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Luton Community Safety Partnership Plan 2024 – 2028

Working together to help our community be and feel safe

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What is the Luton Community Safety Partnership?

The Community Safety Partnership (CSP) is the overall framework by which local organisations, charities, businesses, residents and community groups can work together towards the goals of helping our community be and feel safe, while visibly seeing a reduction in crime and anti-social behaviour across Luton.

The main role of the partnership is to actively lead on the development, coordination and delivery of strategic approaches to a range of priority crime and community safety issues. Community safety partnerships are also responsible for fulfilling a new national duty to tackle serious violence through their delivery plan and partnership working (Serious Violence Duty, Section 8 of the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022).

The partnership is overseen by the CSP Executive, made up of statutory partners, including Luton Council, Bedfordshire Police and the Bedfordshire Police and Crime Commissioner, Bedfordshire Fire and Rescue, Luton's Integrated Care Board (representing NHS partners) and the Probation Service.

A crucial part of our 2040 vision for Luton

The CSP is a key component of Luton's 2040 vision for a healthy, fair, and sustainable town where everyone can thrive, and no one has to live in poverty. Our strategic approach is to ensure that our crime reduction and community safety work supports the broader 2040 agenda in addressing the causes and drivers of crime, preventing the inter-related factors which enable crime to flourish.

Key themes and priorities for 2024 to 2028

The partnership recognises that a multi-faceted approach to community safety is required over the long-term. As part of our approach, the CSP Executive identified eight themes and their lead agency for delivery and reporting on progress made during the period 2024 to 2028. These are:

1 Violence and exploitation

Bedfordshire Police and Luton Council

2 Safeguarding children – criminal exploitation and offending

Luton Council Youth Partnership Service

3 Domestic abuse and on street sexual exploitation

Luton Council Public Health

4 Drugs, alcohol and mental health

Luton Council Public Health

5 Town Centre safety

Bedfordshire Police

6 Antisocial behaviour and environmental crime

Luton Council Neighbourhood Services

7 Hate crime and extremism

Luton Council Citizen Engagement and Bedfordshire Police

8 Reducing re-offending

Probation Services

To focus our efforts as a partnership, the CSP Executive has also agreed seven cross-cutting priorities for 2024 to 2028:

Our key priorities

REDUCING CRIME AND ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR **ACROSS THE TOWN**

CO-PRODUCING **OUTCOMES WITH LOCAL COMMUNITIES**

PROMOTING AN EARLY IDENTIFICATION AND INTERVENTION APPROACH

ENSURING ALL **PEOPLE ARE GIVEN ACCESS** TO SUPPORT SERVICES

WORKING TOWARDS **LASTING** BEHAVIOUR CHANGE

DRIVING DOWN THE AVAILABILITY, **PREVALENCE AND** IMPACT OF DRUGS

CREATING SAFE AND ACCESSIBLE **PUBLIC SPACES**

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

You said, we're doing

As part of our continuous engagement with communities across Luton, residents have shared their concerns around safety as well as hopes for the future. This valuable feedback has shaped what the plan will seek to address:

The CSP Plan seeks to address this by:

- Reducing the number of people suffering serious injuries.
- Working with all our partners and our communities to help reduce the incidence of domestic abuse.
- Reducing the number of drug and alcohol related deaths in Luton.
- Improving the feeling of safety across the town.

The CSP Plan seeks to address this by:

- Continuing to understand the hate crime context in the town, and building capacity to provide specialist targeted interventions within and alongside Luton's diverse communities.
- Implementing pathways to redirect ex-offenders into pro-social activities.

"We want to be part of a strong community"

The CSP Plan seeks to address this by:

- Keeping local communities informed and engaged with regular updates and opportunities for feedback and dialogue.
- Co-producing solutions and investing in our VCFSE's contribution to making Luton safer.
- Reducing stigma and improving literacy around mental health issues.

"We want to enjoy our Town Centre"

The CSP Plan seeks to address this by:

- Significantly reducing offences and anti-social behaviour committed in the Town Centre.
- Improving the feeling of safety in the Town Centre.

"We want everyone to be included at schools"

The CSP Plan seeks to address this by:

- Diverting young people away from gangs and 'county lines'.
- Reducing the number of children with entrenched exploitative behaviours.
- Identifying and intervening earlier with children who are vulnerable to an increased risk of offending.
- Using trauma-informed approaches to help move young people away from gang activity.

"We want to be proud of where we live"

The CSP Plan seeks to address this by:

- Reducing harm and impact from On-Street Sexual Exploitation (OSSE) for those directly involved and the wider community in Luton.
- Creating neighbourhoods which are: cleaner and tidier; safer and more mobile; regulated and resilient.

"We want the police to be there when we need them"

The CSP Plan seeks to address this by:

- Working with the Bedfordshire Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) and Bedfordshire Police to ensure the optimum possible resources for local community policing.
- Reducing demand for police services in the Town Centre over time, increasing capacity for proactive and preventative work elsewhere.

"We want our neighbourhood to be clean and tidy"

The CSP Plan seeks to address this by:

- Tackling OSSE to see a reduction in anti-social behaviour and a decrease in litter (including used condoms and syringes); decreased noise and traffic; and a reduction of individuals publicly engaging in sexual activity.
- Creating neighbourhoods which are: cleaner and tidier; safer and more mobile; regulated and resilient.

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Thank you for reading

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