

Title	Birmingham Community Safety Partnership Annual Report (2020/2021)
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1. Purpose

- 1.1 This annual report provides an overview of Birmingham Community Safety Partnership (BCSP) activity and impact during 2020-21.
- 1.2 Additional and more detailed information can be provided to the Committee on individual areas of business, if required.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Crime and Disorder Act (1998) mandated all local authority areas to establish Crime and Disorder Partnerships. In Birmingham, this partnership is referred to as the Birmingham Community Safety Partnership (BCSP).
- 2.2 The core membership of the BCSP includes all Responsible Authorities. These include Birmingham City Council, Birmingham Children's Trust, West Midlands Police, West Midlands Fire Service, National Probation Service and Birmingham and Solihull Clinical Commissioning Group. Co-opted members are Birmingham Social Housing Partnership, Violence Reduction Unit (VRU) Office of The Police & Crime Commissioner (OPCC) and Birmingham and Solihull Mental Health Trust.
- 2.3 The BCSP has responsibility for discharging the following statutory requirements:
- Work together to form and implement strategies to prevent and reduce crime and anti-social behaviour, and the harm caused by drug and alcohol misuse. This will include producing an annual plan.
 - Produce plans to reduce re-offending by adults and young people.
 - Manage the Community Trigger process.
 - Commission Domestic Homicide Reviews.
 - To work in partnership to reduce serious violence – This duty is led by the West Midlands Violence Reduction Unit (VRU) and involves the introduction of an Offensive Weapon Homicide Review.
 - Consult and engage with the community.

In addition to this, the BCSP will also support partner organisations to discharge their legal duties for:

- Prevent
- Modern Slavery
- Contextual Safeguarding

2.4 The work programme of the BCSP falls under the following priorities: -

- Gangs, Violence and Serious Organised Crime (GV&SOC).
- Victims and Vulnerability (V&V).
- Place.
- BCSP has joint governance with the Children's Safeguarding Board for the Contextual Safeguarding Hub (Empower) and is working with the Health & Wellbeing Board to have joint governance to produce a drug and alcohol strategy and delivery plan.

2.5 The BCSP Executive Board is accountable for the work of the BCSP. Further groups have been established to co-ordinate activity around each of the priorities above, which are led by members of the Board and supported by officers within the Birmingham City Council Community Safety Team (BCC CSPT). There is also a local offer which is in the form of six Local Partnership Delivery Groups (LPDG) which co-ordinate tactical and operational activity in neighbourhoods.

2.6 The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) is also represented at the Executive Board. The OPCC provided £660k in 2020-21 to support the BCSP work programme. All projects delivered through this funding must be aligned to the OPCC priorities as well as the BCSP priorities. The OPCC also commissions services that operate within Birmingham. The BCSP works in partnership with the OPCC to ensure linkage, reduction in duplication and to ensure Birmingham's priorities are met. The West Midlands Violence Reduction Unit (VRU) established in 2019, also commissions services and projects with a funding package of £3.3 million from the Government. The BCSP are linked in to both the VRU and OPCC to ensure joined up working.

2.7 Birmingham City Council hosts the BCSP. The Chair of the BCSP is Cllr John Cotton, Cabinet Member for Social Inclusion, Community Safety and Equalities. The Vice Chair is Chief Superintendent Steve Graham, NPU Commander West Midlands Police.

3. Partnership working within the Birmingham Community Safety Partnership

3.1 Birmingham City Council is the accountable body for the BCSP and a team within the city council has been established to respond to the community safety priorities of the city and the BCSP Executive Board.

3.2 Birmingham City Council Community Safety Partnership Team (BCC CSPT) manages the BCSP board structure, including both the Thematic Priority Groups and subgroups that support the thematic delivery. These include Gangs, Violence & Serious Organised Crime Operational Thematic Group, Place Thematic Group and Victims & Vulnerability Thematic Group. The team also manages projects and interventions on behalf of Birmingham City Council to address locally identified community safety issues and priorities. The work overseen by Birmingham Community Safety Partnership Executive Board are:

3.3 **Gangs, Violence & Serious Organised Crime (GV&SOC)** - Its purpose is to provide co-ordinated oversight of joint working to disrupt gangs, serious violence, and organised criminality in the city. These arrangements seek to ensure each agency will safeguard and promote the welfare of children and young people, vulnerable adults and protect the public in Birmingham. The GV&SOC will develop and implement the strategic objectives within the existing Birmingham Gangs, Serious Violence and Organised Criminality Strategy (2017-20). To co-ordinate the city's response to the new Serious Violence Duty and develop and oversee the corresponding Serious Violence Strategy. Develop and implement a whole

system approach incorporating policy, prevention, disruption, protection, and support across multiple agencies.

- Within the GV&SOC we are working towards developing a Birmingham Reducing Violence Strategy. This is being done in partnership with the West Midlands Violence Reduction Unit (VRU), Public Health, WM Police and Birmingham Children's Trust. There have been 3 partnership workshops and a violence profile is currently being commissioned.
- The work within the strategy will also include working with the Home Office on an Offensive Weapon Homicide Review pilot, which is due to start in Spring 2022. The West Midlands has been nominated to deliver the pilot and the proposal is it will be delivered in Birmingham and Coventry.
- Work in partnership with the VRU, having strategic overview, but ensuring the community navigators and Educational programmes are delivered and supported within Birmingham.
- Support the introduction of the Youth Endowment Fund (YEF). BCSP and the West Midlands Violence Reduction Unit (WMVRU) have been working closely with the YEF throughout the initial stages of the project development and are actively supporting the programme. The first part of the programme will run until July 2022 and involves: 1) An initial feasibility study 2) co-designing the action community plan, working closely with the selected location. Based on the findings of the feasibility study, the proposed area of focus covers the whole of Lozells and the part of Newtown that borders the south and east of Lozells, from New John Street West north and to the west of New Town Row. The CSPT will continue to work with the YEF and link all partners.

3.4 Place Thematic Group: Work together to form and implement strategies to prevent and reduce crime and anti-social behaviour, and the harm caused by drug and alcohol misuse. This will include producing an annual 3 year rolling strategy which identifies citywide priorities. Manage the Anti-Social Behaviour Case Review process (Community Trigger). Deliver an approach towards engaging and consulting with citizens. Support the Local Partnership Delivery Group (LPDG) process.

- The Place Thematic Group are leading on the review of the ASB process. The Community Trigger has been the first process which will be tabled for sign off on 3 November 2021.
- Safer Streets 2: Funding provided by the Home Office. Through the Place Thematic group, the Community Safety Partnership Team (CSPT) completed and was successful with a bid that brought £435k into Birmingham to deliver a crime reduction and community engagement project in Stockland Green.
- Safer Streets 3: Working in partnership with the West Midlands Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner (OPCC) the CSPT have been successful in bringing funding into Birmingham to deliver intervention to support women feeling safer in public spaces and reduce violence against women and children. This also includes a project to work and support female rough sleepers.
- A further application has been submitted to the Home Office to increase our support for the Safety of Women at Night (SWAN): if successful, this will increase support and intervention within the night-time economy.
- Place-based pilots: 2 pilots have been agreed in Birmingham Lozells and Sparkbrook and we are working in partnership with West Midlands Police and BCC Neighbourhood Departments. The pilot will test out a neighbourhood base tasking approach. West Midlands Police are leading in Lozells and BCC are leading in Sparkbrook.

3.5 Victims & Vulnerability Thematic Group (V&V): We will assist the BCSP and its theme groups in discharging their statutory responsibilities regarding the embedded learning from Domestic Homicide Reviews, preventing violent extremism and modern slavery. Supporting the BCSP Violence & Offending theme and working with the Violence Reduction Unit.

- The V&V have now developed a Hate Crime Partnership which is represented by a wide range of partners and has 83 members. The Hate Crime Partnership has an action plan in place and

has had several themed workshops. The last workshop was focused on schools and education, bringing in partners from the Education department.

- The process around Domestic Homicide Reviews is supported and monitored within the V&V and new quality assurance processes have now been introduced, including a scrutiny core group made up by BCSP Executive Board members.
- Modern Slavery is held within this priority and has seen several successes within the last 12 months, including developing a victim's pathway (more information is further on in this report under projects and commissioned services).
- Oversee joint working within the Domestic Abuse Prevention Strategy and ensure the work within the BCSP Domestic Abuse agenda is linked into the Strategy.
- Work has now started to introduce a Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy working group. This will include priorities around Rape and Sexual Assault. Working groups have been set up with Adult Social Care, WM Police and Public Health and working with third sector providers we are commissioning a Birmingham profile to direct this work.

3.6 Partnership working within the Community Safety Partnership Team (CSPT): Birmingham City Council Community Safety Partnership Team also deliver against Birmingham City Council priorities and although some have a direct impact on the BCSP Board they are delivered and managed within the BCC CSPT.

- **Supported Housing Pilot:** The CSPT team are working in partnership with BCC Housing Services Directorate following a successful bid to the Ministry Office to deliver a pilot around Supported Housing (also known as exempt accommodation). The CSPT have put in place a small team with a focus on crime and ASB in exempt accommodation. We also seconded a Police Officer into the pilot and worked very closely with the West Midlands Serious Organised Crime Team.
- To date the CSPT have carried out 369 investigations and have supported partners from Adult Social Care, Housing Services and West Midlands Police (WMP) to do 128 joint visits.
- We manage a partnership tasking meeting each week.
- We have introduced an ASB policy for providers / Landlords to use as apart of their tenancy conditions.
- We have issued 9 Community Protection Warnings (CPW) and worked in partnership with West Midlands Police to introduce a closure order.
- Case Study: ***This house contained a cannabis cultivation tent in the shed which has since been thrown away but led to our second visit. On the second visit we located an air pistol belonging to a tenant, the police then found a machete in his room. Further investigation led to the arrest and eviction of this tenant. This also led to the issuing of a CPW to the managing agent for failure to manage their tenants. Since then, Concept have decided to take this property off their books, it has now been completely decommissioned.***
- Case Study: ***Residents were complaining that the tenants were regularly begging and taking drugs in the street. They were even knocking on doors and asking for money, cigarettes or to use their phone. One tenant from the address was arrested for a Breach of a Community Order by WMP (March 2021). From the evidence gathered during the investigation by CSPT (information provided by the residents, the visit itself and evidence provided by WMP) a meeting was held with the Registered Provider, who agreed to evict the problematic tenants and have them separated and moved into different accommodation. The new addresses were provided to WMP for future monitoring. No further complaints thus far have been received by BCC with regards to this property.***

- **Community Safety Operation Group (CSP OPS):** A monthly partnership meeting to look at city wide issues and work together to bring in processes that have an impact City wide. Partners include – CSPT, West Midlands Police (at Chief Inspector level) BCC Regulation & Enforcement, West Midlands Fire Service, BCC Housing Services, Youth Service, Registered Providers and BVSC.
- Through this group we introduced a process in the Summer to support the increased impact of ASB in parks.
- Introducing the Partnership Street Tasking Group now in place.
- Deal with escalated issues from the Local Partnership Delivery Groups.
Work together to deal with neighbourhood issues for example recent issues surrounding the Section 115 request.
- **Partnership Consequences Management Meeting (CMM):** West Midlands Police hold CMM following a serious incident and working with the CSPT we have now agreed a process that involves other partners. This allows partners within a certain neighbourhood to be involved in a discussion around the incident and offer information and support. For example, a partnership CMM was held following the death of a young person in Kingstanding, it included Schools within Kingstanding and Harborne, the MP for the area, local community representatives, third sector youth providers, Birmingham Children's Trust, VRU and CSPT. It allowed us to understand the tension in the area and the feelings of the young people, which then in turn ensured we directed resources correctly.
- **Partnership Street Tasking (PST) –** The partnership street tasking meets each fortnight and partners include CSPT, Trident Reach and West Midlands Police.
- This partnership covers a city-wide approach and includes Police neighbourhood teams and police partnership team.
- The PST receives referrals from outreach services once increased ASB issues related to begging has occurred and engagement and outreach services can no longer support, or the individual is no longer engaging with services.
- As part of this process the CSPT are now working with Acting Head Housing Options & Private Sector Housing to provide added resources to enable the CSPT to offer two intervention officers outside the City Centre.
- Since the partnership started in October 2020, we have received 234 new cases. All 234 have been contacted and 42 Community Protection Warnings, 18 Community Protection Notices and 3 injunctions have been issued. The remainder have engaged and been referred to outreach services which has resulted in people being housed and accessing services –e.g., mental health, drug and alcohol etc.
- **Local Partnership Delivery Groups (LPDG):** LPDGs have a Place and People based focus. Place LPDGs will focus on key neighbourhoods in their geographical area where there are higher levels of crime/ ASB demand. They will develop operational multi-agency plans which deliver and monitor targeted activity on key trends and drivers of crime.
- People LPDGs will provide a forum for case management discussions about complex ASB cases in their local area and/or cases where there is a significant impact on the community. This part of the meeting will be restricted in line with the current Information Sharing Agreement. This group discussion will support the development of multi-agency case plans, track enforcement action and monitor impact.

- There are six LPDGs within Birmingham and they are facilitated by the CSPT. Each LPDG meets monthly and partners include – WM Police who chair 4 of the six meetings, WM Fire Services, Birmingham Children Trust, including youth offending team and family support, BCC Housing Services and Regulation & Enforcement, Registered providers, VRU, Local Councillors and third sector.
- West Midlands Police Serious Organised Crime Team and Reoffending Team have contacted CSPT to make arrangements to have these agenda items included.
- **Domestic Abuse:** CSPT have secured extra funding to develop a different way of working within the Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) this will ensure that all individuals referred into the Birmingham MARAC process receives the same level of service and support.
- MARAC has always had a strong presence from BCC Housing Services, as they have a dedicated Domestic Abuse Team and therefore tenants of BCC receive wrap round and intensive support.
- Working in partnership with Adult Social Care, Housing Services, Home Options and third sector providers we are working towards ensuring that all individuals receive the same service.
- Within the CSPT we have a fixed term post dedicated to this process and we have trained support officers to become independent domestic abuse advisors (IDVA). These officers will work within the MARAC process and support victims but also take action against perpetrators.
- Links have been made with Adult Social Care and the commissioned services following the funding that has been awarded to Birmingham as part of the introduction of the Domestic Abuse Bill.
- **West Midlands Domestic Homicide Review Project:** The CSPT have been commissioned by the OPCC to look at introducing a West Midlands wide approach to DHRs this includes.
- Standardising templates, action plans and processes. This part of the project has been completed.
- Introducing West Midlands-based learning events: Three themed events are being planned
 - 1) increase the capacity to identify victims and have conversations with health care professions. We have identified in our learning around DHRs that in almost all cases health care is the first contact for most victims.
 - 2) Increase awareness with professionals and the community with regards to suicide. Country-wide we are seeing an increase in suicide victims who have been victims of domestic abuse.
 - 3) assessment training within all professions, this will include a tiered approach, from all front-line staff through to domestic abuse support services.
- **Operation Hercules:** Operation Hercules is held within the Section 222 injunction for car cruising. Due to the amendments heard at London High Court with regards to S222 Injunctions and the use of 'person unknown' Birmingham's injunction has had to be rewritten by BCC legal department. As a result, other local authorities within West Midlands are working with us to develop a joint injunction. To ensure we continue to deal with this issue the CSPT have worked in partnership with West Midlands Police to introduce a process and continue to carry out enforcement actions.
- We have developed a joint Community Protection Warning process which also includes the introduction of an intervention project.
- The intervention project will give the offender the opportunity to attend a driving awareness course delivered by West Midlands Fire Services. The offender will be charged for the course and their name logged on a tracker. Should they offend again the breach will go straight to court.

- The intervention project is being managed by the Birmingham CSPT but will operate West Midlands wide.

4. Projects and Commissioned Services

4.1 During 202/21 the BCSP Board commissioned several interventions to support the BCSP priorities and delivery programmes. These included:

4.2 **Domestic Homicide Review (DHR):** Since the introduction of DHRs, Birmingham has been notified of 42 cases all of which are at different stages within the process - 12 have been published, 3 are with the Home Office, 4 were not published, 6 did not meet the criteria and 13 are currently part of a significant incident learning process. We have also worked with other local authorities where cases have crossed boundaries. We have delivered 15 training sessions focused on coercive control as this was highlighted in several DHRs as a lack of knowledge for frontline services. We are now commissioning learning events on suicide awareness, risk assessments from frontline services and a focused awareness from health professionals as in most cases health professionals have been the first contact service. Work also continues with the OPCC and the six Community Safety Partnerships within the West Midlands to introduce a West Midlands coordinated approach to DHR and the learning.

4.3 **Modern Slavery:** Within the CSPT we have a dedicated Modern Slavery coordinator. Within the last 12 months there have been several successful outcomes under this project.

- Recruited 20 new BCC Modern Slavery Champions – total now stands at approximately 75 staff within BCC. They receive a monthly briefing document on relevant changes in the sector, and a Microsoft Teams site for collaboration
- Developed an external Modern Slavery Champions approach and 3-part training package in partnership with the VRU and have rolled out six introductory training sessions.
- Provided training, information and input sessions to over 270 members of staff and partners, including inputs to Adult Social Work, the multi-systemic therapy team, LPDGs, Birmingham Social Housing Partnership, and the VRU.
- Developing a modern slavery pathway, toolkit, and casework process for homeless adults presenting at the Homeless Hub.
- Revised the Modern Slavery Transparency Statement for 2021/22 in line with forthcoming government guidelines which contains some particularly ambitious commitments for BCC, including a pledge to only use ethical imagery and language around modern slavery, and involving survivors of exploitation in the development of our work in this area.
- Supported West Midlands Anti-Slavery Network with the development of an advocacy and policy strategy which will progress over 2021, and drafted collaborative responses to external requests for input, including the WMASN consultation response to the UK government's New Plan for Immigration.
- Representation of BCC Modern Slavery agenda on local, regional and national strategic forums. Including the Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking Strategic Board, the NRPF Network, the West Midlands Local Authority leads working group, West Midlands Police Modern Slavery Operational Group Birmingham, National Network Coordinators Forum, the West Midlands Anti-Slavery Network, and associated WMASN subgroups including the Victim Care and Support Services subgroup, Language and Ethical Media subgroup, the Vietnamese and Albanian cultural project, the Anti-Racism working group and Universities working group.

- Providing a strategic point of contact for all modern slavery work within BCC, including inputting and linking to relevant teams, engaging with external organisations and other local authority leads. Providing second-tier technical advice on cases of modern slavery, monitoring the National Referral Mechanism (NRM) referrals across Birmingham, briefing and updating colleagues on relevant case law and legislation, working closely with West Midlands Police on scoping intelligence, and working in partnership with initiatives from the West Midlands Anti-Slavery Network such as the Slavery Adult Safeguarding Case Conference and the Safe Place men's safehouse.
- Working in partnership around enforcement and distribution activities.

4.4 City Centre Intervention Officers – within the CSPT we have 2 intervention officers that operate within the city centre they work in partnership with West Midlands Police, Trident Reach, Business Improvements Districts (BID), outreach services and BCC Regulation & Enforcement Team including City Centre Operations. Their focus is to intervene at an early stage to reduce harassment, alarm and distress to members of the public visiting, living or working in the city centre.

- The officers carry out daily patrols and, in some cases, this is with other partners, E.g., West Midlands Police, BID Wardens, Outreach Services. In the past 12 months the officers have made 2,555 contacts /engagements. Between July and October 2021 there have been 430 contacts which is an increase of 13.8% compared to the first quarter of the year (April – July)
- In the last 12 months 968 referrals have been made to outreach services including, Shelter, Trident Reach and Change Grow Live (CGL)
- Reports of Mamba use within the city centre has been a concern, working in partnership throughout July – October 2021 the CST intervention officers responded to 59 incidents which is a decrease of 29.8% from the first quarter of the year.
- 38 verbal warnings and 8 written warnings were issued by the team, as well as a Community Protection Warning and a Community Protection Notice. The lower number of formal civil enforcement measures demonstrates the effectiveness of the engagement first and early warning approach.
- The CSPT are working in partnership the Acting Head Housing Solutions & Support, City Housing Directorate to duplicate the work being done within the City Centre by the other intervention officers outside the city centre location

4.5 Operation Encompass: This operation was initially set up as a charitable organisation in 2011. Operation Encompass is a Police and Education early information sharing partnership, which directly connects the Police with schools to ensure support for children living with domestic abuse when police have attended domestic abuse incidents. The direct connection between the police, schools and early years settings means children are better safeguarded against the short, medium and long-term effects of domestic abuse. The Operation Encompass Steering Group has become well established and meets monthly.

- Webinars have been delivered to schools and they have completed the Operation Encompass Key Adult training.
- West Midlands Police are contributing to the set up and have discussed the major IT upgrade which has merged 9 systems into one. This will give capabilities going forward which does implicate an impact upon safeguarding children, adults and vulnerable people. The hope is that this system will be in place by November 2021.
- As of 1 October 2021, we have 234 key adults in schools who have completed their training and sent in their certificates. This equates to approximately 175 schools.

4.6 Youth Outreach: Gangs, Violence & Serious Organised Crime and Youth Outreach Project. This project will support a joined-up partnership approach to tackle the complexity of reducing violence and will work alongside existing work being delivered through the WMVRU, Youth Endowment projects. The programmes have a specific focus on young people, including families who have lost young people to violence. Engaging in identifying solutions for their communities. A third strand for this work will be a specific programme targeted at the re-engagement of gang members.

- Beginning in July 2021, we have delivered 5 parents training sessions in the heart of Newtown area, a community at the centre of ongoing incidents of violence (an organic holistic place-based approach). These involved parents driving the process using maps to delivering walkabouts in parks and residential areas which are at the heart of the violence. Educating professionals on safe and unsafe areas of Newtown. Identifying new potential partners including faith and third sector groups and having conversations to bringing them on board.
- 88 on street sessions (205 hours) have been delivered throughout July and August across 9 neighbourhoods in Birmingham. These are: Hodge Hill; Ladywood; Longbridge; Northfield; Shard End; Sparkbrook; Sutton Coldfield (Sutton Park); Three Estates (Kings Norton) and Stechford/Yardley.
- Birmingham Youth Service was also deployed to Kingstanding following the death of a young person and the increased community tensions around hate crime and cohesion. They provided workshops and did detached work speaking to young people and sign posting.
- There were 1,468 contacts with young people between July and October. In addition to this, there were 31 young people signposted to additional services, and 8 young people identified for further 1:1 work with youth workers.
- Working with young people at risk of being involved with gangs. Current provision available includes workshops involving: Construction, Motor Vehicle, Sports Leaders Award, Business Enterprise, Landscaping / Estate Improvement, and Health and Social Care. All offered one to one or in small nurture groups. This is delivered by life experienced mentors / tutors, and credible industry experts. In addition, the offer of one-to-one functional skill is available for those who need to obtain numeracy and literacy qualifications to successfully re-engage in education, training or employment. This offer of provision has been promoted to the Police Service, the Family Support Teams within the Children's Trust and the Exploitation Team. Attendance at team meetings had been completed and promoted accordingly. They provide an opportunity to provide further clarification of the Offer. In addition, promotion for CiC and Care leavers to be able to access this initiative has been planned.

4.7 Votes for Schools: This is a debating and voting platform for young people that strives to make a difference in schools and local community. Children are informed, this project makes them curious, and heard. They provide weekly curriculum guides, which outline how SMSC, PSHE, British values and Prevent requirements are met by our topics. They are adding Sustainable Development Goals too.

- Vote for Schools is currently in 41 Birmingham School, our intention is to increase that figure by March 2022 our aim is for 150 schools to be signed up.
- There are a wide range of topics provided, gangs, exploitation, county lines, domestic abuse, anti-social behaviours, hate crime, cyber security, Homelessness, knife crime and many more.
- Within the CSPT we are working with Vote for School to delivery bespoke programmes in certain areas.
- The Youth Offending Service will also be receiving these programmes.
- This project has also been linked in with the education programmes being delivered by the VRU.
- The final scooping is now complete, and timetables are now being developed.

4.8 Forced marriage, Honour-based Violence and Female Genital Mutilation Engagement

- Community awareness sessions have been delivered via Zoom. These did not prove popular, so one-to-one support was provided.
- FGM training for staff/volunteers has been provided to Restore, British Red Cross, The Salvation Army, St. Chad's, Baobab and Women with Hope.
- Individual support is provided to women/victims which is tailored to their needs including health, psychological, housing, and legal and immigration support and practical support on several other issues. This work is done in partnership with NHS FGM midwife.
- 24 Community Champions have now been recruited and trained offering support/advice and sign posting in their neighbourhoods.
- Online training has been delivered in schools to teachers who can cascade the knowledge and respond to any subsequent concerns from students. The training focuses on the many different aspects of gendered abuse including forced marriage, FGM and HBV.
- Since April 2021, open support has been provided to 138 women. There have been 30 training events delivered which included 96 professionals, and 52 schools have also received training/awareness events.

4.9 **Mediation:** CSPT have introduced a mediation service for non-Birmingham City Council tenants. This allows us to offer a consistent service for victims of ASB.

- Since April 2021 we have received 12 requests for mediation. All of which have been referred to the commissioned service provider.
- 10 of the parties took part in the referral process - 7 of which have now been resolved the other 3 are cases being held within the LPDG for that location.

4.10 **Virtual Decisions:** This project is delivered in partnership with Round Midnight, who have developed a VR in education tool. These involve Virtual Decisions in which participants can experience a simulated true-to-life scenario covering the themes of peer pressure, gang culture, anti-social behaviour and youth violence. By wearing a VR headset, each participant is placed in a realistic live-action scenario, in which they must make a number of choices. Each choice results in various outcomes, demonstrating that every action has a consequence. Following the 8-minute VR film is a workshop that explores the issues raised in more depth. We look at the motivations behind the characters' behaviour, whether peer pressure contributed to the outcome and the positive/negative responses each user receives from characters based on their decisions.

- This project will be delivered into 12 schools and with young people referred by West Midlands Police who have received an out of court disposal.
- 4 schools have received sessions.
- The sessions have also been opened to troubled/concerning young people that are nominated by Neighbourhood Policing Teams to see if we can intervene with them before they start to offend.

4.11 **Serious Organised Crime Partnership Scoping:** Serious Organised Crime and Exploitation scoping project, this includes work related to gangs, modern slavery and contextual safeguarding. Working and interviewing partners to seek a joined-up approach supported by West Midlands Police, CRC, Probation, BCC CSP, West Midlands Fire, Children's Trust and CCG. The project worked across organisations and partnership boards to tie up all processes and conversations related to SOC and Exploitation. This work began in June 2020: the scoping is now complete, and a report was tabled at the BCSP Board in June 2021.

- More than 120 one to one interviews took place.

- We now have in place a partnership delivery plan that is being actioned to bring a more coordinated approach.
- CSPT now sit within the West Midlands Regional Organised Crime Unit Regional Organised Crime Agency.
- Partners have signed up to making changes within their organisation that will allow a more joined up approach.

4.12 Re-deployable CCTV – Within the CSPT we have 11 re-deployable cameras and 2 automatic number plate recognition (ANPR) cameras that are used in line with Government legislation to reduce the impact of Crime and ASB in a neighbourhood.

- A process is now in place for approval to deploy the CCTV which is managed through the LPDG's and approved through the BCC Resilience team.
- 5 locations have been identified for further deployment. All the proposed deployments are in Edgbaston, Erdington and Ladywood constituencies.
- 6 cameras are to be identified for new locations.
- The 2 ANPR cameras are being used to support Operation Hercules which is the Section 222 injunction for car cruising.

4.13 Re- Engage: This project focuses on targeting those young offenders who due to experience of trauma and a history of offending are unable to engage successfully with mainstream education, training and employment and are at risk of permanent exclusion from college / school / training provision. There is increasing evidence of the causal link between adverse childhood trauma experiences and disengagement with education and training. This disengagement leads to an increased propensity to go on and commit serious youth violence or become at risk of Child Criminal Exploitation or Child Sexual Exploitation.

- There are now 4 providers in place and referrals are being received.
- The ETE Re-Engagement Programme has received 26 referrals to date. Out of these referrals 22 young people successfully engaging on the Project (85%).
- Case study - ETE Re-Engagement Programme Case Study LJ

LJ started Orion in early 2021. He is a young man who is in care and has a number of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) which has affected him in his educational development.

LJ was very reluctant to open up and express his feelings and engage with the programme. However, after the first session with myself, we were able to break down LJ's barriers and trust issues and have now built, through the nurturing, a positive relationship. LJ's level of confidence has grown each day he attends, and this has caused him to increase the number of days he attends each week.

The work that is being done with LJ is to focus him back into mainstream education and LJ has stated that he is eager to attend and take part in the learning programme with the practical elements of the delivery. It has been identified that LJ cannot read and write and different methods have been utilised such as photos and videos to help him continue his development. It is clear to see that LJ is learning and able to recall information that he has cover.

LJ is better able to self-regulate his behaviour and this is the impact the intervention has had.

4.14 ASB Framework - This project seeks to support the development of an improved partnership response towards anti-social behaviour in Birmingham. It will consider how to improve consistency and

quality of investigations, as well as to better inform related commissioned services. This responds to the existing trends but also to the challenges and opportunities outlined in the new White Paper on Social Housing and Beating Crime plan. Specifically, and at an early stage, this project will focus on Community Triggers.

4.15 In 2019 the CSPT received 7 Community Trigger requests. 2020 the CSPT received 42 Community trigger requests. As of October 2021, we have received 37 Community Trigger requests. As a result, the CSPT are:

- Introducing a new process that will ensure that anyone suffering ASB and requesting a Community Trigger will receive a quick supportive service.
- We are introducing independent chairs (interviewing starts on 1 November 2021)
- We are working with Resolve to develop a chairs training package and a professional training package.
- The new process is being developed through the Place Thematic Group within the BCSP and will be tabled at the BCSP Board meeting on 3 November 2021.
- The new process includes action plans even if a case does not meet the threshold and LPDG delivering the action plans.
- Next stages within this project will be working with partners both internally and externally to introduce a joined up ASB framework.

4.16 **Safer Estates Group WEB partnership case management system (SEGWEB):** This is a case management tool used by BCSP partners for crime and ASB partnership work around individuals. It is the only partnership software platform in Birmingham that both internal (BCC) and externally partners can jointly case manage.

- All six LPDG's use SEGWEB to introduce, manage, monitor and take joint action against individuals and groups who are having an impact in a neighbourhood.
- Between July and October 2021 there were 32 new cases opened by partners across the city, and 2 were closed. In the cases which were closed, both cases had developed action plans which were monitored by the LPDG.
- One case (Edgbaston district) related to anti-social behaviour within a block of flats. In this case, a tenant had been identified as responsible for the ASB. The tenant in question had poor mental health and partners felt that they were not accessing the support they needed to manage their condition. In the other case (Northfield), an injunction had been placed on an individual and there had been no subsequent reports from neighbours.
- In the past 12 months 156 new cases have been opened.

4.17 **ASB and Hate Crime Restorative Justice Approach:** Restorative justice has been shown to have a positive outcome in changing the attitudes of the perpetrator and reducing repeat offending. Reducing further criminal offences being committed by tackling the hateful motivation triggering them. Restorative justice has been shown to have positive victim satisfaction outcomes. This project will offer bespoke restorative justice response to victims of hate crime and will include community training/awareness.

- This project is currently out to tender to ensure we get the correct service provider it is our intention to have a provider in place by November 2021.
- The Victims and Vulnerability Thematic Group of the BCSP will monitor and direct the project.

5. Crime impact in Birmingham.

Total Recorded Crime (TRC) in Birmingham rose slowly during the period of April 2016 to March 2020, when crime levels decreased dramatically in line with the announcement of government restrictions due to Covid-19. Since June 2020, crime has steadily increased each month surpassing pre-pandemic levels, peaking in December 2020 and March 2021.

Total Recorded Crime includes

- Robbery Business
- Robbery Person
- Burglary Dwelling House
- Burglary Other Building
- Theft of Motor Vehicle
- Theft from Person
- Criminal Damage Dwelling
- Criminal Damage other Building
- Criminal Damage Vehicle

Overall, the top recorded property-related offences in Birmingham are Theft from Motor Vehicle and Burglary Dwelling House. Followed by Robbery Person, although this will differ slightly for each ward.

Snapshots

During August 2021 to September 2021, TRC decreased by 7.5% which equates to a reduction of 1013 offences. In comparison to the same period in:

- 2020: 10,272 offences were reported between 14 August and 13 September 2020. This equates to an increase of 22% (2,284 offences).
- 2019: 9,311 offences were reported during the period of 13 July to 12 August 2020, which shows that TRC has increased by 35% (3,245 offences).

Following a dip in crime levels in January and February 2021, TRC began to rise in March 2021 onwards, with June and July recording the highest levels in the past two years.

Knife crime offences have seen a reduced of 6% between August 2021 - September 2021, which equates to a decrease of 20 offences. The chart below shows the knife crime offences from September 2019 to August 2021.



Violence with Intent (VWI) under 25 years (that is not recorded as domestic abuse) has increased by 2% (6 offences) between August 2021 and September 2021.

The graph below shows VWI under 25 (non-DA) offences recorded each month, since September 2019. Following significant reductions during periods of government restrictions due to Covid-19, VWI under 25 increased steadily during March to June 2021 with offending peaking in June and then August.



Modern Slavery offences have decreased by 46% in the past 4 weeks which equates to a reduction of 25 crimes. Number of referrals made to the NRM (National Referral Mechanism). During August, a total of 26 NRMs have been submitted:

- 12 adults of which 1 has been crimed (7 adults were male; 5 female).
- 14 children of which 2 have been crimed. (6 children were male; 8 female).

The graph below shows the amount of Modern Slavery offences recorded in Birmingham each month for the past 24 months from September 2019 – August 2021.



Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) West Midlands Police data: The majority of ASB for the period of 11 September – 11 October 2021 – 852 reports (compared to 11th August – 10th September 21 – 1038 reports) in Birmingham was classed as ASB Nuisance with 618 incidents accounting for 67%.

- ASB has decreased by 18% in the past 4 weeks which equates to a reduction of 186 incidents.

Anti- Social Behaviour Birmingham City Council data for March 2019 – August 2021:

- ASB reported to BCC peaked in June 2020 following which there was a steady reduction until Dec 2020.
- During 2021 there has been a gradual increase in the amount of ASB related incidents reported each month until June and July 2021 where it peaked, followed by a decrease recording in August.
- ASB recorded in August decreased by 14% (102 reports) in comparison to July.

During August the following top three issues were reported:

- 23% for Domestic Noise (146 incidents)
- 19% for Intimidating, Threatening or Aggressive Behaviour (123 incidents).
- 14% related Domestic Abuse (91 incidents)

Domestic Abuse (DA): Between 2018/19 – 2019/20 DA crime increased by 32% (4,244 crimes); the number of male suspects increased by 38% (3,460 males). The number of female suspects increased by 53% (996 females).

Between 2019/20 – 2020/21 DA crime increased by 37% (6,421 crimes); the number of male suspects increased by 35% (4,413 males). The number of female suspects increased by 68% (1,948 females).

Between March 2019 – February 2020

- Domestic Abuse incidents - 28,652
- Of the above incidents received Domestic Abuse Crimed - 17,455

Between March 2020 and February 2021

- Domestic Abuse incidents - 32,931
 - Of the above incidents received Domestic Abuse Crimed - 23,876.
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