

Meeting of the Housing and Public Realm Scrutiny Committee – 27th January 2022

Report of the Deputy Chief Executive

Overview of Safe and Sound - Dudley Community Safety Partnership

1. **Purpose**

This report sets out to provide an overview of the Safe and Sound Community Safety Partnership work.

It aims to highlight its progress in delivering the key priorities to tackle the most challenging issues for maintaining and improving community safety in Dudley, as detailed in the body of this report.

2. **Recommendations**

It is recommended that the content of the Report is commented on and noted.

3. **Background**

Following a report to the Housing and Public Realm Scrutiny Committee in June 2021, additional information in respect of the work of Safe and Sound Community Safety Partnership was requested.

Background to the Partnership, its statutory duties and local governance can be found in the previous report.

4. **Safe and Sound Community Safety Partnership - Priorities**

Performance management and governance:

The overarching objective of the Partnership is to make our communities safer. In doing so, it has a statutory duty for delivering its strategic priorities. These are rigorously performance managed to track progress with clear evidence-based outcomes. Constantly challenging themselves and others and asking, 'what difference are we making'? Safe and Sound is ambitious and strongly believe they are better when working together. It is the responsibility of the Partnership to do their very best in making Dudley and its communities safer.

The governance reporting methods are transparent and, where there are issues or barriers, these are identified and resolved together through the Safe and Sound Partnership Board. Progress reports are submitted to the Board by responsible

strategic leads for each priority on a quarterly basis. The priorities ensure they support the delivery of the Police and Crime Commissioner Police and Crime Plan 2021-2025.

The following priorities were informed by the statutory annual Strategic Assessment and consultation with our local communities and businesses. This included 'Dudley: Have Your Say' (Annual Public Meeting) and WMNow – online consultation. Valuing and listening to the voice of the communities underpin these priorities: -

1. **Tackling and Reducing Violent Crime** - tackling gang and knife related crime
2. **Reducing Reoffending** – supporting Youth Offending Service under 18s and First Time Entrants, with a focus on female offenders
3. **Reducing Victimisation** - including Domestic Violence and Abuse and Violence Against Women and Girls
4. **Reducing Vulnerability** – including Substance Misuse, Mental Health, Modern Slavery, Prevent, Hate Crime
5. **Reducing Burglaries** - including links to organised car crime
6. **Anti-Social Behaviour** – supporting the development of a place-based approach.

Priorities are progressed by the work of a number of partnership sub-groups each chaired by a 'priority lead'. (See appendix 1). We have committed to bringing the priority leads together outside of the board to ensure there is coordination across priorities, ensuring there are clear delivery plans that avoid duplication and work in interconnecting strands is complementary

Each sub-group also considers on-line risks and harms and disproportionality in their delivery plans in relation to the groups priority area of work.

All sub-groups have multi-agency representation, including third sector organisations where relevant and appropriate, to ensure key messages are shared with partners and communities and reported back to the group and Strategic Board as appropriate.

5. **Community Cohesion Strategic Group – Chair: Dudley MBC- Directorate of Housing and Communities**

Purpose:

Working together to create inclusive communities where every voice is heard, listened to and valued. The group:

- Support and promote Community Cohesion by ensuring that partners come together, share information and direct resources as appropriate.
- Build an understanding of local community dynamics and identifies potential or actual tensions.
- Support or coordinate effective responses to these tensions as appropriate.

- Minimises the potential negative effects of tensions and hate crime, prevents escalation and reduces conflict.
- Build an understanding of issues relating to hate crime, modern slavery, the prevent agenda and issues relating to gang activity within the Borough and supports prevention and intervention work as required.

Key work undertaken to date – 2021 / 2022:

Continuous Community Tension Monitoring and Hate Crime Data is scrutinised by the group to identify and respond appropriately to any concerns or issues emerging across the borough.

Statutory DMBC responsibility (Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015). The Prevent Board and Channel Panel carry out crucial monitoring in respect of identifying extreme radicalisation taking place in our schools, colleges and communities. Key to our success is ensuring that multi agency partners work together to protect our communities.

Prevent work depends on effective partnership and Safe and Sound has made this their priority. Central to this is to demonstrate effective compliance with their duty, in particular and vital to this success is strong partnership working with WM Police and DMBC. Through effective co-ordination with the multi-agency Prevent Group and Channel Panel, we can identify and mitigate risks through a 'Risk Based approach', share crucial intelligence and data and, set out raising awareness training to staff, schools and colleges.

On 9 November 2021, Safe and Sound joined up with WM Police to promote 'Communities defeat terrorism'; campaign - Counter Terrorism Policing asking everyone to remain vigilant and ACT if you see anything suspicious.

<https://www.dudleysafeandsound.org/post/communities-defeat-terrorism>

Modern Slavery is also monitored at each meeting, ensuring that the agenda is highlighted and progressed within the Borough.

Specific work can be found in the previous report to the Housing and Public Realm Scrutiny Committee in June 2021.

6. Dudley Domestic Abuse Local Partnership Board (DDALPB) – Chair: West Midlands Police (WMP)

We recognise Domestic Abuse as a problem that destroys the lives of victims and their families.

In Dudley, domestic abuse is a high priority for both Safe and Sound and for the DDALPB, which comprises representatives from statutory, voluntary and private sectors who work together to address domestic abuse across the borough.

Purpose:

The DDALPB is established to meet the requirements set out in the Section 4 of the Domestic Abuse Act 2021, which places a statutory duty on Local Authorities to convene a Local Partnership Board. The Board:

- Complies with statutory duties as set out in Section 4 of the Domestic Abuse Act 2021.
- Provides strategic direction and leadership for tackling domestic abuse in Dudley ensuring the needs of all victims are met and the perpetrators are held to account.
- Strengthens accountability of Dudley's response to domestic abuse and seeks to drive continuous improvement in our local responses.
- Ensures the key priorities of Safe and Sound, Dudley's Community Safety Partnership are delivered and, scrutinises evidence based best practice.
- Ensures the WM Violence Reduction Unit Domestic Abuse Board objectives are integral to the delivery plans - providing essential links to the wider children and adults exploitation agenda.
- Promotes and supports regional and national domestic abuse evidence based best practice.

Key work undertaken to date – 2021 / 2022:

Work continues to ensure implementation of the Domestic Abuse Act 2021, which received Royal Assent on 29th April 2021. This includes:

- A legal definition of Domestic Abuse (DA), which recognises children as victims in their own right.
- A Domestic Abuse Commissioner to stand up for survivors and life-saving domestic abuse services.
- A legal duty on councils to fund support for survivors in 'safe accommodation'.
- New protections in the family and civil courts for survivors – including a ban on abusers from cross-examining their victims, and a guarantee that survivors can access special measures (including separate waiting rooms, entrances and exits and screens).
- New criminal offences – including post-separation coercive control, non-fatal strangulation, threats to disclose private sexual images.
- A ban on abusers using a defence of 'rough sex'.
- A guarantee that all survivors will be in priority need for housing, and will keep a secure tenancy in social housing if they need to escape an abuser.
- A ban on GPs for charging for medical evidence of domestic abuse, including for legal aid.
- A duty on the government to issue a code of practice on how data is shared between the public services survivor's report to (such as the police) and immigration enforcement.

The 16 days of action against 'Domestic Abuse' campaign was launched on 25 November 2021. This was designed to raise awareness of different forms of domestic abuse with a distinctive theme each day. Dudley Safe and Sound successfully joined with other local authorities in the area to reach out to victims of

domestic abuse and raise awareness that it can happen to anyone regardless of their age, gender, sexual orientation, race, religion or disability.

A new Dudley DA Strategy based on the Needs Assessment has been developed and published as per statutory requirements. This is a live document and work continues with partners to ensure we address the key priorities and plan best practice for Dudley's direction of travel.

Dudley DA Training Needs Assessment is completed with the first DRAFT implementation plan shared with partners for comment. As part of this work, Black Country Women's Aid (BCWA) has also worked with Dudley Safeguarding People Partnership (DSPP) colleagues to update the existing level 1 and level 2 training courses.

Additional support for victims and their children in safe accommodation (in line with funding of DA ACT) has been identified and progressed.

Mapping around DA services for children and young people within the borough is completed and findings have been included within the delivery plans. Discussions both locally and regionally are taking place in respect of data sets going forward.

A video has been developed to raise awareness of 'What is Domestic Abuse' – this forms part of the Communication Plan and shared widely with partners and via social media.

Work with partners has progressed in relation to the Sanctuary Service - a service where security measures are improved in the home to allow victims and their children to stay safely in their property. A new flow chart has been developed for staff to follow, and a session to update Housing Associations and DMBC Housing Staff took place in December 2021.

Separate meetings are planned in respect of Dudley's response to the Victims Voice and Forced Marriage / Honour Based Abuse.

A DA 'Deep Dive' has taken place via the Safe and Sound Chair's Subgroup meeting. This highlighted work taking place and potential risks going forward with partners.

Regional MARAC Coordination continues. Updates are received as a standing agenda item at meetings.

The Single Point of Contact (SPOC) continues to run effectively, and promotion takes place to highlight the main point of contact for services to the public and practitioners alike.

Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHR's)

Section 9 of the Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act (2004) - implemented in April 2011. This Act made it a statutory responsibility for Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) to complete a Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) when a case meets the criteria set in the Home Office guidance. Their purpose is not to reinvestigate the death or apportion blame, but to establish 'what lessons are to be

learned' from the domestic homicide. It scrutinises the way in which local professionals and organisations work individually and together to safeguard victims'.

Dudley DHR's: - Since 2011, we have received notification of nine potential cases and the following provide the latest update for 2020-2021. (previous DHR's can be found on Safe and Sound Web site: <https://www.dudleysafeandsound.org/dudley-dhrs>)

- DHR5 – in progress
- DHR6 – Underway – a complex and sensitive case which may be delayed due to parallel process taking place
- DHR7 - Panel agreed didn't meet criteria, Home office informed and agreed
- DHR8 – agreed to progress initial panel TBA
- DHR9 –Independent chair and author identified, initial panel TBA

7. **Reducing Reoffending Strategic Group – Chair: WMP and Probation**

Purpose:

The Reducing Reoffending Strategic Group is responsible for the co-ordination of the work of partners in Dudley in order to reducing offending.

The Subgroup is responsible for developing the strategic direction and an action plan with specific, tangible and achievable objectives and outcomes aimed at addressing reducing reoffending. This reflects the wider West Midlands Community Safety Partnership priorities and support the Black Country Reducing Reoffending Strategy.

All work is aimed at ensuring a joined-up approach at local, regional and a national level to make Dudley a safer place to live, work and visit. The Sub Group takes responsibility for directing activities to reduce offending, reoffending and overseeing performance against a series of objectives, targets and performance indicators laid out in the action plan.

Sub Group members bring resources together to assess, understand and to resolve or mitigate the current and anticipated threats from offending and re-offending from persistent offending behaviour, and how this impacts on Dudley residents and local organisations.

Key work undertaken to date – 2021 / 2022:

IOM (Integrated Offender Management) Cases – Continues to be a positive joined-up working partnership with Police, Probation and Community Safety Team. A specific example is the improvements to the selection and de-selection of IOM cases. IOM panels are taking place on a monthly basis. Work continues on the IOM refresh with a review of existing IOM cohorts ongoing and alignment work to the Fixed/Flex cohorts.

The Acquisitive Crime pilot went live from April 2021, and this is enabling Police and Probation to receive GPS tagging information on those qualifying cases following prison release on licence supervision. Police can overlay information with reports of

crime to identify patterns of activity. Probation Service are responsible for ensuring the appropriate licence condition is attached.

Alcohol Abstinence and Monitoring Requirements (AAMR) are still a relatively new disposal available to the courts. This is an innovative scheme and numbers are monitored and reported through the Reducing Re-offending Group.

There has been a steady increase in both Alcohol Treatment and Drug Treatment Requirements made at Dudley Magistrates Court.

Data is now available to assist progress on areas linked to reducing re-offending work plan.

These areas of activity form part of the on-going Action Plan and contribute significantly to the effective offender management of individuals in the community. This work is to understand their individual crime driving factors that cause the most harm to our community.

8. **Rogue Landlord Operational Group – Chair: West Midlands Fire Service**

Purpose:

To provide a multi-agency approach for tackling rogue landlords.

A Rogue Landlord may be regarded as “a landlord who knowingly flouts their obligations by renting out unsafe and substandard accommodation to tenants many of whom may be vulnerable.” They may also condone the immoral or illegal behaviour of their tenants through acts or omissions.

The Group focus on those landlords where a partnership approach is required to address concerns and issues arising from poor practice and behaviours. This often includes a multitude of issues including poor housing conditions, tenancy management issues, fire safety, planning breaches, infringement of building regulations, use of the property for illegal activities such as cuckooing, modern slavery, safeguarding issues and illegal evictions.

The Group are cognisant of issues relating to modern slavery and address concerns appropriately.

The functions of the group include:

- Act as a forum to discuss and review new and on-going cases and to agree multi agency actions and solutions from identification to closure.
- Determine who is best to lead on individual cases.
- Undertake any actions allocated to individuals or agencies in a timely manner and report back to the bi-monthly Operational Group meetings.
- Provide feedback in respect of any barriers to actions being undertaken and implemented.

- Facilitate the sharing of information and intelligence across agencies and directorates. This is done in accordance with the Safe and Sound Data Exchange Agreement.
- Monitor illegal evictions, trends and responses.
- Monitor and respond to issues relating to unregulated accommodation “linking in” with Safer Places and DMBC Integrated Commissioning Hub as appropriate.
- Use the information and intelligence gathered to inform strategic decision making and approaches.
- Respond to and influence policy discussions across partner organisations including contributing to policy development.
- Promote good practice across the private rented sector e.g. landlords’ forum.

9. **Safer Places – Chair: WMP**

Purpose:

The aim of the Safer Places Group is to reduce crime and disorder, anti-social behaviour and environmental crime, whilst addressing the vulnerability at the root cause of these crimes. The Group tackle, resolve and ultimately reduce demand across services. This is achieved by partner engagement, appropriate interventions being delivered, enforcement action being undertaken, completion of actions and monitoring of activity. De-briefing what worked and what needs to change.

The Safer Places Sub-Group of Safe and Sound primarily focus on high demand locations relating to repeat calls for service to agencies across the partnership and take a problem solving approach to reducing this demand.

High demand locations are defined as generating 9 or more calls for service relating to anti-social behaviour and public safety/welfare over the 3 month period. Or 5 calls in the 4 week period preceding the meeting at which they are introduced. However, other locations may be adopted for action by the group where there are exceptional circumstances or vulnerability. The work of the sub-group collate crucial information from the Safer Places “product” developed and provided by West Midlands Police – Partnership Analyst.

Partners are encouraged to submit cases to the Safer Places sub-group for a partnership approach to problem solving that do not feature in the “product” at least 14 days prior to the meeting.

The group also identify themes and trends across our demand locations in order to ensure a strategic approach is taken to the issues concerned.

The Safer Places process is viewed as good practice across the West Midlands.

10. **Sexual Assault and Abuse Strategic Group (SAASG) – Chair: CCG**

This is a newly formed sub-group of Safe and Sound Community Safety Partnership.

Purpose:

To ensure that there is an effective joined up approach to preventing, identifying and responding to children, young people and adults at risk of, experiencing or that have experienced sexual assault and abuse across the borough.

Provide strategic direction and leadership for tackling sexual assault and abuse in Dudley, ensuring the needs of all victims are met and those who perpetrate sexual assault and abuse are held to account.

Strengthen accountability of Dudley's response to sexual assault and abuse and seek to drive continuous improvement in our local response to sexual assault and abuse.

Support delivery the of West Midlands Regional Sexual Assault and Abuse Strategy, considering the objectives of the wider exploitation and abuse agenda, where applicable.

Promote and support regional and national sexual assault and abuse evidence based best practice.

Key work undertaken to date – 2021 / 2022:

Strategy and Terms of developed, agreed and published.

Terms of Reference agreed.

Action Plan as a live document and continues to be progressed.

Best practice is shared through service provider representation and attendance at regional groups as well as regional attendance at the SAASG.

Discussions are taking place in respect of data sets going forward. This is linking into regional discussions.

Agreement obtained with Black Country Women's Aid that the Domestic Abuse Single Point Of Contact (SPOC) is now also the SPOC for Sexual Assault and Abuse (SAA) in order to link in with their SAA Independent Sexual Violence Advisor Service. The SPOC continues to run effectively, and promotion continues to take place to highlight this as the main point of contact for services to the public and practitioners alike.

On 11th-17th October, '#LookCloser' campaign successfully reached schools, colleges and local communities to protect young people from Exploitation: 'Raising awareness that exploited young people don't always look and act vulnerable'. Young people can be exploited anywhere and may be most visible in public spaces.

11 **Substance Misuse Alliance Group - Chair: Dudley MBC – Public Health**

Purpose:

The Substance Misuse Alliance (SMA) has responsibility for developing an effective approach to managing substance misuse issues across Dudley borough.

To give clarity in respect of functions and lines of accountability, the SMA provides an oversight and accountability function to support a whole system approach to prevention, early detection, harm reduction, and recovery in relation to the substance misuse and related vulnerabilities, for adults and young people.

The SMA oversees one operational group (Drug/Alcohol Related Death Inquiry Group) which reports into the alliance on a quarterly basis, concerning key issues. The SMA reports on performance of services against key performance indicators (local and national), alcohol-related hospital admissions, licensing (tobacco and alcohol), tobacco control agenda, safeguarding and clinical governance issues, clinical safety and prescribing concerns, as well as reacting to emerging issues, including drug alerts, and drug related deaths. The SMA members also consider, and report against, activities of the alliance members that support the local Health and Wellbeing Boards priorities of promoting healthy weight, reducing the impact of poverty, and reducing loneliness and isolation.

Key work undertaken to date – 2021 / 2022:

Services continue to deliver a high level of provision in challenging circumstances, with face to face services and other in-person activities returning where possible, for example resumption of test purchasing and substance misuse awareness talks at Freshers Fairs.

Some online/remote access options offered during the pandemic are preferred by service users and a blended approach is being used by several services to offer choice and ease of access.

All posts to carry out work proposed as part of the Universal Funding bid have been recruited. This is an excellent achievement as other authorities have found recruitment challenging. A pathway from volunteering roles has been key in this success, allowing individuals with transferable skills to be appointed.

Dudley has been recognised by Public Health England for its good practice on naloxone provision, which includes work on nasal naloxone with pharmacies as part of the Universal Funding.

The Youth Offending Service and 'Here4Youth' (Integrated well-being service for young people across the borough) have demonstrated excellent partnership working in the engagement of young people on how they would like services to be delivered. A video is in production and shared with partners.

Automatic referral pathways to Here4Youth are now in place for young people presenting at A&E with drug/alcohol issues.

12 **Violence Prevention Group - Chair: Dudley MBC – Public Health**

Purpose:

To provide strategic direction and leadership for preventing and reducing violence within the Borough, ensuring that the needs of victims are met and those who perpetrate violence are held to account and receive interventions as appropriate.

To ensure that there is a systematic and coordinated approach to preventing and reducing violence within the Borough.

To achieve a trauma informed and responsive partnership by incorporating The Dudley Trauma Informed action plan into the work of the group.

To ensure that we respond to The Serious Violence Duty under the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill 2021.

This duty requires the Local Authority, Police, Fire & Rescue, Criminal Justice agencies and Health Authorities to work together to formulate an evidenced based analysis of problems and implement a strategy regarding how agencies will respond. A needs assessment will inform this work. A refreshed strategy and delivery plan are in place.

Key work undertaken to date – 2021 / 2022:

The Violence Prevention Group has continued to meet on a bi-monthly basis. Attendance has been positive and productive. The Group provides the Governance arrangements for a number of initiatives e.g. the St. James's Plus Violence Reduction Unit (VRU) Pilot. Information in respect of training and best practice continues to be shared. Place-based working for 2021/22 is also including a focus on issues relating to Brierley Hill. The Stakeholder network is being widened to be a Borough wide forum.

The Action Plan for 2021/22 is progressing – capacity has now been secured in respect of developing the Needs Assessment and a data set for the Group.

The Group has overseen the St. James's Plus VRU Pilot and received feedback in respect of 627 and 829 projects.

The Group has considered on-line risks and harms – further work is being developed with key partners and strong support from the voluntary sector.

Good practice has been shared as well as concerns to influence and inform future plans and actions.

The VRU's offer for Dudley has been shared among partners.

A meeting has taken place to look at how we can better support the voluntary sector in respect of violence prevention and reduction including any risks that they may hold. Offers of support are in place initially through WMP and the VRU and a workshop is being convened for January 2022 to take this work forward.

The current Preventing Violence Strategy has been reviewed – this has been updated in light of the Serious Violence Duty, COVID 19, [Adverse Childhood Experiences \(ACEs\)](#) and current data.

The Violence Prevention Group were successful in gaining funding through a VRU bid to secure Teachable Moments intervention within Russell's Hall Hospital.

A Violence 'Deep Dive' has taken place via the Safe and Sound Chair's Subgroup meeting.

We are taking part in a pilot to conduct Knife Crime Homicide Reviews (where there is a murder as a result of knife crime) to attempt to learn any lessons to improve our response as a partnership to prevent future harm. These will be similar to DHRs.

13 **YOS Management Board**

The 'National Standards Self-Assessment': With regard to the strategic standards, it is important that the Board can articulate the Borough's approach to the prevention of youth crime in terms of:

- Local strategies and services in place to ensure positive outcomes for children, to prevent children from becoming involved in crime and/or anti-social behaviour.
- Point-of-arrest diversion policies and strategies as a distinct and substantially different response to formal out of court disposals.
- A joint protocol between Police and YOS setting out locally agreed practice for out-of-court disposals and a suitable means of joint decision-making.
- Action taken to promote diversion into more suitable child focused systems, and positive constructive behaviour.
- Analysis and action planning in place to tackle any disproportionality.
- There may also be value in being able to clearly articulate the response to knife crime across the partnership.

Work has commenced on implementing the recommendations arising from the audit at both operational and strategic levels.

The board continues to embrace a more preventative model of working, to ensure young people and families are supported to succeed without the need for statutory involvement.

Key work undertaken to date – 2021 / 2022:

In quarter 2, the YOS Management Board finalised and signed off the Youth Justice plan. This is a key element of youth justice board grant requirements, and as a partnership it is important that partners understand and work to the priorities set.

A child friendly video has also been produced to get positive messages about the plan to young people. This is available for viewing via:

<https://sites.google.com/dudleyyos.org.uk/yos-plan/home>

In terms of impact, the data within the plan shows positive progress on the three KPIs monitored by the Youth Justice Board (YJB); First Time Entrants (FTE), Reducing Reoffending and the Use of Custody (albeit that the YJB's data does have a time delay on it).

More broadly, the YOS continues to build on its prevention and diversion offer in order to try and keep children out of the formal youth justice system.

The YOS continues to work alongside VRU colleagues as part of the St James's Stakeholder project.

A young person has designed a new logo for the service and attended the Children's Services Leadership Team meeting to present, as well as providing information at the YOS Board.

14 **Communications**

Safe and Sound believe in open, transparent and honest communications, ensuring they inform, engage with and respond to our communities. Communications are planned throughout the year around the priorities via the safe and sound communications plan

The annual communications plan aims to:

- Effectively inform residents of the work the partnership carries out to reduce crime, anti-social behaviour and substance misuse.
- Raise general awareness of the partnership and the organisations who are working together to tackle its priorities.
- Inform the public of partnership activity and performance using value for money communication channels.

The plan ensures that members of the community are aware of key issues on how to access additional information and where to contact support and signpost victims. Above all, to know how to report concerns, thus offering reassurance to the wider community and provide support to those who need it the most.

Safe and Sound host a comprehensive website that contains a '**Help Hub**' with pages dedicated to various community safety 'topics'. This information is regularly updated and easily accessible to both residents and those that work within the borough. <https://www.dudleysafeandsound.org/>

15 **Dudley Have Your Say**

Dudley Have Your Say is an annual public meeting held in response to: *Delivering Safer Communities: A guide to effective partnership working; Guidance for Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships and Community Safety Partnerships*, which outlines a statutory requirements for the Community Safety Partnership to hold one or more public meetings during each year, which must be attended by individuals who hold a senior position within each responsible authority.

The aim of the meeting is for senior representatives of the community safety partnership and responsible authorities to meet the public to hear their issues and let them know about action they have taken or will take to tackle them.

This years meeting will take place in March 2022.

16. **Finance**

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

17. **Law**

Safe and Sound is DMBC statutory Community Safety Partnership, which must meet the requirements set out by the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 and its subsequent amendments.

Other legislation that applies to Safe and Sound Community Safety Partnership includes: -

- Police and Justice Act 2006
- Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011
- Health and Social Care Act 2012
- Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015
- Modern Slavery Act 2015
- Domestic Abuse Act – 2021
- Anti-Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014
- Police & Crime Act 2009
- Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill (third reading prior to Final stage and Royal Assent).

18. **Risk Management**

No “material” risks are resulting from this report.

19. **Equality Impact**

There are no equality impact implications arising directly from this report. However, there are differential impacts on individuals, families, and communities in respect of issues that the Community Safety Partnership seeks to address. This needs to be borne in mind when planning and delivering work and services.

Communities, including young people have been consulted with to inform the priorities of the Community Safety Partnership.

Work undertaken by the Safe and Sound has a positive effect on children and young people who may be affected by the issues that the Partnership seeks to address.

There are two Youth Police and Crime Commissioners on the Safe and Sound Community Safety Partnership Strategic Board. They are supported in their role through DMBC – Youth Service and the Police and Crime Commissioner’s Officer. The Board receives updates in respect of their work and concerns of young people.

20. **Human Resources/Organisational Development**

Whilst this report does not have any immediate organisational development/HR or transformational implications, it is important to build the confidence of the workforce in respect of a range of issues covered in this report and relating to the important “Community Safety” agenda.

21. **Commercial/Procurement**

There are no commercial or procurement implications arising directly from this report.

22. **Commercial/Procurement**

The work of the Safe and Sound Community Safety Partnership links with the third Aspiration with the Borough Vision 2030 – Forging a Future for All, ‘#HOME Of Warm Welcomes and Close-Knit Communities’ - A place of healthy, resilient, safe communities with high aspirations and the ability to shape their own future.

The work of the Safe and Sound Community Safety Partnership also links in with the Council Plan particularly in respect of Safer and Stronger Communities.

We have a Statutory Duty to “deliver” in line with the Crime and Disorder Act 1998. The Modern Slavery Act 2015, The Domestic Abuse Act 2021, The Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015 and Safeguarding adults and children.



Balvinder Heran
Deputy Chief Executive

Contact Officer: Susan Dicks
Telephone: 01384 818152
Email: Susan.dicks@dudley.gov.uk

Katriona Lafferty
Telephone: 01384 813278
Email: Katriona.lafferty@dudley.gov.uk