

Luton Community Safety Partnership Plan 2017-2020



Committed to reducing crime and anti-social behaviour in Luton

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Luton

What is Luton Community Safety Partnership?

Luton's Community Safety Partnership is a collection of statutory agencies working together to reduce crime and antisocial behaviour across the town. The Luton partnership goes further than this and includes a wide range of committed organisations, local charities, businesses, residents and community groups who work independently and together to make Luton a safer and stronger place.

The Partnership's key role is to actively lead on the development of strategies relating to crime and crime reduction within the town. It takes into account

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Luton's community safety issues, including those which have been raised by the town's communities, and decides what actions can be taken collectively to reduce crime.

The Partnership also contributes to the preventing extremism and terrorism agenda, which is overseen by a dedicated Luton Prevent Board.

This document demonstrates our recent achievements and sets out the priorities the partnership has identified for the next three years.





Priorities 2017-2020

The partnership recognises that a long term commitment to tackling these issues is required and has decided to commit to these priorities for 2017-2020:

REDUCING VIOLENCE AND EXPLOITATION

YOUTH VIOLENCE | DOMESTIC ABUSE
LABOUR EXPLOITATION | TACKLING EXTREMISM
CHILD AND ADULT SEXUAL EXPLOITATION

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KEEPING LUTON SAFE AND TIDY

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR
ENVIRONMENTAL CRIME
ON AND OFF STREET SEX TRADE
CONFIDENT, COHESIVE COMMUNITIES

An annual business plan will set out the key projects and activities the partnership will be undertaking to deliver on each of the above priorities. **The current version can be found on the Council's website www.luton.gov.uk/communitysafety**

It is important to note that whilst the partnership focuses on its identified priorities, work will continue to tackle crimes and priority issues identified by the police and other agencies within their own operating practices.



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How is the partnership held to account?

The Community Safety Partnership Executive holds overall responsibility for the delivery and performance of the partnership. Chief Officers from the statutory organisations set the direction and hold the agencies accountable for delivery.

The Partnership Delivery Board implements the annual programme of work, identifies emerging issues and takes action to address those issues. The board is supported by commissioned delivery groups made up of local experts who can drive forward the delivery of work.

A Crime and Disorder Committee is held annually where councillors, elected by residents, review the work of the partnership.

How to report crime

Residents can report crime, anti-social behaviour or intelligence through 101; or 999 in an emergency.

Environmental crimes can be reported to the council through **01582 510330** or online at www.luton.gov.uk/communitysafety

Hate crime can be reported at www.report-it.org.uk





Our Main Aims

Alongside annual performance measures we have the following overall ambitions:

Keeping victims and communities at the centre of our approach

Tackling crime and anti-social behaviour affecting our communities

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Reducing re-offending

Promoting early intervention

Empowering communities to stay safe and feel safe

Our recent achievements



- Luton obtained White Ribbon Status – a commitment across the town never to commit, condone or remain silent about violence against women.

95% OF CASES MANAGED BY THE PARTNERSHIP ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR TEAM WERE SUCCESSFULLY RESOLVED MEANING THAT THE ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR STOPPED



- A Pan Bedfordshire Child Sexual Exploitation Strategy & Action plan was created and implemented.



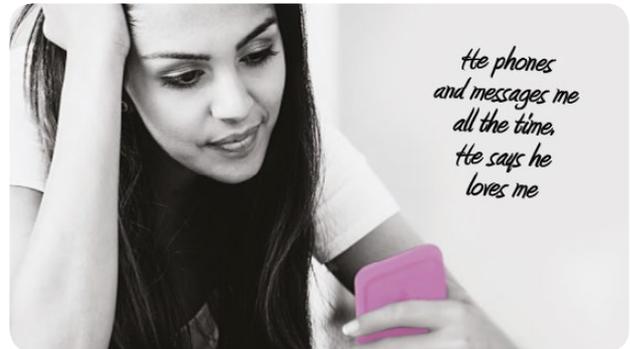
- Bedfordshire Police (pictured above) launched their Emerald Unit to investigate domestic crime and serious sexual offences.



VICTIM SUPPORT BECAME 'LEADING LIGHTS' ACCREDITED FOR ITS SERVICES TO VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC ABUSE



- The Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub commenced operation to provide joined up case assessment and action for vulnerable people across the town.



- A sexual relationship education programme for secondary schools was developed and commenced rollout to teach young people about safe, healthy relationships.
- Additional programmes for perpetrators of domestic abuse were delivered through Relate and the Integrated Offender Management programme.



- Increasing numbers of hidden victims of hate crime, domestic abuse and exploitation came forward to report crimes.

Our recent achievements

- Luton adopted a disruption toolkit to target and disrupt places where child sexual exploitation can take place.

- Joint work arrangements were developed to work together to tackle human trafficking and modern day slavery including working with the airport to identify potential victims.

- Operations were undertaken to target rogue landlords, houses in multiple occupations and labour exploitation.



- Operation Sentinel was deployed to target hotspot locations and took increasing amounts of action against kerb crawlers and men who were exploiting women in the on street sex trade.

OPERATION SENTINEL

BEDFORDSHIRE POLICE
CLOSED DOWN A LARGE
NUMBER OF PROPERTIES
ASSOCIATED WITH THE
EXPLOITATION OF
WOMEN



A NEW CONTRACT FOR DRUG ALCOHOL SERVICES



IN LUTON WAS COMMISSIONED TO START ON

1ST APRIL 2017

MORE AGENCIES
SIGNED UP TO BE
THIRD PARTY
REPORTING CENTRES FOR
HATE CRIMES



- 19 schools participated in a Euros competition which aimed to educate young people on the effects of bullying and how it can manifest into hate crime.

- Assertive outreach continued to support women drug users to exit the on street sex trade.

MORE YOUNG
PEOPLE 
SIGNED UP TO 
BE HATE 
CRIME AMBASSADORS

Our recent achievements

- The ASB soLUTiONs Unit developed services to victims by integrating support services provided by Mind, the safer Luton partnership, Mediation and Stronger families.



- Luton Borough Council launched its new neighbourhood enforcement team to provide additional visibility across the town and obtained community safety accreditation status.



- Operation Meteor continued and the police seized over 50 nuisance motorcycles.

- The Town Centre Intervention Group continued to coordinate activity to intervene with people causing anti-social behaviour in the town centre and to take enforcement action against those who continued.

- Consultation took place for a Public Spaces Protection Order for the town centre.

- Hate crime awareness was delivered through a week of action, sessions in schools, a conference for local services and ongoing media to publicise hate crime convictions.

- The Multi-agency gang panel was re-designed to ensure earlier intervention with individuals involved in or at risk of involvement in youth violence.



- The #keepLutontidy campaign was launched and the first weekend saw over 500 bags of litter cleared from the streets on Luton, by volunteers, Luton Borough Council officers, local school children and Bedfordshire Police staff.