



Western Suffolk Community Safety Partnership Plan 2026-2027

The Western Suffolk Community Safety Partnership (WSCSP) is a statutory body with a responsibility to:

- Make an assessment of community safety issues
- Produce a plan which responds to those issues
- Review and report on progress against that plan
- Carry out Domestic Homicide Reviews

The Partnership is made up of statutory representatives from the named Responsible Authorities and include local councils in West Suffolk, Mid Suffolk and Babergh, Suffolk Police, Suffolk County Council, National Probation Service, Integrated Care Boards (ICB) and Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service.

Registered Social Landlords, Youth Offending Service and Education are co-opted as additional non statutory members of the WSCSP.

The WSCSP works to support community/voluntary groups to secure funding to deliver projects/initiatives which meet an identified community safety issue, which are a threat or risk or will cause the greatest harm to the community.

How does this work?

WSCSP has a duty to consider the more strategic overarching issues which are affecting community safety in Western Suffolk. These are issues which may not affect our communities on a day-to-day basis but are a threat to overall safety in Suffolk and undermine families and communities. These will be identified by making an assessment of crime and community safety in partnership with Suffolk County Council and Suffolk Police.

Who will we work with?

In addition to the statutory agencies of the partnership working together, we also have strong links with the following groups;

Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC): The PCC is fully supportive of CSPs and their work and in turn, CSPs have a duty to take due regard of the Police and Crime Commissioner's Police and Crime Plan. The WSCSP plan reflects those issues in the PCP which result in producing the greatest threat, risk and harm to our communities.

Safer Stronger Communities Board

The Safer Stronger Communities Board (SSCB) provides strategic direction and leadership on wider issues and determinants arising from agreed priorities.

The SSCB meets quarterly, and membership includes senior elected members and officer roles from a range of organisations including County, District and Borough councils, Suffolk Police, Police and Crime Commissioner, Community Safety Partnerships, Integrated Care Boards, Probation Service and Safeguarding Partnership.

It is supported by a programme office that oversees the delivery of issues that present the greatest threat, risk, and harm to Suffolk residents, and reports regularly to Suffolk Public Sector Leaders and Community Safety Partnerships.

Priorities for WSCSP

A strategic assessment is undertaken every three years and a light touch review annually. This is an assessment of all crime and disorder and substance misuse problems that Western Suffolk faces. This assessment assists with the most effective use of available resources in a way which will have the greatest impact on the most relevant problems. It is not intended that the issues identified are the ONLY issues which are addressed throughout the year, but that the issues highlighted are prioritised when resources are available for allocation.

The following data sources have been used to determine this assessment:

- Crime and Disorder data and reports from Suffolk Police
- Ambulance call out data
- Substance misuse data from Public Health England
- Iquanta performance data

Open source research has also been undertaken where relevant to identify emerging national policy developments.

The following priority areas of work have been identified as the focus for the WSCSP:

- 1) Violence against women and girls (VAWG)
- 2) Prevent
- 3) Hate Crime

4) Modern Slavery

5) Criminal Exploitation

6) ASB

7) Fraud

8) Domestic Abuse Related Death Reviews (previously known as Domestic Homicide Reviews). This will include ensuring that the WSCSP continues to carry out reviews, refines processes, and shares learning.

The intention is not to duplicate any work that individual agencies may be doing but to understand the relevance to Community Safety for residents in Western Suffolk and maximise the opportunities for coordinating a response and intelligence between agencies in the West.

Activity Type	Objective	Ref	Priority	Project/activity	Link to other strategies/action plans	Lead organisation
Awareness raising	Raise awareness of key community safety issues by supporting national communications campaigns, promoting reporting routes and delivering and promoting training	1	All	Support national and local awareness raising campaigns	Suffolk Prevent action plan Suffolk Serious Violence Strategy Suffolk VAWG Strategy	All
		2	All	Promote reporting routes for all forms of crime as widely as possible (includes VAWG, Hate Crime, Criminal Exploitation, Modern Slavery, Prevent, ASB, Fraud & Serious Violence)	Suffolk Prevent action plan Suffolk Serious Violence Strategy Suffolk VAWG Strategy	All
		3	Prevent, Criminal Exploitation & VAWG	Deliver/promote key training offers internally and externally: Prevent, CE, Domestic Abuse champions	Suffolk Prevent action plan Suffolk Serious Violence Strategy Suffolk VAWG Strategy	All
Problem solving	Take a problem solving	4	Criminal Exploitation	Deliver Clear Hold Build project to eliminate criminal exploitation and reduce drug activity in Western Suffolk	Suffolk Serious Violence Strategy	Police & West Suffolk Council

	approach in delivering key projects and action plans and in addressing new challenges as they emerge	5	Criminal Exploitation & Modern Slavery	SCC to ask CSP partners for specific support in delivering Criminal Exploitation and Modern Slavery action plans	Suffolk Serious Violence Strategy	All
		6	Prevent	Linking in with and supporting Prevent county wide action plan	Suffolk Prevent action plan	All
		7	All	Identify projects to be supported through CSP and MACE funding (through application to the WSCSP)	Suffolk Prevent action plan Suffolk Serious Violence Strategy Suffolk VAWG Strategy	All
Community engagement	Engage with communities to understand local concerns and use the insight gained to shape	8	All	Identify opportunities for joint impact events and enforcement	Suffolk Prevent action plan Suffolk Serious Violence Strategy Suffolk VAWG Strategy	All
		9	All	Probation to outline their community engagement activity	Suffolk Prevent action plan Suffolk Serious Violence Strategy Suffolk VAWG Strategy	Probation

	community safety projects, working to co-produce solutions where possible	10	All	Fire Service to outline their community engagement activity	Suffolk Prevent action plan Suffolk Serious Violence Strategy Suffolk VAWG Strategy	Fire Service
		11	All	Health to outline their community engagement activity	Suffolk Prevent action plan Suffolk Serious Violence Strategy Suffolk VAWG Strategy	Health
		12	All	District and Boroughs to outline their community engagement activity	Suffolk Prevent action plan Suffolk Serious Violence Strategy Suffolk VAWG Strategy	District & Borough Councils
		13	All	Police to outline their community engagement activity	Suffolk Prevent action plan Suffolk Serious Violence Strategy Suffolk VAWG Strategy	Police
Information sharing	Share information on all partner projects and any relevant data	14	Serious Violence	SCC to share details of funded projects and outcomes from SVD fund	Suffolk Serious Violence Strategy	Suffolk County Council
		15	All	SCC to share details of SSCB priorities, actions and activities influencing the wider Suffolk system	Suffolk Prevent action plan Suffolk Serious Violence Strategy Suffolk VAWG Strategy	Suffolk County Council

	from community engagement to find synergies, avoid duplication and optimise projects	16	Fire and Rescue	SFRS to share data relating to fires, rescues and preventative action taken in the locality	N/A	Fire Service
		17	All	PCC to share details of funded projects and outcomes	Suffolk Prevent action plan Suffolk Serious Violence Strategy Suffolk VAWG Strategy	Police and Crime Commissioners Office
		18	All	Share details of funded projects and outcomes from funding	Suffolk Prevent action plan Suffolk Serious Violence Strategy Suffolk VAWG Strategy	District & Borough Councils