

Safer

Lincolnshire
Partnership

Annual Report
2023-24

A word from the LCC Deputy Leader

The Safer Lincolnshire Partnership continues to have a positive impact on our local communities, ensuring the county remains a safe place to live.

Partners are making good progress on our priority areas, which include tackling anti-social behaviour, reducing reoffending and issues related to drugs and alcohol.

Recently, serious violence was added to the partnership's list of priorities, and we are investing in a range of initiatives to tackle this.

We also remain focused on online crime and keeping our residents safe from digital fraudsters, and we have continued our work in schools, to help our children and young people to make safer choices.

I'm confident the coming year will see further success, bring lasting benefits to our local communities.



*Cllr P Bradwell OBE,
Executive Cllr for Community Safety*

A word from our chair

The Safer Lincolnshire Partnership (SLP) has a lead role in identifying community safety priorities in Lincolnshire and how we ensure that all key partners come together to tackle these issues of most concern.

Following the completion of our most recent Strategic Needs Assessment we have identified our strategic priority areas, which are explained later in this document. Each strategic priority area will work in collaboration, using resources flexibly and innovatively. Each area's delivery plan will be used to address any particular concerns within their remit.

I am confident the SLP will continue to build upon its success in improving outcomes for our community by helping to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour (ASB) in Lincolnshire.

M.J. Parker

Martyn Parker, Chair of



the SLP

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Executive Summary

Safer Lincolnshire Partnership's Achievements 2023-4:

- Preparatory groundwork has been completed in order to progress the formal merger of SLP during 2025-6.
- A mapping exercise of engagement activity, with a specific focus on community safety issues and concerns, has been undertaken and findings presented to Strategy Board (SB). The high-level findings will be used to assist with the development of an Engagement Strategy for SLP.

- Funding arrangements for 2024-5 have been agreed and an established Task and Finish Group is in place to progress a wider review of SLP funding arrangements for 2025-6 onwards.
- The Lincolnshire Serious Violence Prevention Strategy has been published and project bidding has taken place. The Serious Violence Core Priority Group have approved a total of 21 projects. Furthermore 2 pilots were completed over the summer of 2023.
- Excellent growth in partnership links and workstreams with Police colleagues; productive work underway in relation to Drug Testing on Arrest, Out of Court Disposals, provision of nasal Naloxone to response officers and County Lines activity. The individual professional relationships forged in this area and by Police colleagues have been instrumental in ensuring drug and alcohol-related issues remain visible and progress effectively and at good pace.
- The Lincoln Women's Centre, Women Rise, formally launched in January 2024 and work is ongoing to develop pop up hubs across the county.
- The Mental Health Treatment Requirement has been formally launched and has been received well by local Courts as a sentencing option.
- The Lincolnshire Noxious Odours Procedure launched in November 2023. It is understood to be the first of its kind and has already sparked interest from local authorities and police forces across the country.
- Graded as "excellent" following a Home Office Benchmark assessment of how LCC is meeting the Prevent Duty requirements of the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015.
- Raising Awareness for those working with vulnerable individuals. By December 2023 over 1200 paid employees and volunteers working in a range of organisations county-wide have undertaken fraud awareness training. These range from statutory bodies to private and voluntary sector organisations. The estimated future financial savings impact of these sessions is over £70,000.
- By December 2023 in excess of 900 people had taken part in a fraud awareness sessions and over £50,000 in future financial savings were predicted to due this work in our communities.
- The Stay Safe Partnership has continued to deliver excellent preventative education across the county covering a range of community safety topics.

Looking forward:

- Continued work will be made towards the formal merger through completion of the necessary paperwork. As it stands the SLP is an informal arrangement agreed by all partners to have just one partnership instead of the statutory duty for each local authority to have in place a Community Safety Partnership.

- SLP Strategic Needs Assessment to be completed and utilised to inform the strategic priorities for 2025-8.
- Development of the SLP Community Engagement Strategy and mobilisation of delivery.
- ECINS contract is due to expire in March 2025, procurement and contract management processes will be progressed with oversight from Strategy Board.
- The SLP Finance Task and Finish Group will continue to consider contributions, including proportional split across partners, and ensure effective and appropriate spend for 2025-6 onwards.
- SLP will continue to bolster its relationship with wider boards to monitor and manage cross cutting workstreams.
- Strategy Board will receive annual updates from the Stay Safe Partnership.

Introduction

This annual report provides an overview of the Safer Lincolnshire Partnership's activities and achievements in the last 12 months and also makes note of our future plans moving forward.

The SLP, as the informally-merged community safety partnership, has multiple statutory duties and aims to:

- Reduce crime and disorder and increase the safety of individuals and communities across Lincolnshire;
- Ensure those living, working or visiting Lincolnshire feel safe and are equipped to cope with any hazards or threats they may encounter;
- Improve communication, coordination and cooperation between agencies allowing them to work together more efficiently and effectively.

It is a statutory obligation for the partnership to produce a strategic assessment. The most recent assessment was completed and presented to the Strategy Board (SB) in October 2021. For the first time this assessment also drew in data and analysis of both child and adult safeguarding, and has been used to inform the core priorities of the Safer Lincolnshire Partnership. Each Core Priority Group (CPG) was assigned focus areas by the Strategy Board. Focuses are the most critical parts of the core priority that require partnership involvement. Core Priority Groups are also responsible for routine multi-agency activity as identified by the Strategy Board.

As of September 2023, Prevent falls under the governance of SLP. In doing so this provides county wide strategic oversight and a forum for escalation should that be required. In addition to delivery plan updates, assurance will be provided to SB on a 6 monthly basis.

The SLP consists of:

- **The SLP-Strategy Board** - is responsible for devising and implementing a strategic plan to address SLP priorities and ensuring statutory duties are met.
 - The SLP SB Chair is elected from the membership of the group and serves for a maximum of 3 years.
- **5 Core Priority Groups** – we have a CPG for each area of responsibility. Each brings together experts and critical agencies to plan and carry out the partnership work on each priority.

Our core priority groups are:

- Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)
- Crime & Disorder

- Drugs and Alcohol
- Reducing Reoffending (RRO)
- Serious Violence (SV)

Each CPG has a Chair, this Chair will be chosen by the Strategy Board and normally they will serve for a maximum of 3 years and will be reviewed annually.

- **Prevent** – Prevent aims to stop people becoming terrorists or being drawn towards terrorism. This is done through:
 - Tackling the ideological causes of terrorism
 - Intervene early to support people susceptible to radicalisation
 - Enable people who have already engaged in terrorism to disengage and rehabilitate

- **Domestic Abuse Related Death Reviews (DARDRs)**

Domestic Abuse Related Death Reviews, formally known as Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHRs), were established on a statutory basis under the Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004. A key part of prevention and early intervention, Domestic Homicides main purpose is to prevent domestic violence and homicide and improve service responses for victims by developing a coordinated multi-agency approach to ensure that abuse is identified and responded to effectively at the earliest opportunity. The overall responsibility for establishing a review rests with the local Community Safety Partnership (CSP). In Lincolnshire, following the Domestic Abuse Act 2021, this duty is discharged from Safer Lincolnshire Partnership (SLP), the informally merged CSP's, to the Lincolnshire Domestic Abuse Partnership (LDAP). Assurance is provided by LDAP to the SLP on a 6 monthly basis. This will include an update on the volume and progress of DARDR's and learning.

Our Priorities

During 2023-4 each Core Priority Group's focus has been on the mobilisation and delivery of workstreams related to their strategic priorities. This is following a period of preparation and planning undertaken in 2023-4. Data and evaluations to evidence success and impact will be the focus of reporting during 2024-5. The activity and delivery via core priority groups provides evidence to partners of return on investment.

Anti-Social Behaviour

The **Crime and Disorder Act (1998)** defines anti-social behaviour as '*acting in a manner that caused or was likely to cause harassment, alarm or distress to one or more persons not of the same household as (the defendant).*'

Examples of anti-social behaviour include:

- Nuisance, rowdy or inconsiderate neighbours
- Vandalism, graffiti and fly-posting
- Street drinking
- Environmental damage including littering, dumping of rubbish and abandonment of cars
- Prostitution related activity
- Begging and vagrancy
- Fireworks misuse
- Inconsiderate or inappropriate use of vehicles

Strategy: Targeted prevention work based on evidence, problem solving options for complex and longer term neighbourhood Anti-Social behaviour.

Parameters: Completion of prevention work, and clarity of options/potential alternative options for complex disputes.

What will success look like: Increased awareness for both professionals and communities, resolution of neighbourhood anti-social behaviour in a timely manner and a decrease in severe cases including a reduction in the number of cases that escalate.

Achievements:

- Introduced a new Noxious Odour Procedure, which aims to tackle complaints of nuisance odours caused by the use of illicit substances, such as cannabis, within residential

premises. The procedure sets out how local authorities and partner agencies will deal with such complaints and how they may be able to take action using antisocial behaviour powers and tools. It is understood to be the first of its kind and has already sparked interest from local authorities and police forces across the country. The ASB CPG provided an updated presentation to Strategy Board in December 2023 (see Appendix A).

It was launched in November 2023 so is in its infancy of delivery to fully measure its success. However, to date a total of 24 Stage 1 Advice Letters have been issued across Lincolnshire with 6 progressing onto a Stage 2 Warning Letter. No further action has need to be taken beyond this point at present. The procedure was presented to the SLP Strategy Board in December 2023 where a request was made to return in 12 months' time to demonstrate its impact on tackling this particular type of antisocial behaviour.

- Launched the ASB Young People Protocol, which creates stronger links between District Council ASB Teams and Future4Me (LCC Children Services) when tackling young people involved in antisocial behaviour. The new approach considers any contributing factors to the antisocial behaviour and early intervention methods to prevent an escalation in behaviour that could lead to more formal enforcement action. Since launching in September 2023 until end of February 2024 Future4Me have received a total of 134 notifications from district council ASB Teams, this includes 34 for information only, 72 at Stage 1 and 28 Stage 2.
- The Noise Task and Finish Group have created a new Lincolnshire Noise Group on Knowledge Hub, as a means to share information and learning. The group have also agreed to develop a guidance document to support Environmental Protection Officers and ASB Officers with their decision making when dealing with complex and challenging noise cases that overlap into ASB. It will include case studies, examples of best practice and information on the different powers and tools available to deal with noise, using both Environmental Protection and ASB legislation.
- A Quarterly Quality Assurance process has been developed for the Anti-Social Behaviour Risk Assessment Conference (ASBRAC) to help monitor compliance with the ASBRAC Operating Procedures and ensure it is delivered effectively across the county i.e. reducing risk of harm to vulnerable victims of ASB and tackling persistent perpetrators. Data collection will officially commence in April 2024, with Q1 Quality Assurance results to be shared early July 2024.
- On behalf of the SLP, Lincolnshire County Council Community Safety Service host a multiagency case management system, named ECINS. It is predominately used by each of the seven district councils, Lincolnshire Police and our four main registered housing providers to manage complex and high-risk cases of ASB. The contract is due to end in

March 2025, therefore work is underway to fully understand our re-procurement options, for which the SLP Strategy Board are fully engaged, to ensure we operate the most effective system to facilitate the delivery of this activity.

Crime & Disorder – Fraud – Digitally Enabled Fraud and Identity Theft

Crime and Disorder is the term used to encapsulate a broad range of criminal activity. The SLP has identified the most important areas requiring partnership action in Lincolnshire as Digitally Enabled Fraud and Identity Theft.

Fraud

Fraud is when trickery is used to gain a dishonest advantage, which is often financial, over another person. There are many different types of fraud that can be committed against individuals and businesses.

Digitally Enabled Fraud

Digitally enabled fraud are crimes which do not depend on computers or networks but have been transformed in scale or form by the use of the internet and communications technology.

Strategy: Reduce victimisation through targeted prevention work.

Parameters: Implement a range of targeted options taking account the victim demographics and deprivation location as informed by the evidence base.

What will success look like: Delivery of identified prevention activity and increased awareness.

Achievements:

- Working with partners to organise community engagement activities to raise awareness of fraud. Our partners have been working across the county engaging with individuals at community events such as the Lincolnshire Show, the United Kingdom Rescue Organisation (UKRO) festival at Lincoln Castle and the Riverlight Festival in Sleaford. Surveys were undertaken at the events to support understanding our residents' experiences of fraud. Specialist Officers have been delivering talks to community groups such as neighbourhood watch groups, bereavement groups, carers groups and dementia support groups. By December 2023 in excess of 900 people had taken part in a fraud awareness sessions and over £50,000 in future financial savings were predicted to due this work in our communities. Other awareness raising activities has included multiple social media campaigns, staff sharing messaging on local radio channels and ensuring digital resources are up to date.

- Raising Awareness for those working with vulnerable individuals. By April 2024 over 1600 paid employees and volunteers working in a range of organisations county-wide have undertaken fraud awareness training. These range from statutory bodies to private and voluntary sector organisations. The estimated future financial savings impact of these sessions is over £95,000. Bespoke, Lincolnshire focussed training has been created for staff working within Adult Social Care which will be delivered before the end of the financial year.
- Communicating fraud prevention messages with those that have difficulty accessing mainstream messages due to digital exclusion, language barriers and sensory impairments. This is a new work stream for the group. Initial steps have been taken to map out what opportunities exist within Lincolnshire. The group has engaged with organisations with expertise in these areas to maximise potential activities. Learning is being sought from other organisations and partnerships that have sought to deliver messages to people experiencing similar barriers to prevention messages.
- Having identified a cross-cutting priority focussing on preventing financial harm perpetrated against adults, the LCC Community Safety service has developed a working relationship with the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Adults Board. Key aims at present include the following:
 - Improve our understanding of the nature and prevalence of financial abuse as it affects adults in Lincolnshire by developing an evidence base.
 - Provide information and advice to communities (prioritising those considered at risk) on how to keep themselves safe from financial abuse.
 - Support front-line employees to identify risks and provide common messages to patients/ customers/ clients about how to keep themselves safe from financial abuse.
- The CPG provided a presentation to Strategy Board in March 2023 overviewing Fraud and Scams Prevention Work (See Appendix B)

Reducing Reoffending

Reducing reoffending in Lincolnshire is fundamental to our local communities and generates significant benefits because:

- Appropriate diversion away from the criminal justice system is recognised as a viable option in creating safer communities and fewer victims.
- Effectively tackling offending reduces pressures on the resources of all of the key agencies working within the Safer Lincolnshire Partnership and wider health services.
- Improving the life chances of individuals must be our aspiration, but in doing so where offending impacts upon children and families, we create improved outcomes for children and start to break the inter-generational cycle of offending.

Around half of all crime is committed by people who have already been through the Criminal Justice System.

Strategy: Provide alternatives to Criminal Justice for those in transition years, with appropriate support and diversion and link with the Integrated Offender Management (IOM) Strategy.

Parameters: Focus to be on female offenders and those in transition years 18 – 25, linking as appropriate to the Integrated Offender Management scheme.

What will success look like: Reduction in repeat offending in female and transition years, utilise the Integrate.

Achievements:

- Women and Girls Strategy has seen the development of the women and girls' centres, a county wide model supporting women, by women. This has led to the launch of the Women Rise centre in Lincoln with satellite locations in Skegness and Grantham women only spaces up and running offering bespoke service. Development is underway for other pop up bespoke hubs around the county. Since the launch of Women Rise in January 2024, 58 women have received support, intervention and signposting to meet their needs. The centre provides a wellbeing group with a focus on mindfulness and safe creative expression along with delivering sessions on empowerment and self-esteem supported by LDASS outreach. Also have a legal advice drop in and sexual health clinic. This one stop shop where women can meet a range of needs from one location is the essence of offering by women for women support. Plans are underway to expand the range of services and locations.
- The University of Lincoln are actively engaging with women who have received support via Women Rise to inform the evaluation of the strategy which is due to be finalised in the summer of 2025. This evaluation will also provide evidence of return on investment and wider system savings.
- The RRO CPG provided Strategy Board with an update on the Women and Girls Strategy, via presentation, in September 2024 (see Appendix C).
- Funding has been secured for the development of a Trauma informed pathway. This training package is a commitment to support all workers to access quality training to ensure that people affected by trauma and adversity receive the best possible support and treatment.
- Lincolnshire Integrated Offender Management (IOM) has recently launched the 18 to 25 serious violence cohort which will work with individuals at the risk of causing significant

harm in communities. This has been supported through successfully gaining Home Office funding following a successful project bid being submitted to the Serious Violence CPG. The IOM team are supported with a forensic psychologist to ensure effective intervention routes are established to support offenders towards desistance. Evidence of success will be measured through the IOM performance framework and Home Office quarterly returns.

- The RRO CPG partners have been engaging with the SLP Dashboard data scanning tool. Emerging trends have been highlighted which has produced tangible actions for the CPG.
- Since the launch of the Lincolnshire Prisoner Release Housing Protocol in June 2022. The evaluation conducted by Lincoln University has been completed. The findings have produced key recommendations, including refinement of data sets, which have been incorporated into the current delivery plan. This is on track for completion in June 2024.
- The RRO Core Priority Group recognises that a multi-agency approach is required to change offending behaviour which then improves the chances of breaking the cycle of reoffending.

Drugs and Alcohol

The issue in crime, treatment and mortality may be increasing and the situation surrounding substance misuse is likely to worsen if economic conditions remain strained. The drug supply market is resilient and adaptable playing into this issue. Although County Lines are poorly understood, this is a newly emerging issue also. The SLP Drugs and Alcohol CPG is also acting as the combating drugs and alcohol partnership which is part of the government's substance misuse strategy.

Strategy: Reduce drug and alcohol related harm through a comprehensive package of prevention and treatment activity.

Parameters: Focus on early prevention in areas of greatest deprivation, ensure sufficient support services are available in those areas and work holistically with partners to achieve a positive outcome for individuals, families and communities.

What will success look like: Fewer people will use drugs and experience harm from alcohol use, and services will be in place to support behaviour change in those people who need specialist treatment to overcome harmful drinking or drug use.

Achievements:

- The Lincolnshire Drugs and Alcohol Partnership/Core Priority Group continues to share expertise, pool resources and develop themes from the seventeen stakeholders who

continue to realise the importance of partnership working to improve the health and social outcomes for those with, and affected by, drug and alcohol-related issues.

- In a position to develop a new all-encompassing drugs and alcohol strategy for Lincolnshire, in conjunction with a brand new specialist drug and alcohol treatment provider – Lincolnshire Recovery Partnership.
- Successful continuation of work around Community Sentence Treatment Requirements (CSTRs), following this being transferred over from the RRO CPG. Numbers of CSTRs being issued and actioned within Lincolnshire are increasing and we hope to continue to develop this workstream collaboratively with Lincolnshire Partnership NHS Trust (LPFT), the specialist Drug and Alcohol treatment service and the Probation Service. Since its launch in Q2 2023-4 primary Mental Health Treatment Requirements (MHTR) have been rolled out across the county as sentencing option for Courts. At present Lincolnshire Partnership NHS (LPFT) hold a caseload of 43 individuals in active treatment. To date 4 individuals have completed the requirement and work is ongoing to obtain qualitative feedback. Data is reported to a strategic steering group on a routine basis and incorporated into a national evaluation framework.
- A Drug and Alcohol-related Death Panel has been launched, to allow for considerations around drug and alcohol-related deaths in Lincolnshire. To be able to look at how to prevent future deaths and to be able to share learning from cases with partners, to allow for learning and change implementation. Procure is in progress to purchase a software system (QES) to support this workstream.
- Excellent growth in partnership links and workstreams with Police colleagues; productive work underway in relation to Drug Testing on Arrest, Out of Court Disposals, provision of nasal Naloxone to response officers and County Lines activity. The individual professional relationships forged in this area and by Police colleagues have been instrumental in ensuring drug and alcohol-related issues remain visible and progress effectively and at good pace.
- The CPG has a focus on all-age prevention and over the past year we delivered several projects in this area including harm reduction advice as part of neighbourhood patrols in Boston, alcohol-prevention focused events to support businesses across Lincolnshire, and wellbeing and awareness events (including anti-spiking products) at Lincoln College and the University of Lincoln University. We also relaunched the Local Drug Information System (LDIS) in December 2023 creating one central place for substance related harms to be fed into and warnings shared in a consistent, timely and accurate way across the whole system.

Serious Violence

For the purpose of the Serious Violence Duty 2022, violence includes violence against property and threats of violence but does not include terrorism. Section 12 of the Serious Violence Duty Guidance also provides that in considering what amounts to serious violence in any given area, account must be taken of the following factors:

- a) the maximum penalty which could be imposed for any offence involved in the violence;
- b) the impact of the violence on any victim;
- c) the prevalence of the violence in the area, and
- d) the impact of the violence on the community in the area.

The Serious Violence Duty calls on specified authorities (Chief Officers of Police, Fire and Rescue Authorities, Integrated Care Boards, Local Health Board, Local Authorities, Youth Offending Teams and Probation Services) within specified geographic boundaries to work collaboratively to “prevent people from becoming involved in serious violence, both as victims and perpetrators, and reduce instances of serious violence in the area”, Home Office (2022).

This approach allows for a localised response; one that takes account of new and emerging forms of serious violence as they develop/are identified and recognises the geographical difference in the prevalence of different types of serious violent crimes.

Achievements:

- The Serious Violence Strategy was formally published and submitted to the Home Office on January 31st, 2024. This was supported by a press release to local media outlets coordinated between the Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner (OPCC) Communications Office and LCC’s Communications Office.
- Project Bidding has taken place and the Serious Violence Core Priority Group have approved a total of 21 projects. Furthermore 2 pilots were completed over the summer of 2023. Each of these projects are being monitored and will be evaluated against key performance indicators to understand impact and outcomes achieved, with progress reported to the Home Office on a quarterly basis. The quarterly reporting on project progress and expenditure is collated and submitted via the OPCC.
- An overview of a selection of projects delivered in 2023-4:
 - Summertime policing St John Ambulance Safe Haven: this pilot project was situated in Skegness and provided several services, including preventative engagement, medical intervention (following assault or injury) or a safe place for those who are vulnerable. This pilot utilised St. Johns Ambulance and health care staff to service this project over the August Bank Holiday Evening. This pilot project took place in conjunction with Lincolnshire Police’s Summertime Policing Plan. The evaluation of this project was presented to the SV CPG in April 2024.

- The Happening Project: this is a new Knife Crime initiative hosted at Sleaford Police Station. The first of its kind in the UK, the aim of this project is to prevent and divert young people (aged 10-19) away from carrying a knife, using a multi-agency approach.
- An audio and social media campaign ran from 15.12.23 – 31.12.23 and from 01.02.24 – 07.02.24 to promote StreetSafe and the You're Right, That's Wrong Campaign on local radio, Facebook and Instagram. StreetSafe is an app and an online form where people can drop a pin in a map to tell the Police where they don't feel safe and why. The Police can use this information to better target resources, share information with partners and understand where and what the issues are. You're right, that's wrong is a behavioural change campaign targeted to men, encouraging them to challenge the behaviour of their peers when they cross a line. The audio audience is estimated to be over 300K, and the social media element of the campaign is estimated to have been seen by 28K Facebook and Instagram users, 1K of whom clicked on the link for more information.
- Work with the CREST Advisory Group assigned by the Home Office concluded, with the final phase incorporating monitoring and evaluations of projects. Interim 'training' which includes sharing progress and best practice with other counties continues.

Prevent

PREVENT is part of the UK Government's Counter-Terrorism strategy and its aim is to stop people being drawn towards terrorism or supporting terrorism. This involves supporting individuals who may be susceptible to extreme ideologies and re-directing them as opposed to criminalising them. PREVENT training aims to give frontline staff, community workers and key people in the community an understanding of PREVENT, how it works and crucially, how important their role is within the strategy.

The Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 (Section 19) places a duty on specified authorities to have 'due regard to need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism'. The duty commenced on 1st July 2015 for authorities specified in Schedule 6 and outlines how the duty should be implemented within each authority.

Strategy: Stop people being drawn towards terrorism or supporting terrorism.

Parameters:

- Tackle the ideological causes of terrorism
- Intervene early to support people susceptible to radicalisation
- Enable people who have already engaged in terrorism to disengage and rehabilitate.

What will success look like: Identifying people who may be at risk of radicalisation and support them to change direction. We will work with partners and communities to help support vulnerable people and build resilience with groups or individuals who seek to create divisions and cause harm.

Achievements:

- Implementation of multi-agency Prevent Training Strategy, ensuring training is consistent across all agencies. During 2023-4 face to face training has been delivered to 1597 professionals across Lincolnshire County Council and schools. The e: learning module has been completed by 2470 individuals from health, LCC, criminal justice agencies, charitable organisations, district councils and foster carers.
- The Counter Terrorism Local Profile highlighted the risk of online extremism, which is the greatest radicalising factor found within referrals in Lincolnshire. It also identified the particular vulnerabilities of people with neurodiverse conditions being referred. As a result of this, Home Office funding was obtained to hold workshops in April / May this year entitled “Young people, radicalisation & autism Workshop”. This is a joint venture led by Lincolnshire, incorporating Derbyshire, Leicestershire, and Nottinghamshire County Councils.
- Creation of a Lincolnshire County Council Training Policy, specifying what sort of training is required, how often and to whom.
- Recruitment of dedicated part-time Prevent trainer, to ensure we can maintain our Duty as a local authority, support schools and where appropriate the wider community.
- Incorporating the Prevent Steering Group within Safer Lincolnshire Partnership, providing more defined governance and accountability.
- Graded as “very good” for our Prevent delivery and “exceptional” on our training offer following a Home Office Benchmark assessment of how LCC/Local Authorities is meeting the Prevent Duty requirements of the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015.

Public Engagement

- Successfully continuing the SLP quarterly newsletter. There have now been 10 issues of the newsletter, including 1 special edition and statistics show that we now have 102 subscribers compared to the 32 subscribers we had on the very first edition.
- A mapping exercise of engagement activity, with a specific focus on community safety issues and concerns, has been undertaken and findings presented to Strategy Board. The high-level findings will be used to assist with the development of an Engagement Strategy for SLP. This will seek to ensure that there is targeted engagement activity and to reduce duplication of engagement activity. A core theme will be addressing the fear/perception of crime, ASB and serious violence in specific pockets of the community.
- SLP attended and engaged with members of the public at community events including the Lincolnshire Show, Sleaford Riverlight Festival and the UKRO event.
- The Crime and Disorder Community Safety Strategy Coordinator has secured a routine slot on BBC Radio Lincolnshire to raise awareness of scams and fraud and signpost members of the community to sources of support and further information.
- The Serious Violence Core Priority Group commissioned a Serious Violence Public Survey during the summer of 21023, which exceeded expectations and received 2,917 responses.
- The Drug and Alcohol Community Safety Strategy Coordinator held an online drop in for members of the public in April 2023. This received good attendance and assisting provided members of the public with information and guidance in relation to sources of support.

Domestic Abuse Related Death Reviews 2023/24

As of April 2024, Lincolnshire currently has 16 active DARDs and 6 Out of County Requests at various stages within the process. The current year of 23/24 has seen a significant increase in the number of DARDs, particularly within the typology of suicide. The percentage of suicide cases in Lincolnshire compared to Homicides is in line with a national upward trend and is likely due to many factors, including but not limited to, the National definition of Domestic Abuse introduced in the Domestic Abuse (DA) Act 2021 very clearly including suicide, the increased awareness of the effects that DA can have on an individual's state of mind and the vigilance from professional in recognising the links between the two things and raising those cases through the DARDs process etc.

The table below gives an overview of the figures for 23/24:

Current overview [NB data refers to financial year]:

In 2023/24 to date	No. notifications received	DARDRs commissioned	Awaiting Decision Panel	Known to MARAC
Homicides	4	4	0	1
Suicides	7	5	0	6
Totals	11	9	0	7

Previous year comparison

In 2022/23	No. notifications received	DARDRs commissioned		Known to MARAC
Homicides	2	2		1
Suicides	1	1		1
Totals	3	3		2

There are currently 17 actions across three completed reviews that are in progress. Actions are monitored through the Domestic Abuse Related Death Reviews subgroup that sits within the governance of the Lincolnshire Domestic Abuse Partnership.

It is worth noting that the Home Office undertook consultation in 2022 in relation to some reforms of the DARDRs process. As part of the reforms, they publicly consulted on two amendments to DARDRs legislation. These were:

- Updating the name from Domestic Homicide Review to 'Domestic Abuse Related Death Review'; and
- Updating the definition to reflect the legal definition of DA as per the DA Act 2021, i.e. a review is commissioned when a death has, or appears to have, resulted from domestic abuse as defined by the Domestic Abuse Act 2021.

Following the consultation results, an amendment was tabled to the Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004 via the Victims and Prisoners Bill in December 2023 to make these changes in England and Wales.

There will also be the introduction of mandatory training for DARDR Chairs to ensure those involved in the reviews produce the highest quality reports. The new online library of DARDRs was launched in June 2023. This will hold all Domestic Abuse Related Death Reviews from across England and Wales to allow for more analysis of patterns and trends and develop the understanding of the triggers and causes of deaths linked to domestic abuse, including in instances where the victim has taken their own life. The hope is that all historic DARDRs will be placed on the library by the end of 2024.

Preventive Activity: The Stay Safe Partnership

The Stay Safe Partnership (SSP) began in 2015, with the aim of delivering preventative education in Lincolnshire secondary schools and academies in a more coordinated way. The partnership sought to bring together several organisations and voluntary agencies to deliver age-appropriate safety workshops, staff training, e-learning and online resources for secondary school pupils, in one convenient place. Since its inception, the need to engage with a younger audience on relevant safety issues has become increasingly apparent, and as a result age-appropriate online resources and workshops for primary school children and teachers have been developed as well. The Partnership strives to ensure the most vulnerable children in Lincolnshire have access to our secondary 'Stay Safe' Days, and delivery of Stay Safe Days to Special Educational Need Provisions increased by 58% in the academic year 2022/2023. For establishments such as special schools and Pupil Referral Units, the partnership offers a deconstructed 'Stay Safe' Day. Presenters adapt sessions to ensure best engagement; often shortening sessions and making them more practical in content or adding sensory elements for non-verbal students. The five sessions are offered as stand-alone sessions, so that the topics can be delivered over the course of a month rather than a day, so as not to overload students:

"I just want to say a massive thank you for meeting our needs and providing a bespoke package of training. This was very effective for our pupils in terms of engagement and participation, in particular Dan's e-safety session with our early years/pre-verbal group. Well done to everyone involved." Sandon Specialist School, Grantham.

The demand for interventions offered by the partnership increases year on year. Bookings in the academic year 2020/2021 increased by 39.6% compared to the previous year and by 26.4% in 2021/2022 compared to 2020/2021. 'Stay Safe' Day bookings increased by 25% in 2020/2021 and a further 12% in 2021/2022.

Moving forward the SSP will report annually to the SLP Strategy Board. On a more routine basis, the voices gained from children and young people via engagement activity undertaken and how this can be acted upon will be clearly referenced in the pending SLP Engagement Strategy. Furthermore, information sharing between SLP and SSP will continue to be developed at an operational level with a view to informing the workstreams of Core Priority Groups and informing emerging themes and trends that the SSP can embed into their preventative education activities.

SLP Formal Merger

Preparatory work has been undertaken to assist with progressing the SLP formal merger during 2024-5. A review of all paperwork required has been completed and clarification sought regarding the formal processes to undertake. This has included initial conversations

with representatives from the OPCC. Initial discussions have taken place with representatives from the 7 District Councils who have confirmed that they are supportive of this being progressed. As a result of the groundwork being completed a request to commence the formal merger process, including indicative timescales of core activity, will be presented to Strategy Board in June 2024.

Finance

The below summarises the financial position in respect of the SLP. The SLP as an entity does not have a budget, however the Community Safety Service, Lincolnshire County Council, who host the team supporting the SLP, receives income from partners to support delivery. All income was spent in line with the purpose it was received.

Partner Monetary Contributions:

Lincolnshire County Council monetary contributions:

To provide a full picture, please note below the contributions from Lincolnshire County Council. This is a conservative estimate as a number of broader contributions e.g. Analytical line management, budget management and commissioning are not included.

- Partnership Management
- Co-ordination (please note this excludes Serious Violence funded via the Police & Crime Commissioner and Drugs & Alcohol funded via Public Health, Lincolnshire County Council and accounts for the contributions received for Anti-Social Behaviour)
- Analysis x 3 posts
- Domestic Homicide Review Contribution
- Business Support
- Prevent Co-ordinator and Trainer

Total: £425,000

Financial Contributions	ICB	OPCC/Police	District Councils (x7)	(Total)
Anti-Social Behaviour: Coordination/ECins Project Management	£0	£24,888	£11,500	£36,388
Domestic Abuse Related Death Reviews (DARDR)	£12,060	£12,060	£10, 570	£34, 690

The above provides a combined total of **£71,078**.

Additional funding contributions from partners:

- Substance Misuse Co-ordinator (Lincolnshire County Council, Public Health £57, 865. Grant Funded.
- Serious Violence Co-Ordinator (Lincolnshire Police & Crime Commissioner £47,417)
- ECINS: District Councils x 7, Police, Police & Crime Commissioner and LCC Adult Social Care @ £4,860.66 and Housing Associations x 4 £511.65.
- Analysts £12, 732 (Police and Crime Commissioner)
- Additional DARDR funding as a result of analyst underspend £6, 220 (4x District Councils).

The Police & Crime Commissioner (PCC) and District councils have made a commitment to funding analysts posts, and this will be progressed in 2024/25.

Finance Review:

Funding has been agreed for 2024-5 with the agreement to retain a static funding position for 2024-5 except for an uplift seen in relation to DARDR contributions. This uplift is reflective of the increase in the number of DARDRs commissioned during 2023-4 and the increased cost of DARDR authors. The increase in DARDRs is a national trend in part influenced by a change in guidance which mandates death by suicide, where there is evidence of domestic abuse, may meet the threshold for a formal review to be undertaken. Discussions have concluded with funding partners agreeing mechanisms to fund the cost of DARDRs should the number of DARDRs exceed the current funding formula during 2024-5.

An SLP Finance Review Task and Finish Group is established and sees good representation and attendance from partners who contribute to SLP funding arrangements. To date work has been initiated to review the current funding formula, including partner percentage splits. Partners have been provided with a financial break down of a number of options related to making the funding formula more equitable. Supporting evidence in relation to the delivery of statutory duties to assist with informing internal discussions has been collated.

Appendices

A: ASB CPG Presentation

B: Crime and Disorder CPG Presentation

C: RRO CPG Presentation