

## Southampton is a safe city...we are working to make it a safer city

The Safe City Partnership is a group of organisations working together to ensure that Southampton is a safe city to live, work, learn and visit.

The Partnership has identified four main priorities for keeping Southampton safe over a three year period. These are reviewed and updated every year to make sure the priorities are based on the latest crime data included in the annual Southampton Safe City Strategic Assessment.

## Our priorities Why these are our priorities and some of the challenges we faced in 2014/15

<p><b>Reduce crime and anti-social behaviour</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recorded crime in Southampton increased by 8% in 2014/15, with reports of violent crime increasing by over 25% and hate crime rising by just under 50%.</li> <li>Nationally, most other places have reported similar increases, and this is mainly because the Police have changed the way they record certain offences. Police callouts over the same period have not increased, so crime has not actually increased by as much as the statistics suggest. However, the Safe City Partnership will continue to maintain a focus on reducing crime and anti-social behaviour in the city.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Reduce the harm caused by drugs and alcohol</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alcohol remains a key contributing factor in violent crimes and sexual offences.</li> <li>Crime affected by alcohol has risen by 13.5%.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Protecting Vulnerable People</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There has been a 22% rise in recorded Domestic Abuse. This is mainly attributable to changes in the way Police record offences.</li> <li>12.5% of victims of all crimes were identified as vulnerable.*</li> </ul>
<p><b>Reduce reoffending and Reduce Youth Crime</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reoffending remains a key issue, and adult offenders committing two or more offences in a year were responsible for over 61% of crime in the city in 2014/15.</li> <li>The City has successfully reduced the number of young people entering the criminal justice system in 2014/15 by 35% due to joint work between the Youth Offending Service and Hampshire Constabulary. However, compared to our 15 most similar authorities, Southampton still has the 14th highest number of young people entering the criminal justice system.**</li> </ul>

\*A vulnerable victim is defined as anyone who is (a) under 18 years of age at the time of the offence, or (b) likely to have the quality of their evidence affected by mental disorders, significant impairments of intelligence and social function or physical disability or disorder. \*\*IQuanta comparator group of: Eastbourne, Sheffield, Watford, Southend-on-Sea, Luton, Hillingdon, Slough, Hounslow, Derby, Brighton & Hove, Northampton, Cardiff, Bristol and Reading.

## Further look at crime in Southampton in 2014/15

<p><b>Reduce crime and anti-social behaviour</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Domestic burglaries have fallen by <b>31.7%</b> over the past five years.</li> <li>Recorded incidents of anti-social behaviour have <b>not increased</b> over the past year.</li> <li>Southampton has the <b>highest rates</b> of non-dwelling burglaries amongst its 15 most similar authorities.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Reduce the harm caused by drugs and alcohol</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There has been a <b>12%</b> decrease in the number of night time assault victims at Emergency departments.</li> <li><b>47%</b> of clients attending alcohol treatment were successful and did not return within 6 months. This is higher than the national figure of 38%.</li> <li>Southampton has the <b>3rd highest</b> drug offences rate within its 15 most similar authorities.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Protecting vulnerable people</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Repeat referrals for the highest risk domestic abuse cases have remained consistently <b>low</b> (only 22% of cases are referred again).</li> <li><b>The number of arrests</b> that lead to charge for domestic abuse has <b>increased</b> from 30% to 43.2% over the past 4 years.</li> <li>Southampton has the <b>2nd highest</b> rate of high risk domestic abuse cases compared to its 15 most similar authorities.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Reduce re-offending Reduce youth crime</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Custodial sentences for young people have reduced by <b>1.3%</b>.</li> <li>Southampton has the <b>2nd lowest</b> youth reoffending rates compared to its 15 most similar authorities.</li> <li>The average number of offences per adult offender has risen to over <b>17</b>. This is higher than the national average of 13.6 offences.</li> </ul>
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## Some of our achievements in 2014/15

<p><b>Reduce crime and anti-social behaviour</b></p> <p>Every area in the city now has PACT (Police and Communities Together) meetings. As a result, residents have opportunities to be included in setting local 'Community Priorities'.</p> <p>The Independent Mediation Assessment Service continues to operate with a 90% success rate in resolving neighbour disputes.</p> <p>Hampshire Constabulary is one of the most successful Police forces in the UK at arresting people for domestic abuse.</p>	<p><b>Reduce the harm caused by drugs and alcohol</b></p> <p>The Late Night Levy* was successfully implemented this year and will generate funding to address crime and disorder and public safety issues connected with the night time economy.</p> <p>Drug and alcohol services in Southampton have been re-designed to ensure that treatment and more effective support is available for more service users.</p> <p>Hampshire Constabulary continue to take a robust stance on drug dealers across the city with some positive results. (A drug gang of 8 people received sentences totalling 46 years in June 2015.)</p> <p><small>*The Late Night Levy raises financial contributions from late-opening alcohol suppliers towards policing the night-time economy.</small></p>	<p><b>Protecting vulnerable people</b></p> <p>New services for victims of domestic and sexual abuse are being provided by Southampton Rape Crisis, who offer a more collaborative and community based approach to reducing domestic abuse. There is also more support available for victims.</p> <p>The development of the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) has established clearer safeguarding referral processes and better information exchange between statutory agencies to ensure vulnerable children are supported.</p> <p>The city hosted a successful Counter Extremism 'Prevent' community engagement event in September 2015.</p>	<p><b>Reduce reoffending Reduce youth crime</b></p> <p>The Southampton Joint Decision Making Panel (run by the Youth Offending Service and Hampshire Constabulary) has been very successful at offering robust early help and reducing the number of first time entrants in to the criminal justice system by 35% in 2014/15.</p> <p>The number of young offenders in suitable accommodation at the end of their Youth Offending Service interventions has improved from 93.9% to 95.6%.</p> <p>Education, training and employment engagement of youth offenders has risen over the past 3 years from 49.1% to 64.4%.</p>
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## What do residents say?

- Over **90%** of people feel safe within their own home.
  - Most people feel safe in their local area during the day (**85%**) but this figure falls to **52%** at night.
  - 63%** of people did not believe that violence was an issue for Southampton.
  - 52%** of residents feel that anti-social behaviour is a very big or fairly big issue for Southampton.
  - When considering problems within their local areas, litter and rubbish were the biggest concerns followed by people being drunk or rowdy in public places.
- Data from the Community Safety survey 2015

## Other important emerging issues identified for the city in the Safe City Strategic Assessment

- Missing, Exploited and Trafficked (MET) children
- Modern Slavery
- Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)
- Honour Based Violence including forced marriages
- Preventing radicalisation and extremism.

## How we are going to make Southampton safer?

Priorities	Key actions	Lead Agency	Lead Partnership	How we will measure success in March 2017?
 <b>Reduce crime and anti-social behaviour</b>	Improve communication to inform people about what is being done and to help people understand what they need to do to keep themselves safe.	ALL	Safe City Partnership	Increase the % of people in the city who feel safe in their local areas during the day and night.
	Maintain the three publically agreed 'Community Priorities' in all neighbourhoods to target issues (crime and anti-social behaviour) that most significantly impact communities.	Hampshire Constabulary	Safe City Partnership	Reduce crime and reported anti-social behaviour rates.
	Implement an improvement plan, focused on prevention, early intervention, education and enforcement to address the high levels of rapes and serious sexual offences across the city.	Hampshire Constabulary	Serious Sexual Offences Group	Reduce the number of current serious sexual offences.
	Develop prevention, intelligence and enforcement plans to tackle emerging crime patterns.	Hampshire Constabulary	Safe City Partnership	Improve our Most Similar Group position in relation to crime rates.
	Deliver and monitor the success of the Prince's Trust 'Team' and 'Get Started' programmes targeting long-term unemployed, educational underachievers, ex-offenders and care leavers.	Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service	Safe City Partnership	70% of attendees achieving a positive progression to employment, education or training within 3 months of course completion.
	Develop community engagement networks to ensure victims of hate crime have the confidence to report incidents and to ensure this crime data is monitored.	Hampshire Constabulary	Safe City Partnership	Improve accuracy in hate crime reporting.
 <b>Reduce the harm caused by drugs and alcohol</b>	Ensure effective use is made of the funds obtained from the Late Night Levy to reduce the harm caused by drugs and alcohol in the night time economy.	All	Safe City Partnership	Reduce alcohol related violence rates. Report on how the Late Night Levy has been spent.
	Ensure the new single pathway for drug and alcohol treatment services is effective at helping users to successfully complete their treatment and break the cycle of addiction.	Integrated Commissioning Unit	Safe City Partnership	Increase the proportion of users who successfully complete their treatment and do not re-present to the service within 6 months.
	Develop and implement a city wide Alcohol Strategy to include both public health and community wide safety issues.	Southampton City Council / Hampshire Constabulary	Health and Well Being Board / Safe City Partnership	Reduce alcohol related violence rates.
	Maintain Operation Fortress principles to restrict supply and demand for Class A drugs and to work with affected communities to help them rebuild.	Hampshire Constabulary	Safe City Partnership	Increase convictions for drug related crimes.
	Target under age sales of alcohol in the city by taking robust action against offending premises.	Southampton City Council / Hampshire Constabulary	Safe City Partnership	Decrease in the number of tested premises selling alcohol to those who are under age.
 <b>Protecting vulnerable people</b>	Ensure there are appropriate referral routes in place to programmes for perpetrators of domestic abuse.	National Probation Service	Safe City Partnership	Increase the number of identified perpetrators of domestic abuse engaged in programmes or interventions.
	Continue to support the counter extremism Prevent agenda and maintain routes for safeguarding people at risk of radicalisation.	All	Safe City Partnership	Ensure actions on the Prevent Action Plan are implemented.
	Develop understanding of the extent of missing, exploited and trafficked (MET) children, modern slavery, female genital mutilation (FGM), and honour based violence in the City and take action to address these issues.	All	Safe City Partnership	Improve accuracy of reporting and monitoring related to all of these issues.
	Implement the multiagency Tackling Domestic Violence and Abuse Plan 2015-17, including establishing an integrated Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) and-Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) model to improve partnership risk assessment and response for high risk Domestic Abuse.	Southampton City Council / Hampshire Constabulary	Safe City Partnership	Reduce the number of repeat victims of domestic abuse to MARAC/ MASH.
 <b>Reduce reoffending and Reduce youth crime</b>	Support effective Integrated Offender Management (IOM) and Priority Young People (PYP) to deal with the most prolific offenders across the city.	National Probation Service / Community Rehabilitation Company and Youth Offending Service	Safe City Partnership	Reduce reoffending rates for adult and youth offenders.
	Develop relationships with schools and continue to innovate in house resources such as the accredited arts provision.	Southampton City Council	Children and Families / Skills & Development / City Deal / Voluntary sector	Gaining Gold 'Artsmark' standard for arts provision. Increase education, training and employment engagement by 10%.
	Implement outcomes from the Ending Gang and Youth Violence Peer review.	Safe City Partnership / YOS Management Board	Southampton City Council / Hampshire Constabulary	Decrease in serious youth crime and drug distribution.
	Ensure the Youth Offending Service is involved at the earliest opportunity in order to help Looked After Children at risk of offending.	Southampton City Council	Hampshire Constabulary	Reduce the number of Looked After Children entering the criminal justice system.
	Continue to engage with the West Hampshire Youth Bench to ensure other restorative routes are considered.	Youth Offending Service Management Board	West Hampshire Youth Bench	Reduce custody rates by 20%.