

APPENDIX 4 - HEREFORDSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY STRATEGY 2014-17

Context	Herefordshire has low levels of crime compared to the rest of England & Wales	Total recorded crime in Herefordshire continues to decrease	Calls to Herefordshire domestic abuse help line increased by 50% (2013)	Alcohol was a factor in 39% of all violence against person crimes.	Drug and sexual assault offences increasing. Hate crime increasing.	Joint approach needed for those households which engage with a number of services
Vision	<i>Agencies and practitioners will work together to make Herefordshire an even safer place to live, work and visit.</i>					
Our Approach	<p><i>Collaborative working with</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ <i>Joint commissioning and decommissioning</i> ✓ <i>Joint information sharing protocols</i> ✓ <i>Joint approach to operational working practice</i> ✓ <i>Agreed mechanisms for understanding needs, the effectiveness of services and measuring performance</i> 					
Priorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce the volume of crime with an emphasis on addressing the harm caused by alcohol and drugs. • Reduce re-offending and bring offenders to account. • Address the harm caused by domestic violence and abuse (DVA). • Promote community cohesion and reduce the volume of anti-social behaviour (ASB).+ • Plus work with HSCB & HSAB to oversee Child Sexual Exploitation & Sexual Violence, Abuse and Exploitation 					
Work Programmes	<p>Reduce Re-offending/ Bring Offenders to Account (adult and young offenders.) Integrate Transforming Rehabilitation. Work alongside the Nat. Probation Service (NPS) and the Community Rehabilitation Company (CRC); Continue Integrated Offender Management (IOM) initiative. Develop community resolution/ restorative justice initiatives.</p>	<p>Address the Harm caused by Alcohol and Drugs. Raise awareness of sensible drinking; Co-ordinated action to reduce crime linked to alcohol consumption and drug use; Develop with community safety partners commissioned services to address alcohol and drug misuse.</p>	<p>Domestic Violence and Abuse (DVA). Continue to deliver the DVA Action Plan and refresh in 2014. Educate and raise awareness that DVA in Herefordshire is unacceptable. In partnership - commission specialist DVA services for Herefordshire.</p>	<p>Promote Community Cohesion and Reduce ASB. Undertake multi agency tasking approach to resolve locally identified issues; Programmes of activity to promote cohesion within communities and to support communities to address ASB issues.</p>		
Outcomes	Effective management of offenders to include a full range of available interventions, including "catch and convict" and planned care pathways.	<p>Increase in responsible drinking and reduction in alcohol related crimes and incidents;</p> <p>Co-ordinated action to address drug related crime .</p>	<p>Improved services on basis of more effective commissioning and joint working.</p> <p>Increased adult and young people awareness that DVA is not acceptable.</p>	<p>To maintain the levels of people who feel safe in their local area;</p> <p>Communities are empowered to address community cohesion and ASB matters .</p>		
Horizon scanning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Central Government policy and legislative changes, such as the ASB Police & Crime Act 2014, Care Bill, Transforming Rehabilitation, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • * Emerging trends – increase in rural crime, hate crime, ASB, sexual assault, vulnerable victims, especially children • Continued budgetary pressures faced by all partners <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a relationship with the new Community Rehabilitation Company. • Jointly commission victim support services with the Police and Crime Commissioner 					
Cross Cutting Themes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education - to equip young people to allow them to make informed life choices. • Equality and Diversity - to make certain that those who are most vulnerable and in need of help and support, are taken into account • Certain groups of people and families with multiple issues and problems make a disproportionate call upon a number of services from different providers. 					
Strategic Performance Measures	Performance will be measured through overall rates of crime, reoffending levels, violent crime linked to alcohol and domestic abuse, alcohol related hospital admissions, levels of people feeling safe in their local area					