To: The Chairman and Members of the Safer Communities Sub-Committee

(Councillors Jarvis, Barnett, Bates, Davey, Humphreys, Jackson, Osborne, O Phillips, Ridley, Ririe, Smith, M Watson, S Watson and A Wright)

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SAFER COMMUNITIES SUB-COMMITTEE

30 JUNE 2025

The Safer Communities Sub-Committee will meet on Monday, 30 June 2025 at 6.30pm in the Council Chamber at The Council House, South Street, Atherstone, Warwickshire.

The day after the meeting a recording will be available to be viewed on the Council's YouTube channel at <u>NorthWarks - YouTube</u>.

AGENDA

- 1 Evacuation Procedure.
- 2 Apologies for Absence / Members away on official Council business.
- 3 **Disclosable Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests.**

4 **Public Participation**

Up to twenty minutes will be set aside for members of the public to put questions to elected Members.

Members of the public wishing to address the Board must register their intention to do so by 9:30am two working days prior to the meeting. Participants are restricted to five minutes each.

If you wish to put a question to the meeting, please register by email to <u>democraticservices@northwarks.gov.uk</u> or telephone 01827 719221/719226/719237.

Once registered to speak, the person asking the question has the option to either:

- (a) attend the meeting in person at the Council Chamber;
- (b) attend remotely via Teams; or
- (c) request that the Chair reads out their written question.

The Council Chamber has level access via a lift to assist those with limited mobility who attend in person however, it may be more convenient to attend remotely.

If attending remotely an invitation will be sent to join the Teams video conferencing for this meeting. Those registered to speak should dial the telephone number and ID number (provided on their invitation) when joining the meeting to ask their question. However, whilst waiting they will be able to hear what is being said at the meeting.

5 **Minutes of the meeting of the Sub-Committee held on 25 March 2025** – copy herewith, to be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND DECISION (WHITE PAPERS)

6 **Presentation by WCC and Refuge on Domestic Abuse**

Following a Motion to Council on 19 February 2025, it was agreed that a presentation be given to NWBC's Safer Sub-Committee focussing on the work being carried out on Domestic Abuse and identifying further actions that can be taken to work with partners to bring support to all victims of domestic abuse.

7 Warwickshire Community Safety Agreement - Report of the Chief Executive

Summary

This report updates Members on the Warwickshire Community Safety Agreement which sets out the priorities of the Safer Warwickshire Partnership Board and designed to deliver the Warwickshire vision: 'Working together to keep you safe'.

The Contact Officer for this report is Julie Taylor (719437).

8 North Warwickshire Community Safety Partnership Update - Report of the Chief Executive

Summary

This report updates Members on recent activities with the North Warwickshire Community Safety Partnership (CSP). It covers the CSP's performance, progress on priorities from the 2025-9 Strategic Assessment, presents the latest crime statistics, and outlines the new priorities.

The Contact Officer for this report is Julie Taylor (719437).

9 Warwickshire Community Safety Information Sharing Protocol - Report of the Chief Executive

Summary

This report updates Members on the Warwickshire Community Safety Protocol.

The Contact Officer for this report is Julie Taylor (719437).

STEVE MAXEY Chief Executive

NORTH WARWICKSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE SAFER COMMUNITIES SUB-COMMITTEE

25 March 2025

Present: Councillor Jarvis in the Chair

Councillors Barnett, Bates, Davey, Jackson, Melia, O Phillips, Ririe, Smith and Watson

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Clews (Substitute Councillor Smith), Humphreys and Osborne

4 Disclosable Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

None were declared at the meeting.

5 Minutes of the Meeting of the Safer Communities held on 12 November 2024

The minutes of the meeting held on 12 November 2024, copies having been previously circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

6 North Warwickshire Community Safety Partnership Update

The Chief Executive provided Members with an update on recent activities with the North Warwickshire Community Safety Partnership. Information was provided about the progress with the agreed priorities from the Strategic Assessment 2021/2022 and the latest crime statistics, together with an outline of the new priorities for 2025-2029.

Resolved:

- a That the update be noted;
- b That the performance and progress of the North Warwickshire Community Safety Partnership (CSP) be noted; and
- c That the successful expenditure of the awarded funding, as set out in the report of the Chief Executive, be noted.

7 North Warwickshire Community Safety Partnership Strategic Assessment

The Chief Executive provided Members with an update on the North Warwickshire Community Safety Partnership (CSP) Strategic Assessment.

Resolved:

- a That the Community Safety Strategic Assessment and the new Community Safety Partnership priorities for 2025-2029 be noted;
- b That the Safer Warwickshire Annual Review be noted; and
- c That the approved motion regarding domestic abuse be noted.

Councillor Jarvis CHAIR

Agenda Item No 7

Safer Communities Sub- Committee

30 June 2025

Warwickshire Community Safety Agreement

Report of the Chief Executive

1 Summary

1.1 This report updates Members on the Warwickshire Community Safety Agreement which sets out the priorities of the Safer Warwickshire Partnership Board, designed to deliver the Warwickshire vision: 'Working together to keep you safe'.

Recommendation to the Sub-Committee:

That Members note the draft 2025-29 Warwickshire Community Safety Agreement.

2 **Consultation**

2.1 Consultation has been conducted with the relevant Members, and any comments received will be presented at the meeting.

3 Background

- 3.1 The Warwickshire Community Safety Agreement 2022-26 was agreed by the Safer Warwickshire Partnership Board (SWPB) in March 2022.
- 3.2 This followed a comprehensive review of the role, function, structure and priorities of the Safer Warwickshire Board in 2021, through which three long term strategic ambitions were agreed, to address the causes of violence, safe, healthy and empowered communities and to tackle discrimination in all its forms.
- 3.3 The previous Community Safety Agreement covered the period until 2026 however, due to changing timescales over the Covid period, this is uncoordinated with other priorities and documents to which the agreement is intrinsically linked. Most notably, the Community Safety Partnership priorities will be agreed for a four-year period in early 2025 based on the findings of their Strategic Assessments, and a new Police and Crime Plan for Warwickshire will be developed during the second half of 2024.

- 3.4 The draft Warwickshire Community Safety Agreement (Appendix) sets out the priorities of the Safer Warwickshire Partnership Board building on the detailed strategic assessments used to set new priorities for each of our four Community Safety Partnerships in the County. These countywide priorities reflect the community safety issues and concerns of residents across Warwickshire and set out the shared commitment to tackling them. They are also closely aligned to the priorities set out by the Police and Crime Commissioner in his new Police and Crime Plan, reflecting our joint ambition for a County that is safer for all. Hence the new agreement is 2025 - 2029.
- 3.5 Community safety partners have a good record of working together to deliver positive outcomes for the residents of Warwickshire and the priorities set out in this agreement provide a clear focus for joint work to deliver lasting impact for our local communities. However, the local government landscape is likely to look quite different by the end of this agreement period, with discussions ongoing about reorganisation and devolution.

4 Summary

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- 4.1 Members are requested to note the draft Warwickshire Community Safety Agreement.
- 5 **Report Implications**

5.1 **Finance and Value for Money Implications**

5.1.1 Various funding is available to support this work.

5.2 **Safer Communities Implications**

5.2.1 These are set in the report and the appendices.

5.3 Legal, Data Protection and Human Rights Implications

- 5.3.1 Community Safety Partnerships are regulated by the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 (the 1998 Act) as amended. The 1998 Act requires the Council to collaborate with the police, the fire and rescue authority and the county council to implement a strategy for the reduction of crime. The recommendations in this report and the revised partnership plan contribute to the discharge of that requirement.
- 5.3.2 The Council is required to have a committee that scrutinises the crime and disorder work of various organisations within the Borough. The Council has decided that this Committee will fulfil that requirement.

5.4 **Environment, Climate Change and Health Implications**

5.4.1 By working to reduce crime and disorder, the partnership is contributing towards improving the quality of life for residents, businesses, and visitors to North Warwickshire.

5.5 Health Implications

5.5.1 The work of the partnership has several synergies with contributing towards healthier communities. These include tackling violent crime, supporting victims of domestic abuse, tackling alcohol and drug misuse, and reducing anti-social behaviour.

5.6 **Risk Management Implications**

5.6.1 The Community Safety Partnership Strategic Assessment includes risk analysis of risk and harm. The analysis uses an adapted Association of Chief Police Officers' Model (ACPO 3 PLEM). This is a basis scoring matrix for levels of harm. The assessment also includes consideration of a Management of Risk in Law Enforcement (MORILE) matrix. The key risks for the partnership are identified within the strategic assessment prepared each year.

5.7 Equality Implications

5.7.1 The work of the partnership includes several activities which contribute towards equality objectives. These include support services for victims of domestic abuse, reducing repeat victimisation, monitoring of hate crimes and rehabilitation of offenders.

5.8 Links to Council's Priorities

5.8.1 The Council has a priority for creating safer communities.

The Contact Officer for this report is Julie Taylor (01827) 719437.

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Warwickshire

Community Safety Agreement

2025-29

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Foreword

I am very pleased to introduce the Warwickshire Community Safety Agreement which sets out the priorities of the Safer Warwickshire Partnership Board and is designed to deliver our clear vision: 'Working together to keep you safe'

Building on the detailed strategic assessments used to set new priorities for each of our four Community Safety Partnerships in the county, these countywide priorities reflect the community safety issues and concerns of residents across Warwickshire and set out our shared commitment to tackling these.

They are also closely aligned to the priorities set out by the Police and Crime Commissioner in his new Police and Crime Plan, reflecting our joint ambition for a county that is safer for all.

Since the previous Warwickshire Community Safety Agreement was produced in 2022, significant changes and uncertainties have impacted both community safety and the broader societal landscape in which we operate. The aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic, cost of living pressures and wider national societal unrest have resulted in challenges for residents and increased demand on services, at a time when partner agencies also have responsibility for the implementation of new community safety duties and national priorities and managing ongoing funding pressures.

All of the above makes collaborative working ever more important to maximise the impact of available resources. Community safety partners have a good track record of working together to deliver positive outcomes for the residents of Warwickshire and the priorities set out in this agreement provide a clear focus for joint work to deliver lasting impact for our local communities.

The local government landscape is likely to look very different by the end of this agreement period, with discussions ongoing about reorganisation and devolution. Wherever that leads us, we look forward to working together over the next four years and beyond to create safer communities for all Warwickshire residents, businesses and visitors.

Chair of the SWPB

Executive Summary / Plan on a page

(to be designed)

Will include:

- Vision of SWPB
- Brief overview of what the CSA is and its purpose
- Countywide priorities
- Diagram(s) showing structure for delivery of priorities
- Links to other Boards/strategies.

Setting the scene

Why do we need a Community Safety Agreement?

The Crime and Disorder (Formulation and Implementation of Strategy) Regulations 2007 state:

- Before the end of each year the county strategy group shall prepare a community safety agreement for that year.
- The community safety agreement shall be based on the strategic assessments for that year prepared by the strategy groups for the areas in the county area.

What does the Community Safety Agreement need to include?

The Crime and Disorder (Formulation and Implementation of Strategy) Regulations 2007, with a 2010 amendment, further state:

The community safety agreement shall identify —

- a) the ways in which the responsible authorities in the county area might more effectively implement the priorities set out in these strategic assessments through coordinated or joint working; and
- b) how the responsible authorities in the county area might otherwise reduce re-offending, crime and disorder or combat substance misuse through coordinated or joint working.

Who are the responsible authorities?

The responsible authorities in Warwickshire as a two-tier local authority area are currently:

- Warwickshire County Council
- North Warwickshire Borough Council
- Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council
- Rugby Borough Council
- Stratford-on-Avon District Council
- Warwick District Council
- Probation Service Warwickshire

- Warwickshire Police
- Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service
- NHS Coventry and Warwickshire Integrated Care Board.

Whilst the Police and Crime Commissioner for Warwickshire is not a named responsible authority, there is a mutual duty to co-operate and have regard to each other's priorities.

What is the Warwickshire County Strategy Group?

The Safer Warwickshire Partnership Board fulfils the requirements of the county strategy group. Members of the Board include councillors and/or senior officers from all the responsible authorities, the Police and Crime Commissioner and representatives from the voluntary and community sector.

The Board aims to create safer communities through the reduction of crime and the promotion of safety, with an agreed vision:

'Working together to keep you safe'

What are Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs)?

In two-tier local authority areas such as Warwickshire, Community Safety Partnerships sit at a District/Borough level and fulfil the requirements of strategy groups for the areas in the county area. They are responsible for preparing a strategic assessment and implementing a partnership plan on behalf of the responsible authorities for the area.

There are currently four CSPs in Warwickshire:

- North Warwickshire CSP
- Nuneaton and Bedworth CSP
- Rugby CSP
- South Warwickshire CSP (incorporating Stratford-on-Avon and Warwick Districts)

What other legislative requirements do community safety partners need to meet?

The community safety landscape is increasingly complex. A summary of the key pieces of relevant legislation can be found at Appendix A.

What is the Warwickshire approach to priority setting and the development of the Community Safety Agreement?

Prior to 2021, annual strategic assessments were undertaken for each CSP and used to inform local and countywide priorities. In October 2021 all partners agreed to move to a four-year cycle of Strategic Assessments to enable a more strategic approach to long-term priorities to be taken. A Management of Risk in Law Enforcement (MoRiLE) assessment is undertaken every two years to determine the risk posed across a range of crime types and issues and identify any emerging threats, and an annual overview of the CSP priorities is undertaken in line with the requirements set out in legislation.

The Community Safety Agreement and countywide priorities form part of this four-year cycle but will be reviewed annually by the Safer Warwickshire Partnership Board to ensure compliance with the Crime and Disorder Regulations.



Warwickshire Community Safety priorities

Community Safety Partnership priorities

During 2024-25, comprehensive strategic assessments were prepared for each CSP by the partnership Community Safety Analysts. Information analysed included:

- Data from a wide range of sources, including local partnership agencies
- Results of the MoRiLE risk assessment undertaken with partner agencies
- The views of residents captured through the 2024 Your Say on Community Safety survey and local engagement
- Input from consultation meetings with partners and an online survey with wider stakeholders.

The strategic assessments were used to prepare draft priorities for each CSP. These were presented to each CSP Board in February/March 2025, with final sets of priorities agreed as shown in figure 1 below.



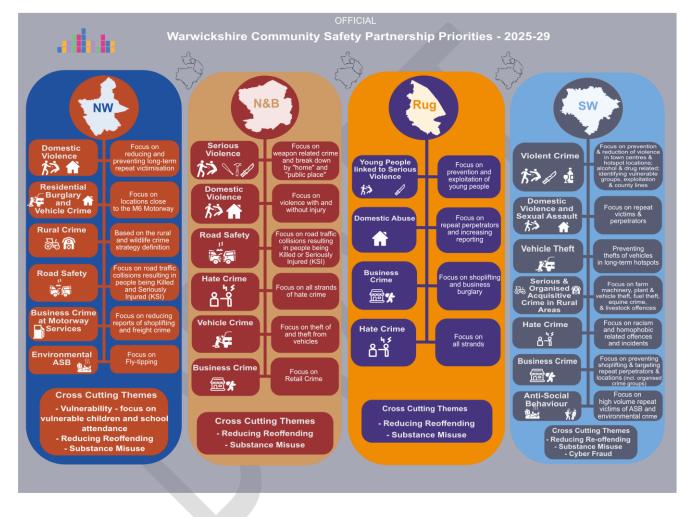


Figure 1: Warwickshire Community Safety Partnership Priorities – 2025-29

Information on how to access further information about the strategic assessments and community safety data can be found at Appendix B.

Countywide priorities.

In April 2025, representatives from the responsible authorities convened a workshop to identify countywide priorities for the period 2025-2029. In accordance with the requirements for a Community Safety Agreement, they considered both the new CSP priorities and other areas where a coordinated countywide approach would be beneficial. Priorities from the new Police and Crime Plan and latest MoRiLE risk gradings were taken into account as part of the decision-making process.

Seven priorities/themes that are priorities for at least two CSPs, with clear benefits to a co-ordinated countywide approach supporting local delivery, were chosen:

- Domestic Abuse¹
- Business Crime
- Serious Violence
- Hate Crime
- Anti-Social Behaviour
- Reducing Reoffending
- Substance Misuse.

Two additional priorities/themes that are not CSP priorities were also chosen:

- Preventing Extremism
- Serious and Organised Crime.

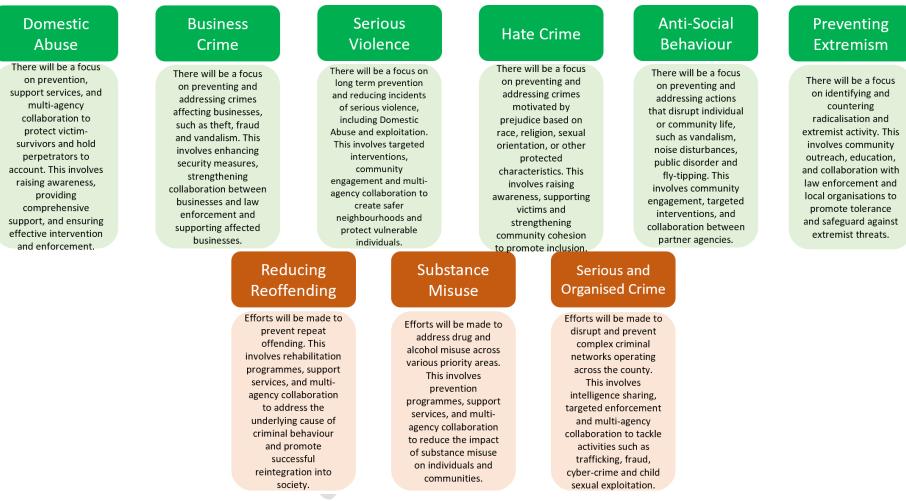
Although these are not CSP priorities, they form key elements of a countywide approach to reducing crime and disorder that would benefit from coordinated or joint working.

Figure 2 below shows the countywide priorities and cross-cutting themes along with their key areas of focus.

¹ Some CSPs have adopted this priority as Domestic Violence based on the data presented in the strategic assessments. There was unanimous agreement in the April 2025 workshop that the countywide priority should be worded as Domestic Abuse.

The work of the county Domestic Abuse and Sexual Assault Partnership Board also includes all Sexual Assault, Harmful Practices and Stalking.

Figure 2: Countywide Community Safety Priorities 2025-29 and Key Areas of Focus



Agreed Priorities and Cross-Cutting Themes of the Safer Warwickshire Partnership Board

Delivering the priorities

Responsible authorities and wider partner agencies will work together to deliver the priorities through a series of subgroups reporting into the Safer Warwickshire Partnership Board (SWPB). The partnership governance structure and subgroups responsible for the delivery of each priority are shown in figures 3 and 4 below.

Figure 3: Safer Warwickshire Partnership Board Governance Structure

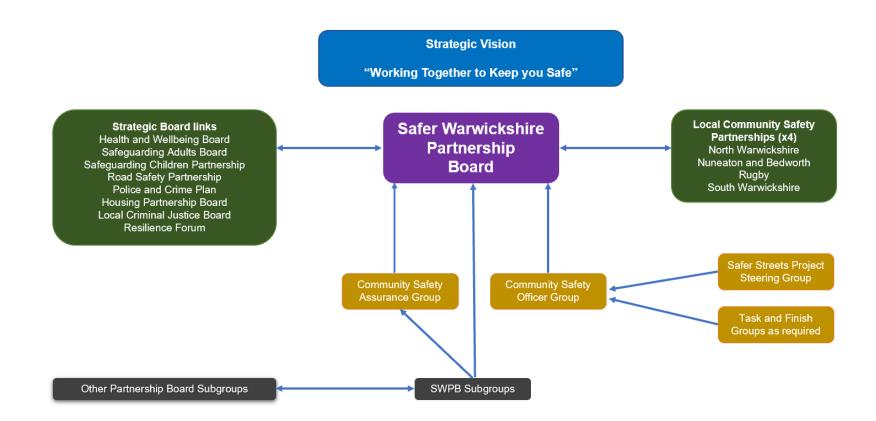
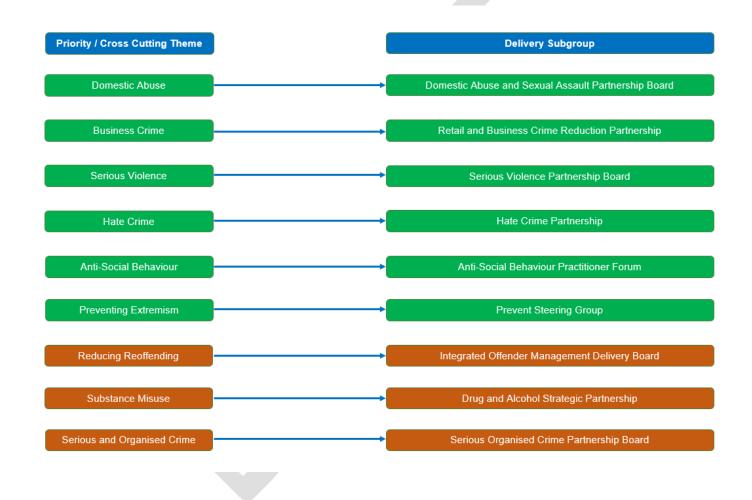


Figure 4: Safer Warwickshire Partnership Board Delivery Structure



An overview of the responsibilities for partner agencies involved in subgroups can be found at Appendix C.

Aligning delivery

There are clear overlaps between many of the priorities and subgroups. In addition, the cross-cutting themes require partnership focus as they have the potential for significant impact across the priorities. These overlaps will be managed through representatives of the priorities sitting on other relevant subgroups to ensure work is co-ordinated and duplication reduced. In addition, strategic frameworks have been developed for Reducing Reoffending and Exploitation as a mechanism to provide clarity and avoid duplication for themes that sit across multiple work areas.

Leads from each subgroup will meet quarterly at the Community Safety Assurance Group to discuss key activity, areas of good practice and issues of concern, with a report from this group then submitted to the SWPB. This mechanism will also be used to identify any cross-cutting initiatives that can be developed to most effectively implement the overall vision of the Board.

A two-way communications mechanism between CSPs and countywide subgroups will be formalised to ensure all partners are aware of and can contribute to work ongoing to deliver the countywide priorities.

Links to other strategic boards and plans

Work co-ordinated by and through several other strategic boards and plans has a significant role to play in the delivery of the Community Safety priorities, particularly around the themes of prevention and safeguarding.

These boards and plans include:

- The Warwickshire Health and Wellbeing Board and Strategy
- The Warwickshire Safeguarding Adults Board and Strategic Plan
- The Warwickshire Safeguarding Children Partnership and Business Plan
- The Warwickshire Road Safety Partnership and Strategy
- The Police and Crime Plan for Warwickshire
- The Warwickshire Housing Partnership Board
- The Warwickshire Criminal Justice Board
- The Warwickshire Resilience Forum.

Co-ordinators of these Boards meet regularly through the Partnership Board Co-ordinators Group, enabling issues of shared priority and concern to be discussed and progressed. In addition, the deputy chair of the SWPB is a representative from the Health and Wellbeing Board, demonstrating the strategic links between the two partnerships.

Communications and engagement

Effective joint communication is essential for delivering both CSP and countywide priorities. It enables residents to access community updates, support services and engagement opportunities, while providing valuable feedback to partner agencies.

The SWPB has adopted a Communications Strategy for the period 2025-28. This sets out partners' shared commitment to coordinated messaging and provides a framework for effective community safety communications in Warwickshire.

Performance management

Data and analysis

A monthly Community Safety performance report is prepared by the Community Safety Analysts and provides data showing crime reported to the Police and, where appropriate and available, information from other partners. This reporting will be aligned to the countywide priorities set out in this agreement, enabling a regular assessment of performance against these to be made.

In addition, the Community Safety Analysts manage a series of dashboards providing partner agencies with access to data across a range of community safety themes updated on a regular basis. Information from the dashboards and further specific analysis reports and recommendations prepared for each CSP and some countywide priority areas is discussed quarterly in the relevant meetings, enabling activity to be planned in relation to areas of concern or off target performance.

Management of activity

Crime data alone cannot be used to effectively measure performance against community safety priorities. This can be affected by a range of factors outside the control of partner agencies such as changes to crime recording guidelines, and there is a longstanding challenge around whether increases in reporting of certain crime types such as domestic abuse and hate crime is a negative reflecting increased crime levels or a positive reflecting increased awareness and confidence in reporting.

The SWPB subgroups have detailed strategies, frameworks and/or action plans in place setting out the work to be undertaken to deliver against each priority. To ensure this work is as effective and coordinated as possible, a new process will be established with each subgroup agreeing a small number of key indicators for their priority. Progress against these will be reported quarterly to the Community Safety Assurance Group for discussion and potential resolution of challenges affecting performance, and then onwards to the SWPB.

Annual reporting

An annual review of this agreement and performance against each of the priority areas will be presented to the SWPB. This will incorporate a review of the priorities themselves based on updated information available and aligned to reviews of the CSP priorities.

Appendix A

The Community Safety legislative framework

The legal duty on partner agencies to work together to improve community safety was first set out in the Crime and Disorder Act 1998. This has subsequently been developed and amended within a number of other pieces of legislation. Shown below is a summary of the key elements of legislation of relevance to community safety partnership working.

In Warwickshire, many of the strategies and protocols required within the legislation are co-ordinated at a county level and can be found on the partnership Safe In Warwickshire website: <u>https://safeinwarwickshire.com/</u>

Crime and Disorder Act 1998

Introduced responsible authorities with a duty to produce strategies for the reduction of crime and disorder.

Placed a duty on agencies including the Police and local authorities to have due regard to, and do all they reasonably can to prevent, crime and disorder (Section 17).

Crime and Disorder (Formulation and Implementation of Strategy) Regulations 2007

Made further provisions relating to the implementation of the Crime and Disorder Act.

Placed a duty on (what are now) Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) to prepare a strategic assessment and prepare and implement a partnership plan.

Introduced a requirement to have a county strategy group² with responsibility for preparing a community safety agreement. Placed a duty on CSPs to have in place arrangements and a protocol for the sharing of information between responsible authorities³.

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² In Warwickshire this is the Safer Warwickshire Partnership Board (SWPB)

³ Co-ordinated at a county level in Warwickshire.

The regulations have been updated over subsequent years to implement legislation introduced since 2007. Responsible authorities are now required to work together to formulate and implement a strategy/strategies for:

- the reduction of crime and disorder (including anti-social and other behaviour adversely affecting the local environment)
- combatting the misuse of drugs, alcohol and other substances
- the reduction of re-offending
- preventing people from becoming involved in serious violence
- reducing instances of serious violence.

Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004

Placed a duty on CSPs to undertake Domestic Homicide Reviews (now known as Domestic Abuse Related Death Reviews)⁴.

Police and Justice Act 2006

Introduced a requirement for crime and disorder scrutiny committees.

Added requirements for CSP strategies to include anti-social behaviour (and other behaviour adversely affecting the local environment) and the misuse of drugs, alcohol and other substances. Same requirements added to the Section 17 duty.

Policing and Crime Act 2009

Added a requirement for CSP strategies to include the reduction of re-offending. Same requirement added to the Section 17 duty.

Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011

Abolished Police Authorities and introduced Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs) for areas outside London⁵.

⁴ Co-ordinated at a county level in Warwickshire.

⁵ Police Authorities were a responsible authority under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, but PCCs are not.

Placed a duty on PCCs to issue a Police and Crime Plan. Mutual duty on PCCs and responsible authorities to co-operate and have regard to each other's priorities.

Crime and Disorder (Formulation and Implementation of Strategy) Regulations 2012

Amended the 2007 regulations to require county strategy groups to send a copy of the Community Safety Agreement to the PCC, and CSPs to do the same with their partnership plan.

Made provision for PCCs to require representatives of responsible authorities to attend a meeting to assist in the formulation and implementation of strategies.

Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014

Introduced a range of new powers to tackle Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB). Introduced two measures to give victims a greater say in tackling ASB: the Community Trigger (now ASB Case Review) and Community Remedy.

Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015

Introduced a requirement for specified authorities to have due regard to the need to prevent people being drawn into terrorism (the Prevent Duty).

Modern Slavery Act 2015

Placed a duty on specified First Responder agencies to notify the Home Office when they come across potential victims of modern slavery. Introduced a requirement for organisations over a certain size to disclose each year what action they have taken to ensure there is no modern slavery in their business or supply chains.

Domestic Abuse Act 2021

Placed a duty on local authorities in England to provide accommodation-based support to victims of Domestic Abuse and their children.

Introduced a requirement to have a Domestic Abuse Local Partnership Board for the purpose of providing advice to local authorities about their statutory duty to provide accommodation-based support.

Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022

Introduced a duty on specified authorities to work together to prevent and reduce serious violence (the Serious Violence Duty). Added requirements for CSP strategies to include both preventing and reducing serious violence. Placed a duty (not yet fully implemented) on named authorities to undertake offensive weapon homicide reviews.

Victim and Prisoners Act 2024

Places a duty (due to be fully implemented in 2026) on relevant bodies to collaborate when commissioning support services for victims of domestic abuse, sexual abuse and serious violence. Will require partners to develop a joint needs assessment and strategy and establish a collaboration forum.

Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Act 2025

When implemented (over 2025-2027) will require those responsible for certain premises and events to consider how they would respond to a terrorist attack. Requirement for certain larger premises and events to also consider appropriate steps to reduce vulnerability to terrorist attacks.



Forthcoming

English Devolution Bill and Local Government Reorganisation

Not specifically a piece of community safety legislation, but will have significant impact on joint working and structures. Invites councils in twotier areas to develop proposals for unitary local government. Warwickshire proposals submitted to central government in March 2025.

Crime and Policing Bill

Proposes a range of measures to deliver the government's Safer Streets mission, including new powers to tackle ASB, violence against women and girls and exploitation of vulnerable children and adults, increased action on knife crime and greater protection for retail workers.

Victims, Courts and Public Protection Bill

Included in the 2024 King's Speech.

Expected to propose measures to increase support available to victims of crime and ASB, strengthen powers of the Victims' Commissioner and reduce court delays.

Prevention Partnerships

Will become a requirement under the Serious Violence Duty and require the creation of multi-agency partnerships to improve the identification of and support to young people at risk of being drawn into crime.

Appendix B

Community Safety data

Further information about the CSP strategic assessments undertaken by the Community Safety Analysts and data used to set the CSP priorities can be requested from the Warwickshire County Council Business Intelligence team: businessintelligence@warwickshire.gov.uk.

The Community Safety Analysts manage a series of dashboards providing partner agencies with access to data across a range of community safety themes updated on a regular basis. For further information or to request access, please contact the team using the email address above.

Appendix C

Partnership meeting expectations

Chairs

• Ensure agendas

a) reflect the purpose of the group and its onward reporting requirements andb) cover all items that need to be discussed and progressed as a partnership in a timely fashion.

- Create a welcoming environment that encourages participation from all attendees.
- Steer discussions in a structured fashion, ensuring actions and next steps are clear for each agenda item.
- Ensure actions and activities set out within plans co-ordinated by the group are completed.
- Build links with chairs and lead officers from other relevant groups to coordinate work and reduce duplication.

Administration

- Ensure papers are circulated in a timely fashion ahead of each meeting, giving attendees time to read them and prepare in advance.
- Ensure minutes are circulated promptly following each meeting, giving attendees time to complete actions ahead of the next meeting.
- Ensure group mailing lists and calendar invitations are kept up to date.

Group members

- Attend meetings or arrange for a suitable substitute to attend in their place.
- Read papers in advance and ensure any substitutes are appropriately briefed.
- Have sufficient delegated powers to deals with matters discussed in the meeting or, if not, ensure necessary approvals are sought in advance.
- Represent the views of their organisation.

- Keep their organisation and, where relevant, other partnerships of which they are a member informed about progress and the outcomes of meetings.
- Complete agreed actions in a timely fashion.
- Contribute to the development of strategies and action plans linked to the work of the group.
- Work constructively with other group members to achieve consensus on actions required to address countywide priorities.
- Contribute to the timely undertaking and delivery of action plan actions and activities.

Agenda Item No 8

Safer Communities Sub- Committee

30 June 2025

Report of the Chief Executive

North Warwickshire Community Safety Partnership Update

1 Summary

1.1 This report updates Members on recent activities with the North Warwickshire Community Safety Partnership (CSP). It covers the CSP's performance, progress on priorities from the 2025-9 Strategic Assessment, presents the latest crime statistics, and outlines the new priorities.

Recommendation to the Sub-Committee:

- a That Members consider the update and identify any areas for further scrutiny and consideration;
- b That Members note the Community Safety Partnership (CSP) monthly performance and progress; and
- c That Members note awarded funding.

2 **Consultation**

2.1 Consultation has been conducted with the relevant Members, and any comments received will be presented at the meeting.

3 Background

- 3.1 The Sub-Committee has previously reviewed reports from the North Warwickshire Community Safety Partnership regarding the progress of actions outlined in the Partnership Plan.
- 3.2 The North Warwickshire Community Safety Partnership develops a Partnership Plan based on the findings from the Strategic Assessment. The new priorities were agreed at the March meeting of the Responsible Authorities Group known as the North Warwickshire Community Safety Partnership.
- 3.3 Although North Warwickshire is a low-crime area, we do face issues related to crime and disorder. As a result, the fear of crime among residents is often higher than we would like.

- 3.4 We have established ambitious priorities to protect our people and communities from domestic violence, residential burglary, vehicle crime, road safety, business crime and environmental ASB.
- 3.5 The priorities of the North Warwickshire Community Safety Partnership are:
 - **Domestic Violence** Focus on reducing and preventing long term repeat victimisation.
 - Residential Burglary and Vehicle Crime Focus on locations close to the M6 Motorway.
 - Rural Crime Based on the rural and wildlife crime strategy definition.
 - Road Safety Focus on road traffic collisions resulting in Killed and Seriously Injured (KSI's).
 - Business Crime at Motorway Services Focus on reducing reports of shoplifting and freight crime.
 - Environmental ASB Focus on fly tipping.
- 3.6 Cross Cutting Themes There are cross cutting themes which we consider represent a risk to community safety in North Warwickshire. These are:
 - Vulnerability

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- Reducing Re-Offending
- Substance Misuse
- 3.7 The Community Safety Partnership implements local projects as outlined in the Partnership Plan and plays a key role in influencing countywide services to ensure that residents of North Warwickshire receive a fair share of service provision.
- 3.8 Following the adoption of new priorities the partnership will prepare a new Partnership Plan that will be reported on at the next meeting.
- 3.9 Attached as **Appendix A** (to follow) is the monthly Community Safety Performance Monitoring Report. This report is the latest in a series of reports produced for the North Warwickshire Community Safety Partnership, offering an overview of recorded crime and disorder data. It includes data from partners regarding the North Warwickshire Priorities.

4 **NW Community Safety Partnership Performance**

- 4.1 Quarter 4 Performance Report 2024/5 Summary of Key Findings Q4 24/25
 - Violence offences are lower than last year, though offence volumes this quarter are the highest for violence without injury and higher than last quarter for violence with injury, which contrasts with expected seasonal trends.
 - Knife related violence offences overall this year are lower than last year. All incidents this quarter resulted in injury.
 - Domestic related violence with injury offences is lower year than last year, but domestic related violence without injury offences is like last year. Indeed, 31% of overall violence with injury offences so far this year in the borough is domestic related.
 - Residential Burglary offence volumes are like last year due to a lower number of offences in Q4, whereas they have increased by over 10% countywide.
 - Vehicle offences volumes are higher than last year, despite seeing reductions in Q4. It is also evident from analysis that vehicles are being left unlocked, leaving them vulnerable to vehicle crime, particularly theft from vehicle.

Recommendation: NW CSP to consider crime prevention advice for residents to remember to lock their vehicle even if only away from them for a short time.

- At year end, rural crime and incidents dealt with by the Warwickshire Rural Crime Team this financial year are slightly lower than last year.
- Collisions involving seriously injured incidents remain at same levels as last year, however fatal KSIs have reduced.
- Offences of child sexual exploitation are higher than last year in the borough, with 15 reported offences during the year (six of these in Q4) compared to 8 during the whole of the previous year. This is a countywide trend.
- ASB reports to the police are overall like last year. This is despite higher volumes of personal ASB reports this year (+40%, 293 reports).
- 4.2 The Quarter 1 report 2025/6 is not yet available therefore a copy of the monthly performance data for the April and May has been provided. A summary of key things of note include:

Priority Theme: Residential Burglary and Vehicle Crime

- Violence with injury is above the monthly average for April and May, as is violence without injury in May.
- 16 MARAC referrals were reported in May up from 14 in April.
- Of the 31% of repeat cases reported in May, 63% involved mental health, 69% alcohol and 44% drugs.

Priority Theme: Residential Burglary and Vehicle Crime

• Theft of vehicles was above the monthly average in May.

Priority Theme: Business Crime

• Above monthly average of business crimes was above the monthly average in May.

Priority Theme - Environmental ASB

• Environmental ASB was above the monthly average in April.

In terms of cross cutting themes:

Vulnerability

• Hate Crimes were above the monthly average in April and May.

Substance Misuse

• Violence with and without injury - alcohol related flag was above the monthly average in May.

5 **Partnership Plan 2025 – Quarter 1 Update**

- 5.1 The North Warwickshire Community Safety Partnership is required by law to prepare a Partnership Plan based on the findings of the Annual Strategic Assessment. A new plan is being prepared to align with the agreed priorities and recommendations from the 2025-9 Strategic Assessment.
- 5.2 The partnership implements local projects as outlined in the Partnership Plan and influences various countywide services to ensure that residents in North Warwickshire receive a fair share of service provision.
- 5.3 Set out below is work that is being delivered and/or planned to support the delivery of the new priorities.

Priority 1 - Domestic Violence

Council Motion - At the NWBC Full Council meeting in February the following motion was agreed that the Council recognises:

- the impact of domestic abuse on residents in North Warwickshire.
- there are a variety of people who are victims of domestic abuse e.g. it is estimated around 35% of victims are men nationally and 14% in Warwickshire but 93% of perpetrators are male.
- the focus WCC brings to this area through documents such as its Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy and the Director of Public Health report 2023 – Breaking the Silence Working together to Prevent Domestic Abuse.
- there are a range of organisations which support victims of domestic abuse including the White Ribbon UK charity.
- that NWBC works with WCC and the Police to tackle domestic abuse, in particular the housing department refers victims into WCC's Safer Accommodation provision.

It was proposed: that a presentation be given to NWBC's Safer Communities Sub Committee focussing on the work being conducted on Domestic Abuse and identifying further actions that can be taken to collaborate with partners to bring support to all victims of domestic abuse.

• New NW CSP Priority

Following the approval of the new CSP priorities an action plan will be prepared that will include actions around domestic violence.

• North Warwickshire Domestic Abuse Related Death Review (DARDR)

- Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHRs) became a statutory requirement in 2011 under the Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act (2004). A Domestic Homicide Review is conducted when the death of a person aged sixteen or over results, or appears to result, from violence, abuse, or neglect by someone they were related to or had an intimate personal relationship with, or a member of the same household. The purpose of the reviews is to identify lessons learned to improve responses to domestic violence and to ensure that appropriate support, procedures, resources, and interventions are in place. There are currently 2 DHRs ongoing (WEST2023 and TIMMS). One report has been signed off by the Community Safety Partnership (W08) and has been submitted to the Home Office. The panel will meet in September to review this DHR report.

• MARAC/DHR post contribution

The Warwickshire County Councill 2025/6 MARAC/DHR post contribution has been paid.

• Domestic Abuse funding

The Home Office Serious Violence money will focus on domestic abuse projects and interventions. Each Council in Warwickshire has been allocated £15,000 each for interventions aligned to their local priorities. In North Warwickshire this includes the following:

- Walk with us VAWAG (Violence against women and girls) has been running a new initiative since 2024. It is a walk with female Police officers for women over the age of eighteen and a chance for them to voice any issues or concerns they may have or where they feel vulnerable in certain areas. Any issues mentioned will are logged through Street Safe, and information passed onto SNT teams. Several walks have taken place including Hartshill Hayes, Kingsbury Water Park, Shustoke Reservoir, Royal Meadow Park and more recently Coleshill. The latest walk took place in Snowhill recreational ground and surrounding area. The walk leaders also provide lots of advice and support to enable walkers to feel safer when walking the area.
- **Ask for Angela** Working with NWBC licensing the proposal is to refresh the Ask for Angela campaign, starting in Coleshill. Alongside this, greater emphasis will be placed on getting messages out about domestic abuse.

- **Domestic Abuse Grab Bags** The Health and Wellbeing Group are considering funding some grab bags for individuals fleeing domestic abuse.
- **Domestic Abuse promotional activity** Work is ongoing with WCC to identify posters for bus shelters and buses. The County have now agreed to fund this work on a Countywide basis.
- Domestic Abuse campaign projects Work is underway to consider a couple of projects undertaken in Northamptonshire called 'Trust Bertie. This project is around keeping young people safe and asks children to share what is giving them the butterflies". The project will teach young children if they see or experience something that gives them "the butterflies" they should share it with a trusted adult they see wearing a Bertie badge. A further project called '#cutitoutcampaign' is considering a collaboration with hairdressers to recognise the signs of domestic abuse and whereby hairdressers are trained so they can have a conversation.

Priority 2 - Residential burglary and vehicle crime

See problem Solving Plans 1 and 3

Priority 3 - Rural crime

Carol Cotteril has retired. A meeting was arranged with Jack Deaves, Rural Crimes Officer to review the Rural Crime Partnership Plan and identify and Rural Crime priority projects. In the new plan Fly Tipping will be dealt with as a separate priority.

Priority 4 - Road Safety

• **Car cruising injunction** – Work is underway to secure a High Court Injunction banning car cruising across areas of North Warwickshire. The injunction (if granted by the High Court) will prohibit individuals from promoting or participating in car cruising events, defined as a gathering of two or more vehicles, involving racing, performing stunts, or other disruptive behaviour on public roads. Anyone who breaches the injunction may be arrested and could face serious consequences, including up to two years in prison, an unlimited fine, or the seizure of their assets. Ensuring the safety of all road users is a key priority for North Warwickshire Borough Council.

- **OP TAVACO** Operation TAVACO Targets Vehicle Crime. Warwickshire Police carried out a proactive policing operation over a weekend in June aimed at tackling vehicle crime across the North Warwickshire area. Operation TAVACO saw 26 officers deployed across the region in a coordinated effort to disrupt and deter criminal activity. The operation involved officers in plain clothes, unmarked vehicles, and high-visibility patrols, supported by colleagues from the Special Constabulary, Rural Crime Team and OPU. The operation focused on areas known for vehicle crime, with a particular emphasis on prevention, disruption, and community reassurance. As a result of the operation:
 - 74 PNC Checks Conducted
 - 4 Stop Searches Conducted
 - 5 TOR (Traffic Offence Reports) Issued
 - 7 Vehicles Recovered
 - 10 Emergency Incidents Attended
 - 24 ANPR Reads Actioned
 - 4 Pursuits Engaged
 - 1 Stolen Vehicle Identified
 - 1 Cloned Vehicle Identified
 - 3 Drone Deployments
 - 3 Sct.165 (No Insurance) Seizures
- **Road safety walk** On Thursday 15th May at Hartshill Hayes, the local Safer Neighbourhood Team attended a road safety walk that took place where victims of road related injuries/deaths were remembered.
- **Story stomp** Atherstone PCSO attended the Story Stomp at Atherstone Library whereby the children all enjoyed learning about how to cross the road safely. Following OPCC CSP funding the Police teams have new interactive road safety equipment, books and dress up clothes.
- Road Safety Video Working with Warwickshire County Council Road Safety Education Team the Atherstone SNT team helped with filming a road safety video, about speed. The message that the video is sharing is that it is safest for children to wait until there is no moving traffic when crossing the road as it is difficult for children to judge the speed of traffic. This means crossing at a crossing, like toucan crossings or zebra crossings, or on a road when there is no traffic moving. The video will also remind children to do a 'lifesaver look' at crossings even when the green man is lit, do one last look to check that all traffic has seen you and stopped. This video will be used in schools across the county to educate the children around crossing the roads.
- **Operation Edward** The project aims to create and disseminate a five-year youth road safety strategy, reflecting what young people from all kinds of backgrounds across the UK think about mobility, safety, inequality and risk in how they use the roads.

• **Community Speed Watch** - PCSO Yaqub has been training volunteers for speed watch this month. The speed watch teams have been out conducting speed checks in the villages including Nether Whitacre, Kingsbury, Water Orton, Curdworth, Ansley Common with PCSOs and PC.

Priority 6 - Business crime and motorways services

- Operation Resolve The aim of the op is to reduce crime in Atherstone by
 offering crime prevention advice whilst ensuring a safe environment for the
 public and businesses. The Partnership has supported a local retail radio
 scheme in Atherstone Town Centre to help prevent and detect crime.
 Twenty-six retail radios have been funded to enable pubs and shops to have
 a direct link into the police and the town centre CCTV control room.
- **Operation Resolve** The local SNT have been working with Trading Standards to address the selling of counterfeit goods being sold from the Yellow shop, for a second time, despite only been open for less than a month. Counterfeit tobacco was seized.
- **Motorway Service** During April and May the Police has conducted high visibility foot patrols around Corley services, this included foot patrols of the HGV sites both northbound and southbound.

Priority 6 - Environmental ASB

- An investigation is underway in relation to the individuals responsible for abandoning a static caravan which was dumped in Woodford Lane, Hartshill overnight 23/4 24/4.
- A draft fly tipping action plan is being progressed.

Cross cutting – Vulnerability

- **Op Sceptre** In May, Officers from Atherstone SNT conducted patrols as part of #OpSceptre in a bid to reduce knife crime and educate youngsters about the dangers of carrying knives. Officers conducted high-visibility patrols and open-area sweeps around the areas of Hartshill Hayes, Purley Chase, Brett's Hall Estate, Picadilly Recreation and Kingsbury Water Park.
- Junior PCSO Scheme Atherstone SNT teamed up with Race meadow Primary School to hold the 1st Warwickshire Police Junior PCSO Scheme at the school. The scheme consisted of eight students, who over 6 weeks performed different tasks and learnt what it takes to be PCSO. The students helped with parking outside the school, solved a crime scene, learnt about laws and regulations of the highway, phonetic alphabet and much more. This scheme will be running through the North of the county in the next upcoming months and is open to year 6 students.

- **Operation Plenty** was launched in North Warwickshire in late 2024. In December over one hundred people were visited by the Police local Safer Neighbourhood Team who went equipped with gifts to help them over the winter, including food, toiletries, warm socks, and hats. Since that time, the Safer Neighbourhoods Team have supported a further vulnerable fifty families around Easter. The team check in with vulnerable / lonely residents and further work is planned for the summer and winter months. Funding has been secured and plans are being drawn up. The summer scheme will focus on families and schools in Atherstone.
- Loudmouth performances (Child Exploitation, Awareness & Prevention, Harmful Sexual Behaviours and Staying Safe) - The aim of this work was to support pupils in schools and non-mainstream educational venues by raising children and young people's awareness of grooming, child exploitation, knife crime, harmful sexual behaviours and on and offline safety, and to increase skills in reporting these and identifying where to go to for support. In North Warwickshire schools received the following performances
 - **Helping Hands** Helping Hands is a gentle programme for Years 4 6, (8 -11-year-olds). The programme explores child exploitation and abuse, online safety and domestic abuse. The performance is a montage of scenes to illustrate the NSPCC PANTS rules.
 - Working for Marcus This is a theatre in education programme designed for Year 8 (age 12) upwards. It uses drama and discussion to raise awareness of child exploitation including child criminal exploitation county lines, child sexual exploitation, grooming, modern slavery and trafficking. The programme uses two researched dramas one is about Jay, who tells how he was groomed into running county lines, about the gang culture, selling drugs, violence and carrying a knife and now that he is out of it, he can see how he was targeted and groomed.
 - **Calling It Out** This is a theatre in education programme designed for Year 9 upwards (aged 13+). It explores harmful sexual behaviours, sexual harassment, sexual assault, pornography, consent and misogyny. The programme raises the groups' awareness of the huge impacts these everyday incidences of sexual harassment and assault can have on girls and young women, and how everyone has a role in safely challenging and reporting these behaviours. Schools that received the education performances include.
 - Birchwood Primary School
 - Michael Drayton Junior School
 - Arley Primary Academy
 - Curdworth Primary School
 - St Benedict's Catholic Primary School

- The Polesworth School
- The Coleshill School
- Hartshill School
- The Coleshill School
- The Polesworth School
- Kingsbury Primary School
- Outwood's Primary School
- Hartshill School
- Kingsbury School
- Racemeadow Primary Academy
- Kingsbury School
- Water Orton Primary School
- Warton Nethersole's CE Primary School
- Woodlands School

VR Knife Crime Intervention – Work has been taking place by delivering a VR knife crime intervention in Secondary Schools in North Warwickshire.

Cross Cutting themes – vulnerability, reducing re-offending and substance misuse

Drugs and Alcohol – Several joint operations have been conducted involving the Police, Trading Standards, and North Warwickshire Borough Council to target the sale of illegal vapes and tobacco products. These operations have led to the confiscation of thousands of pounds worth of products. Trading Standards will continue to lead the investigations and enquiries. As a result of these efforts, the Rose Market in Atherstone Town Centre has now closed.

Loudmouth – see above.

6.1 **Problem Solving Meetings**

6.1.1 Chaired by North Warwickshire Police Inspector Andi Gibbons, Problem Solving Meetings are held monthly to discuss ongoing problem-solving plans. The meetings are informed by the latest crime statistics, emerging issues raised by partners and the Police, as well as anecdotal information. There are several problem-solving plans in place including vehicle crime, the two local motorway services, Kirby Glebe and the Bell Inn/Coleshill.

6.2 Vehicle crime

6.2.1 Vehicle crime (Operation Reduce) – Over the last few months several operations have taken place at hotspot locations, targeting unlocked vehicles across the district. Officers have checked vehicles to ensure they are secure plus provide vehicle safety packs and faraday pouches. Suspects involved in these offences are believed to be cross border criminals, travelling from surrounding forces areas.

6.2.2 The Police continue to promote this initiative across social media platforms and are also actively promoting Warwickshire Connected as part of the ongoing effort.

6.3 Coleshill

6.3.1 Coleshill Town Centre (The Bell Inn) - There continues to be problems with increased incidents of disorder in Coleshill. Most offenders are from the West Midlands area. As part of this work and to address concerns around violence and disorder, a meeting was held in Coleshill with local pub owners regarding a scheme to prevent and reduce crime and anti-social behaviour in licensed premises called DISC. The first official meeting took place on the 3 December 2024 and a several other meetings have taken place since. During May and following some further incidents, Coleshill and Bedworth SNT officers have conducted walkthroughs and licence checks of local pubs in Coleshill. Everything was in order. Further activities are due to take place over the coming weeks.

6.4 Motorway Services

- 6.4.1 Corley /Tamworth Services There has been an increased number of incidents at Corley services with previous arrests made. Most incidents relate to lorries attacked in the early hours with no pattern of days. Both sides of the motorway have experienced offences. Intelligence suggests offenders from the North are travelling down and attacking services on the M6. Previous crime prevention events have taken place at this location plus new signage, operations, extra patrols, which has led to arrests. During May Coleshill Safer Neighbourhood Team has been conducting high visibility patrols around Corley Services to combat thefts from HGVs and to deter rogue traders.
- 6.4.2 At Tamworth Services the Atherstone SNT have been conducting patrols to combat thefts from HGV lorries.

6.5 Atherstone (Operation Resolve)

6.5.1 Warwickshire Police's strategic programme aims to prevent serious violence and anti-social behaviour (ASB) through a hotspot policing approach. Hotspot policing is a proven crime prevention strategy where police efforts, such as patrols and targeted initiatives, are concentrated on locations identified through data as having significantly higher levels of crime than other areas. The strategy is based on the understanding that crime and disorder are not evenly distributed across neighbourhoods but are concentrated in specific areas. By focusing police resources on these hotspots, the goal is to prevent crime in those areas and further reduce overall crime levels in the broader region. Operation Resolve has been particularly effective in making a significant impact in Atherstone and as a result Atherstone town centre is no longer a marked hotspot for antisocial behaviour and serious violence. The incredible efforts of PCSO Gav Scott,

who between April 2024 and March 2025 has logged a whopping 305 hours and 50 minutes' worth of patrols in the area Since Op Resolve began in April 2024. Atherstone has seen a 54% reduction in ASB and a 68% reduction in serious violence.

6.5.2 As previously highlighted joint funding will support public houses in the targeted area to become members of the Warwickshire Retail Crime Initiative alongside retails premises.

7 Anti-Social Behaviour Meetings

- 7.1 The multi-agency anti-social behaviour (ASB) Tasking and Case Management meetings continue to be held monthly, chaired by Julie Taylor. These meetings focus on ASB cases (victims) and operational issues, considering the interventions and powers that partners can use to reduce ASB, re-offending behaviour, and criminality. Hotspot locations are also discussed, with multi-agency responses being identified.
- 7.2 ASB interventions/activities include:
 - **ASB Reviews** The Anti-social Behaviour Case Review (ASB), previously known as the Community Trigger, is a process that allows a community member to request a review of their case to ensure that a group of agencies has provided an appropriate response to their reported anti-social behaviour. In North Warwickshire, five reviews have been requested in 2024/25. Of these, three reviews have been completed, while two did not meet the criteria.
 - ASB Inbox ASB encompasses a wide range of everyday nuisance, disorder, and crime, and it significantly impacts the quality of life for victims. It is often one of the public's biggest local concerns. The volume of emails has increased significantly. In 2024, there were 365 reports, a substantial rise compared to 176 reports in 2023.
 - **Op Resolve** See problem Solving Plan.
 - **ASB Dashboard** Warwickshire County Council have developed a new dashboard. NWBC are currently trying to coordinate the local data.
 - Atherstone Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) The Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) was introduced following ongoing issues with individuals in Atherstone, who were causing disruption to local businesses and the Church due to anti-social behaviour. The PSPO now addresses issues related to alcohol consumption, drug use (such as glue sniffing, legal highs, and balloons), and gives police or authorised persons the authority to fine individuals or confiscate items. Signage has been installed and the Councill is currently looking into Fixed Penalty books to help the issuing of fines.

- Fillongley Public Space Protection Order In 2017, North Warwickshire Borough Council authorised a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) under the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 due to fly tipping issues occurring in Didgley Lane and Bun Lane in Fillongley. The PSPO restricted public right of way over these highways, as the fly tipping was damaging the local environment and obstructing rightful access for residents. As part of the order, two gates were installed to enforce the restriction. The duration of a PSPO is a maximum of three years. The original PSPO was renewed in 2021 and now requires a further refresh. Consultation is currently taking place to ensure the ongoing effectiveness and relevance of the order.
- Perception of crime Early 2024 the Council undertook a resident survey. This included some questions around community safety. Ninety-four percent of respondents felt safe during the day with more than half stating they feel very safe 55%. After dark, these figures drop as only 3 in 5 feel safe (62%) and this represents an underperformance compared to LGA figures. Further work is planned to gather better understanding of the issue. The Police are currently undertaking consultation and hosting a street briefing in Atherstone giving local people the opportunity to meet the local Safer Neighbourhood Policing Team. The aim is to have a chat, discuss any concerns and find out about crime prevention. Event plans are underway.
- **CCTV** There has been a huge investment in CCTV in North Warwickshire over the last few years because of successful funding applications. In total the CSP currently has twenty-two cameras of which fifteen have been purchased in recent years. The current locations include:

Princess Street (opposite the community centre), Atherstone Brett's Hall Recreation Ground, Ansley Findley Close, Mancetter Kingsbury overlooking shops Long Street Recreation Ground, Dordon Mancetter Recreation Ground St. Marys church, Atherstone Royal Meadow Drive, Atherstone Sycamore Crecent Arley Meadow Street Gardens (Hatters Garden) Abeles Way, Atherstone Chemsley Avenue, Coleshill Pear Tree Avenue, Kingsbury Radford Close, Atherstone. **TQEA** Atherstone Tannery close, Atherstone The Bell Inn Clock bridge, Hartshill Jubilee Court, Kingsbury Alexander Court

- Atherstone Control room retail radio project A pilot project has been undertaken to consider increasing the detection of crime in Atherstone by migrating five of the Community Safety Partnership CCTV cameras into the control room set up. The pilot/test phase is complete and is now being rolled out. Alongside this work and as part of a wider project linked to Operation Resolve the partnership has jointly funded a Retail Radio scheme in partnership with Atherstone Town Council. Twenty-six new members have been identified.
- Safer Warwickshire Annual Review The Warwickshire Community Safety Agreement 2022-26 was agreed by the Safer Warwickshire Partnership Board (SWPB) in March 2022. This followed a comprehensive review of the role, function, structure and priorities of the Board in 2021, through which three long term strategic ambitions were agreed to address the causes of violence, Safe, healthy and empowered communities and to tackle discrimination in all its forms. Although key work areas are presented under a specific ambition, the broad and wide-ranging nature of the ambitions means that many topics cut across more than one, enabling the work of partners to be aligned to deliver lasting impact for our local communities.

The existing Community Safety Agreement was agreed to cover the period until 2026. However, due to changing timescales over the Covid period, this is uncoordinated with other priorities and documents to which the agreement is intrinsically linked. Most notably, the Community Safety Partnership priorities will be agreed for a four-year period in early 2025 based on the findings of their Strategic Assessments, and a new Police and Crime Plan for Warwickshire will be developed during the second half of 2024.

As a result, a new Community Safety Agreement will therefore be developed in early 2025 and presented to the SWPB for agreement in June 2025. This will identify cross cutting themes and issues emerging from the CSP Strategic Assessments and priorities and set out how they will be addressed through co-ordinated working at a county level. It will also include outcome measures that can be used alongside the crime indicators, to reflect the work of partners and assess the long-term impact of our activity in making Warwickshire's communities safer for all who live, work in or visit the county.

8 Police and Crime Commissioner Update and funding

8.1 Community Safety Partnerships Grants 2025/26 is now available for the 2025/26 financial year. Each CSP area has been allocated £35,000 of funding to support community safety priorities and the new Police and Crime Plan (2025-29) across Warwickshire. All CSP Grants will cover the period from the 1 April 2025 to the 31 March 2026. Applications are now open and the window to apply for a grant will remain open until 5pm on Friday 19 December 2025. Please note that only Community Safety Partnerships in Warwickshire are eligible to apply for this funding.

9 Summary

9.1 Members are requested to note the report and the updates provided by the North Warwickshire Community Safety Partnership and identify any areas for further consideration as highlighted in the report.

10 **Report Implications**

10.1 **Finance and Value for Money Implications**

10.1.1 The awarded funding in 2024/5 has helped heavily to invest in crime detection equipment.

10.2 Safer Communities Implications

10.2.1 These are set in the report and the appendices.

10.3 Legal, Data Protection and Human Rights Implications

- 10.3.1 Community Safety Partnerships are regulated by the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 (the 1998 Act) as amended. The 1998 Act requires the Council to collaborate with the police, the fire and rescue authority and the county council to implement a strategy for the reduction of crime. The recommendations in this report and the revised partnership plan contribute to the discharge of that requirement.
- 10.3.2 The deployment of CCTV and ANPR cameras are subject to several legal provisions, including the Protection of Freedoms Act, UK General Data Protection Regulation, Human Rights Act, and others. The deployment is also subject to guidance prepared by the Information Commissioner's Office and the Surveillance Camera Commissioner.
- 10.3.3 The Council is required to have a committee that scrutinises the crime and disorder work of various organisations within the Borough. The Council has decided that this Committee will fulfil that requirement.

10.4 Environment, Climate Change and Health Implications

10.4.1 By working to reduce crime and disorder, the partnership is contributing towards improving the quality of life for residents, businesses, and visitors to North Warwickshire.

10.5 Health Implications

10.5.1 The work of the partnership has several synergies with contributing towards healthier communities. These include tackling violent crime, supporting victims of domestic abuse, tackling alcohol and drug misuse, and reducing anti-social behaviour.

10.6 Risk Management Implications

10.6.1 The Community Safety Partnership Strategic Assessment includes risk analysis of risk and harm. The analysis uses an adapted Association of Chief Police Officers' Model (ACPO 3 PLEM). This is a basis scoring matrix for levels of harm. The assessment also includes consideration of a Management of Risk in Law Enforcement (MORILE) matrix. The key risks for the partnership are identified within the strategic assessment prepared each year.

10.7 Equality Implications

10.7.1 The work of the partnership includes several activities which contribute towards equality objectives. These include support services for victims of domestic abuse, reducing repeat victimisation, monitoring of hate crimes and rehabilitation of offenders.

10.8 Links to Council's Priorities

10.8.1 The Council has a priority for creating safer communities.

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Agenda Item No 9

Safer Communities Sub-Committee

30 June 2025

Warwickshire Community Safety Information Sharing Protocol

Report of the Chief Executive

1 Summary

1.1 This report updates Members on the Warwickshire Community Safety Protocol.

Recommendation to the Sub-Committee:

That Members note the updated Warwickshire Community Safety Information Sharing Protocol, sign in sheets and agency request forms.

2 **Consultation**

2.1 Consultation has been conducted with the relevant Members, and any comments received will be presented at the meeting.

3 Background

- 3.1 The Safer Warwickshire Partnership Board aims to create safer communities through the reduction of crime and the promotion of safety.
- 3.2 The Board is responsible for putting in place an information sharing protocol to facilitate information sharing between responsible authorities for community safety in Warwickshire as required by the Crime and Disorder (Formulation and Implementation of Strategy) Regulations 2007 (Regulation 4). This should be agreed by all responsible authorities, statutory agencies and other groups providing community safety in the county ("Partner agencies"). Responsible authorities as detailed by the Crime and Disorder Act 1998:
 - The council for the area (County and District/Borough)
 - Chief Officer of Police
 - Probation Service
 - Fire and Rescue Authority
 - Integrated Care Board

- 3.3 The purpose of the protocol is to facilitate the secure sharing of information, including sensitive or confidential information, between partner agencies in Warwickshire; govern the secure use and management of information and enable Partner agencies to meet their legislative obligations. Information sharing protocols such as this one have no statutory basis and do not substitute for appropriate controls within individual organisations when requesting, disclosing, and transmitting personal data, or the need for specific information sharing agreements where applicable. They do, however, demonstrate cooperation between partners and the intent to share information securely and effectively.
- 3.4 This information sharing protocol (Appendix) provides specific details for information sharing within a community safety context. As well as setting out the general principles to be followed when sharing community safety information, it includes confidentiality declarations or where appropriate "Data Sharing Agreements" for each specific multiagency meeting where data needs to be shared.

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- 3.5 The protocol has been updated to reflect the General Data Protection Regulation ("UK GDPR") and Data Protection Act 2018.
- 3.6 The purpose of this protocol is to facilitate the lawful exchange of information, other than anonymised information, in order to comply with the statutory duty placed on the responsible authorities to work together to formulate and implement strategies for reducing crime and disorder (including anti-social behaviour and other behaviour); combatting the misuse of drugs, alcohol and other substances; reducing re-offending; preventing people from becoming involved in serious violence, and reducing instances of serious violence.
- 3.7 This protocol will also extend to co-operating organisations and any other agency or organisation which is a signatory to the document.
- 3.8 Information sharing is the cornerstone of delivering shared understanding of issues and arriving at holistic solutions. Effective delivery relies on good decision making and those decisions should be based on good information. The right information enables partners to carry out evidence-based, targeted community safety interventions and evaluate their impact. The improved outcomes of an intelligence led, problem solving approach to community safety can only be achieved when partners have access to relevant, robust, and up-to-date information from a broad range of sources.
- 3.9 Partners should also consider the likely effect of not sharing information, for example, harm to individuals, damage to their organisations' reputation, a disconnect in partnership working and lack of understanding of problems.
- 3.10 The final version of the protocol is being reported to the Safer Warwickshire Board on 24th June 2025.

4 Summary

4.1 Members are requested to note the revised protocol. An annual update has been undertaken. Minor updates to text have taken place to reflect partner feedback and contact details as known at this time.

5 **Report Implications**

5.1 **Finance and Value for Money Implications**

5.1.1 Various funding is available to support this work.

5.2 **Safer Communities Implications**

5.2.1 These are set in the report and the appendices.

5.3 Legal, Data Protection and Human Rights Implications

- 5.3.1 Community Safety Partnerships are regulated by the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 (the 1998 Act) as amended. The 1998 Act requires the Council to collaborate with the police, the fire and rescue authority and the county council to implement a strategy for the reduction of crime. The recommendations in this report and the revised partnership plan contribute to the discharge of that requirement.
- 5.3.2 The Council is required to have a committee that scrutinises the crime and disorder work of various organisations within the Borough. The Council has decided that this Committee will fulfil that requirement.

5.4 **Environment, Climate Change and Health Implications**

5.4.1 By working to reduce crime and disorder, the partnership is contributing towards improving the quality of life for residents, businesses, and visitors to North Warwickshire.

5.5 Health Implications

5.5.1 The work of the partnership has several synergies with contributing towards healthier communities. These include tackling violent crime, supporting victims of domestic abuse, tackling alcohol and drug misuse, and reducing anti-social behaviour.

5.6 **Risk Management Implications**

5.6.1 The Community Safety Partnership Strategic Assessment includes risk analysis of risk and harm. The analysis uses an adapted Association of Chief Police Officers' Model (ACPO 3 PLEM). This is a basis scoring matrix for levels of harm. The assessment also includes consideration of a Management of Risk in Law Enforcement (MORILE) matrix. The key risks for the partnership are identified within the strategic assessment prepared each year.

5.7 Equality Implications

5.7.1 The work of the partnership includes several activities which contribute towards equality objectives. These include support services for victims of domestic abuse, reducing repeat victimisation, monitoring of hate crimes and rehabilitation of offenders.

5.8 Links to Council's Priorities

5.8.1 The Council has a priority for creating safer communities.

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WARWICKSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY

INFORMATION SHARING PROTOCOL

JOINT APPROACH TO MAKE WARWICKSHIRE A PLACE WHERE PEOPLE FEEL SAFE TO LIVE, WORK, AND VISIT

COMMISSIONED BY THE SAFER WARWICKSHIRE PARTNERSHIP BOARD

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1. Introduction

1.1 The Safer Warwickshire Partnership Board aims to create safer communities through the reduction of crime and the promotion of safety.

- 1.2 The Board is responsible for putting in place an information sharing protocol to facilitate information sharing between responsible authorities for community safety in Warwickshire as required by the Crime and Disorder (Formulation and Implementation of Strategy) Regulations 2007 (Regulation 4). This should be agreed by all responsible authorities, statutory agencies and other groups providing community safety in the county ("Partner agencies").
- 1.3 Responsible authorities as detailed by the Crime and Disorder Act 1998:
 - > The council for the area (County and District/Borough)
 - Chief Officer of Police
 - Probation Service
 - Fire and Rescue Authority
 - Integrated Care Board
- 1.4 The purpose of this information sharing protocol is to facilitate the secure sharing of information, including sensitive or confidential information, between partner agencies in Warwickshire; govern the secure use and management of information and enable Partner agencies to meet their legislative obligations. Information sharing protocols such as this one have no statutory basis and do not substitute for appropriate controls within individual organisations when requesting, disclosing, and transmitting personal data, or the need for specific information sharing agreements where applicable. They do, however, demonstrate cooperation between partners and the intent to share information securely and effectively.
- 1.5 This information sharing protocol provides specific details for information sharing within a community safety context. As well as setting out the general principles to be followed when sharing community safety information, it includes (as appendices) confidentiality declarations or where appropriate "Data Sharing Agreements" for each specific multiagency meeting where data needs to be shared. Additional appendices can be added as new groups or scenarios in which information needs to be shared emerge.
- 1.6 The settings currently covered in this protocol are as follows:
 - > Using the generic confidentiality declaration (see appendix 3):
 - Community Impact Operational Groups
 - Vulnerability meetings
 - Partnership Problem Solving meetings
 - Domestic Homicide Review Panels
 - Hate Crime meetings
 - o ASB, Youth, Victim, Perpetrator, and other Case Management meetings
 - > Multi Agency Public Protection Arrangements (MAPPA) (see Appendix 4)
 - > Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conferences (MARAC) (see Appendix 5)
 - Integrated Offender Management (IOM) Multi Agency Case Conferences (See Appendix 6)
 - Early Help Locality Panels (see Appendix 7)
 - > Channel Panel (see Appendix 8)
 - Serious and Organised Crime Joint Action Group (SOCJAG) (see Appendix 9)
 - Community Safety Partnership meetings
- 1.7 The protocol has been updated to reflect the General Data Protection Regulation ("UK GDPR") and Data Protection Act 2018.

2. Purpose of Information Sharing

- 2.1 The purpose of this protocol is to facilitate the lawful exchange of information, other than anonymised information, in order to comply with the statutory duty placed on the responsible authorities (as at 1.3 above) to work together to formulate and implement strategies for reducing crime and disorder (including anti-social behaviour and other behaviour); combatting the misuse of drugs, alcohol and other substances; reducing re-offending; preventing people from becoming involved in serious violence, and reducing instances of serious violence.
- 2.2 This protocol will also extend to co-operating organisations and any other agency or organisation which is a signatory to the document.
- 2.3 Information sharing is the cornerstone of delivering shared understanding of issues and arriving at holistic solutions. Effective delivery relies on good decision making and those decisions should be based on good information. The right information enables partners to carry out evidence-based, targeted community safety interventions and evaluate their impact. The improved outcomes of an intelligence led, problem solving approach to community safety can only be achieved when partners have access to relevant, robust, and up-to-date information from a broad range of sources.
- 2.4 Partners should also consider the likely effect of not sharing information, for example, harm to individuals, damage to their organisations' reputation, a disconnect in partnership working and lack of understanding of problems.

3. Who Will Be Sharing Information?

- 3.1 Partners who are required to share information are named as the responsible authorities in the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, as amended. These are the council for the area (*including County and District/Borough*), Probation Service, Chief Officer of Police, Fire and Rescue Authority, and the Integrated Care Boards.
- 3.2 Persons or bodies may 'co-operate' in the exercise of responsible authorities' functions, including sharing information. "Co-operating persons and bodies" include Parish Councils, School and College Governing bodies, Registered Social Landlords, and agencies appropriate to the location or circumstances.
- 3.3 Various other bodies may 'participate' in the exercise of responsible authorities' functions. "Participating persons and bodies" may also be asked to share information.
- 3.4 Wider partners may also be required to share information in specific circumstances. These could include schools, other health agencies and voluntary sector organisations.
- 3.5 Collectively, these organisations shall be referred to as "Partner agencies". This protocol is approved by the Safer Warwickshire Partnership Board. Member organisations of this Board sign up to the principles of the protocol by virtue of their membership. Other partners can formally sign up to the protocol. To do so, or to check if an agency has signed up to the protocol, please email communitysafety@warwickshire.gov.uk.
- 3.6 Where an agency is not signed up to the protocol, but a partner/partners wish to share Shared Personal Data with them, extra care should be taken to ensure they understand how sensitive information they see should be shared and handled by providing a specific instruction and handling arrangement and ensuring the agency representatives sign a confidentiality agreement to confirm that they understand their responsibilities. A generic agreement for this can be found at Appendix 3.

4. What Is 'To Be Shared'? (Referred to as "Shared Personal Data")

- 4.1 The 'Delivering Safer Communities' guidance and the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 place a duty upon relevant authorities to share information. Additionally, Partner agencies have express and/or implied powers to share information as set out in legislation. (See **Appendix 1** for a list of legislation. Note that this is not an exhaustive list)
- 4.2 Shared Personal Data will usually include information about the nature of the problem and, where relevant, personal data such as names, addresses and dates of birth of offenders, victims, or witnesses.
- 4.3 Most of the Shared Personal Data will also include sensitive/special category/criminal offence personal data as defined in data protection legislation. Sharing of this type of sensitive information is allowed in lawful and appropriate circumstances. Any sharing of personal data including sensitive data known as special category data or criminal offence data must be undertaken in accordance with UK GDPR and Data Protection Act 2018.
- 4.4 In order to share appropriate information between partners there must be a lawful, defined, and justifiable purpose(s) which supports the effective delivery of a policy or service that respects people's expectations about the privacy and confidentiality of their personal information but also considers the consequences of a failure to act. This protocol is supplemented by a number of questions, included at **Appendix 2**, designed to 'walk' Managers/Designated Persons and other specialist support through a process to assess the impact and appropriateness of information sharing.
- 4.5 'Signatories' to this protocol understand that Shared Personal Data will be shared at multi-agency meetings (see **Section 6**). For example, there may be meetings between members of staff from different agencies sharing information about a common case to build a foundation of accurate knowledge and evidence, to minimise the risk of harm to the community, whilst allowing proper management of the case. As well as meetings, the protocol also covers other forms of information exchange such as the ECINS case management system. The intention of this protocol is to cover all such information sharing provided the safeguards described within it are followed.
- 4.6 If any Shared Personal Data relates to an ongoing investigation or prosecution by any of the agencies then consultation must take place with the investigating officer and Crown Prosecution Service as the matter will be sub-judice. This will ensure that disclosure will not adversely prejudice the outcome of the matter.
- 4.7 Special care should be taken when considering the sharing of information that could constitute profiling, particularly of children. A legal justification must be available before any sensitive information is shared.

5. Fairness and Transparency

- 5.1 In the interests of fairness and transparency, partners agree to the following principles:
- 5.2 All information will be shared in a lawful manner. Any Shared Personal Data, including special category data and criminal offence data will be shared lawfully and in accordance with the data protection principles, UK GDPR and Data Protection Act 2018.
- 5.3 Data protection principles require individuals to make sure personal information is:
 - used fairly, lawfully, and transparently
 - used for specified, explicit purposes
 - used in a way that is adequate, relevant, and limited to only what is necessary
 - accurate and, where necessary, kept up to date
 - kept for no longer than is necessary
 - handled in a way that ensures appropriate security, including protection against unlawful or unauthorised processing, access, loss, destruction, or damage.
- 5.4 Where possible, anonymised or aggregated statistical information will be used.
- 5.5 Where appropriate and where safe and possible, individuals will be requested to provide their 'agreement to share' with appropriate partner agencies. This consent will be secured in accordance with the standards set out in the UK General Data Protection Regulation.
- 5.6 Where it is not appropriate to seek informed consent, personalised information will only be shared if there is another lawful basis to share it under data protection legislation or where relevant one of the exemptions in the Data Protection Act 2018 (e.g., Crime and Taxation) applies. The questions listed at Appendix 2 help to assess the impact on service users of decisions relating to information sharing.
- 5.7 Data Protection Impact Assessments ("DPIAs") will be undertaken for each purpose or scenario in which different types of personal data will be shared, including new purposes or scenarios as they arise. It is recommended that Partner agencies shall be responsible for the completion and updating of the DPIAs for each meeting they deliver.
- 5.8 Each organisation will have a nominated Data Protection Officer to oversee their information sharing responsibilities and will be correctly registered with the Information Commissioner to share appropriate information.
- 5.9 Partner agencies shall be responsible for updating their privacy notices to provide details of information sharing and to inform individuals about the processing of their data.

6. Arrangements for Data Sharing Within Multi-Agency Meetings

- 6.1 Using the definitions in 6.4 of this protocol the chair of each meeting should designate the level of confidentiality appropriate to the information being shared at the outset and, where relevant, provide a confidentiality declaration sign-in sheet (**Appendix 3**) which states the data sharing requirements relevant to the meeting. If used, the chair should securely retain a copy of this confidentiality declaration sign-in sheet.
- 6.2 The parties to this protocol understand that in keeping with government initiatives to invite a wider spectrum of society to assist the relevant authorities to implement the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, it is likely that there will be individuals present at certain meetings who are not representing an organisation which is a signatory to this protocol. To allow for this, the signing-in sheet should state that the signatory agrees to abide by all the terms of this protocol.
- 6.3 It is good practice to use the Government Security Classifications. These set out levels of confidentiality and appropriate security measures. These classifications are the method by which the originator of an asset (that is all material assets, i.e., papers, drawings, images, disks, and all forms of electronic data records) indicates to others the levels of protection required when handling the asset in question, in terms of its sensitivity, security, storage, movement both within the guidance and outside the originator's own department or force and its ultimate method of disposal.
- 6.4 The levels of classification are:

OFFICIAL - all routine public sector business, operations, and services.

OFFICIAL – SENSITIVE - a limited subset of OFFICIAL information that could have more damaging consequences (for individuals, an organisation or government generally) if it were lost, stolen, or published in the media. In cases where there is a clear and justifiable requirement to share only on a need-to-know basis, the OFFICIAL–SENSITIVE classification should be used.

SECRET – Very sensitive information where compromise would directly threaten an individual's life, liberty or safety or cause serious damage to the effectiveness or security of the UK.

TOP SECRET - Exceptionally sensitive information assets that directly support (or threaten) the national security of the UK or allies.

6.5 The chair of each multiagency meeting is responsible for ensuring the confidentiality declaration sign-in sheet is kept current and as far as they are able to, includes all legal requirements surrounding information sharing.

7. Process for Data Sharing Outside Meetings

- 7.1 This protocol has been formulated to facilitate the exchange of information between partners. It is, however, incumbent on all partners to recognise that any information shared must be justified on the merits of each case.
- 7.2 Information must be requested in a legally compliant manner, setting out the legal grounds for disclosure, for example if the Crime and Taxation exemption under the Data Protection Act (DPA) 2018 Schedule 2 Part 1 (2) is being relied on, then this should be formally set out and the specific details provided. Where relevant, including the use of information as evidence for prosecution, the Warwickshire Police access request forms (Appendices 10 and 11), or alternative official third-party subject access request form where required by other partners, must be used.
- 7.3 Partners sharing information should make clear who the information can be shared with in their Privacy Notice and Record of Processing Activity (ROPA). Information shared should only be used for the purpose requested by the requesting partner and should not be shared further without consent of the information owner unless there is a legal obligation or other lawful basis for doing so.
- 7.4 Any data should be shared and stored in accordance with the relevant legislation. In particular, where the data to be shared is personal, a secure transmission system should be used, such as secure email (or standard email systems where these are confirmed to be secure) or courier or hosted on a secure system shared by partners. All Partner agencies must have appropriate technical and organisational measures in place, having regard to the nature and sensitivity of the information, to ensure information security. This will include monitoring and auditing procedures as well as the ability to respond to any failure to adhere to the data sharing protocol swiftly and effectively and to report and personal data breach.
- 7.5 Any information shared should only be kept as long as it is necessary and then confidentially destroyed by all signatories in accordance with any relevant data retention and disposal policies.
- 7.6 **Appendix 2** gives a checklist to help ensure that data is lawfully shared.

8. Nominated Representatives

- 8.1 Each partner organisation shall have a Designated Officer who will facilitate data sharing under this protocol where issues arise.
- 8.2 Any disputes or disagreements between parties, including why one agency decides not to share information with another, shall be resolved by discussion between the Designated Officers, if at all possible, or between the heads of each agency.

9. Data Controller Responsibilities

9.1 Data Controllers must make appropriate notifications of any data breaches to the Information Commissioner in compliance with the General Data Protection Regulation and in accordance with any guidance issued by the Article 29 Working Party and the Information Commissioner's Office. This notification should include details of the Data Protection Officer or nominated contact.

10. Agents and Sub-Contractors

10.1 Each partner organisation shall ensure its agents and sub-contractors comply with the provisions of the protocol.

11. Complaints

- 11.1 Each partner organisation will deal with the complaints in accordance with their own procedures, which will ensure that:
 - Service users are aware that they can complain and of how to go about it;
 - Complaints are acknowledged promptly in writing;
 - > The complaint is investigated fairly and thoroughly;
 - Service users are given an appropriate written response;
 - > If appropriate the appeals procedures are explained to the service-user.
- 11.2 If two or more partner organisations receive a complaint about the same matters, they should investigate and respond to the complaint jointly.
- 11.3 If a partner organisation receiving a complaint believes another partner organisation may be responsible, wholly, or partly, for the matters complained of it should notify the other organisation and the organisations should investigate and respond to the complaint jointly.

- 12.1 In the event of a suspected failure within their organisation to comply with this protocol, partner organisations will ensure that an adequate investigation is carried out and recorded. If the partner organisation finds there has been a failure it will ensure that:
 - Necessary remedial action is taken promptly;
 - Service users affected by the failure are notified of it, the likely consequences, and any remedial action;
 - Partner organisations affected by the failure are notified of it, the likely consequences, and any remedial action.
- 12.2 If one partner organisation believes another has failed to comply with this protocol it should notify the other partner organisation in writing giving full details. The other partner organisation should then investigate the alleged failure. If it finds there was a failure, it should take the steps set out above. If it finds there was no failure it should notify the first partner organisation in writing giving its reasons.
- 12.3 Where it is clear that a partner organisation is not complying with this protocol, other partners may decide to stop sharing information until the issues are resolved.
- 12.4 More information about information sharing is available from the Information Commissioner. Go to <u>https://ico.org.uk/</u>
- 12.5 Partner organisations will make every effort to resolve disagreements between them about personal information use and sharing. However, they recognise that ultimately each organisation, as Data Controller, must exercise its own discretion in interpreting and applying this protocol and ensuring compliance with the data protection legislation.
- 12.6 Nominated representatives should be notified at an early stage of any suspected or alleged failures in compliance or partner disagreements relating to their organisation.

13. Data Breaches

- 13.1 A data breach is where there has been a breach of security leading to the accidental or unlawful destruction, loss, alteration, unauthorised disclosure of or access to personal data. Where there has been a data breach by or on behalf of a partner in respect of any Shared Personal Data, the partner agency where the data breach has occurred will inform all affected partners of the data breach immediately to enable them, where relevant, to meet their legal duty under UK GDPR to report personal data breaches within 72 hours.
- 13.2 The partner agency needs to take immediate action to recover the information, if safe to do so.
- 13.3 The partner agency where the breach has occurred shall conduct a full investigation of the breach and the findings of the investigation will be shared with the other partners and the Safer Warwickshire Partnership Board.
- 13.4 Partners need to formally record all data breaches in respect of personal data they are data controller in respect of, internally within their organisation and inform the Safer Warwickshire Partnership Board to ensure effective monitoring and reviews can take place.

14. Retention and Disposal

14.1 Partners must comply with their own agencies' retention and disposal policies. These should cover both electronic and paper-based information.

15. Access to Information and Mutual Assistance

- 15.1 Partners must have in place policies to deal with people's information rights under Freedom of Information (FOI) legislation, the General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR) and the Data Protection Act (DPA) 2018.
- 15.2 Each Partner agency shall assist the other in complying with all applicable requirements of the Data Protection Legislation. In particular, each party shall:
 - consult with the other partners about any notices given to data subjects in relation to the Shared Personal Data:
 - > promptly inform the other partners about the receipt of any data subject access request;
 - provide the other partners with reasonable assistance in complying with any data subject access request;
 - not disclose or release any Shared Personal Data in response to a data subject access request without first consulting the other partner wherever possible;
 - assist the other partner, in responding to any request from a data subject and in ensuring compliance with its obligations under the Data Protection Legislation with respect to security, breach notifications, impact assessments and consultations with supervisory authorities or regulators;
 - notify the other partner without undue delay on becoming aware of any breach of the Data Protection Legislation;
 - at the written direction of the Data Discloser, delete or return Shared Personal Data and copies thereof to the Data Discloser on termination of this agreement unless required by law to store the personal data;
 - use compatible technology for the processing of Shared Personal Data to ensure that there is no lack of accuracy resulting from personal data transfers; and
 - maintain complete and accurate records and information to demonstrate its compliance with this clause.

16. Monitoring and Review

- 16.1 The Safer Warwickshire Partnership Board will annually monitor and review the contents and implementation of this Information Sharing Protocol. The review will have regard to:
 - > Changes in the relevant law and statutory or other government or national guidance;
 - Service user and staff opinions, concerns, and complaints;
 - > Failures in compliance and disagreements between partner organisations;
 - > Any other relevant information.

17. Indemnity

17.1 Each Partner shall indemnify the others against all liabilities, costs, expenses, damages and losses (including but not limited to any direct, indirect or consequential losses, loss of profit, loss of reputation and all interest, penalties and legal costs (calculated on a full indemnity basis) and all other reasonable professional costs and expenses) suffered or incurred by the indemnified partner arising out of or in connection with the breach of the Data Protection Legislation by the indemnifying partner, its employees or agents, provided that the indemnified partner gives to the indemnifier prompt notice of such claim, full information about the circumstances giving rise to it, reasonable assistance in dealing with the claim and sole authority to manage, defend and/or settle it.

Version	Amended by	Amended date	Summary of main changes	
Draft v0.1	Katie Whitehouse	19/01/2018	Reviewed entire protocol agreed in December 2013. Updated in light of changes to legislation, regulation, and policy.	
Draft v0.2	Katie Whitehouse	20/02/2018	Updated to include partner feedback received ahead of SWPB meeting.	
Draft v0.3	Alex Gloster	29/08/2018	Updated to include feedback from WCC Information Management Service.	
Draft v0.4	Alex Gloster	10/01/2019	Appendices of local meetings information sharing agreement.	
Draft v0.5	Cheryl Bridges	15/02/2019	Appendices amended, flow chart inserted, changes from SDC legal advice incorporated.	
Draft v 0.6	Cheryl Bridges	25/04/2019	Updated to include feedback from WCC Information Governance.	
Draft v 0.6	Cheryl Bridges	10/06/2019	Updated to include feedback from Partner agencies.	
Draft v 0.7	Cheryl Bridges	22/07/2019	Updated to include feedback from Warwickshire Police.	
Draft v 0.8	Cheryl Bridges	09/09/2019	Updated to include WCC legal advice and feedback and to remove the appendix	
Annual update 2020	Cheryl Bridges	09/12/2020	Reviewed and added an additional appendix	
Annual update 2021	Cheryl Bridges/Katie Whitehouse	15/10/2021	Reviewed, minor updates to the text to reflect partner feedback and new legislation, checked and updated all appendices, listed meetings to use generic confidentiality declaration	
Annual update 2021	Katie Whitehouse	07/12/2021	Updated based on feedback received at SWPB meeting to reflect position rerecording virtual meetings and status of the OPCC.	
Annual update 2022/3	Stephen Croshaw	12/07/2023	Reviewed and updated re current legislation checks with partners and staffing amendments as known at this time.	
Annual update 2024	Stephen Croshaw / Katie Whitehouse	08/05/2024	Reviewed and updated, minor updates to text to reflect partner feedback and contact details as known at this time. Appendix 13 listed in alphabetical order.	

19. Effective Date

19.1 This protocol is effective from an agreed common implementation date of 1st August 2019 and will be subject to an annual review to ensure it remains current and relevant.

Appendix 1 – Legal Basis for Sharing Information

There are a considerable number of Acts and Regulations that require or enable the sharing of information in respect of crime and disorder, including:

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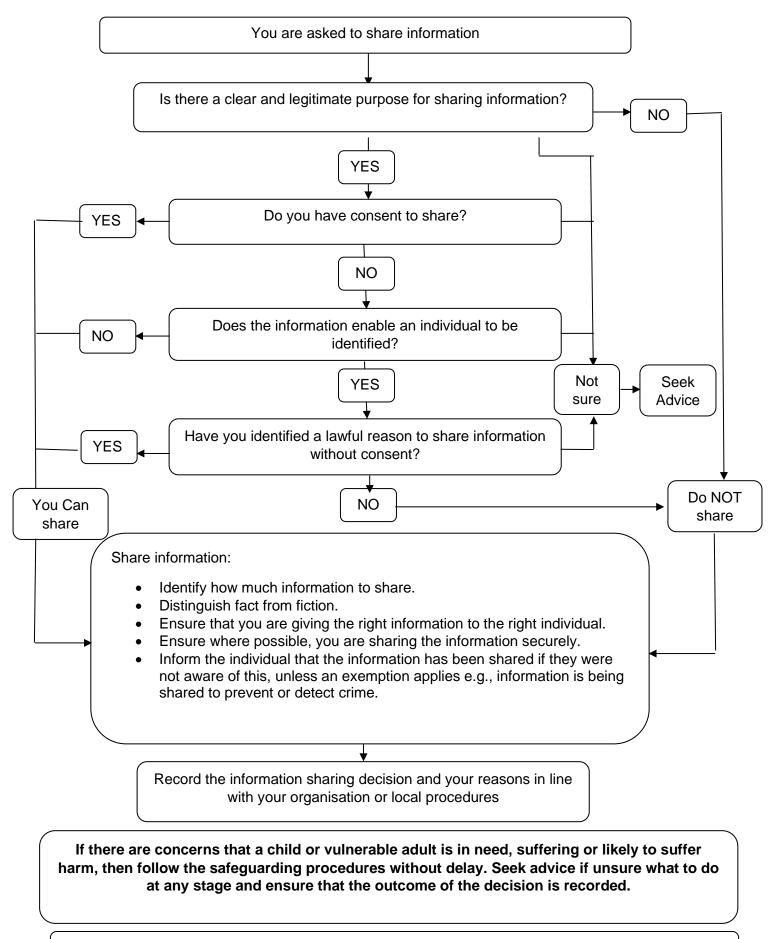
- > Children Act 1989 and 2004
- > Housing Act 1996
- > Human Rights Act 1998
- Crime and Disorder Act 1998
- > The Criminal Justice and Court Service Act 2000
- Sexual Offences Act 2003
- > Domestic Violence Crime and Victims Act 2004
- > Offender Management Act 2007
- The Police and Justice Act 2006, and the Crime and Disorder (Overview and Scrutiny) Regulations 2009 made under the Act
- > Policing and Crime Act 2009
- > Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011
- > Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2011
- > Crime and Courts Act 2013
- **Care Act 2014**
- > Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014
- Offender Rehabilitation Act 2014
- **Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015**
- Serious Crime Act 2015
- Modern Slavery Act 2015
- > Policing and Crime Act 2017
- **General Data Protection Regulation 2018**
- Data Protection Act 2018
- Domestic Abuse Act 2021
- > Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022

Appendix 2 – Do We Need This Information?

- 1. Why do I want the information? Is sharing this information in the best interests of the victim, offender, or vulnerable individual (1)?
- 2. Is there a sufficient need to know? If the information is shared will this make a difference to the service offered and to the outcomes for the victim, offender, or vulnerable individual? Is it necessary for me to do my job or to fulfil a statutory duty?
- 3. Are the reasons for the request "proportionate" for the purpose e.g.
 - Are the reason or reasons for sharing information justifiable under Article 8 of the Human Rights Act?
 - Can less information be shared and still achieve the best interest of the victim, offender, or vulnerable individual?
 - Is there another equally effective way of achieving the same aim? Can I share less information and still achieve the best interest of the victim, offender, or vulnerable individual.
 - What is the impact of disclosure likely to be on the individual?
 - If the information requested is sensitive information (race or ethnicity, political or religious beliefs, health, sexual life, criminal offences, trade union membership), is it necessary to share this to meet the reason for sharing?
- 4. Is the information up to date and accurate? (Care should be taken when recording the name, date of birth and address to ensure that when data is merged from different agencies it relates to the same person).

Also do I distinguish between fact and opinion or judgement?

- 5. Will the request involve secondary disclosure and if so do I need to check with the person who told me this information or wrote this report before I share it?
- 6. Have I got consent? If so is it recorded on a file or is there a consent form, are there any restrictions?
- 7. On the assumption that the consent cannot realistically be obtained or sought, is there justification for sharing without consent, e.g., to protect the interests of the victim/offender?
- 8. Have I recorded that I have shared this information?
- 9. Am I sharing this information in a secure way?
- 10. Have I recorded this information in the relevant system(s)?
 - (1) A vulnerable individual for the purpose of this information sharing protocol is taken from the College of policing definition:
 - A person is vulnerable if, as a result of their situation or circumstances they are unable to take care of, or protect themselves or others, from harm or exploitation.



Consent must be unambiguous, freely given and may be withdrawn at any time.

Appendix 3 – Generic confidentiality declaration sign-in sheet



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Confidentiality Declaration¹

****OFFICIAL-SENSITIVE****

Name of meeting:

Chair:

Date of meeting:

Purpose of the meeting:

Any personal information or sensitive personal information known as special category data disclosed to you during this meeting has been provided to you in strict confidence and for the purpose of:

- 1. The detection of crime and anti-social behaviour
- 2. The prevention of crime and anti-social behaviour
- 3. The apprehension of an offender for crime or anti-social behaviour
- 4. The prosecution of an offender for crime or anti-social behaviour

Subject to Section 115 Crime and Disorder Act 1998, the General Data Protection Regulations 2016/679, and Data Protection Act 2018 in particular exemptions to UK GDPR set out at Schedule 2 Part 1 Section 2 Data Protection Act 2018.

- The information shared is done so on a lawful basis. The lawful basis relied upon is to perform a task in the public interest. The lawful basis for processing special category data is in the substantial public interest for the administration of justice. Information should only be shared on a need-to-know basis and must not be disclosed to any third party, including the data subject and other staff who do not have direct involvement in the original purpose for which it was disclosed. Further dissemination will only be permitted where there is a lawful basis to do so.
- It must be stored securely and permanently deleted when it is no longer required for the purpose for which it is provided.
- Any Warwickshire Police information shared is only valid at the time of provision and should only be used for the purpose as disclosed. It is only disclosed for the specific purpose given at the time of disclosure and should not be used for any other purpose.
- Any information shared will be proportionate and necessary for the purpose for which it is being shared.
- Where possible information shared must be handled and stored in accordance with the Government Protective Marking Scheme.
- Where personal information is shared with organisations that do not have access to secure email addresses, it must be encrypted with a password.
- Attendees joining the meeting virtually must ensure that confidentiality is maintained throughout.
- Due consideration will be given to the implications of recording the meeting and how this could be used, and agreement sought from all attendees before any recording commences.

¹ Agreed for use in Community Impact Operational Groups, Vulnerability meetings, Partnership Problem Solving meetings, Domestic Homicide Review Panels, Hate Crime meetings, Stratford District ASB and Case Management meetings, Warwick District ASB and Case Management meetings, Rugby Borough ASB Youth and Victim Case Management meetings, Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough ASB meetings and North Warwickshire Borough ASB meetings.

• All persons signing this document are duly authorised to act on behalf of their respective organisation to adhere to the conditions set out.

Please note, by signing this sheet you are agreeing to comply with the requirements of the Safer Warwickshire Partnership Board Community Safety Information Sharing Protocol and/or the specific Information Sharing Protocol applicable to this meeting.

Name	Signature	Organisation Represented

Appendix 4 – MAPPA Confidentiality & Equality Statements



Confidentiality Statement

In working with offenders, victims and other members of the public, all agencies have agreed boundaries of confidentiality. The information contained in these MAPPA meetings respects those boundaries of confidentiality and is shared under an understanding that:

- 1) The meeting is called in circumstances where it is felt that the risk presented by the offender is so great that issues of public or individual safety outweigh those rights of confidentiality.
- 2) One or more of the following exemptions will probably apply to the minutes of the meeting under the Freedom of Information Act 2000:
 - a) Investigations and proceedings by Public Authorities (s.30(1)(B));
 - b) Health and safety (s.38);
 - c) Personal information (s.40);
 - d) Information provided in confidence (s.41).
- 3) Where no exemptions apply, an individual's own personal data will be released to them if they make a Subject Access Request under the Data Protection Act 2018.
- 4) The discussions and decisions of the meeting will involve in an interference with the offenders Article 8 rights to privacy and a private life. Such an interference must be justified on one of the following grounds that are found in Article 8.2 of the European Convention on Human Rights and be necessary and proportionate to the risk posed:
 - a) Public safety;
 - b) The prevention of crime and disorder;
 - c) The protection of health and morals;
 - d) The protection of the rights and freedom of others.

<u>Meetings must not be recorded</u>. The minutes of the meeting will be marked OFFICIAL-SENSITIVE. Minutes should be stored in line with individual agencies' policies on the retention of OFFICIAL-SENSITIVE information. **Minutes must not be printed or photocopied, nor may the contents be shared outside of the meeting without the agreement of the meeting Chair.** Permission must be sought from the Chair if it is essential that information is shared with another agency. The Chair will then consult all those whose information is contained in the minutes and decide what information can be shared (information shared will be on a need-to-know basis and must be proportionate and necessary).

Equality Statement

The MAPPA meeting must promote equal access to services for all groups, ensuring that their policies and procedures comply with Human Rights requirements and do not draw on stereotypical assumptions about groups of offenders or victims or contain any elements that will be discriminatory in outcome. The meeting must consider:

• if any of the nine protected characteristics set out in the Equality Act 2010 (i.e., age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage & civil partnership, pregnancy & maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation) apply to the offender or.

• whether other diversity issues that may affect the offender or have a bearing upon the risks he or she presents to others and how these can be managed.

For non-Microsoft Teams meetings, participants must return all paperwork before leaving.

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CONFIDENTIALITY DECLARATION: AS READ BY THE MARAC CHAIR.

By accepting MARAC meeting outlook invite or signing this agreement you are agreeing to the terms of the confidentiality statement and the Warwickshire Community Safety Information Sharing Protocol. The confidentiality agreement will be confirmed at the start of the meeting.

The purpose of the MARAC

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MARAC is a multi-agency meeting that focuses on the safety of victims/survivors of domestic abuse identified as being at high risk for serious harm or homicide. The purpose of the MARAC is to:

- to share information to increase the safety, health and well-being of victims adults and their children;
- to determine whether the perpetrator poses a significant risk to any particular individual or the general community;
- to construct jointly and implement a risk management plan that provides professional support to all those at risk and that reduces the risk of harm;
- to reduce repeat victimisation;
- to improve agency accountability;
- improve support for staff involved in high risk DV cases; and
- the responsibility to take appropriate actions rests with individual agencies; it is not transferred to the MARAC it is to facilitate, monitor and evaluate effective information sharing to enable appropriate actions to be taken to increase public safety.

Information sharing

Subject to Section 115 Crime and Disorder Act 1998, the General Data Protection Regulations 2016/679, and Data Protection Act 2018 in particular exemptions to UK GDPR set out at Schedule 2 Part 1 Section 2 Data Protection Act 2018. The information shared is done so on a lawful basis. The lawful basis relied upon is to perform a task in the public interest. The lawful basis for processing special category data is in the substantial public interest for the administration of justice.

Information shared at MARAC must be proportionate, relevant, and necessary to enable an accurate assessment of the risks. A clear distinction should be made between fact and professional opinion.

Each MARAC agency is the data controller for the information which it brings to MARAC.

Attendance at the virtual MARAC meetings

A new dial in link will be circulated prior to each MARAC meeting. When joining the meeting please enter your name and organisation when prompted. If you do not do so you will not be let into the meeting.

During the calls, all attendees working from home must ensure that they attend the meeting in a room where no other people are present. If there are special circumstances, this should be dealt with by the Rep's manager and raised at Steering Group for approval.

MARAC meetings must not be recorded. Virtual MARAC meetings will be held via Microsoft Teams- this does not allow participants to record the meeting, nor does it upload recordings to cloud. The MARAC Coordinator will hold people in the 'lobby' and approve members to meeting manually to ensure only relevant people are on the call. No Guest agencies will be invited, without the consent of the MARAC Chair. Participants working from home must turn off and unplug any smart devices to ensure that MARAC meetings are not accidentally recorded. Should a participant become aware that a device has recorded the meeting, this must be brought to the attention of the Chair immediately.

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All normal processes should be abided by, we must have trust that all Reps will continue to act within existing protocols to the best of their ability.

Storage of MARAC documents

All agencies should ensure that all minutes and related documentation are retained in a confidential and appropriately restricted manner. These minutes will aim to reflect that all individuals who are discussed at these meetings should be treated fairly, with respect and without improper discrimination. All work undertaken at the meetings will aim to reflect that all individuals who are discussed at these meetings should be treated fairly, with respect and without improper discrimination. All work undertaken at the meetings will aim to reflect that all individuals who are discussed at these meetings should be treated fairly, with respect and without improper discrimination. All work undertaken at the meetings will be informed by a commitment to equal opportunities and effective practice issues in relation to age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy, maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, and sexual orientation.

All agencies must ensure home workers have secured all MARAC documents and it is not accessible to any household members. When emailing, only use secure (i.e., CJSM, Egress), or password protect. No passwords or automatic login should be saved on their home computer.

Disclosure of minutes

Information discussed by the agency representatives, within the ambit of this meeting, is strictly confidential and must not be disclosed to the victim, alleged perpetrator or any third parties who have not signed up to the MARAC ISP, without the agreement of the partners of the meeting. The procedure for requesting MARAC minutes is contained in the Warwickshire MARAC Operating Protocol.

All agency representatives understand that the MARAC minutes may need to be shared with another MARAC following the Warwickshire MARAC. This would only be as part of the MARAC-to-MARAC referral in line with the MARAC Operating Protocol. Should any agency representative have any concerns regarding this option for any case, then they should be raised and addressed during the case discussion.

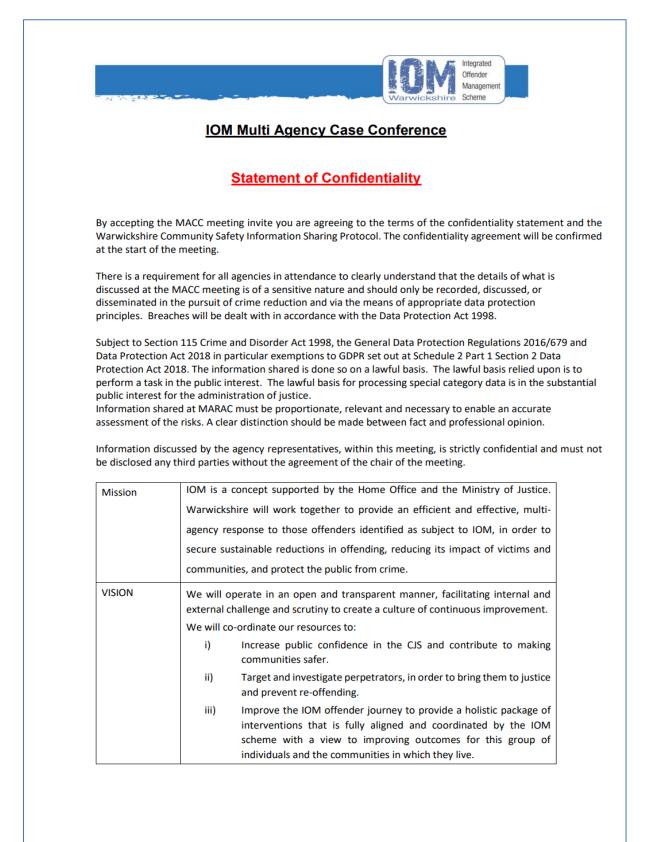
Confidentiality breaches

Any breaches must be immediately raised with MARAC Coordinator and Chair. This is not to place blame or punish, but rather to ensure we are adapting policies as needed in these new times to ensure confidentiality. We will explore how the breach occurred and determine if this is a one-off or systemic issue and respond accordingly. It is vital we remain open, transparent, and reflective with each other during this time while we shape this response plan.

Name	Signature	Organisation Represented	Time signed in and out

Appendix 6 – Integrated Offender Management (IOM) Multi Agency Case Conference Confidentiality Declaration

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N.B: Not transfer any Shared Personal Data received from another Partner Agency outside the UK

Appendix 7 – Early Help Locality Panels confidentiality declaration.

AREA LOCALITY PANEL ATTENDANCE LIST DATE CONFIDENTIALITY

You have been invited to attend a meeting that includes officers from Warwickshire County Council and other agencies. All agencies are considered to be Data Controllers under the Data Protection Act 1998 (DPA) and are also bound by the common law duty of confidentiality. Attendees are likely to discuss a wide range of issues and exchange personal and sensitive information relating to individuals to identify their service needs and risk of harm. Attendees are requested to share all relevant personal information and should be confident that it would only be used for matters discussed and decisions made within the meeting.

In appending my signature to this statement and attending the meeting and future multi agency meetings, I agree to maintain confidentiality and always abide by the obligations under the Data Protection Act.

Name	Organisation	Email address	Signature

Appendix 8 - Channel Panel confidentiality declaration



CONFIDENTIALITY DECLARATION

Declaration to be signed by persons attending the Warwickshire Multi-Agency Channel Panel meeting dated

The briefing relates to new cases brought to the panel along with updates from existing cases.

My attention has been drawn to the provisions of the Official Secrets Act 1911, 1920 and 1989, and I am fully aware of the serious consequences which may follow any breach of those provisions.

I understand that the sections of the OSA cover material published in a speech, lecture or radio or television broadcast, or in the Press or in book form. I am aware that I should not divulge any information gained by me as a result of my appointment, to any unauthorised persons, either orally or in writing, without the previous official sanction in writing by the Chief Officer of Police.

I understand also that I am liable to be prosecuted if I publish without official sanction any information I may acquire in the course of my duties as a panel member who is security cleared (unless it has already officially been made public) or retain without official sanction any sketch, plan, model, article, note or official documents which are no longer needed for my duties, and that these provisions apply not only during the period of my membership but also thereafter.

Name	Organisation	Signature	Date

Witness Date and Signature

Appendix 9 - Serious and Organised Crime Joint Action Group (SOCJAG) Confidentiality Declaration Sign-in Sheet

Name of the meeting: Serious and Organised Crime Joint Action Group (SOCJAG)

Date of meeting:

Chair:

Purpose of the meeting:

The Warwickshire Serious & Organised Crime Joint Action Group [SOCJAG] has been set up to allow law enforcement and partner agencies (Partners) to work together to understand the threat around Serious Organised Crime; to share information and good practice and to identify opportunities for joint working, ensuring all available information and powers are used against the organised crime threat. It also seeks to embed the principles of prevent, prepare, protect, and pursue in accordance with the Government's Serious Organised Crime Strategy [2018].

As part of the SOCJAG, Partners will work together to tackle Serious Organised Crime to reduce the impact that this has on the local communities, especially the most vulnerable, businesses and the wider economy.

Any personal information or sensitive personal information known as special category data disclosed to you during this meeting has been provided to you in strict confidence and for the purpose of:

- 1. The detection of crime and anti-social behaviour
- 2. The prevention of crime and anti-social behaviour
- 3. The apprehension of an offender for crime or anti-social behaviour
- 4. The prosecution of an offender for crime or anti-social behaviour

subject to Section 115 Crime and Disorder Act 1998, the General Data Protection Regulations 2016/679, and Data Protection Act 2018 in particular exemptions to UK GDPR set out at Schedule 2 Part 1 Section 2 Data Protection Act 2018.

All signatories agree that:

The information shared is done so on a lawful basis. The lawful basis relied upon is to
perform a task in the public interest. The lawful basis for processing special category data
is in the substantial public interest for the administration of justice. Information should only
be shared on a need-to-know basis and must not be disclosed to any third party, including
the data subject and other staff who do not have direct involvement in the original purpose
for which it was disclosed.

Further dissemination will only be permitted where there is a lawful basis to do so.

Where a partner agency requires information for evidential purposes, this cannot be taken directly from meeting discussions and/ or circulated papers. A data protection request (within the Community Safety Information Sharing Protocol - appendices 10 and 11) should be submitted to the data owner to request the specific information in a legally compliant format.

- Data must be stored securely and permanently deleted when it is no longer required for the purpose for which it is provided.
- Any information shared is only valid at the time of provision and should only be used for the purpose as disclosed. It is only disclosed for the specific purpose given at the time of disclosure and should not be used for any other purpose.
- Any information shared will be proportionate and necessary for the purpose for which it is being shared.
- Where possible information shared must be handled and stored in accordance with the Government Security Classifications.
- Where personal information is shared with organisations that do not have access to secure email addresses, it must be encrypted with a password.
- Attendees joining the meeting virtually must ensure that confidentiality is maintained throughout.
- Meetings will not be recorded.
- All persons signing this document are duly authorised to act on behalf of their respective organisation to adhere to the conditions set out.

Please note, by signing this sheet you are agreeing to comply with the requirements of the Safer Warwickshire Partnership Board Community Safety Information Sharing Protocol.

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RESPONSE TO REQUEST

Disclosure of personal data must be relevant, justified and the minimum amount required for the purpose and compatible with the data protection principles.

DETAILS OF WARWICKSHIRE POLICE CONTACT					
Name:					
Address:					
Tel:	E	Email:			
Date:	C	Our ref:			
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To:

The response to your request is detailed below and has been provided for the sole purpose outlined in your request and therefore this information will not be disclosed to a third party and will not be used for any other purpose.

Signed:		Rank/title:			
Name:		Date:			
This form must be quality assured by a named Point Of Contact (POC):					
Signed:		Rank/title:			
		Date:			

All information exchanged will only be so exchanged within the statutory framework of the Information Sharing Agreement and should be obtained, held, retained and disposed of in a fair lawful, secure, and appropriate manner in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018 and the retention and disposal/destruction policies of Warwickshire Police.

If you receive a subject access application and personal data is identified as belonging to Warwickshire Police, it is your responsibility to contact us to determine whether we wish to claim an exemption under the provisions of the Data Protection Act 2018.

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Request to external Under Schedule 2 Part 1	organisation for the disclosure of personal data to Paragraph 2 of the Data Protection Act 2018 and GDPR Article 6(1)	the police (d) & 9(2)(c)
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Appendix 11. Request from the Police to external agencies for information

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Undertaking of lawful use of data disclosed to the police service:

Information disclosed to the police service is protected against unlawful reuse by the second data protection principle¹, which prohibits data collected for one purpose being reused for another. If data disclosed to the police service is needed for another purpose, it will be reused only if the new purpose is lawful or a lawful exemption applies, and only data necessary and proportionate to that new purpose will be used.

Therefore, the police service undertakes to ensure that any use or reuse of the data disclosed is lawful, compliant with the data protection principles and processed using appropriate safeguards to the rights and freedoms of the data subject.

Please be aware that we cannot comply with a request to limit use of data which is overridden by a statutory or common law duty or obligation. However, the reuse will be subject to the safeguards described above.

We respectfully request that the same or equivalent measures are observed in your handling of this request for information.

Additional information you may wish to provide to the police service:

In order to help us safeguard against risk to the data subjects, your organisation, and the police service, please provide with your disclosure any additional information you believe necessary to best handle the data you choose to disclose. This may include, but is not limited to:

- · Risks we could not reasonably anticipate
- · Any expectation to consult with your organisation should reuse be necessary
- · Legally enforceable restrictions on reuse of the data

Explanatory Note

This form is used by the police when making a formal request to other organisations for personal data where disclosure is necessary for the purposes of the prevention or detection of crime or the apprehension or prosecution of offenders. It places no compulsion on the recipient to disclose the information, but should provide necessary reassurance that a disclosure for these purposes is appropriate and in compliance with the Data Protection Act 2018 and the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

Crime and Taxation - The GDPR regulates the processing of personal data where it is done so for non-Law Enforcement purposes. Article 23 of the GDPR permitted the UK Parliament to create, via legislation, exemptions from particular elements within the GDPR which would otherwise compromise the public interest. The Data Protection Act 2018 sets out exemptions from the GDPR which apply in some circumstances. They mean that some of the data protection principles and subject rights within the GDPR do not apply at all or are restricted when personal data is used or disclosed for particular purposes.

The most relevant exemption for Law Enforcement is that within the Data Protection Act 2018 at Schedule 2 Part 1 Paragraph 2 (Crime & taxation: general). This applies where personal data is disclosed by an organisation subject to the GDPR to the police for the purposes of *the prevention or detection of crime* or *the apprehension or prosecution of offenders*.

It restricts the application of the GDPR data protection principles and subject rights (as listed in the Data Protection Act 2018 at Schedule 2 Part 1 Paragraph 1) to the extent that the application of those provisions would be likely to prejudice the prevention or detection of crime or the apprehension or prosecution of offenders.

In effect the exemption means that an organisation can provide personal data to the police where necessary for the prevention or detection of crime or the apprehension or prosecution of offenders without fear of breaching the GDPR or Data Protection Act 2018.

Organisations already processing data for the prevention and detection of crime may wish to consider compatibility with their conditions for processing instead of using this exemption. For example, Schedule 1 Part 2 Paragraph 10 provides the condition for processing (including disclosure) for purposes compatible with this request.

¹ General Data Protection Regulation Article 5(1)(b) and Data Protection Act 2018 Part 3 Section 36

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Vital Interests – To protect life or prevent an immediate and credible risk to life, GDPR Article 6(1)(d) provides a lawful basis for organisations to disclose personal data to the police where the disclosure *is necessary in order to protect the vital interests of the data subject or of another natural person.* Article 9(2)(c) provides for processing of special category data to the same ends, where the data subject is legally or physically incapable of consent.

Further guidance on the use of this form may be obtained from your Data Protection Officer.

Completion Guidance

Police officers or staff completing this form should type and tab between the fields on the form. The information required field should provide the recipient with sufficient information to allow them to locate the information sought. Where a signature and/or counter signature are required the form will need to be printed off and signed manually. Some organisations may require a counter signature to be added to the form. Normally this should be the supervisor or line manager of the person completing the form, but may be a higher rank if reasonably required by the recipient.

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Organisation ²	Chief Officer signatory and role	Designated Officer(s)	Contact details.
Warwickshire County Council	Monica Fogarty- Chief Executive	Harpreet Rai - PA to the Leader of the Council	harpreetrai@warwickshire.gov.uk
		Shade Agboola - Director of Public Health	shadeagboola@warwickshire.gov.uk
		Scott Tompkins - Director of Environment, Planning and Transport	scotttompkins@warwickshire.gov.uk
		John Coleman- Director of Children and Families	johncoleman@warwickshire.gov.uk
		Pete Sidgwick- Director of Social Care and Support	petesidgwick@warwickshire.gov.uk
		Sally Waldron - Assistant Chief Fire Officer	SallyWaldron@warwickshire.gov.uk
		Johnny Kyriacou – Director of Education	johnnykyriacou@warwickshire.gov.uk
North Warwickshire Borough Council	Steve Maxey- Chief Executive	Julie Taylor - Senior Policy Support Officer	SteveMaxey@NorthWarks.gov.uk JulieTaylor@NorthWarks.gov.uk

Appendix 12: Safer Warwickshire Partnership Board Signatures

² The Police and Crime Commissioner is also a member of the Safer Warwickshire Partnership Board. He is not included as a signatory as his team are not involved in partnership meetings where the level of personal information covered within the protocol is discussed.

Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council	Nicola Botterill – Assistant Director (Social Housing and Community Safety)	Abubaker Malek - Communities and Community Safety Manager	Nicola.Botterill@nuneatonandbedworth.gov.uk Abubaker.malek@nuneatonandbedworth.gov.uk
Rugby Borough Council	David Burrows - Chief Officer Regulation and Safety	David Burrows Henry Biddington - Environmental Health & Community Safety Manager Supported by Matthew Deaves- Communication Consultation and Information Manager	david.burrows@rugby.gov.uk henry.biddington@rugby.gov.uk matthew.deaves@rugby.gov.uk
Stratford-on-Avon District Council	Marcia Eccleston – Head of Law and Governance and Monitoring Officer	Phoebe Knowles – Information Governance Officer Sam Slemensek – Community Safety Manager	Marcia.Eccleston@stratford-dc.gov.uk Phoebe.Knowles@stratford-dc.gov.uk Sam.Slemensek@stratford-dc.gov.uk
Warwick District Council	Marianne Rolfe – Head of Safer Communities, Leisure and Environment	Marianne Rolfe Supported by Gerard Grey- Information Governance manager	Marianne.Rolfe@warwickdc.gov.uk
Warwickshire Police	Debbie Tedds – Chief Constable	Sara Smith - Head of Information Assurance & DPO	informationassurance@warwickshire.police.uk
		Chief Inspectors (CI) – Locality based: Faz Chisty, James Rankin, Steve Davies.	faz.chishty@warwickshire.police.uk james.rankin@warwickshire.police.uk steve.davies@warwickshire.police.uk

Probation Service	Andy Wade – Head of Service (Warwickshire)	Hannah Fielder – Deputy Head of Service (Warwickshire)	Andy.Wade@justice.gov.uk hannah.fielder@justice.gov.uk
NHS Coventry and Warwickshire Integrated Care Board (ICB)	Jamie Soden – Interim Chief Nurse	Jackie Channel – Associate Chief Nurse	jamie.soden1@nhs.net jackie.channell@nhs.net
Equality and Inclusion Partnership (EQuIP)	Junaid Hussain- Chief Executive	Junaid Hussain	junaid@equipequality.org.uk

Appendix 13: Additional Signatures and Designated/ Lead Officers

Organisation	Chief Officer signatory and role	Designated Officer(s)	Contact details
Barnardo's	Susan Berry - Assistant Director – Children's Services	Susan Berry	sue.berry@barnardos.org.uk
Bradby Club	Rebecca Thomas – Youth Worker/Designated Safeguarding Lead	John Robertson	john@bradby.org.uk
Bromford Housing	Melanie Goldsby - Neighbourhood Coach	Melanie Goldsby	melanie.goldsby@bromford.co.uk
Canal and River Trust	Henriette Breukelaar – Regional Director West Midlands	Henriette Breukelaar	henriette.breukelaar@canalrivertrust.org.uk
Change, Grow, Live (CGL)	Kirsten Lord - Coventry & Warwickshire Services Manager	Kirsten Lord	Kirsten.Lord@cgl.org.uk
Citizen Housing	Kevin Rodgers - Chief Executive	Sangita Mundy	sangita.mundy@citizenhousing.org.uk
COMPASS	Richard Thomas – Service Manager	Richard Thomas	Richard.Thomas@compass-uk.org

Coventry & Warwickshire NHS Partnership Trust (South Warwickshire Recovery Team)	Laura Sale - Team Manager	Laura Sale	laura.sale@covwarkpt.nhs.uk
Coventry Cyrenians	Richard Tyson – Senior Housing Support Worker	Richard Tyson	richard.tyson@coventrycyrenians.org
Department for Work and Pensions	Andy Hobbis – Partnership Manager	Andy Hobbis	andy.hobbis@dwp.gov.uk
Doorway	Carol Gallagher - CEO	Shona Mellor	info@doorway.org.uk
			shona.mellor@doorway.org.uk
EOS Ex Offender Support CIC	Christopher Leslie - Director	Christopher Leslie	chris@eoscic.com
Equation	Marie Bower Head of Service (Survivors and Perpetrators)	Marie Bower	marie@equation.org.uk
Family Intervention Counselling Service	Donna Hodge - Director and Trainee Forensic Psychologist	Donna Hodge	admin@interventionservices.co.uk
Futures Unlocked	John Powell - Operations Manager	John Powell	admin@futuresunlocked.org john.powell@futuresunlocked.org
Get-to CIC	Lloyd Robinson- Managing Director	Lloyd Robinson	I.robinson@get-to.co.uk
Helping Hands Community Project	Alice Webber – Operations Manager	Alice Webber / Lianne Kirkman	operations@helpinghandscharity.org.uk

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HMP Featherstone	Warren Sullivan - Governor	Rachael Lindop	rachael.lindop@justice.gov.uk
Leamington Night Shelter	Margaret Moore – Coordinator	Margaret Moore	margaretmoore401@btinternet.com
Listening Ear	Richard Brown	Jayne Hobin Wright,	Jayne.Hobin-Wright@listening-ear.co.uk
	CEO	Deputy CEO	
Mediation and Community Support service	Judith Halliday - referrer to councils re ASB and Mediation	Judith Halliday	admin@mediationsupport.org.uk
Midland Heart (Housing Association)	Vicki Brownhill - Head of Housing Management	Sue Lamb	vicki.brownhill@midlandheart.org.uk sue.lamb@midlandheart.org.uk
Myspace Housing	Rachael Reeves - Housing Manager, (Midlands)	Rachael Reeves	rachael.reeves@myspacehousing.org
New Meaning Training	Alex Cooper - Area Manager	Alex Cooper	alex.cooper@newmeaning.tranining
Orbit Group	Andrew Meyer - Head of Tenancy Services	Andrew Meyer	andrew.meyer@orbit.org.uk
Platform Housing Group	Catherine Cole – Assistant Director	Jon Elger	jon.elger@platformhg.com
P3 Social Inclusion Charity	Esther Barrett – Head of Support and Community Services	Henry Webster	henry.webster@p3charity.org

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