore, the plan will be delivered through our four new multi-agency sub-groups, which are:

- *'Violence and Organised Crime.'*
- *'Safe Places'*
- *'Harm Reduction.'*
- *'Cohesive and Resilient Communities.'*

## 5. Barnsley Joint Strategic Intelligence Assessment (JSIA)

The Joint Strategic Intelligence Assessment (JSIA) is an annual review of information and data from the Police, council, and partner agencies. The JSIA provide the partnership and the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) with evidence of the current crime and disorder trends in Barnsley. This helps us to understand:

- Past and current responses to assuring community safety in Barnsley.
- Any emerging issues locally and regionally.

The overall result of the JSIA includes an analysis of information and feedback received from the public consultation on:

- What is important to them around community safety.
- What their key priorities are for the next period.

This is the fifth year that the survey has been conducted, and each year has seen an increase in responses from the public—2,437 responses (1,182 more than last year). The majority of respondents either lived, worked or both within the borough (81.3%). There were higher numbers of respondents from Central, South-East, and North-East areas of Barnsley. The number of respondents from Penistone was the lowest.

The survey suggests that perception of crime and ASB is slightly worse than last year.

More people reported feeling safe in their villages and local towns but less so in the Barnsley town centre.

There is awareness and understanding of crime types in the community. However, people said that mate crime or cuckooing was one area they understood the least. This was a similar response to the previous year's survey.

Communities would also benefit from education around organised crime, child criminal exploitation, cybercrime, and serious organised crime. Most people had heard of these issues but had little understanding of them.

The public view on priority issues has remained mostly unchanged since the last survey. Child abuse and exploitation remain the areas of focus, followed by substance misuse and violent crimes.

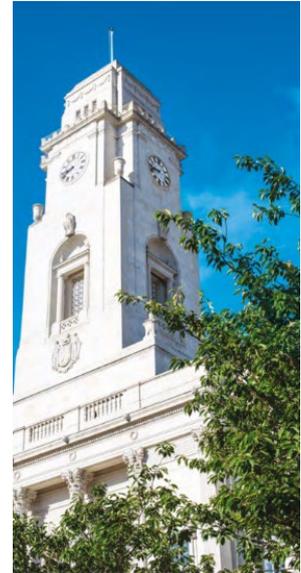
Each year the partnership will carry out public consultation as part of its Joint Strategic Intelligence Assessment (JSIA) process. This will create an opportunity to update the public about our work and how this is planned.



## 5.1. Our Priorities

Based on the outcomes of the recent JSIA and recognising that all crime types are a priority for the Safer Barnsley Partnership, the top priority areas for the next period are:

- Domestic Abuse.
- Substance Misuse.
- Multiple Needs.
- Hate Crime.
- Prevent.
- Community Tension.
- Violence Against Women and Girls.
- Organised Crime.
- Serious Violence.
- Anti-Social Behaviour.
- Environmental Crime.
- Neighbourhood Crime.



Except for child abuse and child exploitation, all priority areas identified within the JSIA (Needs Analysis document) will be tackled by each of the four sub-groups. Child abuse and child exploitation are already key priorities for the [Barnsley Safeguarding Children's Board](#). The '*Violence and Organised Crime*' sub-group will monitor and report the delivery against our Violence Reduction action plan.

As the partnership works toward delivering its priorities in the next period, it will also do so by responding to emerging duties and responsibilities in respect of the following:

1. Ten-year drug strategy '[From Harm to Hope](#)', which will focus on:
  - Breaking drug supply chains.
  - Delivering a world-class treatment and recovery system.
  - Achieving a shift in the demand for drugs.

To deliver against the new drug strategy, a new 'Combatting Drugs Partnership' has been established. The 'Combatting Drugs Partnership' will operate alongside the 'Safer Barnsley Partnership' to provide independence and meet our obligations whilst ensuring efficient partnership arrangements continue.

The 'Combatting Drugs Partnership' priorities cut across the remits of two sub-groups which are the '*Harm Reduction*' and '*Violence and Organised Crime*' groups. Both sub-groups will therefore be responsible to the 'Combatting Drugs Partnership' for delivering against the elements of the priorities and key actions.

2. '[Barnsley's Domestic Abuse Strategy 2021-2027](#)', which will focus on:
  - Providing victims of Domestic Abuse with the right support.
  - Prevent Domestic Abuse.

- Guaranteeing a strong multi-agency response to Domestic Abuse.
- Holding perpetrators to account and supporting them to change their behaviour.

The 'Domestic Abuse Strategy' will be delivered by the '*Harm Reduction*' sub-group and '*Violence and Organised Crime*' sub-group.

3. The new 'Protect Duty' will focus on making the public safer at publicly available locations and providing better protection from terrorism for the British public. This duty will be overseen by the '*Safe Places*' sub-group.
4. The new 'Serious Violence Duty' is expected to come into force in the spring of 2023 and will be overseen by the '*Violence and Organised Crime*' sub-group.

The partnership is committed to tackling re-offending and rehabilitation as a priority through responses such as Integrated Offender Management. This will be primarily overseen by the '*Violence and Organised Crime*' sub-group. However, all sub-groups are committed to tackling re-offending and rehabilitation as a cross-cutting priority.

The partnership expects that the existing delivery arrangements against all the key duties will continue to evolve as implementation of new legislation progresses. All these developments will reflect Barnsley's ambitions as well as allocated funding resources over the coming years.



## 6. Key Commitments

### 6.1. Violence and Organised Crime Sub-Group

We aim to work with communities and partners to prevent, reduce and tackle the harm caused by violence against women and girls, serious violent crime and organised criminality.

#### **Our key commitments are to:**

1. Make sure that members of our community feel safe from violence and the harm caused by organised criminality.
2. Make sure we have a joint understanding of who is being harmed, where it is happening and who is causing it so we can tackle it appropriately.
3. Make sure we have the correct support services to meet the needs of our communities and that this is informed by what they tell us they need.

4. Make sure we can identify those at risk of harm or at risk of becoming involved in causing harm at an early stage and intervene appropriately.
5. Have a joint, robust, and proactive approach to tackle perpetrators, enablers, and places where harm is caused.
6. Tackle re-offending through integrated offender management and rehabilitation.

In delivering the above commitments, the Violence and Organised Crime sub-group will be supported by the Violence Reduction Unit Plan.

### 6.1.1. Violence Reduction Unit (VRU): Tackling and Preventing Violence



The [South Yorkshire Violence Reduction Unit \(SYVRU\)](#)'s ongoing primary aim is to strengthen leadership and the strategic co-ordination of all relevant agencies to support a public health approach to tackle violence wherever it occurs, by better understanding the root causes and sources of the violence.

The three main areas of focus remain:

- Build on the partnership arrangements to strengthen our combined approach.
- Increase local delivery of tried and tested multi-agency public health approaches.
- Develop new ways to understand and develop good practices with partners across the county focused on violence prevention and reduction.

To deliver against our collective objectives, Barnsley is adopting a longer-term view of working with its partners and has completed a comprehensive area profile. This has informed the Barnsley Violence Reduction Plan. The plan will continue to be monitored through the Violence and Organised Crime sub-group of the Safer Barnsley Partnership.

Barnsley's VRU delivery plan aligns with the Safer Barnsley Partnership's priorities in this document. The Safer Barnsley Partnership links local delivery plans and actions with the broader SYVRU's prevention framework which are:

- **Primary prevention** – stopping violence before it starts.
- **Secondary prevention** – provide early support to stop violent behaviour from becoming established.
- **Tertiary prevention** – providing a way out for those already entrenched in violence.
- **Criminal justice and enforcement** – holding people accountable when they are criminally culpable.
- **Attitudinal change** – aiming to shift cultural norms in society.

The South Yorkshire Violence Reduction Unit also remains focussed on reducing Violence Against Women and Girls in all its forms. It is committed to amending its strategy to address this crime.

Set out in Barnsley's Violence Reduction Plan, the VRU and its partners are committed to:

- **Place** – Reduce violence in the streets and locations where it is most common.
- **Alcohol** – Reduce the impact of alcohol on violence.
- **Evening and Night-Time Economy** – Reduce violence associated with the night-time economy.
- **Address disproportionate levels of violence** – (Both victim and perpetrator) associated with young people between the ages of 15 and 30.
- **Domestic Abuse** – Work to end domestic abuse and create zero tolerance toward domestic abuse in Barnsley.
- **Weapon Enabled Crime** – Prevent the escalation of the use of weapons in Barnsley and disrupt the activity of those for whom weapons are a feature of their criminal activity.

You can read the [South Yorkshire Violence Reduction Unit Strategy](#) here.

## 6.2. Safe Places Sub-Group

We aim to reduce neighbourhood crime (such as burglary, robbery, and theft), anti-social behaviour incidents and environmental crime working with the communities through early action and interventions.

**Our key commitments are to:**

1. Tackle neighbourhood crime through good partnership working with all communities and focussing on problem-solving, building trust and confidence.
2. Prevent anti-social behaviour and reduce its impact on communities and places such as Barnsley town centre.
3. Further develop the approach to reduce anti-social behaviour in our housing and neighbourhood communities.
4. Provide excellent services to support victims of and those affected by anti-social behaviour.
5. Create opportunities that promote a positive attitude and behaviour change towards littering and environmental crime through education and support.
6. Strengthen local partnerships to tackle litter and environmental crime by communities.
7. Take consistent action to deal with littering and environmental crime.



### 6.3. Harm Reduction Sub-Group

Our strategic aim is to minimise the threat, risk and harm to vulnerable people, families and communities.

**Against our three priority areas, we are committed to dealing with:**

#### **Substance Misuse:**

- Increasing the number of drug and alcohol users engaging in treatment and support as well as increases in those achieving and sustaining recovery.
- Reducing drug and alcohol-related crime and anti-social behaviour.
- Improving people's mental and physical ill health and a reduced likelihood of deaths caused by alcohol and drug use.
- Reducing the impact of parental alcohol and/or drug misuse on children and families.
- Reducing drug and alcohol-related hospital admissions.
- Supporting people in their ongoing recovery.

#### **Domestic Abuse:**

- Making sure that all Barnsley Council and strategic partner managers are trained to identify and offer support.
- Making sure all school and college safeguarding leads can manage domestic abuse identified with pupils and others.
- Developing domestic abuse safe accommodation to establish additional housing.
- Engaging with domestic abuse service providers to deliver support in the future.
- Developing specialisms within our services for LGBTQIA+, ethnic minorities, and the deaf community and work with young people.
- Providing therapeutic group and individual work to children and young people impacted by domestic abuse.



#### **People with Multiple Needs:**

- Reducing the number of young people experiencing multiple disadvantages without coordinated and appropriate support access.
- Reducing the number of people experiencing multiple disadvantages who are presenting to crisis services.

### 6.4. Cohesive and Resilient Communities Sub-Group

**Our aims are to:**

1. Raise awareness of hate crime in communities and encourage hate crime reporting.
2. Improve sharing, use and understanding of intelligence data to help deal with the risks of community tension early.

3. Use our learning and partnership working practices to improve our recognition, understanding and approach to managing risks in respect of extremism and terrorism in communities.

**Our key commitments are to:**

1. Work with our partners and communities to prevent hate crime whilst developing a better understanding of the nature and extent of hate.
2. Review hate crimes to identify vulnerability, and suspects, identify trends and take proactive steps to safeguard.
3. Improve the response to and investigate hate crimes seeking appropriate outcomes for offenders.
4. Promote awareness and increase community confidence to increase reporting of hate crimes.
5. Identify, respond, and monitor community tension.
6. Promote cohesive communities.
7. Provide support through education and awareness to deal with right-wing extremism both online and within communities.

## 7. Right Support, Right Time, Right Place

Working together remains an important aspect of our ambition. Actions are taken across many partnerships and their sub-groups. Progress and key issues linked to community safety are reported to the Safer Barnsley Partnership Board. The Safer Barnsley Partnership Board is one part of a wider partnership that aims to make Barnsley a place of possibilities.

The Safer Barnsley Partnership Board works collaboratively with other key partnerships such as:

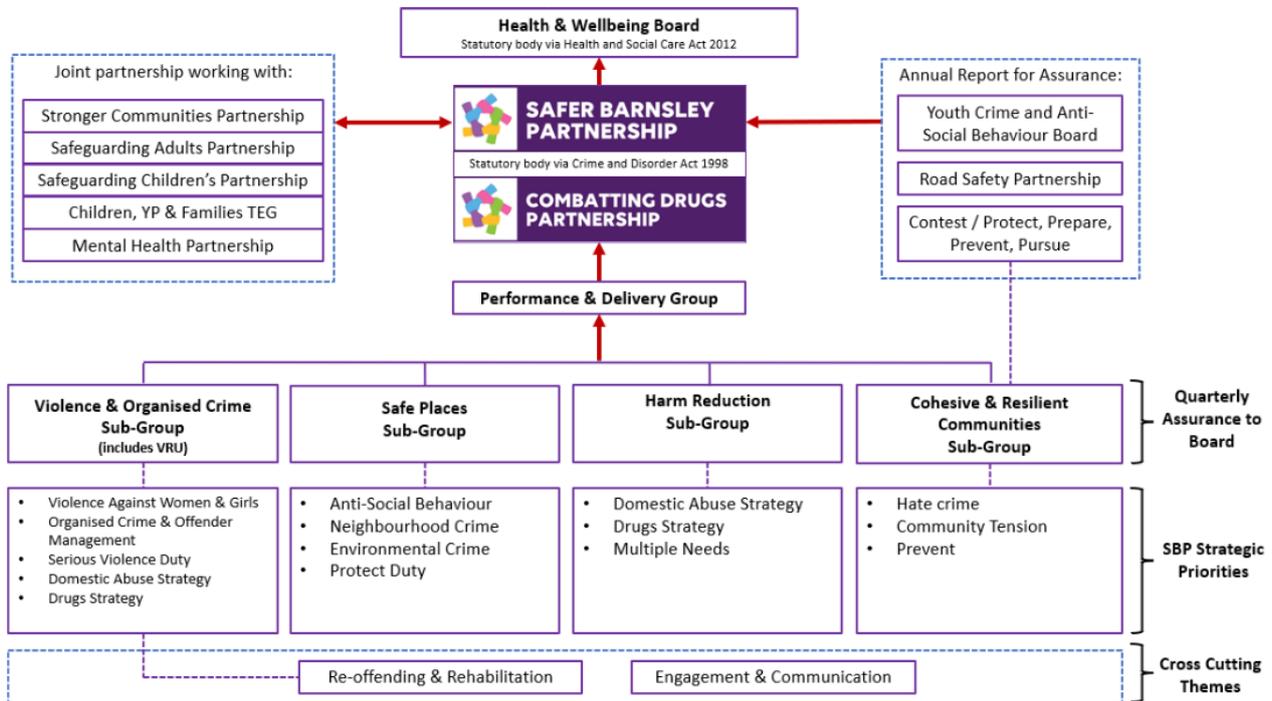
- [Children, Young People, and Families Trust Executive Group.](#)
- [Stronger Communities Partnership Board.](#)
- Mental Health Partnership.
- [Health and Wellbeing Board.](#)
- [Children's Safeguarding Board.](#)
- [Adults Safeguarding Board.](#)

This ensures a joint approach to support communities, solve problems early, and focus resources where and when needed. This arrangement is facilitated by the inter-partnership joint working protocol, which is reviewed every year. This partnership approach to community safety will make sure that the right support is provided at the right time in the right place.



## 8. Monitoring the delivery of our Plan

The diagram below illustrates how the Safer Barnsley Partnership connects to wider forums and partnerships. This is key in assuring community safety for the Borough.



## 9. Delivering our priorities

The Safer Barnsley Partnership is responsible for delivering the priorities set out in this plan. Key officers will deliver against the commitments made in this plan by working with organisations and community groups.

A performance and delivery group will monitor and support the sub-groups actions. This shows how our community benefit from these actions. The Safer Barnsley Partnership Board will oversee delivery against our priorities every three months. Where appropriate, progress against priorities will be shared across other partnership boards.

This partnership plan aligns to the South Yorkshire Police and Crime Plan. Its priorities are updated every year to make sure any emerging trends from the JSIA are factored into future years' delivery.



## 10. Plan on a Page

| <b>Strategic Vision<br/>for Barnsley's communities to be:</b>  |  |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Safe and inclusive.</li> <li>• Able to contribute to community life.</li> <li>• Able to take responsibility for their actions and how they affect others.</li> </ul>  |  |
| <b>Delivery Against the Priorities<br/>Four sub-groups will deliver our priorities:</b>  |  |
| <b>Safe Places Sub-Group</b>   | <b>Violence and Organised Crime Sub-Group</b>  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Neighbourhood Crime</li> <li>• Anti-Social Behaviour</li> <li>• Environmental Crime</li> <li>• Protect Duty</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Violence Against Women and Girls</li> <li>• Organised Crime and Offender Management</li> <li>• Serious Violence Duty</li> <li>• Domestic Abuse Strategy</li> <li>• Drug Strategy</li> </ul> |
| <b>Harm Reduction Sub-Group</b>  | <b>Cohesive and Resilient Communities Sub-Group</b>  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Domestic Abuse Strategy</li> <li>• Drug Strategy</li> <li>• Multiple Needs</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hate Crime</li> <li>• Community Tension</li> <li>• Prevent</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Cross-Cutting Themes</b>  |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Re-offending and Rehabilitation</li> <li>• Engagement and Communication</li> </ul>  |  |
| <b>We will measure our achievements<br/>through key performance indicators and case studies that demonstrate:</b>  |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The impact of the joined-up approach with all our partners.</li> <li>• That the person is at the centre of the support, intervention, and enforcement process.</li> <li>• An increase in user satisfaction with the support they have received.</li> <li>• A reduced level of crime and anti-social behaviour compared to previous periods.</li> <li>• A reduction in re-offending and an increase in rehabilitation take up and completion.</li> </ul> |  |

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call 101 or 999 in an emergency.

If you need to report an environmental crime such as graffiti, fly-tipping, or un-  
authorised encampments, visit:

[barnsley.gov.uk/tell-us-about-it](http://barnsley.gov.uk/tell-us-about-it)