

Safer Arun Partnership update

Responsible authority:	Arun District Council
Lead officer:	Dax O'Connor
Date of update:	9 January 2024

Strategic Priority:	Serious violence
<p>Please use this space to detail actions and work undertaken by your agency in response to the above strategic priority in correlation with the partnership plan. Leave blank if none.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 of 7 secondary schools have indicated they are keen for their Year 7 pupils to participate in proposed Safer Schools Event. Community Safety Officer pursuing venue, speakers, and travel arrangements. • SAP funds allocated to support VAWG work have been utilised to provide <u>Arun Angels</u> with a stock of foil blankets and flip-flops to aid their work across the nighttime economy in Bognor Regis. • 10 x PAYG mobiles and 3 x ring doorbells have been purchased and supplied to <u>My Sister's House</u> for use by clients. My Sisters House have advised they do not have current budget to provide door braces, this is something that will be raised at police VAWG meeting to see if any joint funding can be provided in addition to SAP funds. Currently awaiting to purchase PAYG phones for Police Safeguarding unit at Littlehampton. • Involvement with Sussex Police MATAAC (Multi Agency Tasking and Co-ordination) process which looks at high harm serial/ repeat perpetrators. • Scoping listening circle with ADC CS team and Ukrainian wellbeing advisor, Sussex Police VAWG navigator and My Sisters House to look at raising awareness of Domestic Abuse amongst Eastern European communities. • Identified need to arrange training with Hourglass to raise awareness of abuse and neglect of older people (to include Domestic Abuse). 	
Strategic Priority:	Reducing drug and alcohol related harm
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- WSCC Drug Demand analysis programmes underway across the county. This follows up from the SAP endorsed 'Understanding & Reducing Drug Demand: Bognor Regis Analysis 2021' project and seeks to extend across the whole district.
Are all SAP partners participating? Public Health Analyst invited to next SAP meeting to promote project and encourage participation.

Strategic priority: **Tackling anti-social behaviour**

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- Early education of ASB being undertaken; Community Safety team developed a presentation (what is ASB, who does it affect, types of ASB) and has so far been delivered to 4 local primary schools (year 6). Further talks have been diarised at 3 additional schools.
Neighbourhood Youth Officers (Police) follow up with more consequence led talks.
- Evening patrols of Littlehampton town centre undertaken by Community Safety team in response to reports of ASB. See Local Action Team under Community Resilience.
- Ongoing participation in the Arun & Chichester Road Safety Action Group to identify anti-social driving issues.
- Monthly HASBRAC meetings continue to be held, chaired by Senior ASB Caseworker. Due to number of cases, spilt into East and West meetings.
- Ongoing work with the police to highlight, monitor and target resources to hotspot locations across the district. This includes continued work to liaise with the public and businesses to identify opportunities to both target harden and ID perpetrators for follow up interventions.
- Multi-agency work around two specific addresses (1x Littlehampton, 1x Bognor) to identify ways in which to reduce ASB impact and risks at these locations through collaborative work and intelligence sharing.
- Weekly detached youth work currently taking place in Littlehampton with Arun Youth Projects. A minimum of 2 sessions a week taking place in and around the Town Centre. Reports being shared with the Community Safety Team to inform future partnership working.

Strategic priority: **Building community resilience**

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- In partnership with WSCC, the annual community safety consultation was completed during 2023. Results are to be discussed at the SAP meeting in January, with reflection given to the findings and our partnership plan.
- An increase in visible partnership presence around Littlehampton High Street took place across October, November, and December 2023 in response to reported ASB, street drinking, and begging. Community Wardens, Community Safety team, and Arun NPT all carried out increased patrols at targeted times.
- Local Action Team, focused on Littlehampton town centre, embedded. Multi-agency approach being taken with 'feet on the ground' officers present to provide proactive responses based on own insights. Agreed actions provided to the Town Centre Action Group and published on LTC webpage; latest action plan can be found here [Littlehampton Local Action Team](#).

Additional information:

Please use this space to detail any additional information that you want to share; this may include examples of what is working well, any barriers you are experiencing, future plans, or where you need support from SAP partners.

- It should be noted that WSCC have created a Fraud Prevention Working Group to include multiple agencies across the county. The Government's Fraud Strategy states that fraud accounts for over 40% of all crime.

The Partnership Plan 2023-25 includes "reduce incidents and financial loss through fraud" as an aim under Building Community Resilience. Community Wardens are delivering fraud awareness presentations to community groups and raising awareness of scams through general engagement.

What are partners currently doing to address this, and what more can we do?

- The Council's ASB team are increasingly receiving reports concerning shoplifting, with village areas featuring as well as town centres. Retailers are routinely encouraged to report to the Police, but routinely say they feel unsupported and do not receive updates.