

Report to: Policy & Performance Improvement Committee – 1 September 2025

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| Report Summary | |
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| Report Title | <p>Bassetlaw and Newark & Sherwood Community Safety Partnership Progress and Performance Update</p> <p>The report's Appendix contains exempt information as defined under Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 Paragraph 7 under which the Committee has the power to exclude the press and public if it so wishes.</p> <p>It is considered that the need to treat the information in the Appendix as exempt outweighs the public interest in disclosure because it contains information which is deemed Officially Sensitive.</p> |
| Purpose of Report | To provide an update on the work undertaken by the Bassetlaw and Newark & Sherwood Community Safety Partnership. |
| Recommendations | That Policy & Performance Improvement Committee note the Community Safety Partnership performance information. |
| Reason for Recommendation | To ensure that the Community Safety Partnership is addressing the right priorities in the right way. |

1.0 Background

1.1 The existence of a Community Safety Partnership (CSP) is a statutory requirement under Section 5 of the Crime & Disorder Act 1998 ("the Act"), as amended by the Police Reform Act 2002 and the Police & Justice Act 2006. There are a number of 'Responsible Authorities' that form the partnership. They are:

- i. The District Council(s)
- ii. The County Council
- iii. The Chief Officer of Police
- iv. The Fire and Rescue Authority
- v. The Integrated Care Boards

1.2 The Bassetlaw and Newark & Sherwood CSP (BNSCSP) meets on a quarterly basis with wider partners through the Joint Strategic Group (JSG). The chair of the JSG represents the CSP at the Nottinghamshire Safer Neighbourhoods Board and this role alternates between the two district councils on a biennial basis.

- 1.3 The CSP and its priorities are determined by statutory requirements set by government and localised priorities and requirements through the Safer Notts Board and related strategic groups.

2.0 Performance

- 2.1 Each month the CSP analyst produces a performance report based on all crime and a separate smaller report based on antisocial behaviour. This shows the comparative performance of the Community Safety Partnerships in the county (there are three) and each district. This shows the change in all crime/ASB compared to the same period last year as well as providing some more detailed analysis on the locations and causes of any hot spots.
- 2.2 The performance for All Crime for January – July 2025 when compared with the previous year is shown below:

| | All Crime Volume: Jan-Jul 2024 | All Crime Volume: Jan-Jul 2025 | Volume Change | % Change |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|----------|
| County | 33,773 | 34,840 | 1,067 | 3.2% |
| Ashfield | 6,085 | 6,108 | 23 | 0.4% |
| Mansfield | 6,334 | 6,265 | -69 | -1.1% |
| Bassetlaw | 5,724 | 5,973 | 249 | 4.4% |
| <i>Newark & Sherwood</i> | <i>5,088</i> | <i>5,239</i> | 151 | 3.0% |
| Broxtowe | 4,014 | 3,981 | -33 | -0.8% |
| Gedling | 3,505 | 3,999 | 494 | 14.1% |
| Rushcliffe | 3,023 | 3,275 | 252 | 8.3% |

Source: Nottinghamshire Police Power BI Crime and Outcomes Performance App

The table above illustrates that Newark & Sherwood experienced a 3.0% increase in All Crime compared to a 3.2% increase in the county.

The performance for ASB for January – July 2025 when compared with the previous year is shown below:

| | ASB Volume: Jan-Jul 2024 | ASB Volume: Jan-Jul 2025 | Volume Change | % Change |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|----------|
| County | 9,167 | 7,277 | -1,890 | -20.6% |
| Ashfield | 1,667 | 1,394 | -273 | -16.4% |
| Mansfield | 1,702 | 1,352 | -350 | -20.6% |
| Bassetlaw | 1,435 | 1,064 | -371 | -25.9% |
| <i>Newark & Sherwood</i> | <i>1,423</i> | <i>1,194</i> | -229 | -16.1% |
| Broxtowe | 1,146 | 883 | -263 | -22.9% |
| Gedling | 1,037 | 846 | -191 | -18.4% |
| Rushcliffe | 757 | 544 | -213 | -28.1% |

Source: Nottinghamshire Police Power BI Crime and Outcomes Performance App

Note: these figures may vary slightly from those given below in the exempt report due to differences in data extraction methods

The table above illustrates that Newark & Sherwood experienced an 16.1% reduction in ASB compared to an 20.6% reduction countywide.

- 2.3 As agreed at the previous committee the more detailed, ward-based data for crime and ASB is provided in exempt **Appendix 1**.

3.0 Community Safety Partnership (CSP) Strategy

- 3.1 Following the review of the draft Community Safety Strategy at the February 2025 meeting and comments from members, the strategy was approved at the March Cabinet meeting and is now in place.

4.0 Community Safety Partnership Review

- 4.1 Following the announcement and work towards Local Government Reform, a review of whether the Community Safety Partnership review work should continue was undertaken. It was decided that the review on the scale that was originally agreed would no longer take place. The Community Safety Managers have been involved in early LGR discussions regarding public safety to feed into the LGR discussions and we continue to meet monthly to share best practice and work towards consistency of approach.
- 4.2 There has been some changes made to meeting and governance structures, which has seen a number of meetings and boards condensed, many of which were led by the Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner.

5.0 Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHR)

- 5.1 The CSP is responsible for determining whether a DHR referred to it is accepted and meets the national requirements. Once agreed by the partnership, a chair and author is commissioned to undertake the review. The aim of a DHR is to review the case, speak with all agencies involved and to determine any points of learning or actions that can be taken to improve services with the aim of reducing domestic abuse related deaths.
- 5.2 The CSP currently has 6 active referrals, these are all at various stages, the table below sets out the current DHRs being managed by the CSP.

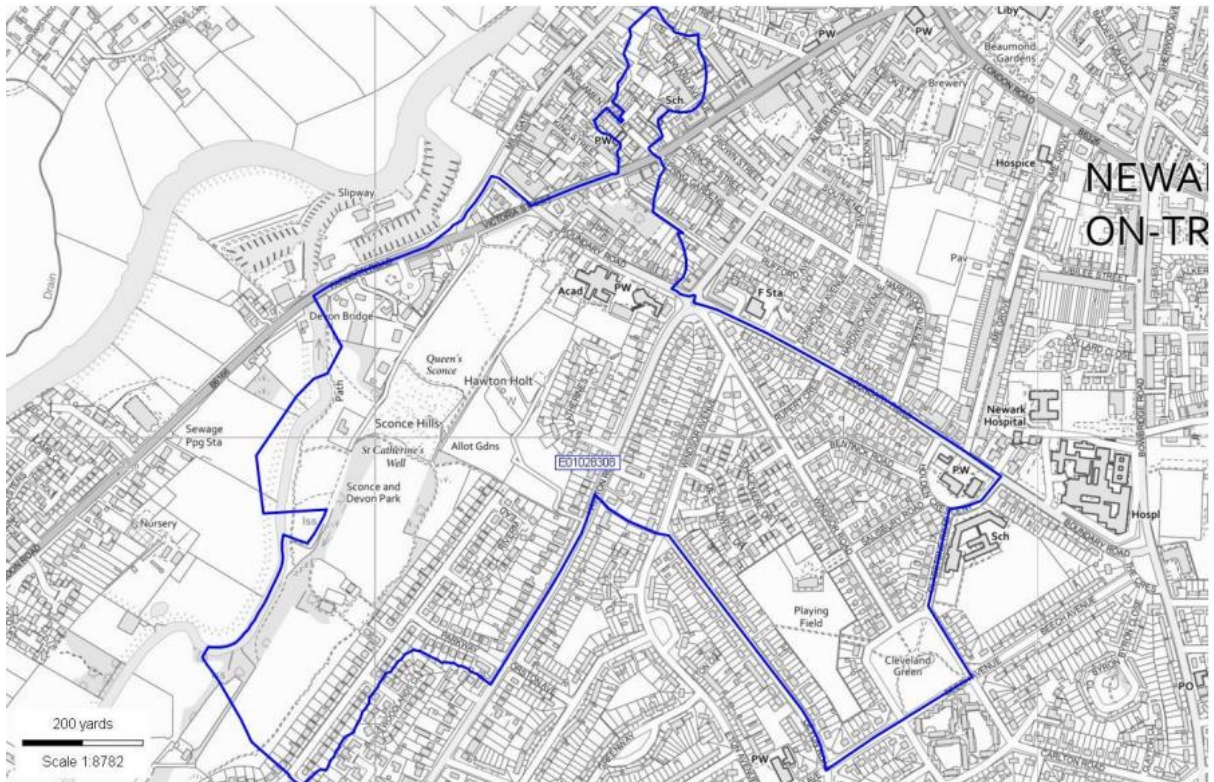
| Name of DHR | Area it relates | Current Status |
|--------------------|------------------------|--|
| Op Harpist | Newark & Sherwood | Report in final draft review stage |
| Op Honeydew | Newark & Sherwood | Chair and author appointed, and initial partner meetings held |
| Op Aslan | Bassetlaw | Decision to progress agreed, chair and author appointed, and first meeting held. Currently on hold pending Police investigation conclusion |
| Op Okra Sky | Newark & Sherwood | Decision to proceed and chair and author appointed |
| Op Orion Rose | Newark & Sherwood | Pending DHR decision |

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| Op Ocean View | Bassetlaw | Decision to proceed and chair and author appointed |
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5.0 **Community Safety Activities**

5.1 **Situational Crime Funding**

A new fund was announced by the PCC to provide funding to improve crime and ASB in key hotspot locations. The area chosen were based on data provided by the PCC and for Newark & Sherwood the area relates to the town centre and extending to Sconce and Devon Park as shown by the map below:



The fund is for two years and provides £67,500 (£37,500 in year 1 and £30,000 in year 2). The aim of the fund is to target harden key locations, provide diversionary activities, improve feelings of safety, education and support and behavioural change. As with previous funding rounds, Newark & Sherwood will be submitting an application for funding and work towards delivering those activities. The programme is now monitored countywide and will also incorporate other funding streams and projects.

5.2 **Safer Street Summer Initiative**

Earlier in the year the Home Secretary wrote to every Police & Crime Commissioner and Chief Executive to request plans to be submitted detailing how we intended to increase safety in our town centres and high streets this summer. The programme started on 30 June and runs to the end of September. A countywide document detailing plans and activities from all Community Safety Partnerships was submitted to the Home Office and the outcomes are now monitored through a countywide group and reported back to the Home Office on a monthly basis. Many of the suggested actions or proposals made by the Home Office, Newark & Sherwood had already previously undertaken, such as reviewing Public Spaces Protections Orders and increasing patrols.

5.3 Hotspot Funding Patrols

Funding for hotspot patrols has been continued for this year by the Home Office and is being monitored by the OPCC. For our area the key locations are the Castle, Magnus and Devon wards. Again, these are area dictated to us by the scheme based on Police data. Our CPOs undertake additional patrols in those areas both during their duties and as part of overtime, which is funded by the scheme. This year's patrolling plan did not commence until mid-May but already over 107 patrol hours by the local policing team and our CPOs has been completed in those areas and will continue throughout the year.

5.4 Enforcement Activities

The team have been busy throughout the year with enforcement action across the district this includes the following enforcement activities on adults:

- Community Protection Warnings – 13
- Community Protection Notices – 3
- In March 2025, a male who repeatedly breached an Injunction Order in place upon him on Yorke Drive was sentenced to a 2-month custodial sentence.
- Incidents of individuals street drinking and causing nuisances to others rose sharply with the onset of the good weather. As a result, 4 CPWs were issued; 2 of which were breached and CPN served. ASB team have arranged several joint patrols with the Police Neighbourhoods team to tackle this issue, which will continue throughout the summer.

ASB Panel

There have been an additional 13 young people referred to the ASB Panel from 1 March – 31 July 2025: below sets out where the anti-social behaviour took place (this may differ from where the young person lives):

| Area ASB Occurred | No of Referrals |
|--------------------|-----------------|
| Newark Town Centre | 16 |
| Balderton | 9 |
| Boughton | 6 |
| Clipstone | 5 |
| Hawtonville | 6 |
| Yorke Drive | 2 |
| Southwell | 3 |
| Ollerton | 2 |
| Bilsthorpe | 1 |
| Blidworth | 1 |

5.5 CCTV Replacement Scheme

As agreed at Cabinet in March 2024, where the proposed replacement scheme was presented and approved, the cameras to be replaced this year are being worked through with our contractor and programmed in for the remainder of the year.

We have delivered on additional cameras since the last committee which includes:

- Permanent CCTV replaced temporary camera on Kings Road/Wilson Street funded by ASB Hotspot Initiative additional funding.
- Church Gardens, Newark – new additional CCTV system installed within the Church Gardens, alongside improved lighting; this project was part-funded by the Government UK Shared Prosperity Fund.
- Newark Lock CCTV is due to be installed on 19 August 2025; this is an additional camera, funded by Safer Streets, and was due for installation in December 2023 but flooding through late 2023, early 2024, installation was unable to take place and subsequently, this siting has been beset with technical challenges.

5.6 CCTV Control Room

A further report was presented to Cabinet in February, which approved the continuation of the project to bring the monitoring of our public realm CCTV cameras in house. The procurement process for this project has now been completed and we are working towards the delivery of the project.

5.7 Diversionary Activities/Education Sessions

The team organised a number of diversionary activities and educational sessions funded through the OPCC Localities Funding and NSDC. The Locality Funding ended on 31 March 2025, this fund provided by the OPCC was used by NSDC to fund and deliver all of our Diversionary Activities. Where we can we are seeking to include Diversionary Activities in any other funding bids we can and considering what NSDC can fund moving forward. Sessions held since the last report to this committee include:

Balderton Graffiti Project - March hosted the final project under Safer Streets 5 Funding; a Graffiti project held in conjunction with Balderton Parish Council. We worked with Balderton young people, including the Girl Guides to produce a 'Teamwork' sporting themed wall on the workshop building at Coronation Park Playing Field. The young people enjoyed getting creative and working together to produce a wonderful piece of artwork representative of park users.

Safety Challenge – over 900 year 5&6 pupils attended sessions at Vicar Water and Sconce and Devon Park in the summer 25, learning about Fire Safety, Water Safety, First Aid, ASB, Food Safety, environment and wildlife crime. It was another very successful event with positive feedback received from the schools and partners who took part. We intend to run this again in the summer 2026.

Extreme Wheels – weekly sessions run at Sherwood Avenue Park, Newark, ran throughout June and July 2025, for children to attend the park and learn BMX bikes and skateboarding skills. The sessions ended in Newark on 24 July, moving to Edwinstowe Skate Park on 31 July, where sessions will be provided throughout August.

In March 2025 - The Extreme Wheels stunt team, along with Council and Police officers, attended Newark Academy, providing a great engagement opportunity whilst having some fun.

Prison Me, No Way – Sessions have been arranged for all secondary schools in the district with a number of these being completed. Sherwood side secondary schools are booked in complete the session this September with further Newark side sessions to follow. These sessions aim to teach pupils about the consequences of their actions and behaviours and develop their knowledge and confidence in making better decisions. A replica prison cell is brought alongside hearing directly from ex inmates to provide real life situations. On 1st May 2025, Prison Me, No Way, delivered to 236 Year 9 students at Joseph Whitaker school.

School Assemblies - In March the ASB and CPO teams visited Bishop Alexander Primary School, Newark and hosted 4 ASB themed assemblies to approximately 130 Year 3,4,5 and 6 pupils. The assemblies focused on types of ASB and the effects it can have; the children were very engaging and participated in a knowledge quiz to supplement their learning.

DJ Skills workshops – to be delivered through the Young Peoples Centres across the district to allow for further engagement sessions with Youth Service. The DJ Workshops continued within the 3 Young People's Centres until early April 2025: with positive feedback from NCC Youth Workers.

The Boxing Project in Rainworth and **the Cooking Project** across the district ended in March 2025; and like with DJ workshops, provided an opportunity to positively engage with young people whilst providing learning and new skills.

6.0 Implications

In writing this report and in putting forward recommendations, officers have considered the following implications: Data Protection; Digital & Cyber Security; Equality & Diversity; Financial; Human Resources; Human Rights; Legal; Safeguarding & Sustainability and where appropriate they have made reference to these implications and added suitable expert comment where appropriate.

Financial Implications FIN25-26/9906

- 6.1 The posts that support the work of the CSP are fully budgeted. Any activities that are undertaken to support the CSP are funded from existing budgets or are subject to bids to a variety of sources.
- 6.2 There are no additional unforeseen financial implications and no direct financial implications to the current budgets or the medium-term financial plan.

Background Papers and Published Documents

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

Cabinet report – CCTV February 2025