

# **Kirklees Communities Partnership Plan**

**2022 - 2027**



## **Our Vision**

**People in Kirklees live in cohesive  
communities, feel safe and are  
protected from harm**

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## **Kirklees Partnership Plan 2022**

Foreword – Councillor Carole Pattison

Hello and welcome to the updated Kirklees Communities Partnership Plan. In March 2020, we faced the greatest challenge of our lifetime. The response from residents, partners and the council to the Covid-19 pandemic was incredible. I was so proud to see the hard work and dedication that went into protecting each other and our wider communities.

One positive of the pandemic was that it strengthened our partnerships in Kirklees, which will only benefit us as we begin our recovery from the crisis. Our recovery from Covid-19 must be one of inclusion. We saw how the pandemic cruelly exposed the inequalities in society and we want to ensure our recovery leaves no one behind. Our updated Council Plan explains how we intend to do this.

This partnership plan outlines our key strategic community safety priorities for Kirklees. We will review these priorities annually to ensure they reflect the needs of our residents and our communities. For example, violence against women and girls in society has been tragically brought back into the spotlight. The safety of women and girls is of paramount importance to myself, our residents and our partners and we have therefore incorporated this into our key strategic priorities. While we can't tackle these issues alone, we are fortunate to have such excellent partners here in Kirklees. Our colleagues in the public, education, third and faith sector are exceptional to work with and they are committed to ensuring the best possible outcomes for our residents.

During the pandemic our residents played a vital role in protecting their communities. They did this by looking out for their neighbours, contributing to the community response, and following the guidance to protect family and friends. Residents are central to this plan, and we must seize this opportunity to work closer and more efficiently with them to help us deliver safer communities.

By working with residents and partners our approach in Kirklees is one of prevention and early intervention. Through shared knowledge, expertise and intelligence we can prevent issues or address them immediately to ensure they do not escalate to wider community safety issues. Kirklees residents deserve to live, work and study in safe communities that they are proud of. I'm determined to ensure the council and its partners work tirelessly to deliver this.

**Cllr Carole Pattison**

Cabinet Member for Learning, Aspirations and Communities.



## Foreword – Chief Supt Jim Griffiths

Having worked in Kirklees for a number of years, I am aware of how many fantastic partnerships there are at both a strategic and practitioner level. This has undoubtedly improved over the last few years with great strides in working together to solve problems and issues that affect the people of Kirklees.

Significant progress has been made in reducing issues of real concern for residents such as violent gang related crime, firearms offending and non-recent sexual offending. The strong links we have forged together are continuing to put suspects before the courts and provide victims with the help they need.



At a local level, close co-operation between the police and Safer Kirklees has resulted in extra police officers in Huddersfield and Dewsbury town centres, and extra funding for recent work in Batley and Spen to combat anti-social driving.

The successes that have been made over the past few years does not mean that there isn't still work to be done, in fact quite the opposite, there remains a great deal of progress to be made. I am sure that the strength of both strategic and individual partnerships within Kirklees will make this possible.

Increasing the safety of women and girls and reducing domestic abuse in all its forms is just one of these challenges, as is modernising our capabilities for tackling growing threats such as cybercrime. Tackling and adapting to these challenges provides new considerations and opportunities for all of us to support each other in identifying those at risk.

Those committing crime do not stop at the borders of Kirklees or West Yorkshire, making it imperative that we work with our neighbouring Districts to prevent threats including protecting vulnerable people often forced to operate outside of local areas.

My own personal drive has always been to prevent crime from happening but when it does, it is incumbent on all of us to try and identify those who have committed offences so that we can take action to prevent them from offending again.

It is often very difficult for groups or individuals to stand up and provide evidence but by working together, we can gather vital intelligence that allows all of us to make the live so those in communities better and safer.

The strategic priorities within this plan align with those within Policing. They allow us to focus our resources and efforts on key areas where we can make the most impact in improving the experiences of the communities and residents across Kirklees.

**Chief Superintendent Jim Griffiths**  
Vice Chair Kirklees Communities Board

# Introduction

## About the Partnership Plan

The Kirklees Communities Partnership plan sets out our local community safety partnership priorities for action for the coming 5 years. Kirklees is a great place to live, work, study or visit and we will build on all that is good to address the local challenges that we have. We will tackle violence on our streets where it occurs and disrupt exploitation; we will work together to stop violence against women and girls; work alongside communities to make neighbourhoods safer, and we will focus on working upstream to address the causes of crime. We want everyone to feel they belong and are safe.

The 1998 Crime and Disorder Act places a statutory duty on Community Safety Partnerships to develop a **strategic plan** which addresses multi-agency issues affecting the quality of life for residents. The **Kirklees Communities Partnership Board** (our CSP) fulfils the statutory duty of the Community Safety Partnership for Kirklees and has responsibility for ensuring we deliver our services and programmes of work in line with the principles and approaches emerging from the development of our Inclusive Communities Framework

Our existing Partnership Plan was reviewed in October 2020 to reflect the Kirklees experience of, and learning from, the Covid pandemic and this is embedded in this plan. Covid significantly changed both how local people experienced crime and their local neighbourhoods; and also showed us how communities, the Council and our partners can work better together.

## Our Approach

Kirklees is committed to working alongside communities. We want to hear local peoples' voices and develop inclusive, safe communities where people want to live, work, study, and visit. For communities to be inclusive, for people to feel they belong, they must feel safe and be safe. Co-producing local solutions to priorities with local people and our elected members is key to the success in our delivery of the Plan. Working upstream as a Council, and addressing systemic inequalities underpins our approach to safe communities. Our emerging Inclusive Communities Framework will support our delivery of this ambition.

## Working Regionally to stop Crime

Cross border partnerships with neighbouring authorities and partners help us to do our job better and keep people in Kirklees safer. Joining up resources and funding where appropriate, to tackle our common issues, that do not stop or start at our boundaries is an essential part of the work of the Communities Partnership. Working with the West Yorkshire Mayors Office, in particular via the Violence Reduction Unit enables us to tackle issues in a cooperative and coordinated manner and contribute to the 2021 – 2024 West Yorkshire Police and Crime Plan<sup>1</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> [The Police and Crime Plan - West Yorkshire Combined Authority \(westyorks-ca.gov.uk\)](https://www.westyorks-ca.gov.uk)

## The online challenge

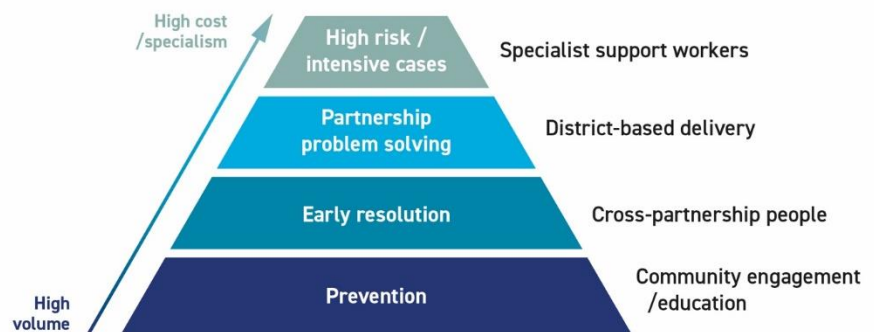
The internet is an integral part of everyday life for so many people. Nearly nine in ten UK adults and 99% of 12 to 15 year olds are online. As the internet continues to grow and transform our lives, often for the better, we should not ignore the very real harm which people face online every day.

In Kirklees we acknowledge the cross-cutting risk posed within the online world and how the internet can be used to spread terrorist and other illegal or harmful content, undermine civil discourse, and abuse or bully other people. Our approach in Kirklees is to work with our partners to raise awareness and build resilience, particularly amongst young people, to the threat posed online, whilst supporting regional and national attempts to reduce risk.

## Prevention

The Kirklees Inclusive Communities approach to creating safer communities is based on the principle that the best way to tackle community safety issues and reduce the fear of crime is to prevent issues happening in the first place and where they do occur, address them at

the earliest opportunity alongside local people, before issues become more difficult to tackle and harmful to individuals and communities.



Our approach focuses on prevention, early resolution and help at the initial stages, working with communities to identify potential solutions. We will use all the tools at our disposal to stop crime impacting on people's lives.

To deliver safer communities in a sustainable and effective way, it is critical that partners, communities and elected members are working together in an integrated way to solve shared problems. Stakeholders and communities need to be fully engaged and actively involved in delivering this plan if we are to achieve our aim of developing Kirklees as a better place to live, work, visit and study.

In some areas of our work the complexities of people's lives and experiences can make the victim and perpetrator relationship fluid, we are exploring how a trauma informed approach can improve outcomes in complex cases. Drawing on good practice from across the region and our own local expertise in contextual safeguarding we intend to develop new ways of working to apply to stop anti-social behaviour that affects people's quality of life.

## How We Identify our Priorities

The **Kirklees Communities Partnership Plan** identifies the strategic community safety priorities for the district in collaboration with a wide range of statutory partners (including the Council and its Elected Members, Police, Fire and Rescue Authority and Probation Services) and non-statutory partners (such as community and voluntary sector providers, the wider health sector and housing).

The priorities within this plan are informed by an in-depth analysis of data from a range of sources which are detailed in a Partnership Strategic Intelligence Assessment (SIA) for Kirklees.

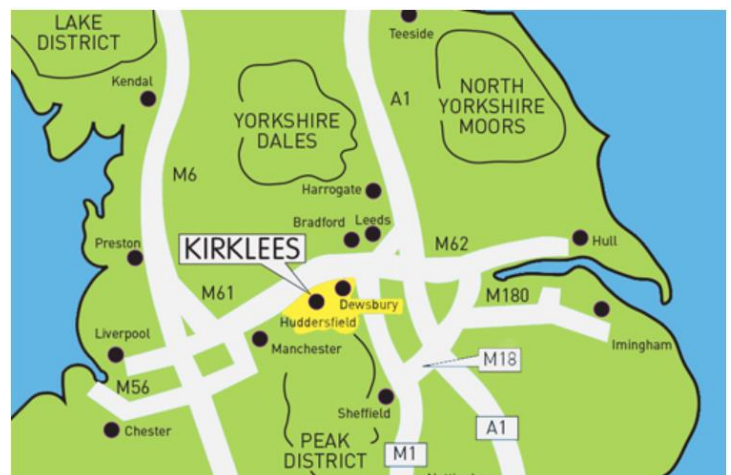
On occasion, the data and intelligence does not fit with public concern, but the concerns might be so deep rooted, that we include an issue in the Plan, to dig deeper and better understand why this is the case and establish what can be done to improve the situation.

The Partnership SIA<sup>2</sup> brings together a wide range of data sources relating to crime, anti-social behaviour, environmental issues and substance misuse alongside insight into public confidence and perceptions of safety, inequality, elected member engagement and community feedback. The SIA considers the changing socio-economic and demographic profile of Kirklees to contextualise some of the community safety challenges in the borough.

Moving forward our approach to priority setting will embed lived experience of local people and better engage our local places in an inclusive way.

## About Kirklees

Part of the Yorkshire and the Humber region, Kirklees is set in the heart of West Yorkshire with 425,500 residents, we are a vibrant and diverse place made up of towns and villages with strong local identities and distinct needs, working with a Place Based approach enables us to work at a hyper local level alongside our communities . This Plan breaks down Kirklees into 4 areas (Batley & Spen, Dewsbury & Mirfield, Huddersfield and Rural). For more information on the Kirklees district please visit [Visitors | Kirklees Council](#)



[Add link to Kirklees stats](#)

[Add link to JSNA](#)

picture of Kirklees within W.Yorkshire Map/visuals under review

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<sup>2</sup> [Safer Kirklees | Kirklees Council](#)

# Kirklees Strategic Priorities 2022-2027; - A Five Year Plan

The 2022-2027 Kirklees Communities Partnership Plan (KCPP) contains 4 **strategic priorities** which will be updated on an annual basis to ensure they remain relevant.

The plan details what we will do, as a partnership, to reduce crime and tackle issues that matter to local people and impact on quality of life in Kirklees.

We will include local communities more effectively in our planning and delivery at a local level, with an approach that will facilitate a clearer focus on the places people live and/or the communities they are a part of. Developing local solutions with our Elected members and local people will be core to our delivery.

For each strategic priority, the Partnership have specific **delivery/ action plans** that detail **multi-agency interventions** to tackle the issue, along with additional performance measures for each. Partners are committed to better communication and engagement, with a stronger focus on lived experience and co-production to ensure effectiveness and sustainability as we move forward. We want to work inclusively with our partners and local people guided by the **Inclusive Communities Framework**.

Within each strategic priority are a number of actions the Communities Board will oversee, along with xx key performance measures.

## **Underpinning each strategic priority is the Communities Board commitment to:**

1. **Develop coordinated** partnership responses to tackling each strategic priority, through the lens of **Prevention and Early Intervention and lived experience**.
2. Be **intelligence, insight and data informed** and give strong oversight and scrutiny to our workstreams.
3. **Embed a place-based approach** working with our partners and ward members to tackle our strategic priorities, recognising the differences and commonalities within our communities and localities, and working alongside local people.
4. Develop stronger strategic links between the **Safeguarding Partnerships for Adults and Children and wider Health partnerships** to ensure a joined-up approach is in place in the delivery of the KCPP.
5. **Identify and address inequalities as part of core business**
6. **Ensure that our statutory duties are met** as a partnership, further developing our shared planning and accountability processes as a Board.





## Strategic Priority 1 - Tackling Violence, Abuse & Exploitation

The Partnership in Kirklees will focus on keeping people safe, tackling violence, abuse and exploitation and disrupting organised crime groups. The causes and factors associated with serious violence, abuse and exploitation are wide and far reaching. We will work collaboratively across multiple agencies and geographical boundaries to affect change and tackle the root causes. We will work alongside communities who are disproportionately affected ensuring we have a clear approach to prevention, disruption and enforcement.

### What this includes:-

- **Tackling Domestic abuse**
- **Reducing Violence inc.**
  - Youth Violence
  - Serious Violence
  - Violence against women & girls
  - Organised Crime
  - Safer Town Centres
- **Tackling Exploitation**
  - County lines and youth exploitation
  - Modern Slavery

### The Kirklees Communities Board will:-

- Disrupt Organised Crime Groups (OCGs) and use enforcement against those that exploit individuals including our children and young people.
- Work with the West Yorkshire Violence Reduction Unit (VRU) to reduce serious violence, and give sharp focus to those involving weapons, working upstream to tackle the causes that draw people into violence.
- Stop violence against women and girls by working together to change attitudes and behaviours that undermine safety
- Work closely with the Kirklees Blueprint, [hyperlink/ explainer](#) to develop a vibrant night-time economy free from violence and fear.
- Develop a clear approach to reducing domestic abuse with an additional focus on work with perpetrators and children and young people.
- Safeguard children, young people and vulnerable adults who are being exploited, breaking down the barriers that exist to prevent, identify and report crimes
- Deliver services that meet the needs of victims and survivors, getting the initial response right first time, every time.
- Embed a trauma-informed approach across our work to ensure services are sensitive, empathetic and understand the impact of lived experiences
- Work with our third sector partners and with local communities to deliver locally developed solutions to local priorities
- Increase intelligence reporting to help us tackle Modern Slavery
- Work with our regional partners aligned to the West Yorkshire [Police and Crime Plan](#) to use our resources most effectively

### Key Performance measures

- Reduction in violent offences resulting in injury below figure for 2021/22 (4,404 offences).
- Reduction in Violence against women and girls (target to mirror that in the WY Police and Crime Plan)
- Reduction in Knife Crime (target to mirror that in the WY Police and Crime Plan)
- Reduction in the number of repeat Domestic Violence incidents reported to West Yorkshire Police below figure for 2021/22 (47.9%).
- Increase in reports of Modern Slavery to the National Reporting Mechanism (NRM)

## Strategic Priority 2 - Reducing Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) & Neighbourhood Crime

We know that incidents of Anti-Social Behaviour and crime in our neighbourhoods adversely affects communities, we know it can have a significant impact on people's lives and wellbeing. All partners have a role to play, alongside the Police and the criminal justice system, in ensuring our local towns and villages feel safe. To address the root causes of these issues, we must adopt an approach that works with our Housing and Substance misuse service providers as well as increasing our engagement with our third sector partners. We want to develop locally based solutions with our communities. Our approach 'victims first' will remain at the forefront of our delivery around this priority, whilst developing a trauma informed approach to community safety.

### What this includes:-

- **Reducing Anti – Social Behaviour (ASB)**
  - Personal i.e. neighbour disputes, threats, intimidation
  - Environmental i.e. graffiti, litter, fly tipping
  - Nuisance i.e. speeding vehicles, rowdy behaviour
  - Arson
- **Tackling Neighbourhood crime**
  - Vehicle Crime
  - Theft
  - Criminal damage
  - Domestic Burglary

### The Kirklees Communities Board will:-

- Work with partners to review our ASB process through a trauma informed lens, to improve outcomes for local people and explore better options for neighbour disputes.
- Improve our approach to Community Triggers- [add link](#) to make sure the victims of anti-social behaviour (ASB) receive a high quality, consistent problem solving approach
- Use our full range of partnership tools and powers to enforce and hold perpetrators of crime to account.
- Work with local people to increase a sense of belonging and pride in local areas and build resilience to crime, working with community groups, Neighbourhood watch and elected members.
- Design out crime at the earliest opportunity adopting specialist advice where necessary, using physical measures to keep our communities safe. i.e. Environmental Visual Audits, target hardening.
- Work in partnership to protect those most vulnerable to Cyber-crime including fraud, online abuse and exploitation.
- Using a combination of prevention / early intervention and use of enforcement tools, create places that are clean, free from fly tipping, of which communities can be proud of.
- Develop a team of mediators that can resolve neighbour disputes at the earliest opportunity to reduce further harm and escalation.
- Work with local people to keep their homes, cars and neighbourhoods resistant to crime

### Key Performance measures –

- Reduce the % of Kirklees Respondents who identify Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) as a Community Safety Concern in their area below 60%.
- Reduce the number of nuisance incidents reported to the Police below the figure for 2021/22 (5,131 incidents)
- Reduce the number of fly tipping incidents reported to the Kirklees Council below the figure for 2021/22 (6,017)
- Increase the percentage of people living in homes and neighbourhoods estates who are satisfied with services provided by Kirklees Council (2021 : 68% said they were satisfied)
- To reduce the number of deliberate fires (primary and secondary) recorded by WY Fire and Rescue Service below the figure for 2021/22 (1,054 incidents)
- Reduce vehicle offences below the figure for 2021/2022 (1,971 offences)
- Reduce Total Crime below the figure for 2021/2022 (45,418 offences)
- Reduce residential burglary offences below the figure for 2021/2022 (1,307 offences)

## Strategic Priority 3 – Building resilient and inclusive communities

Communities in Kirklees continue to show great resilience in the face of the challenges presented by the Covid pandemic, with mutual aid groups, the voluntary and community sector and individuals stepping up from all areas of the borough and all communities to offer kindness and support.

We know that factors such as inequality and hate crime undermine community confidence and that national and international issues can undermine our sense of belonging and of fairness. As a partnership committed to driving forward our Inclusive Communities Framework, we want to

work with local communities to ensure people feel they have a voice and are listened to; that people have confidence they will be treated fairly and that all communities feel engaged and supported to build communities that they want to be a part of, in places they feel safe.

### What this includes

- **Tackling Hate Crime**
- **Prevent** - Safeguarding against radicalisation
- **Supporting integration and new communities**, including Asylum Seekers and Migrants
- **Building inclusive communities**, strengthening a sense of belonging

### The Kirklees Communities Board will:-

- Reduce hate crime by building inclusive communities, whilst holding perpetrators to account and raising awareness of the impact of hate crime.
- Provide leadership and oversight of the Inclusive Communities Framework (ICF) program of work to enhance cohesion and inclusion.
- Ensure communication, engagement and collaborative working with Elected Members, aligned with our Place based approaches, to develop effective neighbourhood solutions, harnessing local knowledge and community connections.
- Listen to and work with local communities in neighbourhoods to build trust and confidence to report issues at the earliest opportunity.
- Work with communities to build transparency and strong partnerships in our delivery of Prevent, reducing the threat of extremism in Kirklees and safeguarding those most vulnerable to radicalisation.
- Develop our partnership infrastructure around inclusion and cohesion to improve coordination and collaboration
- Enable effective support and integration of new and emerging communities, including Asylum Seekers and refugees.
- Celebrate and promote the diversity of communities and faiths within Kirklees with a programme of positive communications, events, commemorations and celebrations.
- Deliver services that meet the needs of victims and survivors, getting the initial response right first time, every time for people of all backgrounds and from all communities.

### Key Performance measures – baselines?

- Reduce the number of repeat victims reports of Hate Crimes to West Yorkshire Police below the figure for 2021/22 (25.9% repeat rate)
- Increase the % of Kirklees respondents who are satisfied with their local area above 72% (CLiK Survey)
- Increase the % Young People who report that they feel safe in their neighbourhood above 75%
- Increase the % of Kirklees respondents who report feeling safe in their local area above 80%
- Increase the % of Kirklees respondents who report that they feel people from different backgrounds get along from above 55%.
- Insert ICF Measures when available

## Strategic Priority 4- Reducing Risk

Within this priority are themes which cut across the whole of the Partnership Plan, in addition to emerging areas of work prioritised to reduce risk to local communities. We know that reducing risk at an early stage will help us to reduce the likelihood of critical incidents occurring that have significant impact on communities, such as water safety. Whilst the number of people killed and seriously injured on our roads continues to reduce it remains a priority and concern for local communities. Each of these areas of work has a focus on prevention alongside enforcement. Drugs and Alcohol is often a driver behind many types of crime, by focusing on supporting people away from offending behaviour we will reduce the numbers of people who become victims of crime.

### What this includes

- **Reducing Reoffending**
- **Reducing the impact of Substance Misuse**
- **Reducing Water related fatalities**
- **Addressing Road Safety**

### The Kirklees Communities Board will:-

- Work with partners such as Yorkshire Water, Kirklees Active Leisure and the Canal and River Trust to reduce the risk of drowning in open water
- Develop more effective collaborative work with specialist services that can help us deal with underlying issues (such as mental health, unemployment and substance misuse) that present challenges to our success in a range of areas including ASB, Domestic Abuse, Neighbourhood Crime and Reducing Re-offending.
- Improve and increase our work with communities to address road safety concerns and enable appropriate and targeted awareness raising and enforcement
- Ensure the development of a Kirklees Drugs and Alcohol Strategy, acknowledging the impact Drugs and Alcohol can have upon Community Safety issues, addressing prevention, early help and treatment as well as enforcement.
- Refresh the Kirklees reducing re-offending Strategy, with a focus on holistic support to change behaviour
- Working with education settings and providers to reduce school exclusions and the vulnerabilities this creates for our children and young people.
- Deliver services that meet the needs of victims and survivors, getting the initial response right first time, every time for people from all backgrounds and communities.

### Key Performance measures

- Reduction in the number of first-time entrants in the CJS
- Reduce the number of People Killed and Seriously Injured – reduce by 10 Killed or Seriously Injured per year
- Reduction in demand on partnership resources associated with risky behaviours around open water
- Reduce reoffending rates for drug related crime
- Increase the number of offenders referred to drug treatment services

## Governance and delivery arrangements

The Kirklees Communities Board, which is elected member led, oversees the implementation of the Partnership Plan and works alongside Kirklees Health and Well Being Board, Children’s and Adults Safeguarding Boards to address shared strategic issues such as serious violence, exploitation, inclusion, wellbeing and equality. The Communities Board makes recommendations to the Councils Cabinet as well as to decision making structures in other partner organisations. The Kirklees Communities Board has a Strategic and legal requirement to:

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<b>Prepare an annual Partnership Strategic Assessment (SIA)</b>	<b>Prepare and implement a Partnership Community Safety Plan, including how we monitor progress</b>
<b>Prepare and implement a Reducing Reoffending Strategy</b>	<b>Conduct duties relating to community engagement and consultation in development of strategies</b>
<b>Have in place an information sharing protocol</b>	<b>Conduct Domestic Homicide Reviews and apply learning</b>
<b>Review the persons who attend the CSP to ensure they have the requisite knowledge and skill to exercise the functions</b>	<b>Review expenditure of any partnership monies</b>

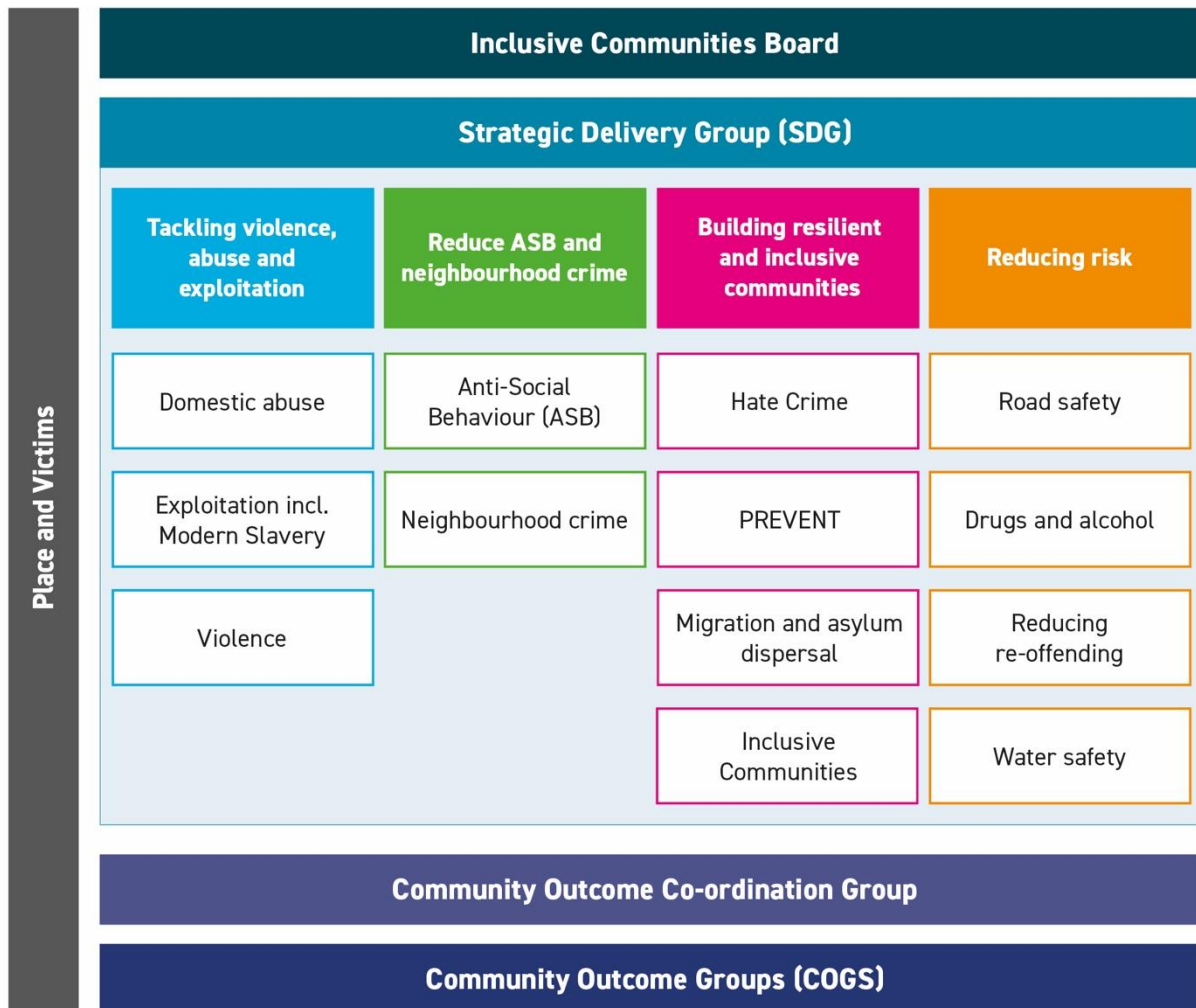
The Kirklees Communities Board and its Partners work closely with the West Yorkshire Combined Authority, who are core members of the-Board, to ensure there is strategic alignment between policies and priorities and the sharing of best practice. This includes supporting the delivery of the West Yorkshire Police and Crime Plan 2021-2024 and its associated outcomes which are strongly linked within this plan.

The Councils overview and Scrutiny function acts as a check and balance for the work of the Communities Board, providing appropriate challenge on performance.

The Kirklees Strategic Delivery Group (SDG) sits underneath the Kirklees Communities Board and provides co-ordination, challenge and support for the delivery of each of the strategic priorities including identifying resources for thematic areas in the Partnership Plan, bringing success and/or challenges to the attention of the wider Board as required.

The Community Outcome Groups (COGs), provide a platform for multi-agency problem solving to take place within each of the 4 localities, using the strong partnership we have in Kirklees to tackle complex issues that cannot be resolved by

one single agency alongside the developing approach to ward partnerships and local action planning.

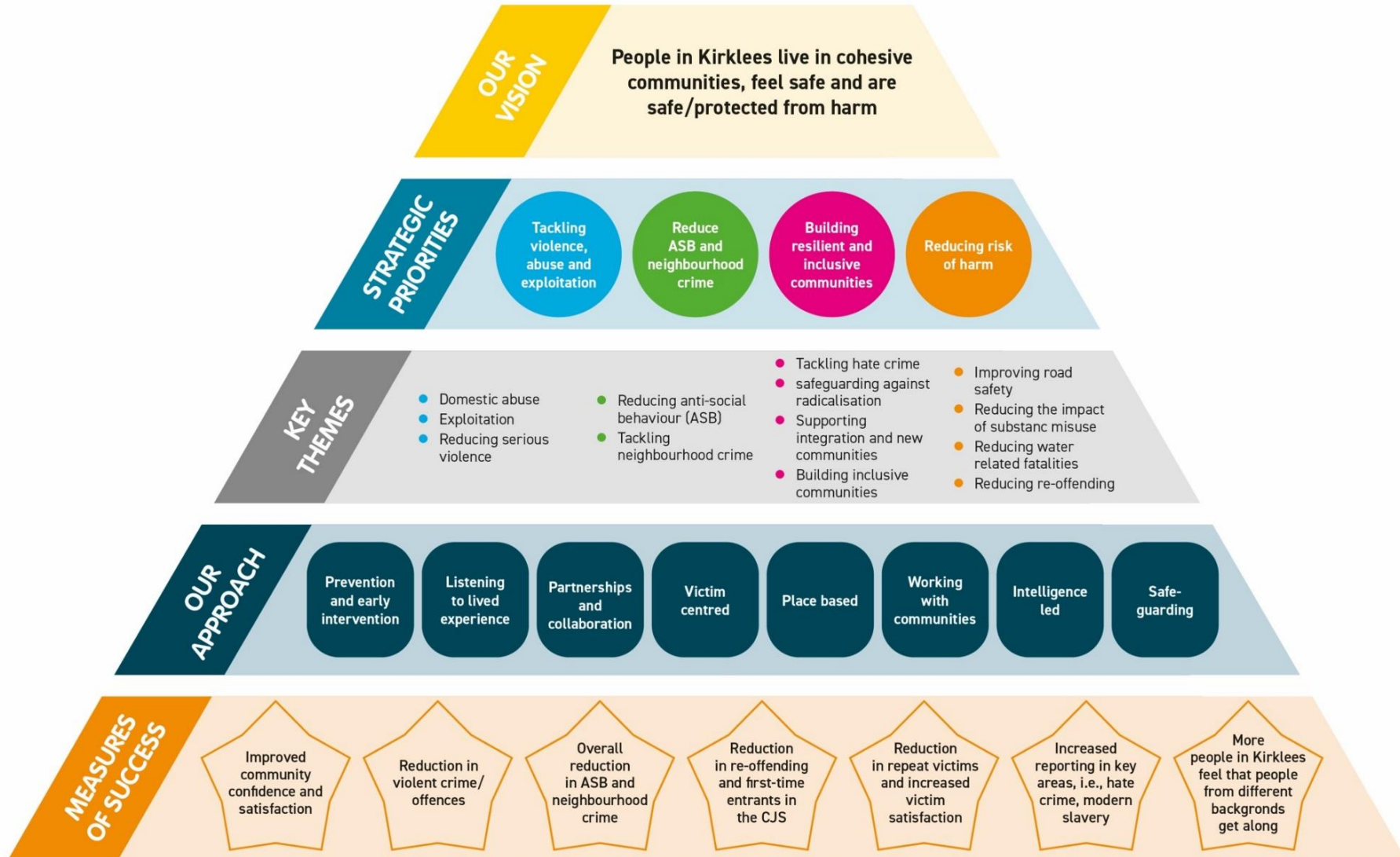


To measure success, the Kirklees Communities Board has a suite of strategic performance indicators for the Partnership Plan and monitor these on a regular basis, in addition to clear deliverables and indicators in each delivery plan. These are detailed at the end of each priority and brought together on page **xx**

Priority leads will report on progress to the Communities Board and publicly through the Council’s Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

The Communities Board will ensure that the Partnership Plan is reviewed on an annual basis to ensure that it remains current and reflective of the concerns and lived experience of local people and emerging threats.

Minutes of the Communities Board are published on the Community Safety Page of the Council’s website.





## Appendix 1

### Summary of the Strategic Intelligence Assessment

#### **Kirklees Strategic Intelligence Assessment**

We have developed our priorities with due regard to our data and intelligence, consultation with partners and through on-going community engagement. The priorities are informed by work throughout the year with our Elected Members. We have considered a wide range of data including crime, anti-social behaviour and public perceptions which can be seen in the **Kirklees Strategic Intelligence Assessment** [INSERT LINK](#). The next section of the Partnership Plan identifies key themes emerging from this analysis.

The SIA highlights how lockdown restrictions had a significant impact on recorded crime with overall offences not sure what overall offences means? reducing by 13% in 2020 compared with 2019 (the trend for the 5 years prior to 2019 was year-on-year increases), which is a similar trend to other West Yorkshire authorities. Nationally as well?

Having said this, the overall reduction did not apply to all offence types:

- Offences where Covid restrictions meant there were fewer opportunities to commit crimes (more people at home / town centres largely closed) saw significant **decreases** – for example theft offences (from person / vehicles), shoplifting and burglary offences.
- However, there were **increases** in recorded drugs offences (attributed to more proactive and targeted policing), stalking / harassment offences and online offending (such as fraud).

A further theme emerging from the SIA relates to the impact of Covid and associated restrictions on ways of working and individuals / communities more generally.

Many of our services adapted to new ways of working in the pandemic. Reduced face to face contact with our communities has meant that the prevention and early help approaches we would usually have in place were not always possible, and some issues escalated more quickly that we would have seen pre-pandemic. The increase in people being at home for longer periods of time also created some increase tensions. ASB and hate crime reports were much more focused on where people lived (neighbour disputes), as opposed to town centres.

Covid 19 and associated restrictions has resulted in significant changes to how people live their lives and interact with others in their neighbourhood. The SIA recognises the impact on communities which saw a significant increase in volunteering and neighbourliness, although there have also been examples of division and blame over issues such as following rules and vaccination take up. At an individual level, the SIA suggests people being more connected with their

neighbourhoods but also recognises the risks relating to physical and mental health which include negative perceptions of the area and fear of crime.

The next section groups together some of the key findings from the SIA that has led to the 4 priority areas for action in the Plan.

## **Tackling Violence, Abuse & Exploitation**

The SIA tells us that violence against the person accounts for 44% of overall crime although nearly 80% of these offences do not involve any physical injury being sustained (such as assaults without injury, malicious communications and harassment).

Using a combination of local analysis and informed by wider policy development, the SIA recommends the need to focus on particular types of violence against the person – namely violence against women and girls and tackling serious violence.

The SIA restates the fact that victims of **domestic abuse** typically experience abuse for several years before coming forward, often going to several agencies before accessing the right support services.

Although domestic abuse (which now includes coercive and controlling behaviours) can affect both men and women, the most prevalent abuse remains that men are the perpetrators and women are victims/survivors. Link to DA strategy? Needs assessment

Analysis in the SIA shows the number of recorded cases of **Modern Day Slavery** (where someone is trafficked for forced labour, sexual exploitation or domestic servitude) in Kirklees remains static, although significant spikes associated with targeted operations and historic cases were evident. The SIA also recognises the likelihood of significant under recorded as the issue is often “out of sight” with lower levels of public awareness. Modern Day Slavery often has significant links to organised crime and does not stop or start at the Kirklees boundaries and the priorities we have detailed in the Plan reflects some common themes with our neighbouring boroughs that are brought together in the West Yorkshire Mayors Community Safety Plan

## **Reducing Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) & Neighbourhood**

The SIA provides a comprehensive assessment of current risks relating to **Anti-Social Behaviour** (ASB). When this is broken down by the 3 main categories, the key issues identified are:

- **Personal** ASB (which is targeted towards individual or household e.g. noise / neighbour disputes) – more people at home combined with less in person mediation contributed towards an increase in noise complaints and neighbour disputes.
- **Nuisance** ASB (impacting on the wider community e.g. rowdy behaviour / fireworks) – more people at home for longer period meant increased

experience of these issues resulting in more reports of issues such as nuisance motorcycles

- **Environmental** (impacting on the physical environment e.g. fly-tipping / graffiti) – significant increase in fly-tipping (in the first lockdown) which reduced over time although repeat hotspots remain.

The SIA highlights that crimes and ASB are clustered in neighbourhood hotspots, most commonly in more deprived areas with higher unemployment, poverty and less quality greenspaces. The SIA suggests a combination of more opportunities and more people spending time in their own neighbourhoods has contributed to the higher incidences of neighbourhood issues.

## **Building resilient and inclusive communities**

The SIA spotlights how COVID and associated restrictions has seen both positive (increased volunteering) and negative (scapegoating) impacts on **community tensions**. A wide range of factors impact on tensions – both national and international issues and policy as well as local incidents which impact on people's lives. Alongside the connectivity it offers, the on-line space can also play a part in increasing tensions, spreading misinformation and fuelling prejudice.

The reporting of the murder of George Floyd and the subsequent Black Lives Matter protests has raised the profile of anti-discrimination activities and the impact of racism on our communities. Over the summer of 2021, there were a number of racially motivated online abuse cases targeted at high profile individuals in particular football players and Black politicians. In Kirklees we saw peaceful protests in support of this and other movements such as environmental causes. This shone a light on local inequalities, amplified the need to focus on lived experience and to better listen and understand communities, this has informed the emerging Inclusive Communities Framework.

In common with the national picture (which saw an 8% increase over the last year), Kirklees saw a 10% increase in recorded hate crimes. This could be interpreted as a positive sign of increased confidence in partnership responses but needs closer assessment, and the SIA does highlight that repeat incidents were more frequent in transphobic and disability related incidents.

Add a [section on inequality/deprivation/racism](#) – link needed.

The current **counter terrorism / extremist** national threat level was raised to substantial for a significant period, meaning that a terrorist attack is judged as a strong possibility. The most significant threats to national security are assessed by Government as Daesh / Al Qaida inspired groups, extreme right-wing groups and an increasing threat from other individuals/groups with no particular ideology.

## **Reducing Risk**

The SIA identifies several areas where people can be at risk without sustained intervention and/or prevention – this includes accidental fire deaths, water safety, road safety and re-offending. It also highlights issues that affect other cross cutting

priority areas such as drugs and alcohol that cause harm to individuals, families and communities.

**Road traffic casualties** have decreased by 58% over the past decade, the majority of which sustain slight (as opposed to serious / fatal) injuries. This trend was particularly noticeable over the lockdown period, generally associated with a large reduction in traffic volume. Having said this, road safety remains a key concern for local people which is demonstrated through consistently showing as the top priority emerging from perception surveys and more recently through local campaigning about dangerous driving and protecting vulnerable road users.

Covid and associated restrictions has impacted on work to address **drug and alcohol misuse** in terms of health (increased misuse) and links to other community safety issues including violent crime, domestic abuse and organised criminal gangs. The SIA recognises both immediate (such as drug related deaths) and longer term (impacting on health services and quality of life) issues relating to problematic use of drugs and alcohol.

## Partnership Plan Outcome Framework

Reducing Serious Violence	Neighbourhood Crime & ASB	Building Resilient & Inclusive Communities	Reducing Risk
Reduction in violent offences resulting in injury below figure for 2021/22 (4,404 offences).	Reduce the % of Kirklees Respondents who identify Anti-Social Behaviour as a Community Safety Concern in their area below 60%.	Reduce the number of repeat victims reports of Hate Crimes to West Yorkshire Police below the figure for 2021/22 (25.9% repeat rate)	Reduction in the number of first-time entrants in the CJS
Reduction in Violence against women and girls (target to mirror that in the WY Police and Crime Plan)	Reduce the number of nuisance incidents reported to the Police below the figure for 2021/22 (5,131 incidents)	Increase the % of Kirklees respondents who are satisfied with their local area above 72% (CLiK Survey)	Reduce the number of People Killed and Seriously Injured – reduce by 10 Killed or Seriously Injured per year
Reduction in Knife Crime (target to mirror that in the WY Police and Crime Plan)	Reduce the number of fly tipping incidents reported to the Kirklees Council below the figure for 2021/22 (6,017)	Increase the % Young People who report that they feel safe in their neighbourhood above 75%	Reduction in demand on partnership resources associated with risky behaviours around open water
Reduction in the number of repeat Domestic Violence incidents reported to West Yorkshire Police below figure for 2021/22 (47.9%).	Increase the percentage of people living in homes and neighbourhoods estates who are satisfied with services provided by Kirklees Council (2021: 68% said they were satisfied)	Increase the % of Kirklees respondents who report feeling safe in their local area above 80%	Reduce reoffending rates for drug related crime
Increase in reports of Modern Slavery to the National Reporting Mechanism (NRM)	To reduce the number of deliberate fires (primary and secondary) recorded by WY Fire and Rescue Service below the figure for 2021/22 (1,054 incidents)	Increase the % of Kirklees respondents who report that they feel people from different backgrounds get along from above 55%.	Increase the number of offenders referred to drug treatment services
	Reduce vehicle offences below the figure for 2021/2022 (1,971 offences) inc by place	Insert ICF Measures when available	
	Reduce Total Crime below the figure for 2021/2022 (45,418 offences)		
	Reduce residential burglary offences below the figure for 2021/2022 (1,307 offences) inc by place		

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