



Safer Waverley Partnership (SWP) Partnership Plan 2024-2027

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Background

Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) were introduced by Section 6 of the [Crime and Disorder Act 1998](#) and bring together local partners who can address crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour. They work on the principle that no single agency can address all drivers of crime and anti-social behaviour, and that effective partnership working is vital to ensuring safer communities.

Waverley's Community Safety Partnership (CSP) is known as the Safer Waverley Partnership (SWP). Responsible authorities that make up the partnership are:

- Surrey Police
- Waverley Borough Council
- Surrey County Council

- Surrey Fire and Rescue Service
- National Probation Service
- Integrated Care Boards (ICB) - Surrey Heartlands Health and Care Partnership and Frimley Integrated Care Board

Membership of the partnership also includes:

- Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC)
- West Surrey Domestic Abuse Outreach Service

Statutory duties and functions

As a two-tier local authority, Waverley's Community Safety Partnership works in conjunction with other Surrey lead groups supporting the delivery of shared statutory duties and shared priorities in relation to crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour.

The statutory duties undertaken by the Waverley Community Safety Partnership are:

- To have a strategic group to oversee and direct the work of the partnership.
- Ensure protocols and systems for sharing information are used and adhered to.
- Analyse a wide range of data, including crime levels and patterns in order to identify priorities.
- Co-ordinate a planned response to the prevention of crime, disorder, and anti-social behaviour at the Borough level.
- Set out a partnership plan and monitor progress.
- Undertake Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHR)
- Support local delivery of the Surrey Serious Violence Strategy.

Serious Violence Duty

The Serious Violence Duty commenced on 31 January 2023 and requires specified authorities within a local government area to collaborate and plan to prevent and reduce serious violence.

CSPs are also subject to the Duty and amendments have been made to the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 to ensure that they have an explicit role in evidence based strategic action on serious violence. These amendments require CSPs to formulate and implement strategies to prevent people from becoming involved in, and reduce instances of, serious violence in the area.

In Surrey the OPCC takes a collaborative and convening role for local partnership arrangements for the Duty in order to support the development and implementation of the local strategy.

A Surrey Serious Violence Reduction Partnership (SSVRP) has been established to agree and oversee the Serious Violence Reduction Strategy and delivery plans for Surrey, supported by a Serious Violence Operational Group.

A comprehensive strategic needs assessment into serious violence in Surrey was carried out to provide the SSVRP with clear headline information on levels of violence, offender and victim profiles and looked at some of the factors that might allow violence to increase.

Headline data tells us that overall serious violence, nationally and in Surrey, is rising. However, Surrey remains a safe space with it remaining the third safest force area in the country.

Waverley is a safe borough, and most residents and communities will not experience or witness violence. However, when violence does occur it can have a devastating effect on a person's physical and mental wellbeing and cause fear in communities.

The Safer Waverley Partnership will work with local partners and the SSVRP to support intervention to reduce and prevent violence, exploring local placed based work alongside communities.

Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHRs)

Domestic Homicide Reviews were established on a statutory basis by the Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004 and came into effect in 2011. Community Safety Partnerships have overall responsibility for carrying out a review when a death occurs which has, or appears to have, resulted from domestic abuse, including suicide cases, in line with the legal definition of domestic abuse as introduced in the Domestic Abuse Act 2021. Changes are due to be brought into law for the name 'Domestic Homicide Review' to be changed to 'Domestic Abuse Related Death Review' to better reflect all deaths which fall within their scope. The purpose of the review is to identify and implement lessons learnt from deaths which have, or appear to have, resulted from domestic abuse with the aim to better protect victims in future.

Other duties placed on specified authorities:

The CSP takes a lead role to support and co-ordinate duties placed on specified authorities.

[Anti-social Behaviour Case Reviews](#)

The Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 introduced the ASB Case Review (formally known as the Community Trigger) to give victims of persistent antisocial behaviour the right to request a multi-agency review of their case. The statutory duty is placed on the local authority, the local housing provider, the Police, and Clinical Commissioning Group, rather than the CSP itself. In Surrey it is considered that the local CSP is best place to co-ordinate requests for ASB Case Reviews from victims.

[Prevent duty](#)

The Prevent duty aims to stop people from becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism. Local authorities and their partners are specified authorities listed in Schedule 6 Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015.

As a two-tier authority, Surrey County Council acts as the strategic lead of the Prevent duty. The Prevent duty is delivered locally via individual partners' policies recognising that Prevent is predominantly a safeguarding mechanism in recognition that radicalism of vulnerable

individuals is comparable to the other forms of harm and abuse considered by wider safeguarding activities.

Partnership Plan

The SWP Partnership Plan 2024-27 is a rolling three-year plan which seeks to set out how the partnership will ensure it meets its statutory duties and functions. It takes a proportionate and measured approach to tackling crime and anti-social behaviour in Waverley, recognising that Waverley is one of the safest boroughs in Surrey. It sets out how local issues of concern are addressed by the partnership.

Priorities for 2024-2027:

In addition to ensuring the Community Safety Partnership meets its statutory duties the Partnership also has identified the following priorities:

- [Community Harm and Anti-Social Behaviour](#)
- [Domestic Abuse](#)
- [Focus on the crimes and community safety issues that most affect Waverley to maximise a response through partnership working](#)

[Community Harm and Anti-Social Behaviour](#)

The SWP holds 6 weekly multi-agency [Community Harm and Risk Management meetings](#) (CHaRMM) to discuss and agree action to reduce the negative impact that individuals and families have on communities through their anti-social behaviour. Members of CHaRMM share information on individuals referred, to put in place appropriate risk management and disruption plans to address the behaviour of the perpetrator and reduce the negative impact on victims. Example of individuals referred are:

- Persons displaying a disregard for community or personal well-being i.e, excessive noise, rowdy, nuisance, drunken behaviour.
- Perpetrators of acts directed at people i.e, making threats, verbal abuse, coercion/exploitation, intimidations/harassment.
- Persistent perpetrators of environmental damage/ vandalism i.e, criminal damage, vandalism.
- High risk or vulnerable victims of anti-social behaviour.

The SWP holds 6 weekly multi-agency Joint Action Group (JAG) meetings. These address crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour which is impacting locations or harming communities. A problem-solving approach is taken which includes the analysis of data and local intelligence, provided by partners, to determine appropriate action, interventions or advice that can resolve the issues being considered.

[Domestic Abuse](#)

Waverley has carried out the second highest number of Domestic Homicide Reviews in Surrey. Domestic Abuse remains a priority for the CSP. It works closely with the South West Surrey Domestic Abuse Outreach Service to raise awareness of domestic abuse, recognising that domestic abuse can occur within a range of relationships and affects people of all socio-economic backgrounds, including children and other household members.

Focus on the crimes and community safety issues that most affect Waverley to maximise a response through partnership working

The Partnership uses a variety of data to help inform its priorities. This involves using open data tools such as [Local Insight](#) which gives data and analysis from government agencies, as well as [police data](#) to help identify priorities. This is carried out annually and then is reviewed on an ongoing basis to ensure resources and partnership activity is targeted at where it is most needed.

Delivery

The CSP uses a series of multi-agency groups and action plans to deliver activity under each of the key priorities:

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Responsible authority members have overall responsibility for the work of the CSP. They agree the partnership's priorities, manage performance, maintain contact with Surrey led groups supporting the delivery of shared statutory duties and shared priorities and ensure the partnership is compliant with its statutory responsibilities.

Partner Officer Action Delivery Meetings

Local partner officers will come together on a task focussed basis to formulate action plans, carry out reviews and specific tasks that fall outside of the other multi-agency groups.

Joint Action Group (JAG)

The JAG provides a multi-agency forum to address crime, disorder or anti-social behaviour which is impacting locations or harming communities. It discusses emerging problems to determine an appropriate and proportionate response and monitors tensions within the borough. It oversees a traffic light system to monitor licensed premises where crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour have been linked to. Sub-groups can be established, called task and finish groups, to resolve problems at specific locations.

Community Harm and Risk Management Meeting (CHaRMM)

The CHaRMM discusses and agrees action to reduce the negative impact that individuals and families have on the local community through their anti-social behaviour. Members share information on referrals, and incidents, and put in place appropriate risk management and disruption plans to address the behaviour of the perpetrator and reduce the negative impact on victims.

Serious and Organised Crime Joint Action Group (SOC JAG)

The SOC JAG provides a framework for partners to work together to tackle serious organised crime. This includes modern day slavery, drug related harm and county lines, economic crime including fraud and cyber crime and organised acquisitive crime. Meetings aim to provide a regular means of sharing and understanding the risks in the borough and having the opportunity to give a partnership response to problem solving.

Review

An annual overview of the work and priorities is reported to Waverley Borough Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee - Services.

Glossary of Abbreviations and Acronyms

Abbreviation/ Acronym	Name
ASB	Anti-Social behaviour
CHaRMM	Community Harm and Risk Management Meeting
DA	Domestic Abuse
DHR	Domestic Homicide Review
ICB	Integrated Care Board
JAG	Joint Action Group
OPCC	Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner
SOC JAG	Serious and Organised Crime Joint Action Group
SWP	Safer Waverley Partnership