

Herefordshire
Community Safety Partnership

Briefing Connected Communities Scrutiny Committee
13 February 2023

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Chair - Councillor Ange Tyler

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- ▶ Community Safety Partnerships were set up under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998.
- ▶ The responsible authorities for the Herefordshire Community Safety Partnership are:
 - ▶ Herefordshire Council
 - ▶ West Mercia Police
 - ▶ Hereford and Worcester Fire and Rescue Service
 - ▶ Herefordshire & Worcestershire Integrated Care Board - (Health)
 - ▶ The Probation Service
- ▶ Herefordshire Council provides the statutory scrutiny function for the CSP

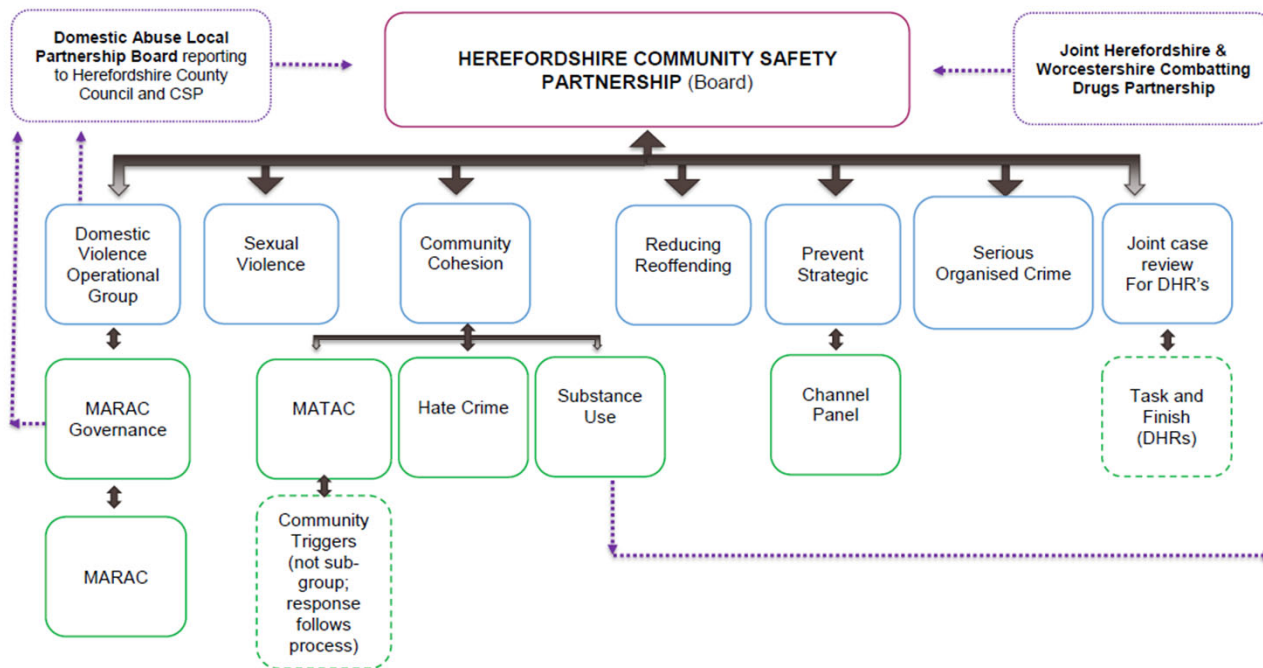
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- ▶ HCSP required to have 3 year CSP strategy informed by a Strategic Assessment and on-going data and thematic reports
- ▶ The current Herefordshire Community Safety Partnership Strategy is from April 2021 to March 2024 'Our Plan to Keep You Safer'
 - ▶ Plan outlines the priorities and approaches to tackle crime and disorder in Herefordshire
- ▶ HCSP has two strategic priorities
 - ▶ **To prevent Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG)**
 - ▶ **To reduce the harm from Domestic Abuse (DA)**
- ▶ Also
 - ▶ Work towards reducing crime and disorder in the area, including anti-social behaviour (ASB).
 - ▶ Combat the misuse of drugs, alcohol and other substances in the area
 - ▶ Reduce re-offending in Herefordshire
 - ▶ Commission domestic homicide reviews (DHR)
 - ▶ Process Community Triggers
 - ▶ Work with the Herefordshire and Worcestershire Combatting Drugs Partnership - 10 year plan to cut drug crime and save lives
 - ▶ Implement the Serious Violence Duty - 2021 Police Crime Sentencing and Courts Bill

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- ▶ Delivery of the Strategy
 - ▶ Various Priority Groups and sub groups - *see following slide depicting the organisational structure*
 - ▶ Groups report into the HCSP Board providing quarterly reports and reports by exception
 - ▶ Data provided by Quarterly All Crime Summaries and Thematic Reviews provided by the OPCC/ CSP Analytical Team based at Police HQ
 - ▶ PCC grant to the HCSP. The allocation for 2022/23 is £100,666.
 - ▶ Funding: Partnership analyst resource; funding for the Integrated Offender Management programme; Hate Crime initiatives; the CrimeStoppers programme; domestic abuse training and support for victims; child exploitation awareness interventions; homelessness winter shelter provision; DISC night time economy initiative

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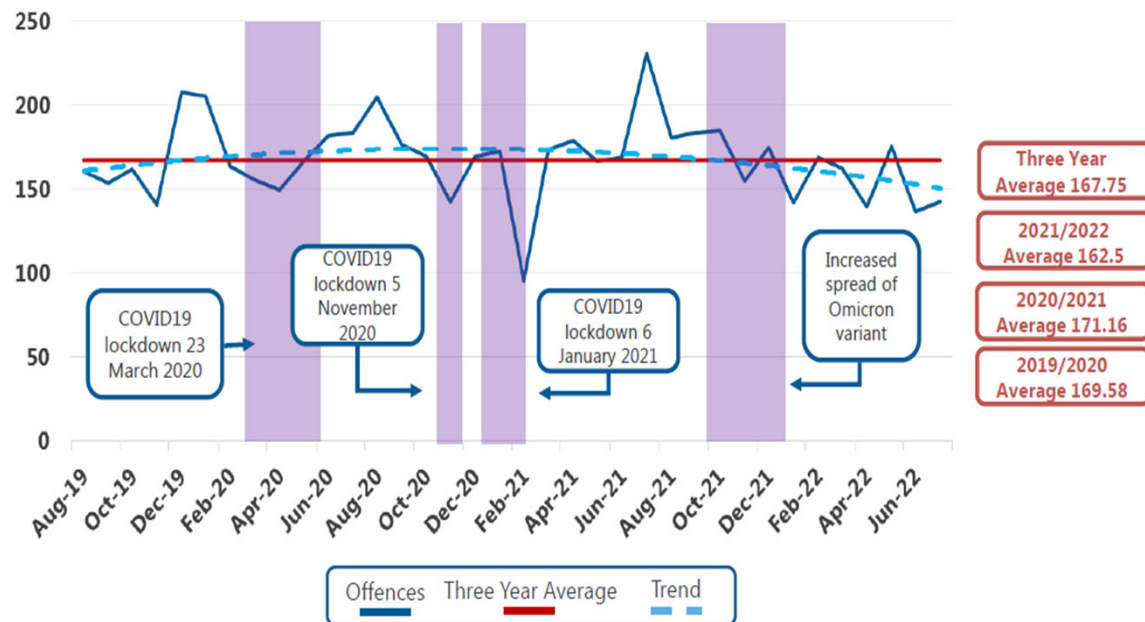
- ▶ Data
- ▶ Priority 1. Violence against women and girls

Offences	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	Offences per 1,000 population
Telford & Wrekin	3,053	2,817	3,685	48 offences per 1,000 population
North Worcestershire	3,494	3,602	4,289	40 offences per 1,000 population
South Worcestershire	3,608	3,450	4,504	32 offences per 1,000 population
Shropshire	3,204	3,037	3,733	30 offences per 1,000 population
Hereford	1,830	2,013	2,678	27 offences per 1,000 population

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► Priority 2. Domestic Abuse

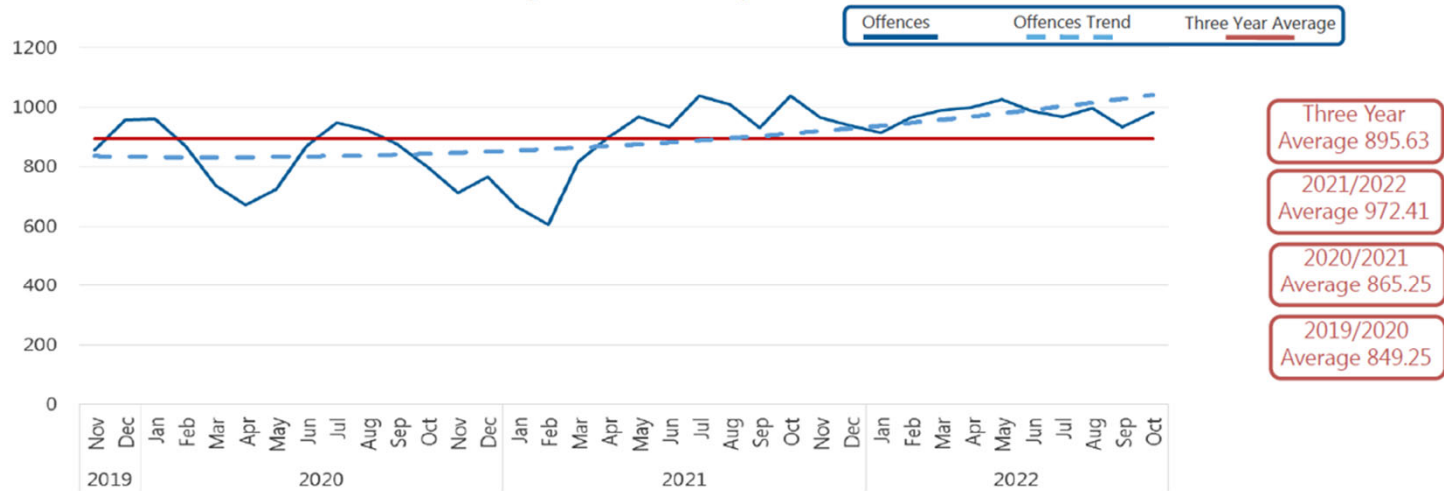
Recorded offences with domestic abuse markers between 1 August 2019 and 31 July 2022



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All Crime Trends

Offences committed in Herefordshire between 1 August 2019 and 31 July 2022



Data source Herefordshire Community Safety Partnership All Crime Overview - 01 November 2019 to 31 October 2022 published December 2022.

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- ▶ Comparative Data
 - ▶ Recorded crime rate for headline offences by Community Safety Partnership area, year ending September 2022 (ONS)

Police Force Area Name	Community Safety Partnership Name	Population figures (mid-2020) - rounded to 100	Total Recorded Crime (excluding Fraud)	Total Recorded Crime (excluding Fraud) per 1,000 population
Column		A	B	C
West Mercia	Herefordshire	193,600	12,382	64
Wiltshire	Wiltshire	504,100	25,751	51
Suffolk	West Suffolk	177,300	12,375	70
Norfolk	King's Lynn and West Norfolk	151,200	10,570	70
Devon and Cornwall	S. Devon and Dartmoor	279,100	11,162	40
West Mercia	Telford & Wrekin	181,300	17,568	97
West Mercia	North Worcestershire	287,300	21,358	74
West Mercia	South Worcestershire	310,800	23,240	75
West Mercia	Shropshire	325,400	18,518	57

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► Positives:

- Publication of the Herefordshire Community Safety Partnership Sexual Violence Strategy 2023-2028 in spring 2023
- Successful Safer Streets Programme for Herefordshire including; pulling in over £500,000 of external funding; Time for Change campaign and website, increased and improved CCTV coverage and provision, education initiatives in schools, working with the night time economy; clearance of undergrowth and vegetation along footpaths to improve sight lines
- Date: Quarterly All Crime Summaries and Thematic Reviews provided by the OPCC/ CSP Analytical Team
- Work with the Domestic Abuse Local Partnership Board
- Programmed 19 DA training and awareness courses - White Ribbon Campaign November 2022
- Good attendance at HCSP Board and Sub groups
- Allocation of PCC grant for 2022/23 - £100,666
- Working with the community - Safer Streets consultation; voluntary and community representation on CSP Board; engagement with HWEG
- Serious Violence Duty on track

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▶ Challenges

- ▶ Evidencing the impact of the HCSP on the Herefordshire community
- ▶ Impact of interventions may be seen in future
- ▶ Further community engagement ‘do people feel safe?’
- ▶ Data required from Partner agencies to provide a fuller picture -not just police statistics
- ▶ Making an impact in specific areas to address specific issues
- ▶ Refresh the Community Trigger process
- ▶ Reduced capacity for partners to engage fully - complex partnership environment across West Mercia
- ▶ Crime rates back to pre-covid levels and in some cases exceeding pre-covid rates
- ▶ Understanding increased crime levels - increase in disclosures of abuse may be a positive
- ▶ Maintaining effective Partnership working with stretched and reduced resources

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► Finally

The Chair of Herefordshire Community Safety Partnership, Councillor Ange Tyler, would like to thank members of the HCSP Board, colleagues from all agencies and volunteers for their efforts over the past year to deliver the Herefordshire Community Safety Partnership strategy and interventions.