

2025-2028

# Safer Sheffield

Crime and Disorder  
Reduction Strategy

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Safe

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# Foreword

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## **Safer Sheffield Crime and Disorder Reduction Strategy 2025-28**

Community Safety matters to people in every part of Sheffield. Everyone has the right to feel and be safe. Feeling safe in Sheffield underpins the ambitions that we have set out in our City Goals and in our 2024-28 Council Plan.

Sheffield is one of the safest cities in the UK but we know that there's more we can do to tackle the issues that matter to our communities. Being a victim of crime can be personally traumatic and reports of crime and disorder in your local neighbourhood can impact on your wellbeing and can impact on how you feel about where you live and our city.

Our new Crime and Disorder Reduction Strategy sets out our contribution to the City Goals and Council Plan. Delivering this strategy over the coming years will make a major contribution to the city's growth and prosperity, creating the environment in which people can thrive in great neighbourhoods and caring communities, putting safety right at the heart of our activity.

This strategy is rooted in our Council mission: "Together, we get things done." Making our city safer can only be achieved through strong partnerships with both statutory and non-statutory organisations, working alongside local communities to prevent crime, antisocial behaviour, and address their underlying causes. By collaborating with our partners and communities, we can build a safer and more prosperous Sheffield for everyone.

“Sheffield is one of the safest cities in the United Kingdom.”



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'J Henderson'.

**Chief Superintendent**

Jamie Henderson

South Yorkshire Police



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**Ajman Ali, Executive Director**

Neighbourhood Services

Sheffield City Council

# Introduction

The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 created Community Safety Partnerships (known in Sheffield as the Safer Sheffield Partnership) placing on them a legal obligation to produce a strategy setting out their priorities to reduce crime and disorder in their area.

It is also important to recognise the challenges we face, such as the cost-of-living crisis, funding challenges, climate change, and the impact of global politics on our vibrant city. In such an environment, an evidence based, coherent and achievable strategy that seeks to provide value for money is more important than ever.

To develop this strategy the Safer Sheffield Partnership commissioned detailed analysis to pinpoint our crime and anti-social behaviour priorities and establish clear strategic focus to tackle them. This analysis was complemented by a public consultation to ensure that residents, businesses and partners could have their say on our priorities.

The Safer Sheffield Partnership has now been established for over two decades and is made up of a number of organisations including:

- **Integrated Care Board (ICB)**
- **South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue (SYFR)**
- **National Probation Service (NPS)**
- **South Yorkshire Police (SYP)**
- **Sheffield City Council (SCC)**

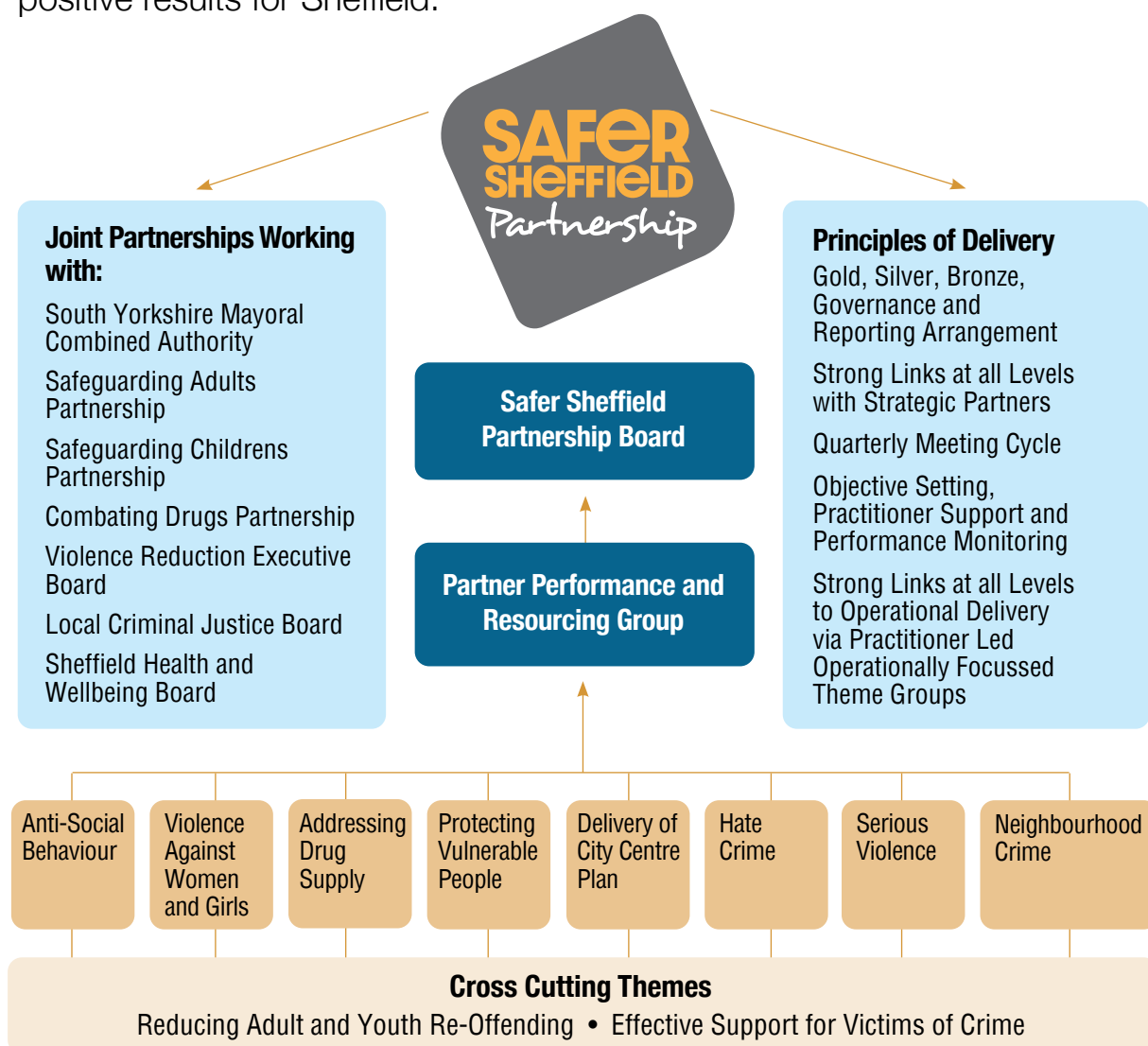
This is by no means the extent of the partnership which includes valuable support and contributions from agencies across multiple disciplines, as well as highly valued partners from Sheffield's vibrant community and voluntary sector.

The Safer Sheffield Partnership also works closely with the South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority (SYMCA) who have, as of 2024, assumed the legal duties and responsibilities of the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC). The SYMCA plays a key role in supporting the day-to-day function of the partnership and also provides funding to enable us to address our crime and disorder priorities.

Safety, and feeling safe, are fundamental to Sheffield being a prosperous place to live for all communities. The importance of safety underpins several of the City Goals - especially 'Thriving Communities' and 'Caring & Safe'.

City partners are working together to develop our new Sheffield Stronger Together approach which will drive the collaborative delivery of the City Goals. We will ensure that the Safer Sheffield Partnership plays a leading role in Sheffield Stronger Together so that by delivering our Crime and Disorder Reduction Strategy, we make a significant contribution to Sheffield achieving its Goals.

The Safer Sheffield Partnership Board (SSPB) will convene quarterly to set in place and monitor the strategy, as well as provide direction to the Partnership's operational Performance, Planning and Resources Group (PPRG). Progress against the strategy will also be reported to the Communities Parks and Leisure Committee to ensure accountability for delivery. The governance structure is shown in the diagram below. This ensures that those involved in strategic and operational delivery receive the appropriate levels of ethical challenge and practical support to deliver positive results for Sheffield.



It is important to acknowledge that although the Safer Sheffield Partnership is the lead partnership forum for addressing crime and disorder in Sheffield (as well as delivering priorities under the Serious Violence Duty), it does not coordinate all of the work to address these issues. The Safer Sheffield Partnership has a close and collaborative relationship with other strategic boards, including:



This relationship ensures the flow of information at a strategic level to maximise opportunities, share resources, prevent duplication, and coordinate activity to reduce crime and disorder, and its effects, in Sheffield.

The South Yorkshire Safer Roads Partnership (SYSRP) has signed up to “Vision Zero”. This is an ambitious strategy to reduce all death and serious injury from our county’s roads by 50% by the year 2030. The Safer Sheffield Partnership will explore how the two strategic agendas can support each other to make the road network in and around Sheffield safer. Please follow the link for further detail:

<https://sysrp.co.uk/SYSRP/media/SYSRPMedia/Content/WhoWeAre/Strategies%20and%20plans/SRP-12-July-22-Vision-Zero-Strategy-Document.pdf>

### **Some of our key achievements during the last 12-month period include:**

- Development and implementation of a revised Sheffield City Council Anti-social behaviour policy to improve the service offered to customers.
- Implementation of a Hot Spot Patrol pilot, utilising Home Office funding, to increase visible uniformed patrols in 12 ASB hot spot areas in Sheffield.
- Through the Safer Sheffield Partnership, bike marking equipment has also now been purchased to intensify activity to reduce bike thefts, particularly in City Centre locations and amongst our student population. This initiative has been welcomed by both universities and their students.



- Increased investment to expand the aerial drone and CCTV capabilities of Neighbourhood Policing Teams in Sheffield to enhance prevention and detection in key neighbourhoods both urban and rural.
- There has been a national increase in retail crime, with shop workers experiencing threats from members of the public. Funding has been provided by the Safer Sheffield Partnership to deliver conflict resolution training to a small number of independent retailers in Hillsborough. It is hoped this will be replicated in other areas and is part of a broader range of interventions aimed at addressing retail criminality.
- The Partnership supported the Integrated Offender Management Team to provide travel passes for their cohort to attend relevant appointments to encourage a move away from offending through improving employment prospects, education and training.
- The Partnership continues to coordinate work to address crime and ASB issues within Sheffield City Centre via a multi-agency action plan encompassing three themes: Engagement, Education and Enforcement.
- Working to introduce a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) to the City Centre to address anti-social behaviour and its effects and support ongoing work to support vulnerable people.
- Launching a White Ribbon Action Plan allowing Sheffield City Council to maintain its accreditation as an organisation committed to ending violence against women and girls.
- Recommissioned the contract for community-based support for victims of domestic abuse.
- A domestic violence perpetrator behaviour change programme was re-commissioned and delivered by Cranstoun on a countywide basis. The programme requires a 24-week commitment from participants.
  - Cranstoun Inspire to Change received 116 referrals for service: April to December 2023.
  - 20 participants completed the 24-week programme: April to December 2023.
- The Safer Sheffield Partnership has provided funding to support Help Us Help. In conjunction with the Archer Project, this initiative seeks to reduce incidents of begging and increase support for vulnerable people.

# Keeping Sheffield Safe 2025-2028

## Background - How the Partnership Identifies New Priorities

Before every new Crime and Disorder Reduction Strategy is published, the Safer Sheffield Partnership produces a document known as a Joint Strategic Intelligence Assessment (JSIA).

The JSIA is an analytical document combining and assessing data from a range of partners including, South Yorkshire Police, Probation Service, Sheffield City Council, Violence Reduction Unit, and the Office of National Statistics. The document informs our understanding of the current threats, risks and types of harm affecting Sheffield.

The current JSIA included information relating to over thirty crime types, ASB and vulnerability themes. The following word cloud provides an indication of the main community safety themes that drive the work of the partnership.



Rape and Sexual Offences Arson Mental Health  
Criminal Damage Stalking and Harassment Homicide  
Child Criminal Exploitation Community Tensions  
Vulnerable Adults Theft County Lines  
Robbery Personal Drugs Market Burglary  
Missing Persons Modern Slavery & Human Trafficking  
Domestic Abuse Vehicle Crime Business Robbery  
Child Abuse Anti-Social Behaviour Cyber Crime  
Hate Crime Organised Acquisitive Crime Public Order  
Organised Crime Groups Robbery Personal Knife Crime  
Violence Against the Person Child Sexual Exploitation  
Economic Crime Firearms Violence against women & girls  
Honour Based Abuse and Forced Marriage  
International Counter Terrorism & Domestic Extremism



The JSIA considers and presents the impact of these issues on individuals and communities and, together with formal consultation with all partners, including members of the public and community groups, helps us identify the overarching priorities for the city for the next three years. The JSIA is also subject to an annual refresh to assess our performance and identify new and emerging risks and priorities.

The Safer Sheffield Crime and Disorder Reduction Strategy reflects the priorities detailed in the South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority (SYMCA) Police and Crime Plan, and the Sheffield City Council Plan, as detailed below.

## **The South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority Police and Crime Plan**

As outlined in the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011, one of the responsibilities of the Mayor is to consult the public and ensure their views are reflected in the priorities detailed in the Police and Crime Plan. These priorities are:

1. Improving trust and confidence in the police and criminal justice system.
2. Preventing and reducing crime and anti-social behaviour with a particular focus on:
  - Knife crime.
  - Violence against women and girls.
  - Child sexual abuse and exploitation.
  - Anti-social behaviour, including littering and graffiti that can make places feel unsafe.
3. Improving safety on all our transport networks, reducing the number of road deaths and the unsafe and nuisance behaviour that negatively affects our communities.

4. Breaking the cycle of offending and harm by taking an end-to-end approach to address the underlying issues that can make people more likely to break the law.
5. Tackling the most serious offences and building resilient communities.

## **Sheffield City Council Plan**

The Sheffield City Council Plan captures the five strategic outcomes we want to achieve for our city:

1. A place where all children belong and all young people can build a successful future.
2. Great neighbourhoods that people are happy to call home.
3. People live in caring, engaged communities that value diversity and support their wellbeing.
4. A creative and prosperous city full of culture, learning, and innovation.
5. A city on the move - growing, connected and sustainable.

## **City Goals**

Making the city and its neighbourhoods safer is a key part of achieving the city's goals so that we all belong to welcoming communities that help us live safe and fulfilling lives, where all our voices are heard and acted on equally, and we feel the respect and celebration of each other's histories, heritage and cultures.

## **The Safer Sheffield Partnership Priorities 2025-2028**

The production of the Joint Strategic Intelligence Assessment (JSIA) and the stakeholder and community consultation that followed has assisted the Safer Sheffield Partnership in identifying and agreeing the priorities detailed in the following table:

Thematic Priority	Focus	Cross Cutting Theme
<b>Addressing Drugs Supply</b>	Dismantling organised crime groups Drug lines and cuckooing	Reducing Youth Offending  Reducing Adult Re-offending  Education  Prevention  Diversion
<b>Serious Violence</b>	Knife crime Violence against women and girls Domestic abuse Sexual offences Honour based abuse	
<b>Hate Crime</b>	Hate crime Community cohesion	
<b>Neighbourhood Crime and Re-offending</b>	Reducing domestic burglary and neighbourhood crime Retail criminality: shoplifting, burglary, robbery	
<b>ASB</b>	Off road bikes and vehicle nuisance Environmental ASB (Graffiti, litter, fly tipping) Noise nuisance/Neighbour disputes Dangerous dogs Arson / damage	
<b>Protecting Vulnerable People</b>	Modern slavery / human trafficking Child exploitation Youth offending Protecting vulnerable adults	
<b>City Centre</b>	City centre ASB – daytime and night time economy Reducing re-offending Retail crime Supporting vulnerable people Public order – daytime and night time economy	

# Safer Sheffield Partnership

## Plan on a Page 2025 - 2028

The plan on a page presents the building blocks on which we will deliver for our communities in Sheffield.



### Vision

- > Keeping Sheffield a safe place to live, work and visit



### How

- > Identifying key priorities
- > Partnership working
- > Community engagement
- > Taking responsibility



### Performance

- > Performance framework
- > Action plans
- > Annual assessments



### Priorities

- > Addressing drug supply
- > Serious violence
- > Hate crime
- > Neighbourhood crime and re-offending
- > ASB
- > Protecting vulnerable people
- > City centre



### Approach

- > Victim focussed
- > To reduce risk, harm and demands through working together to problem-solve
- > Provide resources
- > Listen to our communities

## **Safer Sheffield Partnership**

### **Supporting Delivery in Neighbourhoods**

The Safer Sheffield Partnership complements and supports a range of strategic meeting forums operating in the city.

It also coordinates and collaborates with a wide range of partners to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour in local communities.

The section below provides an overview of the Sheffield wide neighbourhood partnership structures that the Safer Sheffield Partnership works closely with to tackle crime and ASB.

## **Local Area Committees**

### **Elected Member Led Community Forums**

There are seven Local Area Committees in Sheffield. Each one is made up of four electoral wards.

Each committee is comprised of the elected members for those wards. Councillors work with residents, businesses and community groups at public meetings to discuss how funding should be allocated and how an area can be improved.

Each Local Area Committee has a published community plan for their locality incorporating crime and ASB issues as necessary.

## **Local Area Committee**

### **Wards Represented**

#### **Central**

Broomhill and  
Sharrow Vale,  
Hillsborough,  
Walkley and  
City wards.

#### **South**

Beauchief and Greenhill,  
Graves Park,  
Gleadless Valley,  
Sharrow and  
Nether Edge wards.

#### **East**

Darnall,  
Manor Castle,  
Park and Arbourthorne  
and Richmond wards.

#### **South East**

Woodhouse,  
Birley, Beighton and  
Mosborough wards.

#### **North**

Stocksbridge,  
Stannington,  
East Ecclesfield and  
West Ecclesfield wards.

#### **South West**

Dore and Totley,  
Fulwood, Ecclesall,  
Crookes and  
Crosspool wards.

#### **North East**

Firth Park,  
Southey,  
Shiregreen and  
Brightside  
and Burngreave wards.



## South Yorkshire Police Neighbourhood Policing Teams

South Yorkshire Police are heavily invested in a Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT) model, delivered in Sheffield through six teams, each led by an Inspector.

Five of these teams have geographic responsibilities so that every street and every resident has a team to whom they can turn.

Each area has sergeants, police constables and Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) who together form a specialist team dedicated to their role and to their part of the city.

The sixth team is the Safer Neighbourhood Service (SNS) which in partnership with other agencies focuses its efforts on:

- People who are at most risk of harm.
- Those who will create risks to others.
- Those who place disproportionate service demands on organisations.

The SNS has a city-wide responsibility, working with the geographic NPTs and other parts of the policing family as required.

NPTs and the SNS police teams work collaboratively with other agencies, residents, community groups, businesses and charitable organisations.



## Sheffield City Council Community Safety Team

The Sheffield City Council Community Safety Team comprises of:

- A team of uniformed Sustainable Communities Officers providing a highly visible presence in our communities.
- Accredited ASB investigators in both our Communities and Housing Services Teams who work collaboratively with police, SCC depts and other partners to provide a proportionate response to instances of ASB.
- Safer Neighbourhood Co-ordinators. These staff are embedded with Local policing teams at operational police stations. They are responsible for convening and delivering Crime and Vulnerability Meetings (CVMs) in key locations. These meetings seek to tackle crime and serious and persistent ASB.

- Fortify Team. A dedicated resource working with South Yorkshire Police and co-ordinating a wide range of partners to reduce the impact of serious organised crime and protect vulnerable people and communities from criminal exploitation.

The Safer Sheffield Partnership thematic leads are responsible for co-ordinating the response for each of their thematic priorities. This will necessitate a close working relationship with the teams shown above but also a host of other area-based partners and community groups.

# Priority Planning - The next four years

## **Priority - Tackle the Supply of Drugs in Sheffield**

### **What we will do**

The supply of illegal drugs has a significant negative effect on individuals and communities. As a partnership we are striving hard to address the impact of drugs in Sheffield, by disrupting criminal gangs, protecting vulnerable people and providing valuable support to drug users. This is a continuing priority for the Safer Sheffield Partnership and so we will:

- Continue to invest in our multi-agency Fortify team leading on the disruption of organised criminals and protecting vulnerable people.
- Seek to disrupt and mitigate the impact of the supply of illegal drugs in Sheffield.
- Protect the city's most vulnerable people from exploitation by tackling modern slavery, child criminal exploitation, drug supply and cuckooing.

### **What progress looks like**

- Increased support for drug users in Sheffield.
- Positive impact on levels of violence connected to the supply of drugs.
- Increased enforcement opportunities across the partnership to disrupt organised criminals and keep communities safe.

To raise awareness of cuckooing and safeguarding amongst operational practitioners from within Sheffield City Council and partner agencies, the Safer Sheffield Partnership commissioned Shelter to deliver training to several hundred staff.

This training is a rolling programme which aims to increase awareness of the issue to encourage practitioners to understand their role in protecting vulnerable people by spotting the signs of cuckooing and taking action.

**Case  
Study**

## Priority - Reducing Serious Violence

### What we will do

The introduction of the Serious Violence Duty in 2023 placed a duty upon specified authorities to cooperate to address Serious Violence. Sheffield City Council is a specified authority, as is South Yorkshire Police, South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue, Youth Justice, Probation Service and the Integrated Care Board. The Prison Service, Education and Youth Custody have a duty to cooperate as required.

The Home Office serious violence strategy defines serious violence as specific types of crime such as homicide, knife crime, and gun crime and areas of criminality where serious violence or its threat is inherent, such as in gangs and county lines drug dealing or in the night-time economy.

The Safer Sheffield Partnership will seek to focus on four key strands within this definition:

1. Promoting gender equality to reduce and prevent Violence Against Women and Girls.
2. Reducing access to lethal weapons and reduce knife crime.
3. Working to change the cultural and social attitudes that contribute to violence.
4. Reducing violence in the Evening and Night-Time Economy.

This work will be overseen by the Safer Sheffield Partnership and delivered as part of the serious violence action plan.

### What progress looks like

- Reduced access to lethal weapons and reduce knife crime.
- An increase in the number of perpetrators brought to justice.
- A sustained decrease in public place homicides.
- A sustained decrease in knife-enabled public place serious violence.
- A sustained decrease in admissions to hospital due to knife or sharp object injuries.
- A sustained reduction in domestic homicides.
- A sustained reduction in knife enabled homicides.

- A sustained reduction in non-weapon enabled most serious violence.
- A sustained reduction in knife enabled robberies.
- Reduced hospital admissions due to acts of violence and knife enabled criminality.

The South Yorkshire Violence reduction unit partnered with the Safer Sheffield Partnership and other partners both statutory and voluntary to pilot the “Safe Space” initiative during the 24-25 financial year.

## Case Study

This involved a range of partners including South Yorkshire police, Yorkshire Ambulance Service and volunteers staffing a designated “safe space” available to all visitors into Sheffield NTE to use.

Operating at the weekend and on key dates, services on offer included medical support, a place of safety through to phone charging and free water.

The initiative was subject to independent evaluation and was found to present potential significant cost savings to public services as well as offering the public an easily accessible, well publicised place to go for assistance if needed. Ongoing dialogue is taking place with regards to a sustainable delivery model for this successful pilot.

## Priority - Hate Criminality and Community Cohesion

### What we will do

We will work with partners across Sheffield and nationally where necessary, to understand and mitigate the risks to community cohesion posed from local, national and international events. Recognising that hate crime has numerous strands, we will also focus on hate criminality relating to:

- Race
- Religion
- Disability
- Sexual orientation
- Gender identity

## What progress looks like

- Improved confidence in partners amongst minority and marginalised communities.
- Improved data collection and information sharing to better understand problems and identify solutions.
- Development of multi-agency responses utilising problem-solving methodologies.

### Case Study

An ongoing objective of the Safer Sheffield Partnership spanning several years has been to establish and grow a network of third-party reporting centres within our communities.

Over the last 18 months we have established three new reporting centres, (two that reach out to the African Caribbean community, and one to the Muslim community) with several more in development. Our work in this area will continue over the next three years.

## Priority - Neighbourhood Crime and Re-offending

### What we will do

The Partnership will continue the work to protect our communities from the impact of crime and support criminal justice colleagues to address offending behaviour. We will:

- Continue to implement our neighbourhood-focussed plans to reduce and prevent the impact of crime, working in partnership with the Local Area Committees to ensure that victims of crime remain the key focus of our work.
- Actively target offenders and support appropriate legal action.
- Deter and positively support children and young people and vulnerable adults from becoming involved in crime.
- Work with the business community to address acquisitive crime.
- Increase opportunities to engage with members of the public and work together to reduce and prevent crime.
- Increase community confidence around reporting crime.



## What progress looks like

- Reduction in the number of victims of crime – (both residential and business).
- Improved community engagement in crime reduction initiatives via Local Area Committees, public forums and consultation, one-to-one engagement, and community surveys.
- Increased opportunities for joint problem solving in order to protect vulnerable individuals and communities. This will be reviewed through neighbourhood action plans and Community Action Groups (CAGs).
- Continuing our work with local schools, colleges and universities to improve diversionary and educational projects in order to prevent and reduce re-offending.

Woodhouse was identified as an area suffering from increased drug related criminality and ASB. During 2024, the Safer Sheffield Partnership, in conjunction with partners such as the Local Area Committee, residents and community groups, developed a three phased response in line with Home Office “Clear, Hold, Build” strategy, aimed at addressing the immediate visible impact of criminality.

The enforcement phase saw 10 search warrants executed, £180,000 cash seized, cannabis plants worth £540,000 recovered, multiple arrests, and vulnerable residents safeguarded.

The Safer Sheffield Partnership continues to support this positive activity in Woodhouse with the intention of taking the learning and applying it in other communities throughout the 2025-2028 period.

### Case Study

## Priority - Addressing Impact of Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) in Sheffield

### What we will do

Anti-social behaviour can have a significant and detrimental effect on the quality of life of individuals and communities. Anti-social behaviour covers a wide range of complaints and incidents, from noise complaints, motorcycle nuisance and deliberate fires.

We have therefore implemented a new Sheffield City Council ASB policy to guide our activity: <https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2024-06/anti-social-behaviour-policy-2024.pdf>

In support of this. We will:

- Continue to work collaboratively with Police, Local Area Committees and other stakeholders and consult regularly with our communities to assess levels of ASB and its impact.
- Develop further our use of problem-solving methodologies and hot spot policing to address and prevent ASB.
- Use the breadth of legislative powers available to address ASB in all its forms.
- Maximise the use of diversionary activity, education and mediation to prevent adults and young people entering the criminal justice systems where appropriate.

### **What progress looks like**

- Reduction in ASB in identified hot spot locations.
- Reduction in overall individual ASB complaints.
- Increased satisfaction from service users and an improved end-to-end service offer.
- Increased public confidence in partners amongst communities impacted by ASB.

#### **Case Study**

Mount Pleasant Park, Sharrow, had been identified as a long-standing issue due to persistent issues from ASB, drugs and serious violence. Local residents were reluctant to use this public open space as a consequence.

Working with key partners Home office funding was secured to install CCTV coverage in the vicinity of park. The CCTV is linked into the existing Sheffield City Council monitoring centre ensuring 24hour coverage.

Stakeholders, residents and community groups have welcomed the CCTV coverage. Reported incidents within the locality have reduced significantly though this will be subject to ongoing monitoring as part of the evaluation process.

## Priority - Protecting Vulnerable People

### What we will do

This priority recognises the importance of safeguarding the health and well-being of vulnerable people from the threat and risk posed by crime and anti-social behaviour.

We will:

- Work to further embed and strengthen our approaches to contextual safeguarding.
- Provide timely and appropriate interventions to prevent vulnerable children and adults from becoming victims of all types of exploitation. Where exploitation is uncovered then we will co-ordinate activity to ensure safely removal of individual(s) to a place of safety.
- Continue to provide support for those who suffer from alcohol, drug addiction and mental health issues supporting the combatting drugs partnerships strategic delivery plan.
- Continue to support rough sleepers and the vulnerable street cohort in Sheffield ensuring that they are encouraged back into secure and safe accommodation.

### What progress looks like

- Increased public awareness around issues of risk and vulnerability.
- Continued collaborative work with Sheffield's Safeguarding Boards, NHS, ICB and Mental Health Boards.
- Reduced hospital admissions due to alcohol and drug consumption.
- Improved engagement and increased referrals into the drug and alcohol treatment services.
- Work collaboratively with partners from the voluntary and community sector.
- Supporting the community-based interventions of Local Area Committees.

## Case Study

A Changing Futures service user had experienced childhood physical abuse contributing to lifelong physical and psychiatric vulnerabilities. This left them highly vulnerable and subject to exploitation including cuckooing, financial exploitation, and violent assaults.

**Initial Actions:** A number of quick-time Safeguarding actions were put in place which included:

- Filing a fraud claim with the bank with Changing Futures support, resulting in a refund.
- Implementing security measures including deactivating telephone banking with consent.
- Adult Social Care assigning a financial appointee to manage funds safely and prevent further exploitation.

**Interventions & Support Provided:** Interventions aimed at a longer-term solution included:

- A homelessness assessment leading to a temporary accommodation placement, facilitated by Changing Futures.
- Shelter and the SCC housing officer collaborating to ensure safe, long-term housing options and intensive support during their stay in temporary accommodation mitigating the risk of further cuckooing.
- Presenting the case at complex housing case meetings, where the Changing Futures support worker successfully advocated for suitable permanent accommodation.

**Impact of Support:** The advocacy, outreach, and coordination efforts of Changing Futures prevented the eviction of a vulnerable person from temporary accommodation and prolonged homelessness due to recurring cuckooing incidents. The proactive approach taken by services helped break this cycle, ensuring long-term stability and safety in appropriate accommodation.

## Priority - Sheffield City Centre

### What we will do

Sheffield City Centre is a vibrant city loved by residents, businesses and visitors alike. It is currently in the midst of significant re-development and investment as part of the Sheffield City Council Plan.

In tandem with this the locality has been experiencing issues with ASB, criminality and vulnerability for a long period of time which has impacted on those who live, work and visit the city centre.

After consultation with residents, businesses, partners and providers a city centre action plan has been developed to:

- Drive improvements in service delivery.
- Safeguard vulnerable adults and children.
- Address offending and anti-social behaviour using diversion and education wherever possible.
- Reduce public order and other types of offending prevalent within the Night-time economy.
- A reduction in retail criminality.

### What will progress look like?

The City centre action plan has a bespoke detailed delivery plan and performance framework which will be overseen by a stand-alone delivery group attended by representatives from relevant agencies and departments.

The chair of the group will report directly into the Safer Sheffield Board against the plan.

# What Happens Next?

**The Safer Sheffield Crime and Disorder Reduction Strategy is by design a high-level document intended to raise awareness of:**

- 1 The process by which we identify our priorities;
- 2 The outcome of the process and the agreed 2025-2028 priorities;
- 3 Broad measures of success and most importantly;
- 4 How we will drive and monitor delivery.

## **How will we drive and monitor delivery?**

### **Thematic Leads**

Each priority area has a thematic lead. Each thematic lead convenes a group of practitioners together to form a theme group. This will comprise a mixture of statutory agencies, voluntary and community representatives. The group will prepare and submit an annual delivery plan focussing upon a number of key deliverables that address the priorities of their respective thematic area.

The group is required to audit their delivery and report into the Partner Performance and Resourcing Group (PPRG) on a quarterly basis.



## **Partner Performance and Resourcing Group**

The PPRG is co-chaired by senior managers from Sheffield City Council and South Yorkshire Police. Together they oversee the delivery of the theme groups against both the Safer Sheffield Crime and Disorder Reduction Strategy and their respective delivery plans.

They also administer and approve funding requests in relation to the grant awarded by the South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority (SYMCA) to the Safer Sheffield Partnership. This grant is used to support numerous initiatives and operations aimed at reducing crime, ASB, threat, harm and risk within our communities.

## **Safer Sheffield Partnership Board**

The Safer Sheffield Partnership Board also convenes on a quarterly basis and receives updates from the PPRG, along with other strategic meeting structures. This forum ensures a coordinated approach to tackling priorities.

A golden thread running through all meetings and meeting structures is the effective use of quantitative and qualitative performance information to identify trends, risks and opportunities and ensure the right resources are deployed in the right places at the right time.

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