

Appendix 1 - Overview of role and responsibilities of Herefordshire Community Safety Partnership (HCSP)

INTRODUCTION

Community safety partnerships (previously called crime and disorder reduction partnerships (CDRPs) are defined in the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 as: “An alliance of organisations which generate strategies and policies, implement actions and interventions concerning crime and disorder within their partnership area”. They are statutorily responsible for reducing crime and disorder, substance misuse and re-offending in each single and lower-tier local authority area.

ROLE OF HCSP

- (a) To identify ways in which the responsible authorities in the county area might more effectively implement the priorities identified in the Herefordshire Community Safety Partnership’s Strategic Assessment and three year Strategy through coordinated and joint working; and
- (b) To identify how the responsible authorities in the county might otherwise reduce crime and disorder or combat substance misuse through coordinated and joint working.

RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Oversee strategic analysis of current activity appropriate at county level, including strategic assessments and ensure an evidence-based approach to priority-setting.
2. Agree key priorities at county level and ensure that there is a three year Community Safety Strategy and Plan to deliver actions against those priorities.
3. Keep a strategic overview of progress against delivery of objectives and provide constructive challenge in areas of underperformance at a county level as appropriate.
4. Contribute to the development and implementation of other local strategies and plans, such as health and wellbeing, which are aligned to the community safety agenda, particularly to reduce duplication of effort and identify and implement possible efficiencies and increase effectiveness.
5. Raise the awareness of key issues and facilitate the exchange of information between all organisations involved that are appropriate at a countywide level.
6. To ensure compliance with the statutory duties and responsibilities stated in the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, the Police and Justice Act 2006, and in subsequent Home Office regulations.
7. Consult and engage with stakeholders and communities on the priority issues to be addressed.

8. Establish Domestic Homicide Reviews as appropriate (DHR) (as set out in the Domestic Violence and Crimes Act 2004).
9. Ensure that all authorities consider section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 (review 2005) showing that crime and disorder, anti social behaviour; behaviour that adversely affects the environment and substance misuse issues are considered in policy and delivery.
10. Formulate and implement a strategy to reduce reoffending by adult and young offenders.
11. Ensure effective mechanisms for scrutiny of crime and disorder (sec 19-21 Police and Justice Act 2006) in connection to the discharge of the responsible authorities functions around crime and disorder.
12. To co-operate with the West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner assisting where appropriate to achieve the priorities identified in the West Mercia Police and Crime Plan and exploring opportunities for joint working.
13. To facilitate effective information sharing on behalf of all Responsible Authorities.
14. To approve the allocation of funding received as a community safety partnership and to explore coordinated use of other resources to achieve increased outcomes.
15. Review and explore developing relationships with other relevant bodies at regional and local level, such as the Local Criminal Justice Board, the Police and Crime Panel and the Health and Well Being Board.
16. Review the Terms of Reference and membership on an annual basis.