



Dacorum Community Safety Plan

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Foreword



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Community safety is about feeling safe, whether at home, in the street or at work. It relates to quality of life and being able to pursue and obtain the fullest benefits from your domestic, social and economic lives without fear or hindrance from crime and disorder.

From feeling secure in your home, to feeling confident when you are out in your local neighbourhood, community safety is one of the most important things for any resident living in the borough of Dacorum. This is why Dacorum Community Safety Partnership works with a number of key organisations to reduce crime and the fear

of crime across Dacorum and within the communities that live and work here.

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There have been a number of changes to the community safety landscape over the last 12 months, and a number of factors have presented significant challenges to making Dacorum Safer.

These include the Coronavirus Pandemic, challenging economic climate, organised crime and exploitation, antisocial behaviour in our communities and of course the threat and use of violence. Things for any resident living in the borough of Dacorum.

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What is Dacorum Community Safety Partnership?

Dacorum Community Safety Partnership is the strategic partnership with responsibility for addressing crime, disorder and drug and alcohol misuse within the borough of Dacorum. The partnership has adopted an intelligence-led problem-solving approach and uses data from the Hertfordshire annual Strategic Intelligence Assessment, to determine our strategic priorities. Dacorum Community Safety Partnership Plan is our three-year commitment, which will be reviewed annually, and outlines our key strategic priorities.

The Legal Responsibilities

The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 placed a statutory requirement on the 'Responsible Authorities' (Police, Local Authority, Fire Authority, Probation Services and Health (Integrated Care Boards), to work in partnership to formulate and implement a strategy to tackle crime and disorder in their areas. Other partners, known as Co-operating Authorities, follow the spirit of these requirements and work with, and support, the Responsible Authorities as they deliver the statutory requirements. These partnerships are known as Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs).

Community Safety Partnerships are an alliance of organisations which generate and influence strategies and policies, direct and implement actions and interventions concerning crime and disorder within their partnership area. The Dacorum Community Safety Partnership provides the strategic framework to address crime, disorder, antisocial behaviour and drug & alcohol related harms within Dacorum.



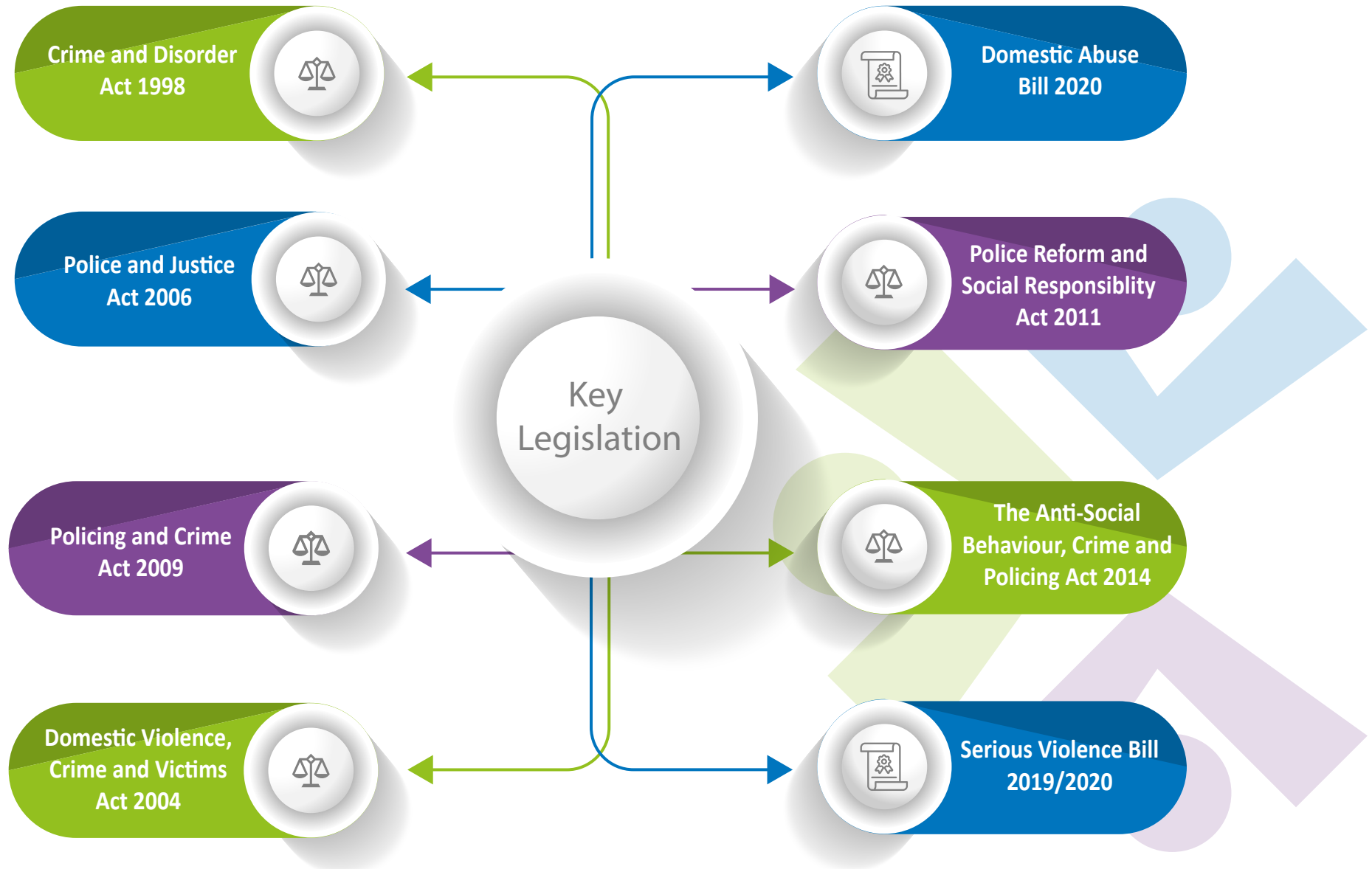
Dacorum Community Safety Partnership Structure

All members of Dacorum Community Safety Partnership support the partnership priority objectives through their linked activity, reporting performance through the Joint Action Group (JAG), supported by the priority leads and any exceptional reporting and strategic needs are directed via Dacorum Community Safety Partnership Strategy Board.



Key Legislation

Key pieces of legislation govern the priorities in this plan. Due consideration has been given to the following:



Dacorum Crime & Disorder Strategic Assessment - The Key Findings

It is important to note that the ability to meaningfully assess crime trends has been significantly impacted by the Covid19 Pandemic restrictions that were in place. The impact of the rising cost of living in the UK is likely to see some types of crime increase, particularly acquisitive crime, fraud and scams. during 2020 and 2021.

Fly-tipping increased by 17% between Apr & Dec 2021 compared to the same period the previous year

In 2022, there were 79 robbery offences that took place in Dacorum, compared to 59 in 2021. The end of Covid19 restrictions played a role in the increase of robberies

Vehicle crime has continued to decrease

In 2022 Dacorum had a 12.3% decrease in reported Hate Crime

Dacorum has one of the highest numbers of missing children reports for under 18's. This is directly related to the higher number of children's homes and semi-independent accommodation providers in the area

Dacorum had a 13.8% decrease in Domestic Abuse offences reported in 2022 than in 2021

Hate Crimes have decreased by 12%

From 2021/2022 drug possession in Dacorum reduced by 6.4% and drug trafficking reduced by 10%

103 logs related to cuckooing at 42 addresses in Dacorum

Anti-Social Behaviour has decreased by 6%

In 2022 there was a significant decrease in offences involving a blade/knife in Dacorum. Dacorum received 90 reports in 2022, compared to 136 in 2021

In 2021/2022 Hertfordshire police recorded 810 uses of the S136 of the Mental Health Act

In 2022, 246 people indicated that they did not feel safe during the day and 357 indicated that they did not feel safe after dark. (Echo – Community Voice and Feedback Platform).

Public Health data shows Dacorum has higher than England average levels of:

- Pupil absence
- Homelessness
- Loneliness
- Suicide

In 2021 Hertfordshire victims of Fraud lost a total of £38.9m

In 2021 Trading Standards recorded 38 Rogue Trader reports

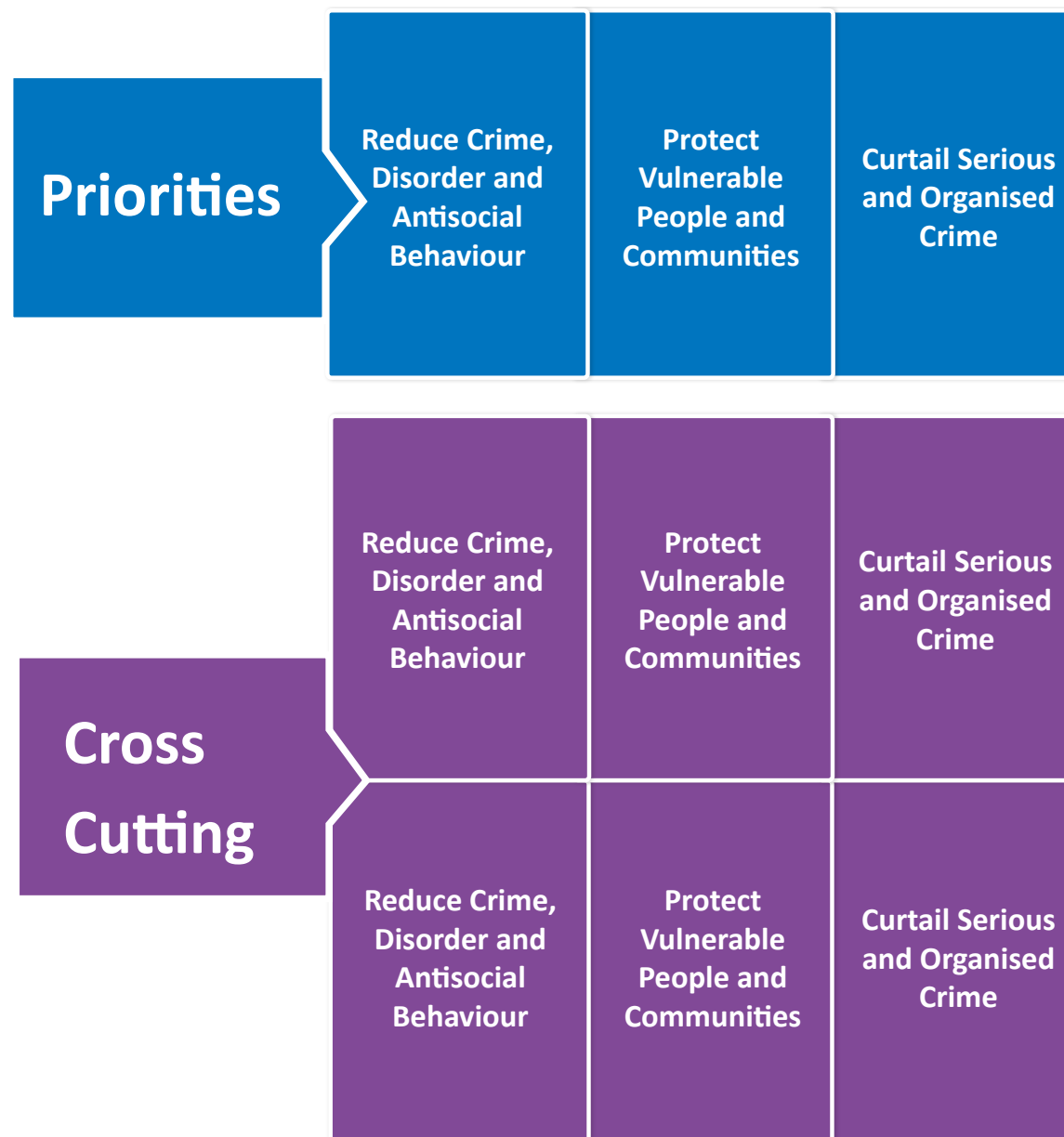
Strategic Priorities 2023-2026

This plan sets out three priorities for Dacorum CSP. The CSP aims to achieve the council's vision for our residents and businesses to live and work in "A clean, safe and enjoyable environment". This aim is shared by all Community Safety Partnership members. We hope that by addressing local issues like these within our strategic priorities, we will be able to improve public confidence and trust in local policing and community safety partners to make Dacorum safer.

The Police and Crime Commissioner for Hertfordshire also have priorities that are aligned to the broader CSP priorities. These are:

- Keep Crime Low
- Focus on Victims

Working in partnership to address these issues, the CSP will ensure it monitors and responds to other specific crime types that present an ongoing problem in the borough. Our priorities and themes have been identified through robust analysis of the Strategic Intelligence Assessment, partnership discussions and analysis of demand on partnership services.



Strategic Priority 1: Reduce Crime, Disorder and Antisocial Behaviour

Priority	Antisocial Behaviour	Violent Crime and Harm Prevention	Hate Crime
Actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify the antisocial behaviour issues affecting local communities Raise awareness of antisocial behaviour in education establishments Develop diversionary and early intervention activities Embody the new Anti-Social Behaviour Action Plan into the work that the partnership already carries out. Map crimes, antisocial behaviour, locations, and times to identify hotspots and direct partnership activity and resources (Intelligence-led approach) Promote close working relationships with local CCTV operations teams, ensuring the proactive prevention of crime and ASB 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduce violence on the streets Raise awareness of violent crime Work with victims and perpetrators of violent crime Reduce youth violence utilising models based on prevention, early intervention, education, enforcement and reassurance. Increase the numbers of mentoring programmes for young people. Understand the motive for committing violent crime e.g. ACEs, community, inequalities, relationships with the police, health and areas of deprivation. Collaborate with local colleges and schools to form a student panel. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure services for victims and perpetrators of hate crime is accessible and available for all Network of reporting organisations, work to consistent standards Engaging with the community, listening to their concerns Mandatory Prevent training for staff Raise awareness hate crime in education establishments Collaboration on projects e.g. Op Ideogram.
Desired Outcomes & Measures of Success	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduction in reports of Antisocial Behaviour Incidents Increase in Public Confidence ASB enforcement Reduction in ASB Case Reviews that are referred to the partnership for review and consideration Increased taskings provided to the council's CCTV team. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A developed and embedded partnership response to violent crime and harm prevention in Dacorum Reduction in Violent Crime Increased feelings of safety in Dacorum Reduction in serious violence and harm (including Knife Crime) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased hate crime awareness Improved access to services Community cohesion activities Fewer victims of hate crime

Strategic Priority 2: Protection of Vulnerable People and Communities

Priority	Reduce Domestic Abuse	Prevent Extremist Activity	Exploitation of vulnerable people
Actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preventing perpetrators offending and reoffending • Educating children and young people about healthy relationships. • Improve our responses and share the responsibility with all our services, partners, stakeholders and community. • Stop the progression of abuse through early detection, intervention, support and enforcement for both victims and perpetrators • We will continue to drive the long term changes required through domestic abuse legislation. • Identify the impact and trends that VAWG (Violence Against Women and Girls) has on our local communities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dacorum Community Safety Partnership will continue working alongside community groups and organisations throughout Dacorum. • Concerns relating to extremist activity to be reported at the earliest opportunity. • Monitor the prevent action plan – CSP strategy group/JAG • Op Ideogram (graffiti project) – The Council's Safeguarding Lead has organised training for 100 DBC staff covering the signs of extremist graffiti tagging and how to report incidents. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve our understanding of who is being targeted and how. • Collaborate with partners to raise awareness and signs of abuse • Engage with the public, business and the voluntary & community sector agencies to increase the network of support and minimise the opportunities for abuse and exploitation of vulnerable people. • Improve our understanding of cuckooing and map the locality concerns within Dacorum • Promotion of the St Albans and Dacorum Youth Action Panel (SAD YAP)
Desired Outcomes & Measures of Success	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduction in the number of victims and repeat victims • Implement Domestic Abuse Workplace Champions • Ensure access to safe accommodation • Increased awareness of Domestic Abuse and the early signs of coercive control • Creation of Domestic Abuse Strategy, refreshed annually • Annual Domestic Abuse Needs Assessment to ensure fit for purpose commissioning and service provision 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify potential vulnerabilities related to extremism or radicalisation • Secure support mechanisms to prevent individuals from being drawn into terrorism • Reduce 'hate crime' through Prevent and integration related activity in our schools and communities. • Increase the understanding of partners of the local threats and vulnerabilities in relation to extremism and terrorism • Identify third sector capacity to increase the range of support available. • Increased awareness in all employees, of the actions of potential extremist or terrorist and how to respond • Support partners to embed the prevent duty across all relevant organisations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fewer victims of Financial Abuse/ exploitation • Increased awareness of abuse and how to prevent it • Improved support and aessibility of services for victims • Increased number of referrals put forward to the SAD YAP.

Strategic Priority 3: Serious Organised Crime & Exploitation

Priority	<p>Modern Slavery</p> <p>Sexual Exploitation</p> <p>Criminal Exploitation (Including County Lines)</p> <p>Human Trafficking</p>
Actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dacorum Community Safety Partnership will work with all its partners to tackle persistent criminal behaviour. • We will continue to raise awareness within our communities in order to reduce the risk of exploitation, neglect and/or criminal activities. • Working with the voluntary and community sector (VCS), we will minimise serious organised crime and all forms of exploitation. • We will provide appropriate and effective support for victims and people at risk
Desired Outcomes & Measures of Success	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop and implement an Exploitation strategy and supporting delivery plans • Reduction in serious and organised crime • Reduction in the exploitation of vulnerable people • Reduction in serious crime involving weapons. • Increased awareness of organised crime including perpetrators and the locations used to commit crime • Increased awareness, across all agencies and in the community of how to identify and report organised crime • Clear understanding of the increase number of children, young people and adults with vulnerabilities being exploited and at risk of being exploited • Clear multi-agency Pathways for all cases of exploitation • Integrated Exploitation hub • Progress multi-agency interventions to rehabilitate perpetrators and improve partnership working • Increased access and provision of support services for victims and or those affected by neglect, serious and organised crime and exploitation. • Improved access to safe accommodation • Increased awareness of Domestic Abuse and the early signs of coercive control

Cross-cutting Objectives

1. Reduce and Prevent Offending and Reoffending

What we will do:

Working with probation services, youth justice service, we understand the challenges locally and nationally to reduce and prevent offending and reoffending across all crime and disorder.

We will work closely with our young people to keep them and the wider community safe from crime and disorder.

Dacorum Community Safety Partnership aim is to create a safer future for our children and young people: through education, access to service and support where appropriate.



How we will measure success:

Reducing offending and reoffending

Improve pathways and profiles for offenders to access employment and housing in Dacorum, with focus on those individuals leaving custody

Reduce the number of young people entering the Criminal Justice System for the first time

Ensure that all children and young people working with the youth justice system receive their full entitlement to education, training and employment and that provision is tailored to their specific needs

Improving prevention support to access education/training/employment

Improve the provision and accessibility of mental health services

Increase the use of restorative justice interventions
- preventing offending and reoffending across the partnership

People with unmet needs, such as homelessness, ill mental health, substance misuse and criminal justice system experience face barriers navigating the courts and tribunals system. We can support service users to overcome these barriers by offering a call back service for those who were upset or angry on a call and also ensuring staff are aware of the complex needs of service users.

Cross-cutting Objectives

2. Reduce Harm Caused by Alcohol and Drugs Misuse

What we will do:

Dacorum Community Safety Partnership want to reduce street drinking, drug and alcohol misuse. We aim to reduce drug and alcohol related offending and anti-social behaviour and prevent the onset of drug and alcohol misuse in young people.

How we will measure success:

Engaging drug and alcohol related offenders in to treatment at each stage of the criminal justice system (arrest, court, probation and post custody)

The number of Drug Rehabilitation Requirements (DRR) and Alcohol Treatment Requirements (ATR) sentences made and completed

The rate of people successfully completing drug and alcohol treatment

Optimise opportunities to identify and train young people to become drug and alcohol peer educators in Dacorum secondary schools

Reduce offending by supporting and promoting recovery from addiction through establishing peer-led and mutual-aid support groups

Develop universal, selective and targeted prevention work with schools, community and youth services to work with young people who are at risk, or are already engaging in drug and alcohol offending related behaviour

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Performance Management

The aim of performance management is to ensure the partnership remains appropriate, proportionate and effective in the delivery of its outputs, impacts and outcomes:

Performance management will involve the partnership's ability to clearly understand the needs of the local community and to translate them into meaningful targets. From which performance can be measured and areas for improvement identified.

Dacorum Community Safety Partnership is:

- Committed to the development and strengthening of the existing performance management framework;
- Using performance management to drive continuous improvements in services and maximising the partnership's potential;
- Consistent, rigorous and open about monitoring and communicating how the partnership is performing;
- Working with partners to ensure joint work, and work commissioned, is subject to open performance management; and
- Supporting the successful delivery of service outcomes through robust risk management.

The partnership will use performance management to:

- Measure progress towards achieving national and local targets; including diagnostic indicators;
- Measure progress towards achieving its corporate objectives;
- Select a range of both short and long term measures from which success can be clearly measured;
- Measure effectiveness and efficiency of services in parallel;
- Improve service outcomes through delivering quality services that provide value for money;
- Provide increased satisfaction through placing customers at the centre of business planning; and
- Embed appropriate systems and process to support effective performance management

Headline Performance Measures

1. Reduction in Violent crime and Harms
2. Reduction in the Incidents of Disorder and ASB
3. Reduction in number of Incidents of Domestic Abuse
4. Perception – people feeling safe in the Local Authority Area

Responsible Authorities will demonstrate through their individual performance management procedures their support to the Strategic Themes.

The Joint Action Group and leads will manage the collection of performance information to enable an effective and efficient framework for reporting to all levels of Dacorum Community Safety Partnership and allow an appropriate and proportionate response when required.

The Performance Management Framework



This will take into account the following, based on the plan-do-review-revise cycle:

Plan: Understanding current performance, prioritising what needs to be done, identifying actions that need to be taken and planning for improvement.

Do: Ensuring that the proper systems and processes are in place to support improvement, take action and manage risk – and helping people achieve better performance.

Review: Understanding the impact of your actions, reviewing performance, speaking to users and stakeholders about their experience of performance and getting a better picture of changing circumstances.

Revise: Using the lessons learned from review to change your plans or what you do so that future action is more efficient, effective and appropriate