

Appendix 1

Approach taken to develop the SIA, feedback and Community Safety Partnership Plan Draft Outline (2026/7–2029)

1. Summary

This report presents the progress and strategic direction for the renewal of the Kirklees Community Safety Partnership (CSP) Plan for late 2026–2029. Drawing on the latest Strategic Intelligence Assessment (SIA), stakeholder engagement, and multi-agency feedback, it reviews at a high level: current priorities, thematic risks, and provides a draft potential outline for areas to consider as we write the new partnership plan alongside partners.

This report will

- **Highlight SIA process phase 1**
- **Highlight the existing CSP priorities against most recent data and insight** and whether they remain a CSP priority and level of focus proposed
 - Highlight high level feedback from Councillors, Officers and Communities
 - Highlight key emerging cross cutting theme areas
- **Propose potential priority key headings to focus on for 2026/7-29 that then need further work with partners** and that a potential restructure of some partnership meetings will need to take place
- **Proposed draft approach as to how the CSP will continue to work alongside councillors**
- **High level next steps for building on the information we now have and progressing the development of the new plan**

2. Quick reminder SIA and Communities plan

The Kirklees CSP Plan is a statutory duty and is due for full renewal for 2026/7–2029.

The SIA is a statutory requirement under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, which brings together intelligence from police, council, health, fire, and community partners to identify and assess risks affecting community safety and quality of life. The SIA is refreshed annually and underpins the Partnership Plan.

The SIA is being developed in two phases, the first is confirming the key thematic areas we need to focus on as we develop the new partnership plan. Phase 2 will be developing further agreed identified key thematic areas into an agreed 2026/7 plan and also taking in to account key geographical locations.

3. Phase 1 Methodology of the SIA

A significant amount of work has taken place across the Community Safety Partnership at theme level and working with officers at place to understand current and the most up to date information available across the 17 existing priority areas of the Community Safety Plan.

Summary of the approach below:

- a. Data Integration:** Collecting and analysing data from multiple sources (police, council services, health, fire, community surveys).
- b. Risk Assessment:** Evaluating crime trends, vulnerabilities, and socio-economic factors at district and ward levels.
- c. Community Insight:** Incorporating feedback from citizens through discussions in communities as part of day to day working with Community Plus, Detached Youth Workers and Community Environment Support Officers, surveys (e.g. Young People’s Survey) - we are waiting on further key survey results being available and this will inform phase 2.
- d. Cllrs Insight:** Ward based Teams meetings took place with 22 wards engaging 47 councillors in total with a good attendance across all political parties
- e. Theme-Based Analysis:** work with each theme group to look at the current data and review the last 12 months during the first 2 weeks in January 2026 engaging with over 100 Officers from the council and Partners
 - Tackling Violence, Abuse & Exploitation
 - Reducing Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) and Neighbourhood Crime
 - Building Inclusive & Resilient Communities
 - Reducing Risk
- f. Place Based Insight:** Sessions held with each Community Outcomes Group and Place based officer sessions dedicated to key officers in Communities and Access Services
- g. Performance and KPI Review:** We have compared year-on-year data using existing partnership KPI’s from the 2022 Community Safety Partnership Plan, identifying hotspots, and aligning with national duties (e.g. Serious Violence Duty, Prevent Duty).

This work is now being built on further in theme meetings in early 2026, and at place and will be brought together as a wider community safety partnership to support the development of the new plan.

4. Review of Current Strategic Themes in the partnership plan

4.1 Existing 4 themes and 17 Priority Areas

The current community safety partnership plan has 4 overarching theme areas and 17 priorities. As part of the development of the new CSP plan working alongside partners, these areas will be reviewed to look at how and where needed they can be brought together but only where appropriate. It is about looking at how we can work smarter and more efficiently as a partnership and make links and connections across priorities especially from a prevention perspective and how we work alongside communities. For example, there are close connections and links between community impact, tensions, hate crime, migration, and inclusion - how can we work even more effectively across these key priority areas looking at the District and Place based impacts collectively

a. Existing

Serious Violence, Abuse and Exploitation	ASB and Neighbourhood crime
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serious Violence • Domestic Abuse 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ASB • Neighbourhood crime

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VAWG • Modern Slavery (Adults) • Youth Exploitation 	
Inclusive and Resilient communities	Risk
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Tensions • Hate Crime • Prevent • Migration • Inclusive communities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drugs & Alcohol • Road Safety • Water safety • Reoffending

4.2 High level summary of existing priorities in the CSP plan

a. Tackling Violence, Abuse & Exploitation

- **Serious Violence: Proposed high focus priority area 2026/7-29**

Downward trend in overall offences but increases in homicides and attempted murders, community concern and fear of crime is recognised by the partnership which is why this is proposed to be a high focus priority area in the new plan.

- **Domestic Abuse: Proposed high focus priority area 2026/7– 29**

Incidents and repeats down, but the partnership know underreporting persists and Domestic Homicide levels remain a concern. Continuous work on awareness and working alongside communities to understand further barriers to accessing services and support will be ongoing and must be everyone's business day to day in addition to campaigns or weeks of focus. Domestic Abuse as a concern and underreporting was also raised by a number of Councillors

- **VAWG: Proposed high focus priority area 2026/7–29**

Offences rising slightly but in line with other Local Authorities. Gendered safety concerns, especially after dark and the work on awareness from education with young people through to adults to be progressed further. Also, the reflection on what we do as services and partners to support our existing workforce. Underreporting was raised as a concern by partners and Councillors.

- **Modern Slavery & Exploitation: Proposed Maintain and monitor 2026/7 – 29**

The existing partnership arrangements have fed back that all is in view and partnership arrangements working well but the group do feel this is an area that needs to continue be in view by the partnership. The awareness of modern slavery and cuckooing and what and where to report remains a key area of focus and will be incorporated into future cross cutting partnership work on awareness raising and training

- **Youth Exploitation: Proposed Maintain and monitor 2026/7–29 KCSP ownership**

Some concerns in data shared being raised, numbers at risk falling, but disproportionality and links to violence, drugs, and online risks remain. Youth Exploitation links would remain in view as part of serious violence and but the Kirklees Safeguarding Children's Partnership will have the full oversight

b. Reducing Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) & Neighbourhood Crime

- **ASB: Proposed high focus priority area 2026/7 – 29**

Proposed area of high focus priority in the new plan. This is due to the impact of ASB on communities. Long-term reduction, but environmental ASB (fly-tipping and secondary fires) is seeing an increase and anecdotal feedback from partners of underreporting of concerns in communities. This is a high priority area for Councillors based on feedback

- **Neighbourhood Crime: Proposed Maintain and monitor 2026/7 – 29**

Overall crime down but we know there will be spikes at certain times in communities e.g. car theft and burglary. It is keeping these in view and responding at a neighbourhood level working through place-based structures and alongside communities. Looking at more closely aligning ASB and Neighbourhood crime partnership structures.

c. Building Inclusive & Resilient Communities – All below proposed high focus priority areas 2026/7–29

- **Community Tensions:** Driven by national/international events, migration, and local issues (ASB, media reporting, anti-asylum).

Work is and will continue to take place as a constant reminder about what is a community impact, tension, how to report and the use of the Partnership Intelligence Portal [Partnership Intelligence Portal | West Yorkshire Police](#). Weekly operational meetings and monthly strategic oversight is in place

- **Hate Crime:** Reports down overall but the partnership is aware underreporting persists. Underreporting was also raised by a number of Councillors.

- **Prevent:** Kirklees remains a Prevent priority area and is meeting performance expectations following Home Office assessment January 2026.

- **Migration** Arrival numbers are stable, but community impact and tensions are a concern which is reflected nationally.

- **Inclusion:** Engagement with faith and minority communities is strong and continuing to develop. The priority now is to deepen trust in services and increase awareness of available support, enabling greater confidence to report and seek help. This key area needs to cut through every aspect of the Community Safety Partnership as to how we listen to and work alongside communities and victims of crime.

d. Reducing Risk

- **Drugs & Alcohol: Proposed high focus priority area 2026 –29 – cuts across the whole of partnership**

Cross cutting concern across several partnership priorities and developing further joint working between the existing Combatting Drugs Partnership and Communities Board will be taking place. The links to drugs and criminal activity is a key focus for the CSP

- **Road Safety – Proposed Maintain existing arrangements and monitor for 2026/7-29**

Casualties reducing overall. The work of Vision Zero to progress and existing scrutiny mechanisms are in place for Road Safety through Highways. This is a high priority area for Councillors.

- **Water safety –Proposed Maintain existing arrangements and monitor for 2026/7-29**

Good arrangements in place no additional focus required

- **Reoffending: Proposed high focus priority area 2026/7– 29**

Duty of the Community Safety Partnership to have in place a reducing reoffending strategy which is currently in its final stages of development. Cross cutting for the CSP and impact on communities

4.3 Proposed

Below based on data and insight is proposed key areas that the CSP could focus on. These need to be worked through to develop the new CSP plan, this may mean some existing structures/meetings that already meet are reviewed and merged or they could stay the same. The importance is ensuring links, connections, effective use of people's time allows us to jointly work on prevention, building trust and confidence in communities and influencing other strategic boards and partnerships.

	High focus priority area	Continue to monitor
Rationale	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is current or emerging concerns • Subject to statutory duties for a CSP • Community impact on feeling safe is escalating 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performance is stable or improving • Connected partnerships already have in view • The community impact is not escalating
Work area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serious violence • Domestic Abuse • VAWG • ASB (all types) & neighbourhood crime in view • Hate Crime • Preventing Extremism /community safeguarding • Migration • Community Impact and tensions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modern Slavery (including Adults Exploitation) • Youth Exploitation (KSCP responsibility) • Road Safety (Vision Zero) • Water Safety
Cross cutting high priority focus		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inclusive Communities - to be continue to central to the work of the CSP • Reduce Reoffending – Children's and adults • Reduce Alcohol and Substance Misuse – links to Criminal Activity (Combatting Drugs Partnership) 		

5. Stakeholder and Community Insights – high level summary

A range of engagement has taken place between October 2025 and January 2026 involving ward Councillors, theme/priority meetings, and place-based discussions. Further discussions will need to take place as we develop the actual plan on what is proposed to be delivered. Below is a high-level summary of key aspects of the feedback.

5.1 Councillor Engagement

47 councillors participated in ward meetings (October–November 2025) to discuss the partnership priorities and what is important in their ward and to understand if Councillors know the right reporting routes for key concerns in relation to community safety and suggestions on what has worked well in their ward previously to support reducing crime

Placed based high-level summary

- **Batley & Spen:** Night-time town-centre fears, nuisance driving, under-reported hate crime, praise for Operation Trimburg (Road safety operation police led), need for more traffic control and youth provision.
- **Dewsbury & Mirfield:** Gangs, knife crime, Domestic Abuse, speeding, youth exploitation, lighting, and youth provision requests, continued Trimburg operations.
- **Huddersfield:** ASB and road safety, need for improved lighting, CCTV, clear reporting guidance needed, reassurance from police visibility, under-reporting of sensitive crimes.
- **Rural Areas:** Community events bolster cohesion, risks include drugs/alcohol, youth ASB, dangerous driving, positive impact from Trimburg and safe zones, youth provision continuity.

Common emerging themes

- Persistent concerns: anti-social behaviour, dangerous driving, drug use, environmental quality.
- Emphasis on visible police and council presence, especially in hotspot areas and after dark.
- Underreporting of sensitive crimes (domestic abuse, VAWG, Hate Crime) due to fear and cultural barriers.
- Strong community groups and events enhance perceptions of safety and cohesion.
- Practical actions suggested: school-gate safety operations, expanded youth provision, targeted environmental improvements, and joint “days of action.”
- Strong support for Op Trimburg (Police road safety operation)

5.2 Place-Based Officer Feedback

Over 150 officers engaged in online sessions (November–December 25).

- Area-specific issues:
 - Dewsbury and Mirfield: Serious violence, organised crime, underreporting of domestic abuse and modern slavery.
 - Huddersfield: Serious incidents, normalisation of violence, low awareness of violence against women and girls.
 - Batley and Spen: Drug offences, anti-social behaviour, exploitation of young people, community tensions.
 - Rural Areas: Night-time economy challenges, low reporting confidence for domestic abuse, historical burglary issues.

5.3 Community engagement feedback

Community engagement feedback from across Kirklees as part of day to day working by Community Plus, Detached Youth Workers and Community Environment Support officers shows that while most residents feel broadly “OK” some are experiencing mixed emotions, anxiety and concern, particularly following high-profile incidents, rumours, and concerns around antisocial behaviour (ASB). Strong neighbourhood groups, trusted local relationships and inclusive community spaces continue to provide stability, connection, and support

The below table is the reach and number of engagements with, for example, faith and belief organisations to date in developing trusted relationships and having conversations with individuals and communities about how things ‘feel’ in general. Officers use a feedback form to collate insight, so we know the reach we do achieve as well as review common issues, concerns, strengths, and locations

Place	Individuals	Groups	Mosques	Other faith orgs
Batley & Spen	448	414	59	78
Dewsbury & Mirfield	307	177	117	41
Huddersfield	995	563	54	140
Rural	623	400	N/A	121

The insight collated closely aligns with the SIA. Communities highlight cost of living pressures, loneliness, lack of youth provision, and the widespread impact of persistent ASB such as drug activity, youth disorder, nuisance vehicles and fly tipping. ASB remains the most frequently raised concern across all localities.

Despite challenges raised, the District findings from feedback demonstrated a resilient and well-connected community infrastructure, including women’s groups, faith organisations, walking groups, food hubs and interfaith networks. Taken together, this community insight strengthens the SIA by grounding its strategic themes in real lived experience. It highlights both where vulnerabilities are emerging and where strong protective networks already exist, supporting the adoption of a whole system approach to prevention, safety and community resilience.

6. Cross-Cutting themes emerging

Several issues are emerging across the partnership, and we need to look at cross cutting links and not just theme areas and priorities in isolation e.g. many theme and priority areas in the existing plan want to raise awareness in communities about a concern and how and where to access support. This must be coordinated and thought given to how we develop approaches working with communities. It is important to consider how we work alongside communities and citizens to understand what works best and how we best communicate as every community is different and as services and partners, we need to understand this further.

The cross-cutting themes area of work will inform the CSP proposed meeting rationalisation and restructuring where agreed over the coming months and how we work with other Boards that will also be aware of the same concerns

- **Deprivation & Inequality:** Strong correlation with crime and exploitation

- **Focus and deploy partnership resources** where it is needed based on data and insight and be able to measure impact.
- **Trusted Relationships:** Building trust through informal engagement, safe spaces, and sensitive reporting pathways. A community-based approach to this - what works in one community won't work in others
- **Mental Health & Substance Misuse:** Linked to violence, domestic abuse, migration, road safety, anti-social behaviour, exploitation, and reoffending.
- **Safe and Stable Accommodation** is common across a number of CSP areas
- **Support for adults with complex needs (including care leavers)** cross cutting ASB, Serious Violence, Domestic Abuse, Drugs and Alcohol, Prevent
- **Loneliness, isolation and neurodiversity** features in some areas as a vulnerability concern in relation to staying safe
- **Online Risks:** Digital exploitation, cyber-enabled crime, online misogyny, radicalisation
- **Underreporting:** Domestic abuse, those at risk of being drawn in to extremism, exploitation – children's and adults, violence against women and girls, hate crime, ASB, and modern slavery – this area needs looking at collectively and how best we approach understanding how we really work alongside key community contacts, connectors within communities.
- **Community Perceptions:** Anxiety about safety, especially after dark.
- **Place-Based (including Town Centre) Working:** Tailored approach and interventions for hotspot streets, communities, wards and town centres. Focus resources and coordination in a planned way where it's needed most not waiting for a reaction to an issue

The above cross cutting theme areas would need to be focussed and the below is a suggestion that would be explored further as we develop the new CSP plan.

Community Safety Partnership – Design Principles of the new plan

The Community Safety Partnership will operate to the following design principles, which will guide how priorities are developed, delivered and reviewed through the CSP Plan and underpinned by the Inclusive Communities Framework The new plan will have in view policy developments Pride in Place, Policing white paper, Mayoral policing plans and connections across to Family First Programme /Reforms .

- **People centred and prevention focused**

We will place people at the heart of our approach, recognising the distinct needs of victims, witnesses and perpetrators. Our focus will be on early intervention, prevention and reducing harm, while ensuring timely access to support when it is needed.

- **Place based and evidence led**

We will deliver *safe people*, *safe places* through targeted, place-based responses shaped by data, insight and community intelligence. Resources and activity will be focused where risk, harm and vulnerability are greatest, while connecting to and building on local strengths and assets.

- **Inclusive and accessible**

We will actively work to address barriers to access, ensuring services are inclusive for people who are digitally excluded, face language, mobility, sensory or cognitive barriers, or experience multiple disadvantages. Inclusion and equity will be core measures of success.

- **Partnership driven and community rooted**

Community safety is a shared endeavour. We will work alongside partners, councillors, communities, faith and belief groups, voluntary organisations and volunteers as equal contributors, maximising shared capacity and community trust.

- **Trauma-informed and compassionate**

We will promote trauma-informed practice across the partnership, ensuring responses are safe, respectful and empowering, and that partners are supported to recognise and respond appropriately to trauma.

- **Aligned across safeguarding and systems**

We will work in alignment with other safeguarding boards and partnership structures, strengthening connections, reducing duplication and ensuring collective ownership of crosscutting risks and issues.

- **Digitally inclusive and digitally safe**

We will promote digital inclusion as an enabler of community safety while strengthening awareness of digital safety, ensuring adults and children are supported to stay safe online.

- **Learning, adaptive and improvement driven**

We will embed continuous learning across the partnership, using data, feedback and lived experience to adapt our approach, improve outcomes and respond to emerging risks.

- **Trust building and confidence raising**

We will strengthen trust, sense of belonging and feelings of safety within communities, recognising these as essential foundations for engagement, prevention and confidence in reporting concerns.

- **Accountable, value focused and sustainable**

We will ensure that CSP activity delivers clear value, supports effective use of resources and contributes to long term sustainability, including demand reduction and prevention of escalation.

8. Conclusion

The renewal of the Kirklees Community Safety Partnership Plan presents a significant opportunity to strengthen our shared approach to community safety, resilience, and prevention across the district. The evidence gathered through the Strategic Intelligence Assessment, alongside extensive engagement with councillors, partners, officers and communities, provides a clear and credible foundation for shaping the priorities for 2026/7–2029. What is emerging is a consistent picture: communities value visible action, strong relationships, and clear routes for reporting and support, while partners emphasise the need for focused, coordinated, and preventative approaches.

As we move into the next phase of development, our collective task is to translate insight into practical, achievable delivery plans that are strongly grounded in place-based need and evidence and be supported by effective partnership structures. The forthcoming workshops, development of key performance measures, governance review and funding and capacity considerations will be critical to ensuring the new plan is both ambitious but being realistic, with clear accountability and measurable impact. Continued engagement with communities and councillors will remain central throughout, keeping lived experience at the heart of what we do.

By working together across safeguarding partnerships, local services, community networks and strategic boards, we can build a plan that not only responds to current challenges but strengthens trust, safety and belonging across Kirklees. The plan's flightpath toward Cabinet, Full Council and OSMC will ensure the plan has full oversight and shared ownership, positioning the CSP to deliver meaningful improvements for residents over the next three years.