

Lancashire Community Safety Agreement 2022 – 2025

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"Working together across Lancashire to protect the vulnerable, protect our communities from harm and empower our communities to feel safe".

The Community Safety Agreement sets out how we will work together to address the key community safety issues for the communities of Lancashire. It is owned by the Lancashire Community Safety Partnership Board, as the County Strategy Group. This brings together representatives from the responsible authorities to set the strategic direction and coordinate partnership activity to help people to feel safer by tackling crime and disorder. Partnership plans are tailored to local need and are developed and delivered by local Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs). A number of related Lancashire partnerships and strategies are also integral to addressing our key community safety issues.

The Evidence

The [Lancashire Strategic Assessment](#) identifies significant crime and anti-social behaviour threats and issues across Blackburn with Darwen, Blackpool and Lancashire.

It is produced on a 3-year cycle with an annual evaluation of key priorities and forms the key evidence base that underpins the Community Safety Agreement and development of local partnership plans.

District and unitary profiles, partnership intelligence assessments and joint strategic needs assessments (JSNA) have provided supporting evidence through consultation with key stakeholders, partner organisations and local community groups.

Community Engagement: Public feedback has been obtained via the 'In the Know' community messaging system. Lancashire Talking, the add-on community survey tool, enables residents to identify their top 5 community issues. Over 80,000 residents have signed up and over 40,000 surveys completed. The key issues identified across the County are anti-social behaviour (ASB), road safety, drug dealing and taking, burglary, criminal damage, alcohol, fraud and violent crime.

*Our Key Issues

The SA identifies the top crime and anti-social behaviour issues across Lancashire as:

- **Domestic Abuse**
- **Violence**
- **Exploitation – criminal and sexual**
- **Serious Organised Crime**
- **Road Safety**
- **Anti-Social Behaviour**

Health and wellbeing issues have become more and more apparent as factors relating to community safety. A public health approach and partnership working is needed to tackle the main 'causes of the causes' including:

- **Alcohol and drug use**
- **Child poverty and unemployment**
- **Education, employment and training**
- **Parenting, families and communities**

The SA identifies key themes that require multi-agency engagement as being **vulnerability/victims; justice/ re-offending; public safety, serious organised Crime (SOC) and road safety.**

Cross cutting themes linked to addressing the key issues include: reducing vulnerability and building resilience; improving mental health; tackling drug and alcohol abuse; data sharing; prevention and early intervention; drawing on community and lived experience.

The SA district and unitary profiles provide a breakdown of local threats and issues and demonstrate the geographic and demographic diversity of Lancashire. Local variations must, therefore, be considered in all approaches tackling crime and ASB.

Our Approach

We will continue to build on the strong history of partnership working between Blackburn with Darwen, Blackpool and Lancashire. Our local CSPs take a pragmatic and flexible approach to joint working on shared priorities on a thematic and geographical footprint. Our approach will include:

- Collaboration with other strategic partnerships, in addressing shared priorities, particularly the contributory factors and determinants, such as mental health, that influence offending and vulnerability.
- Working in partnership to continue the review of governance and partnership arrangements across the CSP landscape to ensure that key issues are addressed effectively.
- Continually developing and improving links and activities with all local authorities to support local residents and better understand the geographic and demographic diversity of Lancashire.
- Working with the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) to deliver community safety activity that supports the aims and priorities of the Police and Crime Plan.
- A commitment to taking a preventative and 'early help' approach; to recognising the effect of Adverse Childhood Experience (ACE's); to taking a trauma informed approach to working; and to building on strengths and community assets, at a neighbourhood level, to prevent the development of issues that can often become more significant challenges.
- A work programme of intelligence assessments to further develop knowledge around domestic abuse; exploitation (criminal and sexual); vulnerability and safeguarding; cyber crime, which have all been identified as issues of common concern. This will be flexible enough to develop knowledge around emerging issues as they become of common concern.
- Supporting the appropriate and effective sharing of information between responsible authorities and partner organisations, through the continued use of [Multi Agency Data Exchange \(MADE\)](#) platform and working with the Pan Lancs Data Group.
- Working together to engage and communicate with our local communities to strengthen local assets and build community resilience.

Our Activity

Local partnership plans identify key actions that address the priorities to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour.

Dashboards are available, for officers to access through MADE, that monitor issues and significant threats relating to community safety; these are available to those who have access [here](#)

Statutory, Strategic Partnerships with links to Community Safety

- Health and Wellbeing Board
- Children's Safeguarding Assurance Partnership/Adult Safeguarding Boards
- Lancashire Criminal Justice Board / Youth Justice Boards
- Violence Reduction Network Partnership Board
- Lancashire Domestic Abuse Partnership Board
- Lancashire Road Safety Partnership
- Contest (Counter Terrorism) Board

Boards/Partnerships with links to Community Safety

- GENGA/Serious Organised Crime(SOC) Group
- Lancashire Reducing Reoffending Board
- Pan Lancashire Contextual Safeguarding Board
- Pan Lancashire Domestic Abuse Steering Group
- Lancashire Strategic Hate Crime and Cohesion Group
- Pan Lancashire Anti-Slavery Partnership
- Anti-Social Behaviour County Group

* Terrorism is also a key issue that is referenced in the CSA – however it is dealt with by a specialist unit within the Police; Counter Terrorism (Prevent) is a specified authority responsibility as set out in the Prevent Duty (Counter Terrorism Security Act 2015- section 26).