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Date: Wednesday, 21 January 2026

Committee:

Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Date: Thursday, 29 January 2026

Time: 6.00 pm

Venue: The Council Chamber, The Guildhall, Frankwell Quay, Shrewsbury, SY3 8HQ

You are requested to attend the above meeting.

The Agenda is attached.

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Tim Collard
Service Director – Legal, Governance and Planning

Members of Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Ed Potter (Chair)	Brendan Mallon
Sam Walmley (Vice-Chair)	David Minnery
Donna Edmunds	Chris Naylor
Craig Emery	Wendy Owen
Gary Groves	Sharon Ritchie-Simmons
Alan Holford	

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AGENDA

1 Apologies for Absence

2 Disclosable Interests

Members are reminded that they must declare their disclosable pecuniary interests and other registrable or non-registrable interests in any matter being considered at the meeting as set out in Appendix B of the Members' Code of Conduct and consider if they should leave the room prior to the item being considered. Further advice can be sought from the Monitoring Officer in advance of the meeting.

3 Minutes of the Previous Meeting (Pages 1 - 10)

To consider the minutes of the Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 13th November 2025. (Attached).

Contact: Sarah Townsend (Tel: 01743 257721)

4 Public Question Time

To receive any questions or petitions from the public of which notice has been given. The deadline for notification for this meeting is 12 noon on Friday, 23rd January 2026.

5 Member Question Time

To receive any questions of which Members of the Council have given notice. The deadline for notification for this meeting is 12 noon on Friday, 23rd January 2026.

6 Community Safety Partnership Annual Report 2024-25 (Pages 11 - 82)

The Shropshire Community Safety Partnership Annual Report 2024-25 details the progress that the partnership has made over the past year, to tackle crime and disorder issues across the county. This report focusses upon progress made against its agreed strategic priorities. All areas of work are delivered in partnership across the county. (Attached).

Contact: Jane Rose (Tel: 01743 253948)

7 Introduction of Weekly Food Waste Collections

The Simpler Recycling Legislation came into effect in March 2025 and aims to standardise recycling across England and includes the requirement that all households are required to have a weekly food waste collection by 31 March 2026. The report outlines the progress that the council has made, and the challenges and additional financial burden associated with this new requirement.

REPORT TO FOLLOW.

Contact: Laura Tyler (Tel: 01743 253178)

8 Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme (Pages 83 - 86)

To discuss the Committee's Work Programme for 2025-2026 and potential topics for inclusion. (Attached).

Contact: Claire Braddock (Tel: 01743 258913)

9 Exclusion of Press and Public

To resolve that, in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and Paragraph 10.4 (3) of the Council's Access to Information Procedure Rules, the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items.

10 Exempt Minutes of the Previous Meeting (Pages 87 - 90)

To consider the exempt minutes of the Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 13th November 2025. (Attached).

Contact: Sarah Townsend (Tel: 01743 257721)

11 Date/Time of Next Meeting of the Committee

The Committee is scheduled to next meet on Thursday, 12th March 2026 commencing at 6.00 p.m.

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Committee and Date

Economy and Environment
Overview and Scrutiny Committee

29th January 2026

ECONOMY AND ENVIRONMENT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on 13 November 2025

In The Shrewsbury Room, The Guildhall, Frankwell Quay, Shrewsbury, SY3 8HQ

2.00 p.m. - 5.25 p.m.

Responsible Officer: Sarah Townsend Committee Officer

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Present:

Councillors Ed Potter (Chairman), Sam Walmsley (Vice-Chairman), Donna Edmunds, Craig Emery, Alan Holford, Brendan Mallon, David Minnery, Chris Naylor, Wendy Owen and Dawn Husemann (Substitute) (substitute for Sharon Ritchie-Simmons)

Other Members in Attendance:

Councillor Andy Boddington

Councillor Roger Evans – Portfolio Holder for Finance

Councillor Heather Kidd – Leader

Councillor James Owen – Portfolio Holder for Housing and Leisure

Councillor David Walker – Portfolio Holder for Planning (remotely)

Councillor Rob Wilson – Portfolio Holder for Transport and Economic Growth

Officers in Attendance:

Claire Braddock – Overview and Scrutiny Officer

Tom Dodds – Scrutiny Manager (remotely)

Peter Gilbertson – Senior Project Management Officer

Matt Johnson – Strategic Project Executive Manager

Andy Moreton – Executive Manager - Technical Services (remotely)

Laura Tyler – Service Director Commissioning

James Walton – Executive Director (Section 151 Officer)

Edward West – Planned Policy and Strategy Manager (remotely)

Andy Wilde – Service Director Infrastructure

Grant Wilson – Infrastructure, Contracts and Compliance Manager (remotely)

22 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Gary Groves and Sharon Ritchie-Simmons.

Councillor Dawn Husemann was in attendance as a substitute for Councillor Sharon Ritchie-Simmons.

23 Disclosable Interests

Councillor David Minnery stated that he was one of the representatives of Shropshire Council who sat on the Shropshire and Telford and Wrekin Fire Authority and was also currently the Chairman.

24 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 15th September 2025 be approved as a correct record.

25 Public Question Time

No public questions had been received.

26 Member Question Time

No member questions had been received.

27 Verbal update further to the Member Briefings on the Veolia Contract

The Service Director Commissioning provided an update on the member briefings that had been held regarding the Veolia Contract, outlining their content and noting that they were well attended.

As part of the briefings, members were informed about significant upcoming legislative changes and the requirement for all households to have weekly food waste collections by 31st March 2026. The local authority had informed Defra that it was unable to implement this by the deadline and it was explained that other local authorities were also in this position too. Whilst some capital investment and project management funding had been received, clarity on whether local authorities would receive revenue support as part of the changes in legislation was awaited, pending the November budget announcement. It was proposed that the committee revisited this item in the new year, once further information regarding modelling, funding and associated risks was available. Specific implementation timescales would be drawn up with the aim of Cabinet considering this around April 2026.

It was requested that a timeline be provided to enable the committee to scrutinise the proposals for a weekly food waste collection in a timely manner, prior to being taken to Cabinet for a decision and to ensure that it is included within their work programme. Likewise, it was commented that a timeline also be provided if there were any proposed changes to the green waste collection in order that the committee could consider these items either together or at separate meetings.

RESOLVED:

That a timeline be provided by the Service Director Commissioning regarding the tracking of key decision dates on both the weekly food waste collection and the green waste collection in order that these items can be incorporated into the committee's work programme for the committee to consider in a timely manner prior to consideration by Cabinet around April 2026.

28 Levelling Up Fund Round 2 (LUF2): Project 2 - Transforming Movement and Public Spaces in Shrewsbury

The committee were asked to consider the report and recommendations of the Service Director Infrastructure which reported on progress for the delivery of the Levelling Up Fund (Round 2) grant funded 'Transforming Movement and Public Spaces in Shrewsbury' project, including an overview of governance arrangements, project management, delivery of outputs and outcomes, aligned to the grant award.

The Chairman explained that this agenda item was more commonly known as the Station Gyratory in Shrewsbury Town Centre and that the committee had been asked to consider it with the aim of understanding and learning from the project's entire process, from its initial conception through to its delivery, particularly given the significant concerns raised by the public, local businesses and Councillors regarding its impact on the town centre. A verbal update would be provided at the Cabinet meeting on 19th November 2025 with the committee's recommendations.

Prior to the committee's discussion and questions, the Service Director Infrastructure provided some context to the scheme and gave a brief overview of the current situation. Members heard how the project was part of the Levelling Up Fund bid submitted in 2023, with objectives focused on public realm improvements and active travel. It was explained that the project had now moved through to the construction phase, with the main objectives being delivered on time and within budget, but inherited from previous management and not without significant contention and complications. If the committee decided to set up a Task and Finish Group to examine the scheme in more detail, officers would fully support it as it was recognised that there was valid learning and understanding needed both in terms of moving forward and regarding how projects of a similar type are delivered in the future.

In responding to questions, committee discussion and comments covered:

- Members expressed frustration at receiving the report only hours before the meeting, limiting their ability to scrutinise effectively. There was a consensus that future reports must be circulated in a timely manner to allow proper review and the Chairman stated that he would ensure that this matter was taken forward.
- Regarding the final specifications of the cycle lane, concern was expressed that only broad, initial consultation drawings were available and whether a fully defined specification ever existed, given numerous recent changes. In responding, the Service Director Infrastructure explained that the project began as a conceptual bid and that detailed technical specifications and designs were developed later, with amendments made due to engineering

complications encountered on site. The need to clarify the reasons for changes between the original concept and the final scheme was highlighted.

- The complexity of the location due to numerous underground utilities was explained and how they could only be fully understood after in-depth ground investigations. Had a more fully formed bid application been submitted, this would have ensured that funding was secured to do significant ground investigations to ensure that the risks were fully understood and were mitigated throughout the design process.
- The fire authority were deeply concerned regarding the negative impact of the new road layout on emergency response times, which was putting lives, properties and businesses at risk. Whilst temporary remedial measures had been suggested, disappointment was voiced at the lack of consultation to date. In responding, the Executive Manager – Technical Services commented that he had been liaising with the operational leads at the fire authority and it was planned to hold a meeting with all emergency services (Fire, Ambulance and Police) to collectively understand the impact that the project may or may not have had. It was suggested that if a Task and Finish Group were to be established, a representative from the fire service be invited to attend as a witness.
- Regarding consultation with Shrewsbury Town Council, Councillor Rob Wilson (Portfolio Holder for Transport and Economic Growth, Leader of Shrewsbury Town Council and Shropshire Council's representative on the Big Town Plan Partnership) explained that this should have taken place through the Big Town Plan Partnership and that whilst concerns had been raised by Shrewsbury Town Council, it was felt that they were not heard loudly enough. It was noted that Councillor Potter had received correspondence from both the Chairman of the Big Town Plan Partnership and Councillor Alan Mosley, former Leader of Shrewsbury Town Council, raising their concerns and that he would be making contact with them. It was suggested that a review of the Big Town Plan was needed.
- The timing, adequacy and effectiveness of stakeholder engagement, particularly with Active Travel England, was highlighted as it was felt that consultation with active travel users occurred late in the process, potentially impacting the quality of information provided to inform the scheme's design.
- How the scheme was designed to be included within the Shrewsbury Moves Strategy was felt to be an important consideration that needed to be addressed.
- There were improvements in journey times following the initial optimisation of traffic signals in October, but concerns had been renewed with the situation having been particularly bad during the last couple of weeks.
- The traffic light sequencing would be re-visited following comments that there was potential to improve traffic flow on Castle Foregate. Specifically, it was noted that when traffic turns left from Smithfield Road into Chester Street, there are periods when no other vehicles are moving.
- The Council's relationship with technical consultants WSP, the Council's reliance on external expertise and whether there was sufficient in-house technical expertise to challenge and oversee contracts was discussed.
- Whether the Local Transport Plan 4 (LTP 4) could be considered as part of the committee's work programme.

- The importance of not only identifying risks but also quantifying and understanding their severity and potential impact was emphasised to enable informed decision making.
- The importance of robust partnership working was discussed, particularly with Transport for Wales and issues regarding car park management at the front of the railway station.
- The need for an independent safety review, particularly regarding the “floating bus stop” and the overall safety of the new arrangements for all road users, was emphasised.
- Whether a Task and Finish Group could examine the procurement process, timeline of the project, the final contract and the extent of Cabinet Member involvement.
- Regarding learning and future projects, there was a desire to ensure that lessons learnt were captured and applied to both future initiatives and to existing schemes currently in operation.

RESOLVED:

1. That the Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee consider this report and identifies specific areas of focus that it may want to explore in more detail; the outcomes of which will be included in a future report. The Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee will establish a rapid Task and Finish Group before the end of November in order to report to Cabinet on 3rd December 2025.
2. The Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee recommends that the Service Director Infrastructure, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Transport and Economic Growth considers the commissioning of an independent safety audit review of the current proposals to provide assurance that associated risks, such as congestion and emergency access are robustly addressed.
3. That Cabinet be asked to review the Council’s Strategic Partnerships.
4. That the lessons learned from this process are applied not only to future initiatives but also to existing schemes currently in operation, to ensure robust governance and prevent similar issues from arising. This approach will help to strengthen oversight and promote best practice across all ongoing programmes.

29 Sports Village Development

The Portfolio Holder for Housing and Leisure introduced the report which presented proposals for the transformation of the Shrewsbury Sports Village. It was proposed to develop a major extension containing a range of swimming, health and fitness facilities that would appeal to a wider range of users and so better meet the needs of Shropshire residents. It was explained that the transformation would make the Sports Village more financially and environmentally sustainable.

The Senior Project Management Officer explained that it was recommended that the proposals within the report be taken to Cabinet on 21st January 2026 and Council on 26th February 2026 for a final decision on whether to proceed with the proposed recommendations to borrow and develop the Sports Village. A PowerPoint presentation outlining the proposals was presented to the committee.

In responding to questions, committee discussion and comments covered:

- The project is using a design and build approach, meaning a single contractor is responsible for both designing and building the facility. This ensures that the scope of the project is fixed and able to be built within the allocated budget. Price certainty i.e. final costs of all itemised elements of the construction was due to be received from the contractor in three weeks time and whilst commercially confidential, could be shared with the committee, although it was not for publication.
- Once the elements specified in the project requirements are formally agreed by Council, they become mandatory and cannot be added to or deleted without further Council approval, ensuring the project scope remains fixed. Regarding cost control variations, it was expected that these decisions would be delegated to the Service Director and Executive Director (Section 151 Officer) in consultation with the Portfolio Holder.
- Having gone out to the market, Pellikaan Construction were the preferred supplier. They were experienced in leisure projects and had a reputation for producing high quality designs. Having also been the contractor and designer for Whitchurch Swimming & Fitness Centre, they had completed this project under budget and ahead of schedule.
- Once the final costs had been submitted from the contractor, an independent benchmarking exercise would be undertaken whereby the cost submissions would be tested to ensure the Council was getting value for money.
- Several estimates had been undertaken regarding footfall, including the Sports England database to estimate social value and they had estimated a footfall of 50,000 users. The modelling associated with footfall included all the competitors in the area and the competitor analysis would be shared with the committee.
- The primary factor influencing the success of large leisure facilities is the availability of parking. Facilities with ample parking and modern amenities tend to attract more users.
- The comparison of gas vs electric heating options report that had been completed for the Whitchurch Pool project would be shared with the committee.
- The advantages of implementing a biochar-based energy system as opposed to traditional solutions such as solar panels and air source heat pumps was highlighted and it was commented that the biochar option should be seriously considered as a superior option to the current proposals.
- Regarding liabilities and penalties built into the contract, the Senior Project Management Officer explained that he was confident with the contractor, Pellikaan UK Ltd, which was a subsidy of Pellikaan, a Dutch family run company that specialised in only delivering leisure centres. Financial checks had been undertaken to ensure that they were financially stable and there would be a parent company guarantee from Holland to oversee Pellikaan in

terms of their performance. Both the main contractor and major subcontractors would be required to sign up to collateral warranties for all aspects of their construction.

- Concern was expressed about progressing with the proposed project at the current time when the Council was in a very difficult financial position and what this would look like to the public. It was commented that despite the appeal and merits of the project, this was not the appropriate time to proceed.
- Shrewsbury Town Council had been engaged with regarding the proposals and had been involved in the consultation exercise. In addition, a meeting had recently been held with Councillor Wagner and a meeting was also scheduled to take place with Shrewsbury Town Council's clerk to discuss swimming provision in the town and possible partnership options.
- Regarding the revenue costs, the Executive Director (Section 151 Officer) explained that the costs of providing swimming provision in Shrewsbury through a new facility would be less expensive than current arrangements, with savings sufficient to offset the borrowing costs required for the project.
- The importance of investing in the prevention agenda was emphasised as was the need to view leisure provision not solely as a leisure service but as integral to the long term wellbeing and support of residents, especially in the context of an ageing population.
- It was confirmed that the costs provided by Pellikaan would include an allowance for inflation and that any inflationary risk beyond this point would be borne by them, who would incur any resulting losses.
- Inflation in building costs was currently around 5% per year and if the proposed project were to be postponed, such increases would negatively impact the financial viability of the scheme. For example, if the project were to be revisited in a year, with a reduced budget, it would likely no longer include a competition pool.
- Regarding whether existing unprofitable leisure services would be discontinued to reduce costs, or if it was intended to continue subsidising them, the Service Director Commissioning explained that a conversation and decision was needed on The Quarry Swimming & Fitness Centre. The Chairman explained that conversations regarding The Quarry Swimming & Fitness Centre had occurred repeatedly over the past years and it was commented that decisions regarding the future of existing facilities and investment in new facilities were closely linked and must surely be considered together.
- It was essential that information regarding the net impact on the effect of the 2024/25 and 2025/26 revenue budget be provided to understand what the impact would be on taking the proposed project forward.
- The Executive Director (Section 151 Officer) confirmed that the proposals as presented were financially viable, regardless of whether all funds were immediately available or strategically built in for the future.

RESOLVED:

That the Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee endorse the proposals within the report which will be taken to Cabinet on 21 January 2026 and Council on 26th February 2026 for a final decision on whether to proceed with the proposed recommendations to borrow and develop the Sports Village. This

endorsement was on the provision that information regarding the net impact on the effect of the 2024/25 and 2025/26 revenue budget be included within the reports.

30 Developer Contributions Task and Finish Group

The Planned Policy and Strategy Manager was in attendance remotely to provide a verbal update on the progress of the implementation of recommendations from the previous year's Developer Contributions Task and Finish Group. A PowerPoint presentation was presented to the committee detailing the recommendations along with the actions undertaken / underway and the timeframe. Issues such as the review of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) charging schedule, preparation of a supplementary planning document and ongoing work to align infrastructure funding with the new local plan was covered.

In responding to questions, committee discussion and comments covered:

- The evidence base for the CIL charging schedule is independently examined. In Shropshire, CIL is currently only levied on open market housing development, not on affordable housing. The evidence based behind that takes into account the cost of development and the process involves commissioning external experts due to its complexity and specialist area. Whoever is commissioned to do this work will directly engage with developers to ensure realistic assessments with the aim of striking a balance so that CIL covered the infrastructure impact of new developments without making projects financially unviable.
- A question was asked on the distinction between capital and revenue funds and whether either could be used to help fund non-statutory services over the long term. The Chairman acknowledged the question and stated that it would be addressed in the work of the newly formed CIL Task and Finish Group.
- A question was asked regarding issues if, over time, the original commitments made to communities, such as Section 106 agreements and CIL allocations, are not honoured due to changing rules. The Chairman acknowledged the question and stated that it would be addressed in the work of the newly formed CIL Task and Finish Group.

The agenda item was noted, with no vote required.

31 Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme

The committee reviewed and noted its draft work programme and were reminded that it was a live, working document. It was commented that they were dealing with numerous issues that were coming forward from Cabinet, as well as unexpected matters such as the station gyratory.

The Chairman asked members to contact the Overview and Scrutiny Officer or himself if they wished to propose additional items for the work programme. These would then be considered and discussed at future reviews.

32 Exclusion of Press and Public

RESOLVED:

That, in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and Paragraph 10.4 (3) of the Council's Access to Information Procedure Rules, the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items.

33 Exempt Minutes of the Previous Meeting

RESOLVED:

That the exempt minutes of the Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 15th September 2025 be approved as a correct record.

34 Leisure Service Contract Retendering

The committee considered the exempt report and update on the background to the procurement of a replacement contract to operate Shropshire Council Leisure centres, commencing when the current contract expires in July 2027.

35 Date/Time of Next Meeting of the Committee

It was noted that the next meeting of the Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee was scheduled to be held on Thursday, 29th January 2026 commencing at 2.00 p.m.

Signed (Chairman)

Date:

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Committee and Date

Economy and Environment

29th January 2026

Item

Public



Community Safety Partnership Annual Report 2024/25

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Cabinet Member (Portfolio Holder): Bernie Bentick

1. Synopsis

1.1 This report fulfils the Community Safety Partnerships statutory duty to produce a needs assessment and its duty for committee to review and scrutinise decisions made and actions undertaken by the Responsible Authorities for Community Safety in Shropshire. The report outlines the key actions and achievements realised by Shropshire's Community Safety Partnership during the 2024-25 period. It also provides an overview of the strategic plans and priorities that are currently being developed for the forthcoming year, 2025-26.

2. Executive Summary

2.1 The Community Safety Partnerships (CSP) Annual Report provides an opportunity to review the delivery against our priorities and consider how agencies have worked together to keep the people of Shropshire safe.

2.2 The report provides an opportunity to feedback to the public and partners on the decisions that have been made and actions taken by the Responsible Authorities for Community Safety.

2.3 The Community Safety Priorities for the period covered in this report are:

- Reducing reoffending
- Drug and alcohol misuse
- Tackling hate crime, community tensions and extremism
- Domestic abuse
- Violence reduction
- Tackling Anti-social behaviour

2.4 This year has been the beginning of a transition for the Community Safety Partnership in Shropshire. In July 2024 the Partnership had its Board separated from being a joined one with Adults and Children's Safeguarding. Sub-groups were then established to deliver specific pieces of work that focused on the agreed priorities. Whilst this was a year of change, there were several achievements to be celebrated:

2.5 There was a 9.3% reduction in all crime seen across Shropshire, violence with injury crime saw a decrease of 12.7%, serious violence by 4.3%, hate crime 5.5%, anti-social behaviour 9.7% and domestic abuse offences 16.5% (domestic abuse incidents saw a reduction of 8.3%).

2.6 A local Action Plan with five priority areas based on the Counter Terrorism Local profile was developed and monitored by the Prevent Board. There was a particular focus on education and awareness raising of the risks posed. Prevent Training was rolled out to all schools. In March 2025 an updated Counter Terrorism Local Profile was presented to local partners which allows them to understand local risk and revisit the Action Plan accordingly.

2.7 The Serious Violence Duty was embedded within Shropshire, with a West Mercia wide definition of serious violence and a strategy developed. Shropshire's CSP along with other regional partners part funded two projects and in addition funded a third locally to support young people and prevent them from becoming involved in serious violence. These projects were successful in their aims and have been recommissioned for a second year.

2.8 To help tackle anti-social behaviour and other community cohesion problems, locality meetings were set up in 5 market towns in Shropshire. These were multi-agency meetings where professionals could come together and discuss concerns about people, places and problems so they could address these collectively.

2.9 Schools were offered hate crime sessions by a Youth Engagement Officer and a process for reporting hate incidents was determined and monitored by the Education Inclusion Service. Updates were also made to the SSCP website to ensure that there was up to date resources and information for people with concerns about hate crime [Hate Crime and Mate Crime — Shropshire Safeguarding Community Partnership.](#)

2.10 A Domestic Abuse Needs Assessment was undertaken and this will form the basis of the Domestic Abuse Strategy. Likewise, based on the Needs Assessment previously undertaken there is a Drug and Alcohol comprehensive Action Plan that local partners are working together to achieve.

2.11 An independent diagnostic review of case reviews in Shropshire was positive about the processes in place for Domestic Homicide Reviews and those who oversee these.

2.12 One Domestic Homicide Review was fully published in this period and the learning from another was also published. Two reviews were sent to the Home Office Quality Assurance Panel. Work was on going with two Domestic Homicide Reviews which had been referred to the Partnership in the previous year and we received one further referral.

2.13 The Community Safety Partnership received six referrals for Anti-social Behaviour Case Reviews during the year. Four of these requests did not progress to review. Of the two that did, action plans were developed and monitored. All referrals related to concerns about the behaviour of neighbours.

2.14 As we horizon scan for 2025-26 it is necessary to plan for the potential requirement to implement Offensive Weapon Homicide Reviews (currently being piloted in some parts of England and Wales). It is also important to ensure that learning from case reviews is fully embedded into practice and therefore new and innovative approaches are required to support this.

2.15 As the new Board structure is in place and new priorities are set for the coming years (2025-2028) it is important to examine the requirements that will be needed to support the CSP moving forward.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1. That the committee considers and notes the content of the report.
- 3.2. That the committee consider priorities proposed for 2025 - 2028 and how these will positively impact the lives of residents in Shropshire.

Report

4. Risk Assessment and Opportunities Appraisal

- 4.1. Supporting the CSP functions within the Business Unit – in order to successfully achieve the priority outcomes of the CSP there needs to be appropriate support for the Community Safety Partnership and its statutory functions. This role is currently shared between the Business Manager and a Development Officer in the Business Unit who also supports Adult Safeguarding. These arrangements are under review to consider suitable resourcing and funding from partners across the partnership to discharge the statutory duties, with additional funding being sought.
- 4.2. Implementation of Offensive Weapon Homicide Reviews - Statutory Case Reviews are labour intensive for the Business Unit but also for partners that are involved. Agencies will need to prepare for the demands of these reviews once implemented. As yet it is unknown if there will be any Government funding attached to the implementation.

<i>Risk</i>	<i>Mitigation</i>
Supporting the CSP functions	The SSCP is funded through a multi-agency budget detailed within the annual report.
Implementation of Offensive Weapon Homicide Reviews.	Process is in place to ensure consistent implementation, and this will be reviewed by the partnership to examine the impact of the reviews and identified learning.

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1. The Community Safety Partnership is funded through a multi-agency budget, to which the local authority contributes. In addition, there is grant funding through the Police and Crime Commissioners Office and additional grant funding for implementation of newly introduced statutory duties such as the Serious Violence Duty.
- 5.2. It is not known what the grant funding for 2025/26 will be from the Police and Crime Commissioner for Shropshire or if there will be continued grant funding for the Serious Violence Duty.

6. Background

- 6.1 The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 made it a requirement for there to be a Community Safety Partnership in place to tackle crime and disorder in local areas. Its duties included conducting strategic assessments of local need, creating a strategy to reduce crime and disorder (which should address anti-social behaviour, substance misuse and reoffending) and reporting on its progress.

6.2 Legislative updates and changes since 1998 mean that there are an abundance of statutory duties that the Community Safety Partnership are required to fulfil, these include:

- Annual Strategic Assessment and publication of Strategies
- Tackling anti-social behaviour
- Alignment with PCC Crime objectives
- Serious Violence Duty
- Multi-agency data sharing and analysis
- Domestic Abuse Act: Comprehensive support for victims, co-ordination of Multi-agency Risk Assessment Conferences, Community Awareness and Training
- Prevent Duty
- Targeting Organised crime and child exploitation
- Community engagement
- Domestic Homicide Reviews
- Reducing crime and disorder
- Tackling drugs and alcohol misuse

7. Additional Information

- 7.1 [shropshire-safeguarding-community-partnership-annual-report-2023-2024.pdf](#)
- 7.2 [Community Safety Practice — Shropshire Safeguarding Community Partnership](#)

8. Conclusions

- 8.1 2024/25 has been a year of change for the Community Safety Partnership, whilst change can be unsettling, partners have strived to continue to drive forward activity and meet statutory duties.
- 8.2 As we move into 2025 and beyond the Community Safety Partnership has an operating model to ensure accountability and scrutiny in order for it to achieve its priority outcomes.
- 8.3 Each of the priorities for 2025 - 2028 were chosen based on local intelligence and data.

Appendices

- Appendix A Shropshire CSP Annual Report 2024/25
- Appendix B CSP Strategy

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Shropshire Safeguarding Community Partnership

Community Safety Partnership Annual Report

2024-25



A few words from the Chair...

This has been a year of change for the Community Safety Partnership, July saw a move to us having a distinct Board for oversight and scrutiny of Community Safety Practice and subgroups for operational delivery. As well as this transition there were key achievements by the Partnerships which included:

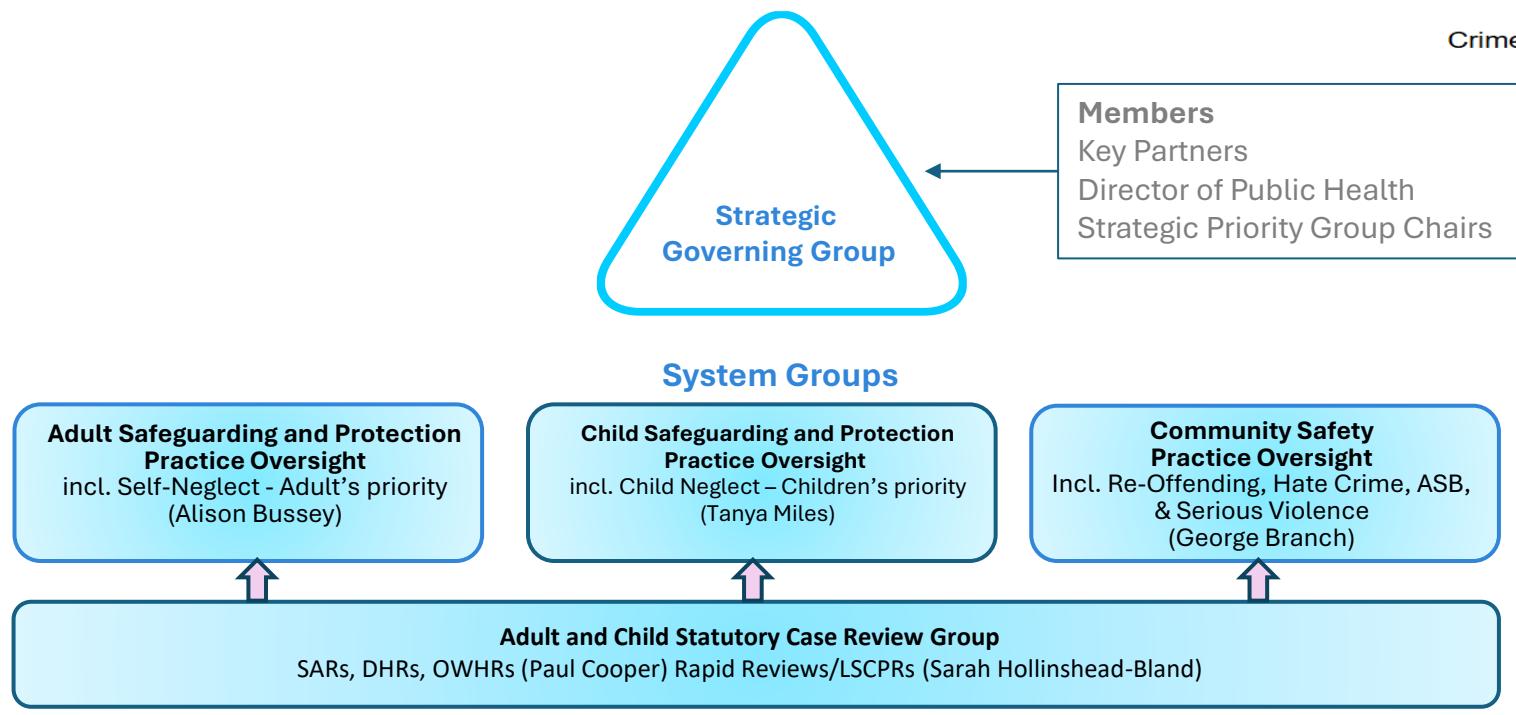
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- The implementation of the Serious Violence Strategy and resourcing three projects aimed at young people to prevent/ decrease serious violence
- Locality meetings were set up in locations in Shropshire which met monthly, aiming to problem solve local concerns such as anti-social behaviour
- All schools we offered hate crime sessions delivered by a youth engagement worker
- A domestic abuse needs assessment was undertaken

Using the new model of the Community Safety Partnership a workshop was held in February 2025 to explore its future priorities. As the outgoing chair it has been a pleasure to see the achievements to date, and I look forward to working with the new chair of the Community Safety Partnership and colleagues on future priorities.



George Branch



Shropshire People
affected by abuse and crime



Adult's Workforce



Children's Workforce



Community Safety
Workforce



Members of the Public



Safeguarding Executive Group
(oversight, cross cutting priorities,
assurance)
Bi-annual meetings



CSP Priorities 2024-25

Reduce reoffending

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Drug and alcohol misuse

**Tackling Hate Crime Community Tension and extremism
(Prevent and Channel)**

Domestic abuse

Violence reduction

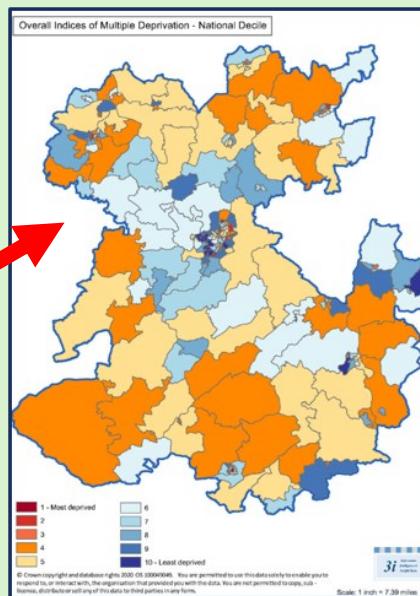
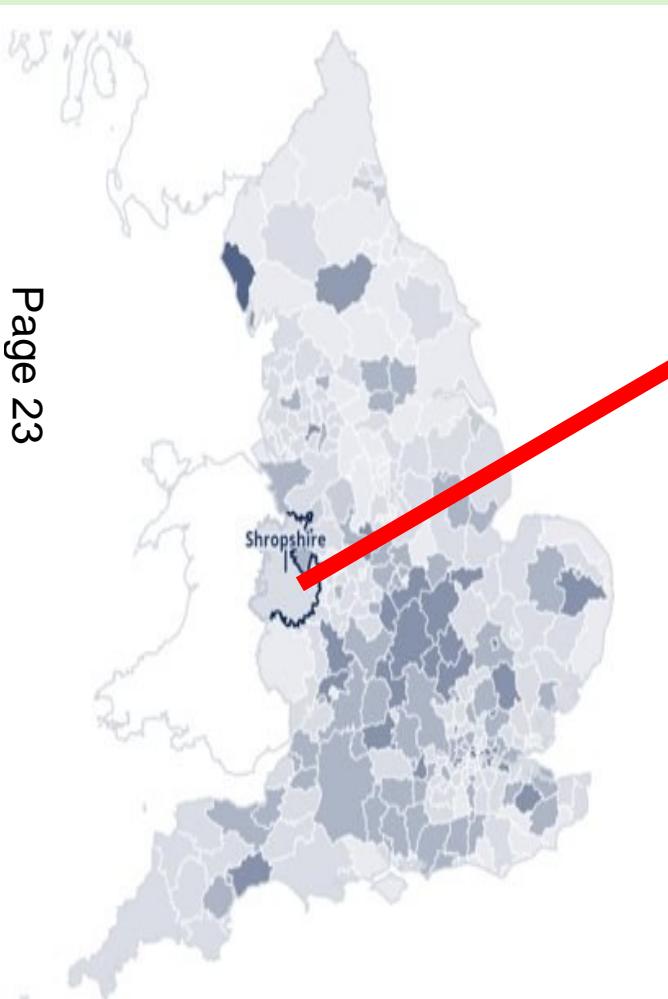
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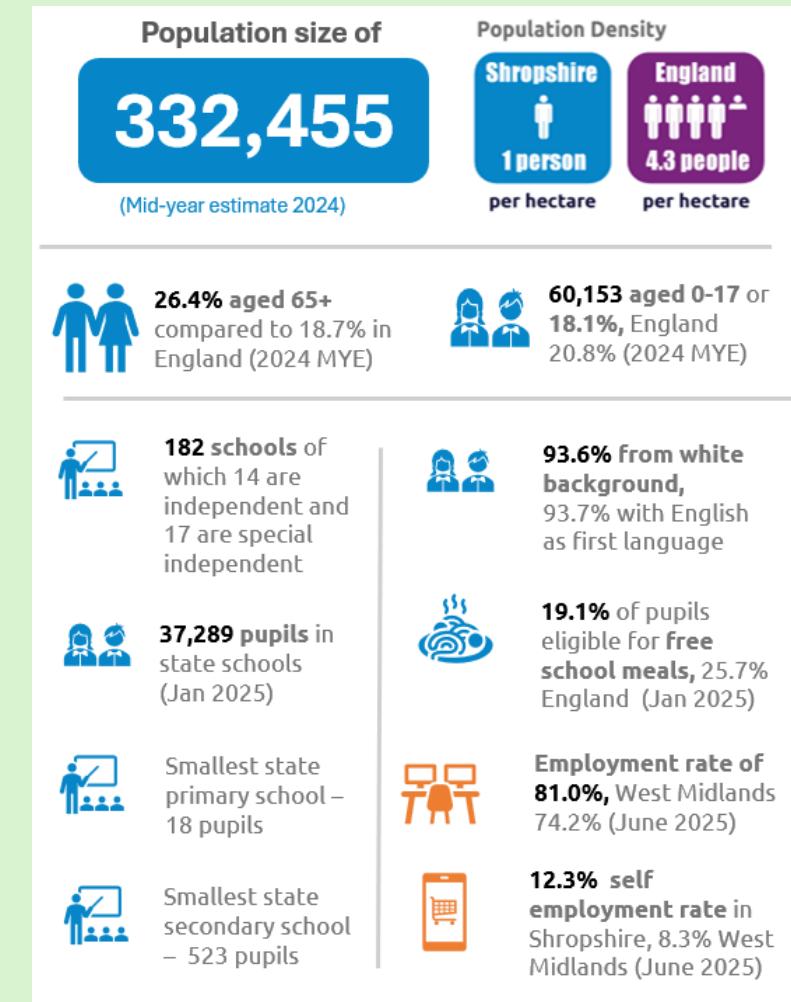
A bit about Shropshire

2nd largest Inland Council in England

1,235 square miles



Overall deprivation is low. Two areas fall into the 10% most deprived deciles nationally, one falling within Harlescott Electoral Division and one in Monkmoor, both in Shrewsbury.



Introduction

The purpose of these slides is to provide a high-level overview of key data insights and findings relating to the priorities of the Community Safety Partnership in the 2024/25 financial year.

These insights will support the review and development of the Community Safety Partnership's priorities, identify gaps in data and insights and inform evidence-based decision making.

The Community Safety Partnership priority areas for 2024/25 are:

1. Tackling ASB;
2. Tackling Hate Crime Community Tensions and Extremism (Prevent & Channel)
3. Reduce Re-offending
4. Violence Reduction
5. Domestic abuse
6. Drugs and alcohol misuse

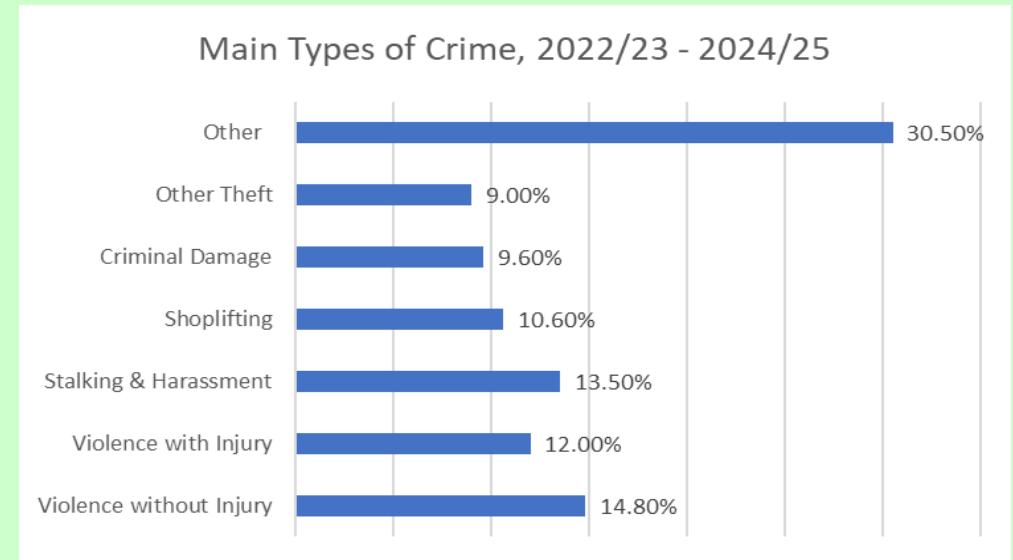
Total Crime

- There has been a downward trend for all crime in Shropshire in the three years to 2024/25.
- 16,508 crimes were recorded in the 2024/25 financial year, down from 18,208 the previous year. This represents a 9.3% reduction.
- The data shows an upturn in the final month of the year, with crimes rising to 1,386 from 1,216 in February. The number of crimes recorded in March 2025 was comparable to the number recorded in March 2024 (1,379).

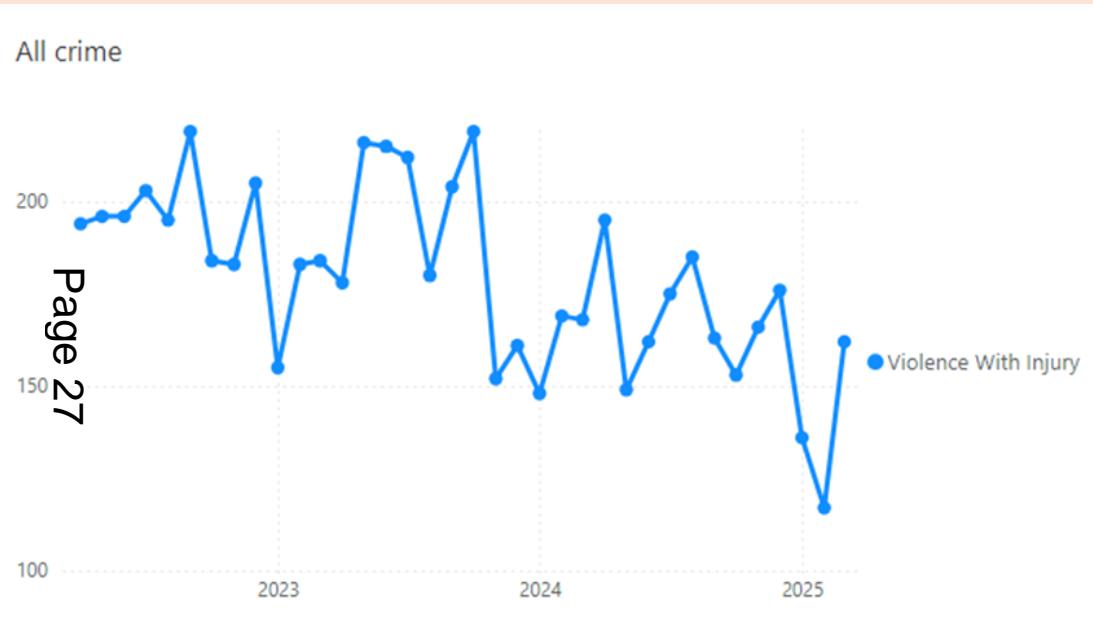


Total Crime

- Violence without injury is the most commonly recorded type of crime in Shropshire, accounting for 14.8% of all incidents over the 2022/23 to 2024/25 three-year period.
- Stalking and harassment ranked second (13.5% of all crime) ahead of violence with injury (12.0%).
- Making up the top six most common crimes are shoplifting, criminal damage and other theft.
- Most types of crime have reduced over the last year, including the six most common (violence without injury: -6%; stalking & harassment: -2%; violence with injury: -13%; shoplifting: -18%; criminal damage: -6%; other theft: -12%).
- Crimes which have become more prevalent over the last year include bicycle theft (+66%), other sexual offences (+5%), race or religious aggravating public fear (+23%), trafficking of drugs (+35%). Aggravated vehicle taking, death or serious injury by unlawful driving and robbery of business premises have also increased, albeit from very low bases.



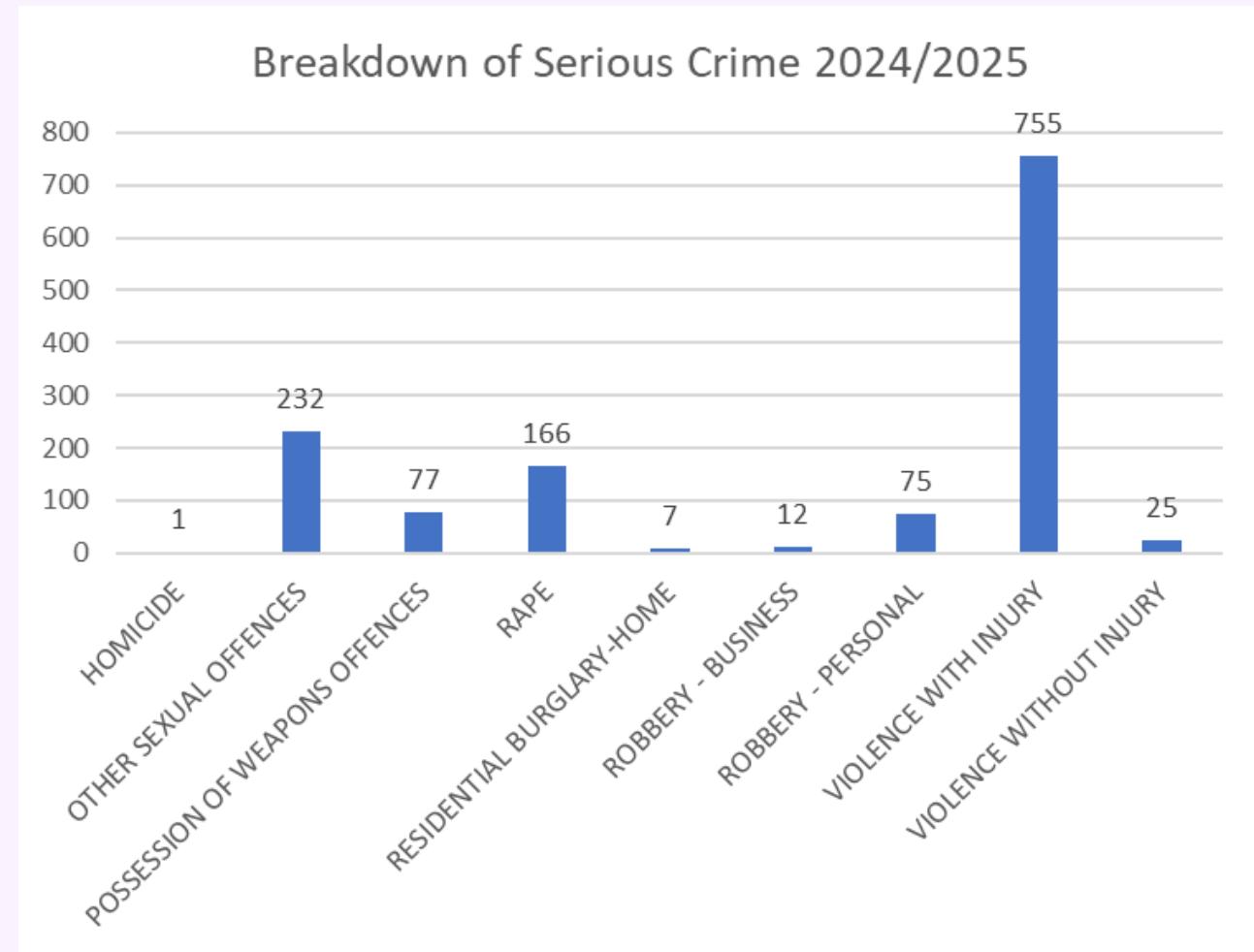
Violence with injury



- There has been a downward trend for violence with injury in Shropshire in the three years to 2024/25.
- 1,939 crimes were recorded in the 2024/25 financial year, down from 2,222 the previous year. This represents a 12.7% reduction. The incidence of violent crimes with injury has fallen at a slightly faster rate than overall crime in the 2024/25 financial year.
- The data shows an upturn in the final month of the year, with crimes rising to 162 from 117 in February. The number of crimes recorded in March 2025 was comparable to the number recorded in March 2024 (168).

Serious violence

- The number of serious violence crimes has fallen in each of the last two years, declining by 8.6% in 2023/24 compared with 2022/23 and by 4.3% in 2024/25 against the previous year. The number of offences stood at 1,350 in 2024/25.
- The highest number of offences relate to violence with injury at 755 incidents equating with 55.9% of the total.
- Rape and other sexual offences also account for a significant share of serious violence.



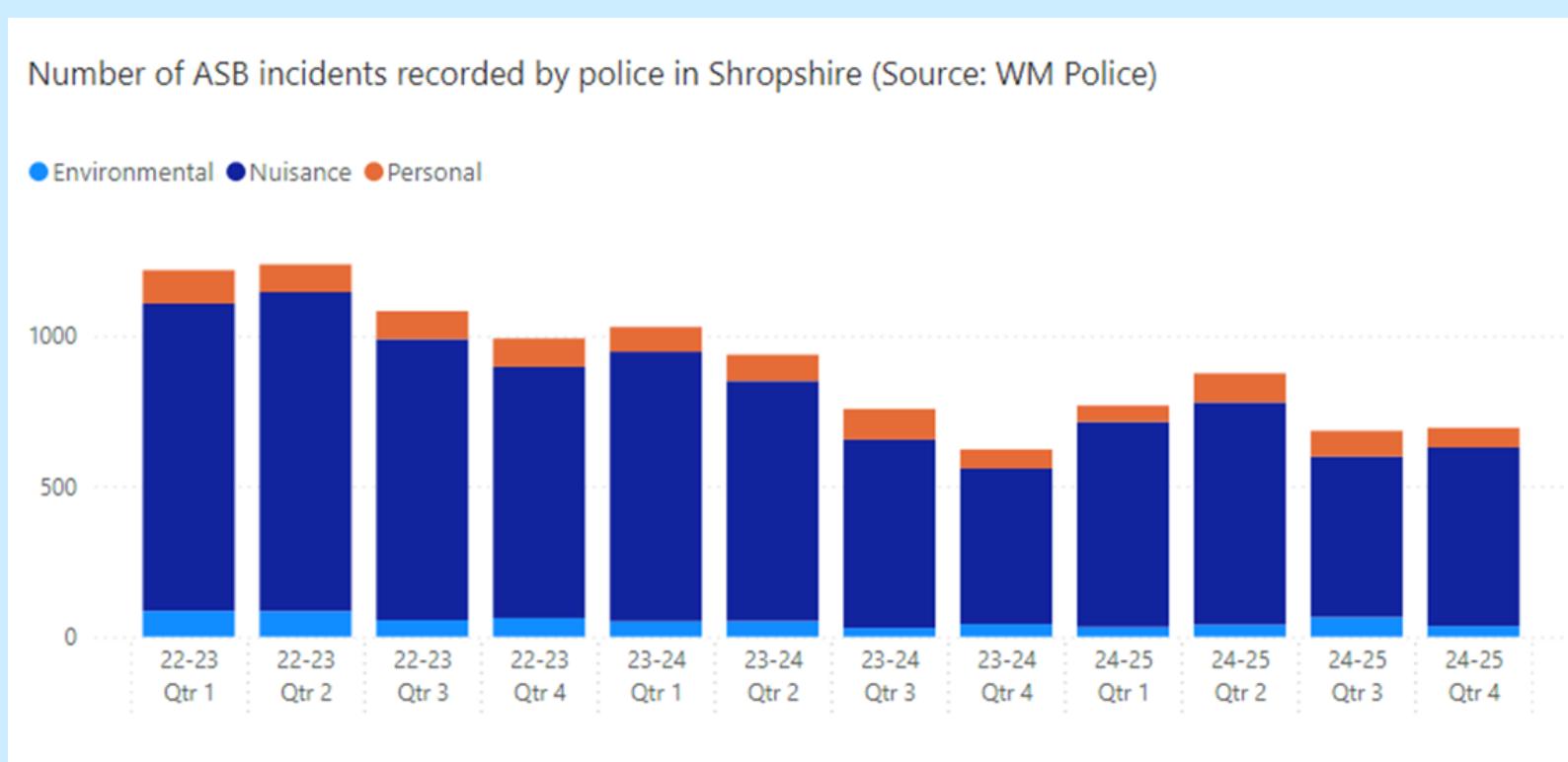
Hate crime

- Over the three years to 2024/25, the average number of hate crimes recorded per month in Shropshire has stood at 29.
- 312 hate crimes were recorded in the 2024/25 financial year, down from 330 the previous year. This represents a 5.5% reduction. The number of incidents of race or religion aggravating public fear has risen over this time frame (up by 23% to 95 crimes).

- Although the overall trend is downward, there has been an upturn in the last quarter. Between January and March 2025, 100 hate crimes were recorded, up from 62 in the previous quarter.



Anti-social Behaviour



- There has been a downward trend for anti-social behaviour incidents in the three years to 2024/25.
- 3,021 incidents were recorded in the 2024/25 financial year, down from 3,345 the previous year. This represents a 9.7% reduction.

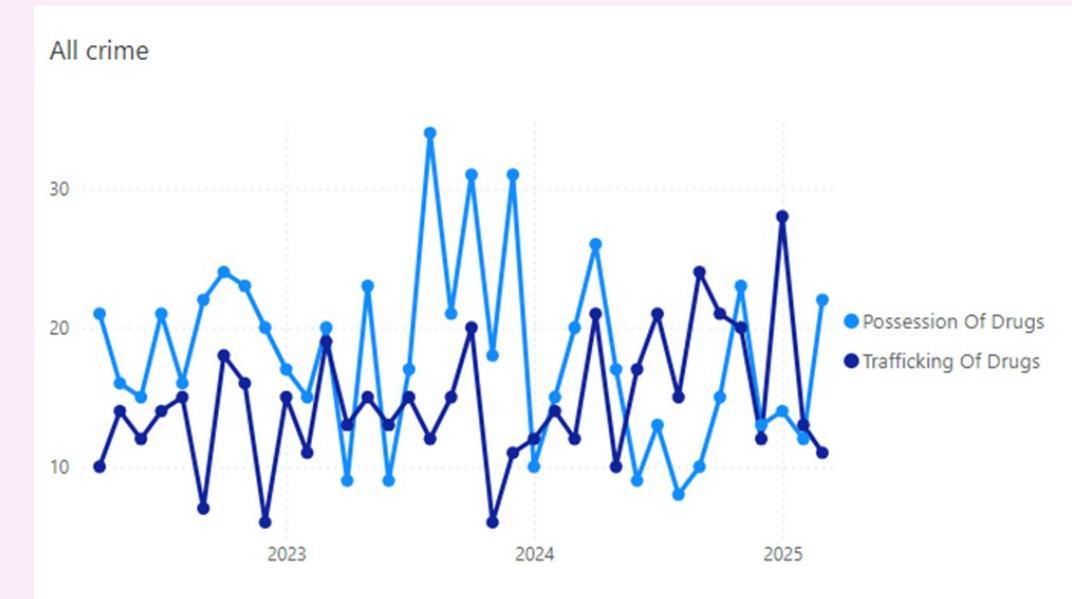
Nuisance incidents account for most records at 85.6% of the total in Quarter 4 2024/25

Drug-related Crime

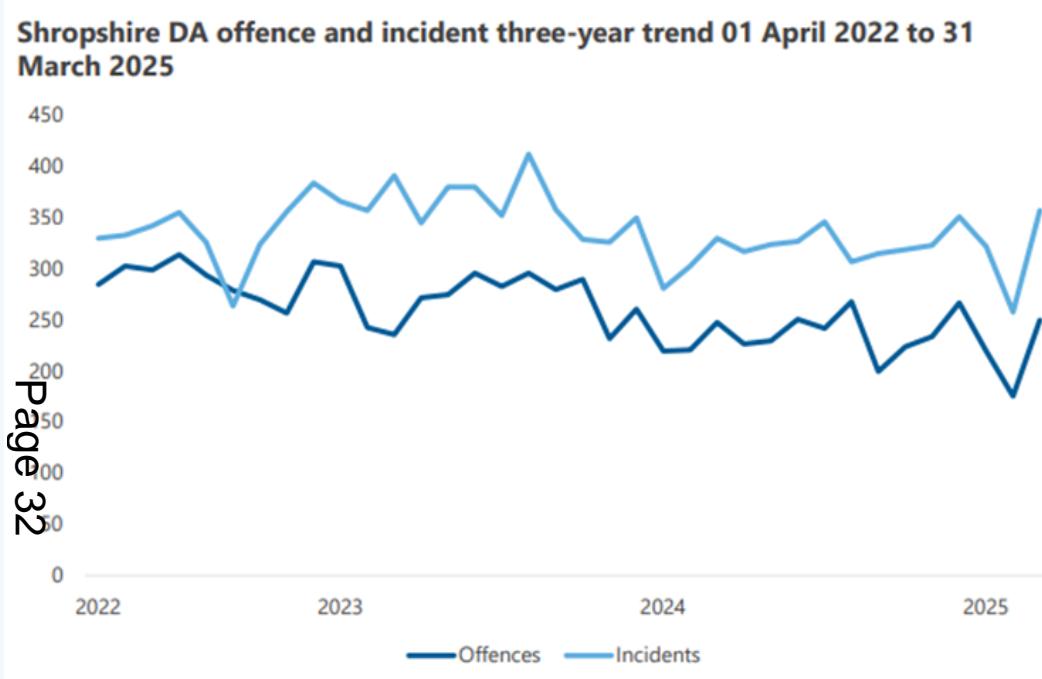
- Drug offences fluctuate significantly on a monthly basis, but annual totals have remained at a similar level over the last three years at 385 in 2024/25, 396 in 2023/24 and 387 in 2022/23.

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- In Q4 2024/25 there were 48 recorded drug possession offences and 52 drug trafficking offences. Drug trafficking offences were up 35% in 2024/25 compared with 2023/24 while possession of drugs offences were down by 24%.

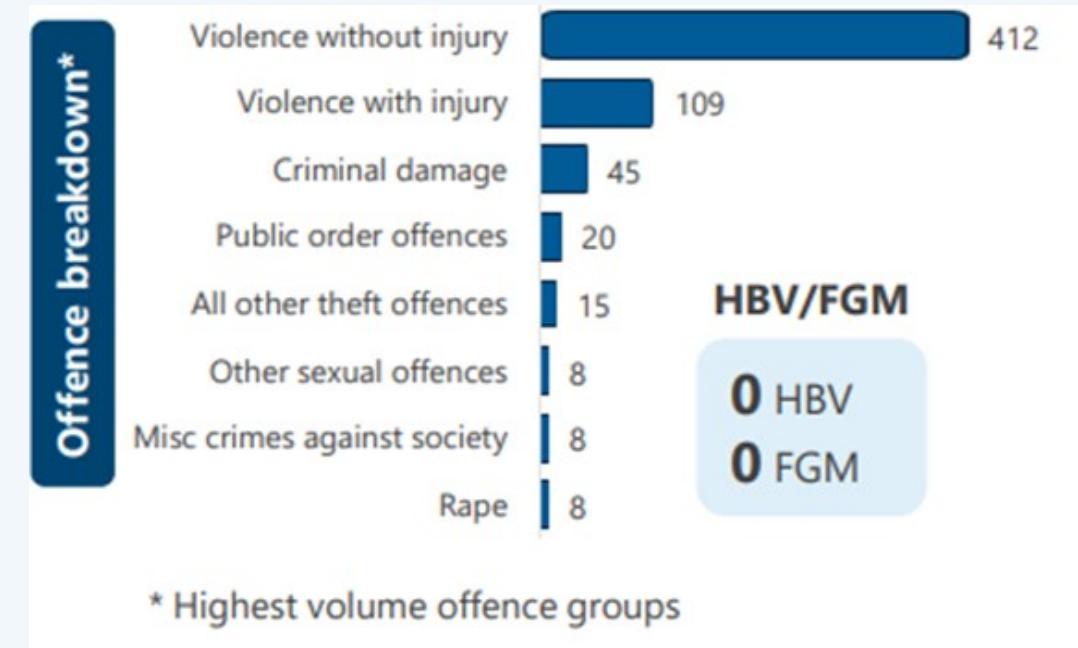


Domestic Abuse

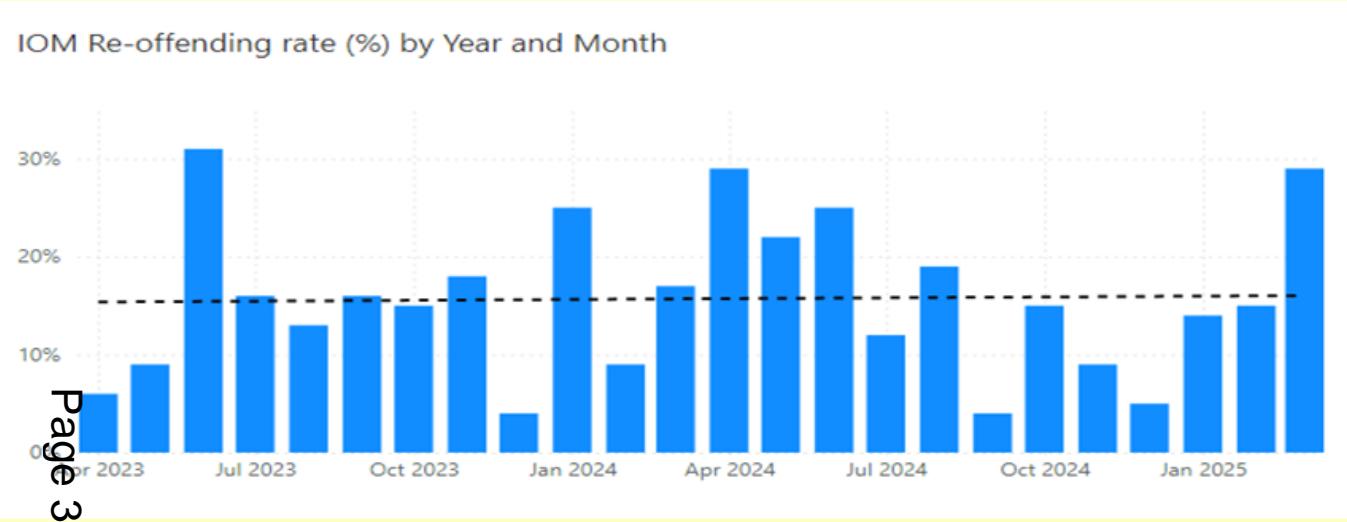


- Despite the overall downward trajectory, there was an upturn in both offences and incidents in March 2025.
- Most offences recorded are violence without injury – 412 offences in Q4 2024/24.

- The total number of domestic abuse offences recorded in 2024/25 was 2,625, which represents a reduction of 515 (-16.4%) compared with the previous year.
- Over the same period, the number of incidents was recorded at 3,932, which represents a reduction of 357 (-8.3%).

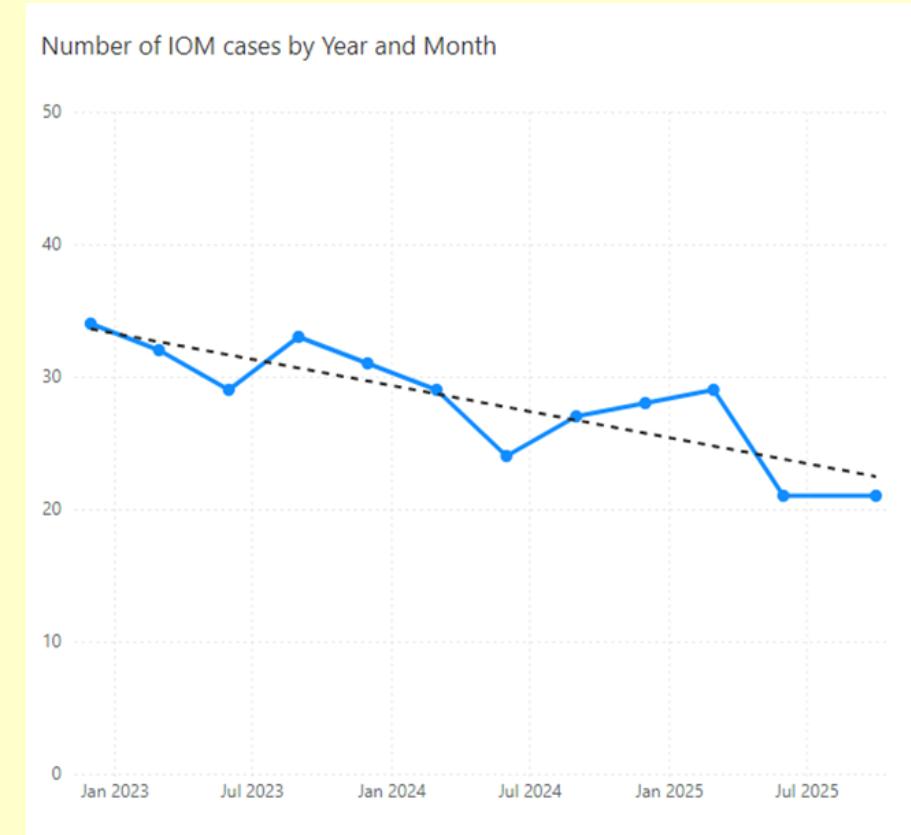


Integrated Offender Management Cases and Re-offending Rates



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- The number of IOMs cases in 2024/25 was 108, which represents a decline of 14 from 122 in 2023/24.
- Reoffending rates fluctuate ranging from 4% to 31% over the last two years. The average across the 2023/24 to 2024/25 period was 16%, with two months in the most recent quarter (January and February) falling just below this average and one month (March) exceeding it by a notable margin.



CSP Funding

Contributor	2024/25 % of expected income	2024/25
Shropshire Council	61.62%	266,680
West Mercia Police	14.68%	63,543
Integrated Care Board	22.28%	96,420
West Mercia Youth Justice Board	0.51%	2,190
Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service	0.71%	3,070
Probation Service	0.20%	869.33
TOTAL		432,772.33

The budget which funds the CSP is shared with the Adult and Children's Safeguarding Boards. Other sources of income to that budget are:

- Local colleges
- Dedicated school grants

The CSP also has its own grant funding from the Police and Crime Commissioner, for 2024/25 this included £25,600.22 for a local project aimed at reducing serious violence



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What has been achieved?



Prevent and Channel Panel

Prevent plays a crucial role in safeguarding the public against the threat of terrorism. Multiagency Channel meetings are a key component of Prevent, serving as an essential tool for early intervention to stop individuals of all ages from being drawn into terrorist activities.

Nationally, in the year ending 31 March 2025, there were 8,778 referrals to Prevent, marking a significant 27% increase compared to the year ending March 2024 and representing the highest number recorded since monitoring began in 2015. Additionally, a record 1,472 referrals were accepted as Channel cases during the year ending March 2025.

Prevent – 8,778 Referrals – 27% increase

Additional 1,472 Channel cases



Local Action Plan

The local Prevent Board have an Action Plan which have five priorities based on Counter Terrorism Local Profile. This Action Plan is monitored by the Prevent Board.

The focus of the action plan is education and awareness raising of the risks posed. As a result of this Prevent training was rolled out to all schools.

In March of 2025 there was an updated Counter Terrorism Local Profile which allows partners to understand the local risks and revisit the Action Plan accordingly.



Serious Violence Duty

The Serious Violence Duty West Mercia wide strategy was published – this was the culmination of 5 CSP's strategic need assessments.

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It recognises that violence is a public health issue because living without fear of violence is a fundamental requirement for health and wellbeing and much of it can be prevented.

It's also a health issue because violence is a major cause of ill health and poor wellbeing and is strongly related to inequalities.

Current Shropshire Initiatives

Initiative	Who	Description	Referral pathway
P age 2	Climb Children	Targeted towards 11-17 year old juveniles in order to divert from criminality. Climb offers sports, dance, arts music and more. We work with young people who are missing school or college, starting to be reported as missing, or at risk of being drawn into criminal activity.	Referral from The Children's Society
	Steer Clear Children whom we hold intelligence for carrying, possessing or being associated with knife related crime (public or private premises)	An intelligence led project aimed at engaging with under 18s who are believed to be in some way connected to knife crime. Officers will work with their families or carers and refer them to the Get Safe scheme, run by Worcestershire County Council. From here, the children will be invited to monthly workshops held in the local community, in order to safeguard them and prevent criminal activity in the future	

New projects in Shropshire as a result of the Serious Violence Duty

Right Path and **Everyone's Invited** was a West Mercia Wide project led by West Mercia Women's Aid aimed at young people and their understanding of healthy relationships, below is some of the feedback from the project:

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"I will analyse people in a less sexist way"

Young Person's Prevention Programme survey findings

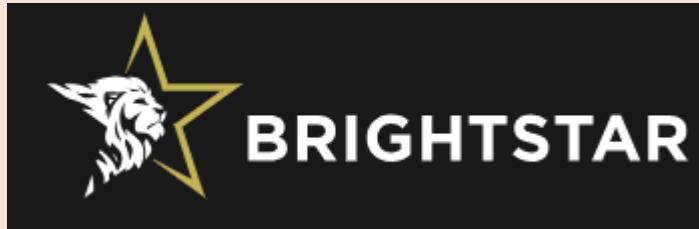
304 young people surveyed



"I liked how truthful it was, did not leave anything out"

"It helped me understand what a healthy relationship looks like"

Continued – New projects in Shropshire



BrightStar Boxing was aimed at empowering young people who were at risk of becoming involved in serious violence to understand there are other paths.

24 young people

“I didn’t know what I was doing before, now I feel my life has a purpose”

“I have a lot more control over my mental health, I still get anxious but I don’t let it control me”

“I would have described myself as antisocial before and I struggled to meet new people. Now I’m confident and happy for everyone to see the real me”

85.7% completion rate

“I’ve proved to myself I can be around great people and get on with them all, from the younger ones to the older ones, I feel like I’ve made real connections.”

Anti-social Behaviour



Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014

Locality meetings were set up in 5 market towns in Shropshire.

On a bi-monthly basis key partners would meet to discuss key issues in the area such as spikes in anti-social behaviour, hate crime and any community cohesion issues.

As well as intelligence sharing between partners, actions such as Community Protection Warnings and Notices could be issued more swiftly.

The Community Trigger Process was also updated and consulted on with the public.



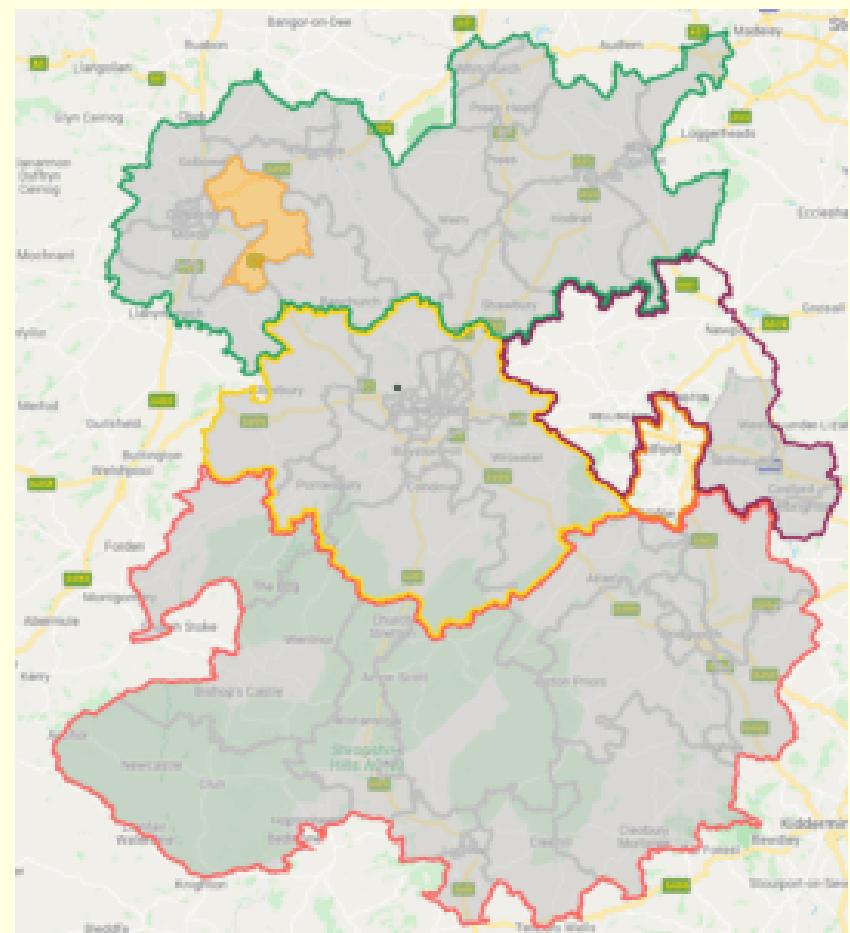
Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022

Schools



Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015

In addition to Prevent training being rolled out to all schools, schools were also offered hate crime sessions by a Youth Engagement Officer and a process for reporting hate incidents was determined and monitored by the Education Inclusion Service.



Hate Crime

In June 2024 Partners supported a review of the SSCP Website Hate Crime Page to ensure that the information was up to date and that there were resources available for those who visited the page which were useful and supportive. Resources include:

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The Tricky Friends Video
(translated into Ukrainian
and with British Sign
language)

Bolton Councils Hate
Crime/Mate Crime
Video

South Wales Police
See it, hear it, report it
video

Link and information to
Tru Vision – the national
police scheme to help
victims report hate crime



You can visit the web page here [Hate Crime and Mate Crime — Shropshire Safeguarding Community Partnership](#)

Assessments, Strategies, Data and Reducing Offending

A Domestic Abuse Needs Assessment was undertaken and this will form the basis of the DA Strategy.

There is a Drug and Alcohol Strategy which is based on a Needs Assessment that has been undertaken.

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We have a usable data set to inform next steps.

Integrated Offender Management (IOM) continues to be a successful programme in reducing reoffending.

Police, Crime , Sentencing and Courts Act 2022
Domestic Abuse Act 2021
Crime and Disorder Act 1998



Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHR) 2024 - 2025



Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004

Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHRs) are statutory reviews governed by Section 9 of the Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004. Their purpose is to find out what lessons are to be learnt from multiagency reviews and then to apply that learning to future practice.

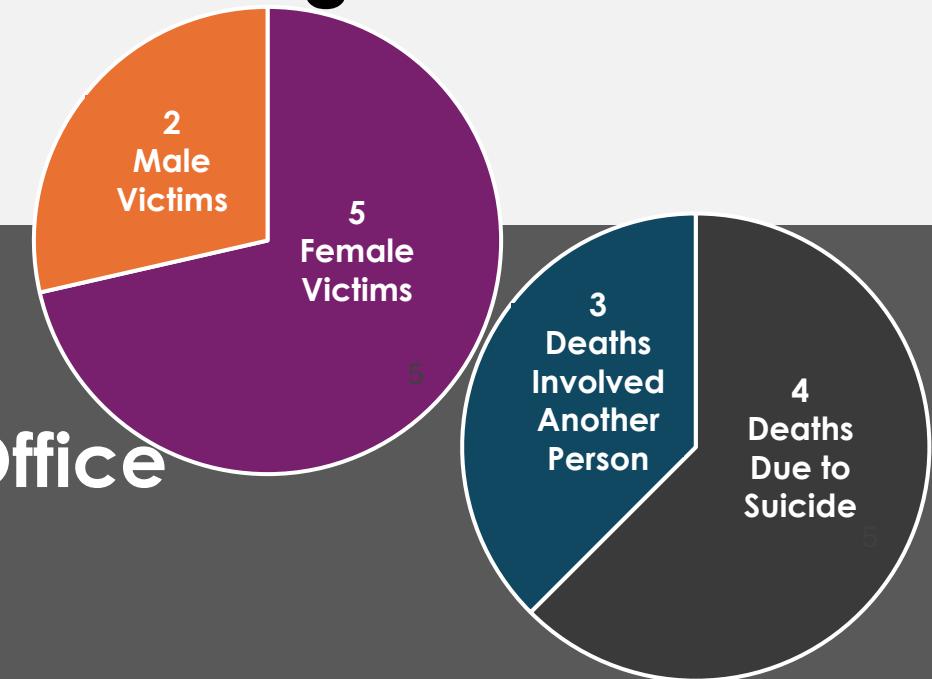
1 completed DHR - Published

1 DHR - Published learning

2 DHR's - Quality Assurance by Home Office

2 DHR's - ongoing

1 - DHR referral received



1. Mr. C

Mr C was 80 years old when he died as a result of a head injury sustained when his grandson had knocked him over two days earlier.

Following a Police investigation his Grandson pleaded guilty to manslaughter and was sentenced to 3 years in prison.

You can read the review [here](#).

2. Service knowledge

He was a very independent man who had a number of friends in the local community and was close to his family.

Mr C was known to his GP and local hospital. He had a number of health conditions that required regular check ups. He did not receive services from any other agencies.

3. Family and Friends

One family member described him “..as a helpful man, he had a heart of gold. He helped a lot of people over the years both inside and outside the family”.

A long-standing friend said “after learning of Mr. C’s death, I felt extremely sad and emotional”

8. Risk assessment

Complete a [Domestic Abuse Stalking and Harassment](#) (DASH) risk assessment for all cases of Domestic Abuse (DA).

Follow the [Domestic Abuse Pathway](#)

Visit [SSCP website](#) for more information about domestic abuse & [Clare's Law](#), the Domestic violence disclosure scheme.

**7. Case closed**

Mr. C's grandsons was offered a number of services to support his substance misuse and mental health. His engagement was sporadic resulting in his case being closed.

When individuals are hard to reach it might be necessary to explore alternative ways to engage them to prevent escalating risk.

6. Ask the question

[Professional curiosity](#) should be exercised by all professionals who come into contact with individuals who maybe vulnerable to abuse or neglect.

When working with people who find it difficult to regulate their emotions and misuse substances the impact on others and risk of domestic abuse should be explored.

5. Early Help

The review highlighted the need for early identification and intervention when young people have complex needs. Particularly in relation to mental health, drug/alcohol misuse, and domestic abuse.

The [Early Help website](#) has a number of resources and information to support you.

Mr. C

Domestic Homicide Review

December 2022



Case Review Diagnostic

The Strategic Governing Group commissioned an independent diagnostic review to conduct a deep-dive of a select number of audit cases, aiming to identify broader patterns. The review will address the following key points:

- Investigate why recurring themes continue to emerge in case reviews;
- Determine, based on best practice evidence, local insights, and current measures, what changes are necessary to prevent these recurring issues in Shropshire, including additional actions required to fill existing gaps;
- Explore alternative approaches to effectively share and embed learning throughout the system;
- Identify the barriers to learning from statutory case reviews for practitioners and their managers



Case Review Diagnostic – Findings in relation to DHR's

Independent
Diagnostic
Review

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The SSCP Independent Chair's role in DHRs was well executed based on the sample of reviews. Appropriate decision making and rationale were provided in a timely manner, and he was reported to provide good challenge in meetings.

There was evidence through interviews and documentation of a large number of committed, passionate and able leaders and professionals who are a credit to the system and well placed to take things forward to the next level, and some good examples of how support has been provided to engage and support leaders and professionals to engage well with the case review system.

Example: ICB has worked with GPs to support them with requirements for reviews and attending meetings, the success of which is evidenced in the case audit sample by a high proportion of GPs attending and contributing positively to reviews.



Case Review Diagnostic – Findings in relation to DHR's

Reports from the Recommendation Making Meetings clearly included the learning identified and set out Key lines of enquiry to inform the Terms of Reference if reviews progressed.

It was evident that families were engaged with sympathetically and supported through the review process by the Business Unit Officers.

There was a clear process of managing the DHR process and there was a committed and passionate Case Review Group Chair who drives performance. Case review practice for DHR's was strong and consistent.



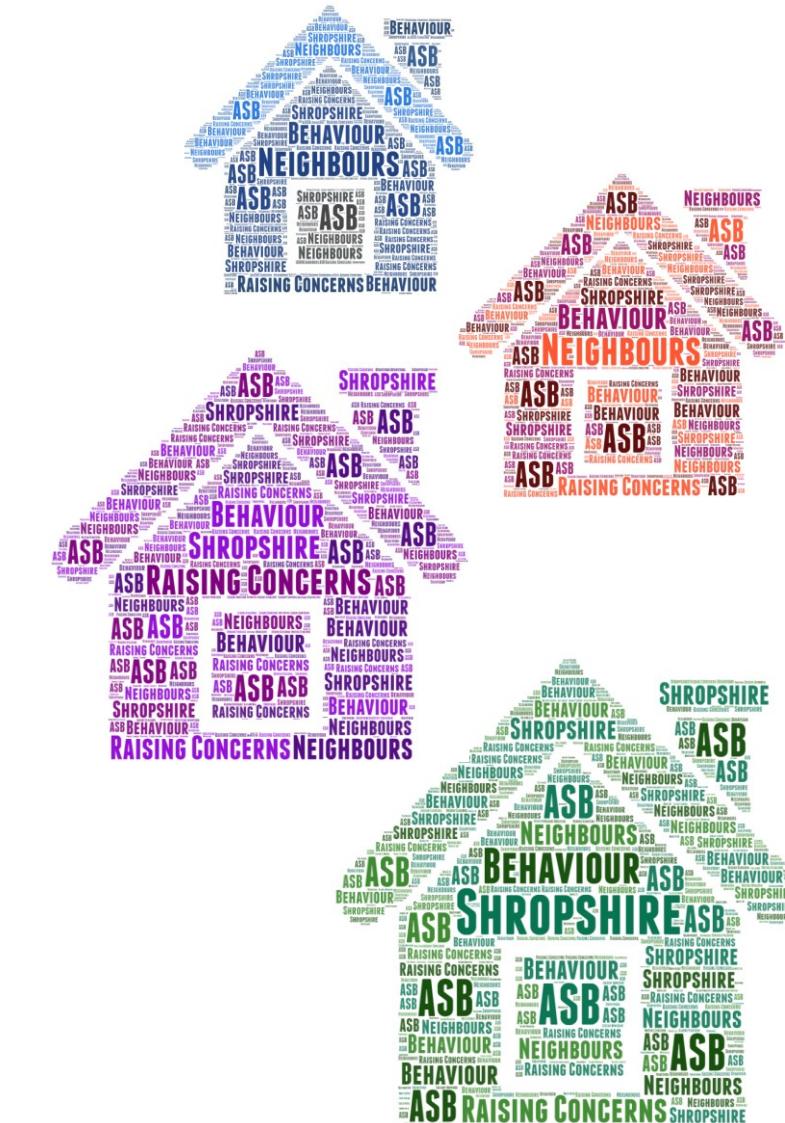
Embedding Learning

The need to embed learning from case reviews was highlighted as needing to be a continued area of focus.

Learning briefings for each published DHR are produced and events are held to highlight key areas of practice such as professional curiosity and domestic abuse, but it was identified that there was still evidence of recurring themes within reviews that needed to be addressed.

Anti Social Behaviour (ASB) Case Reviews

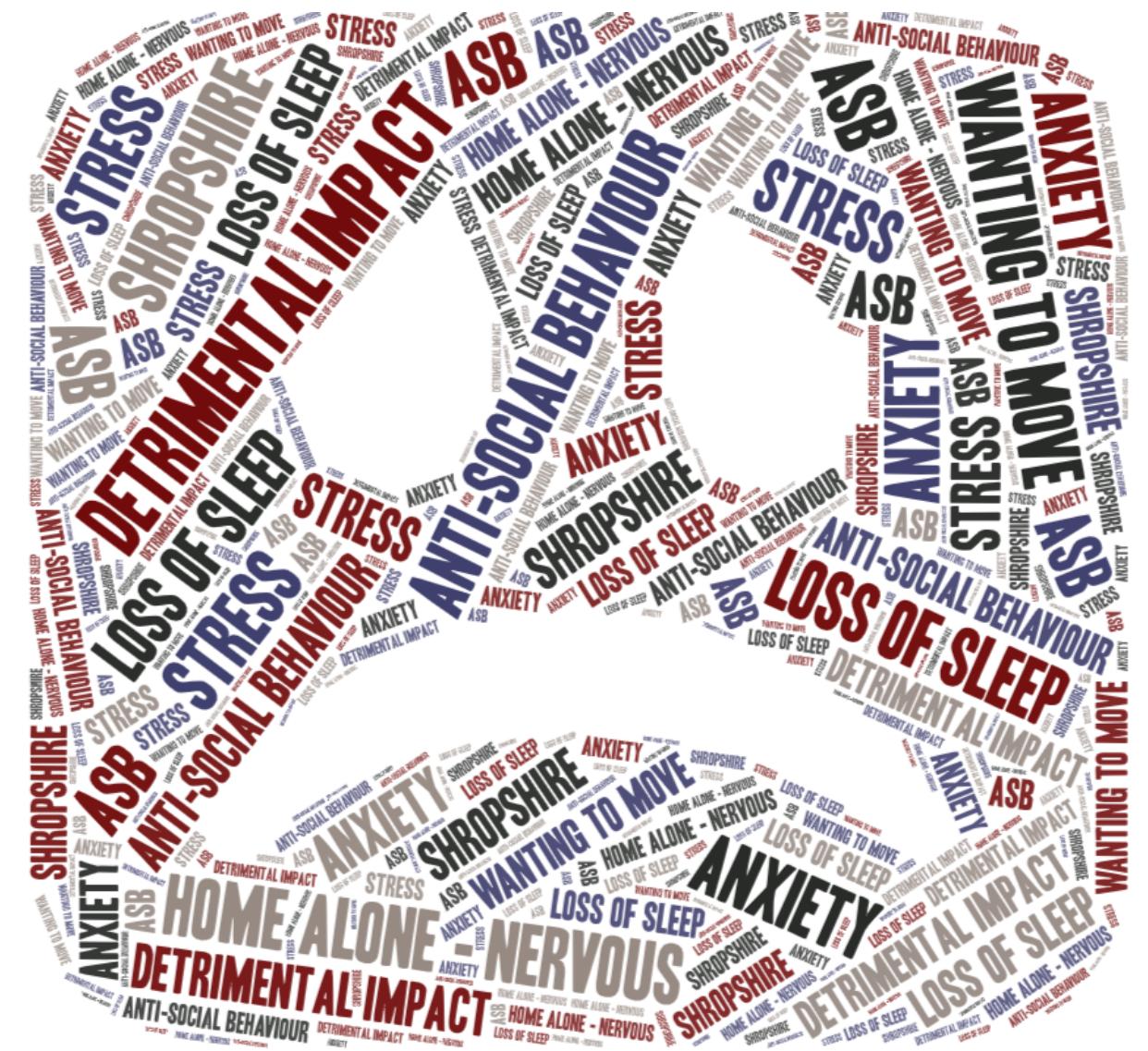
- There were 6 requests to conduct Anti-Social Behaviour Case Reviews during this year, the same as the previous year.
 - 4 requests did not progress to review;
 - 2 had action plans developed in response to the concerns raised.
- All referrers were raising concerns about the behaviour of their neighbours.



Anti Social Behaviour (ASB) Case Reviews

What was evident in all the reviews undertaken, was the detrimental impact that Anti-Social Behaviour can have on the individuals that live with it.

Victims reported loss of sleep, high levels of anxiety, feeling nervous to be at home alone and wanting to move from their home.



Next Steps and looking forward to 2025/26



Next steps

In February 2025 there was a workshop to determine the structure (slide 37) of the CSP for the next three years

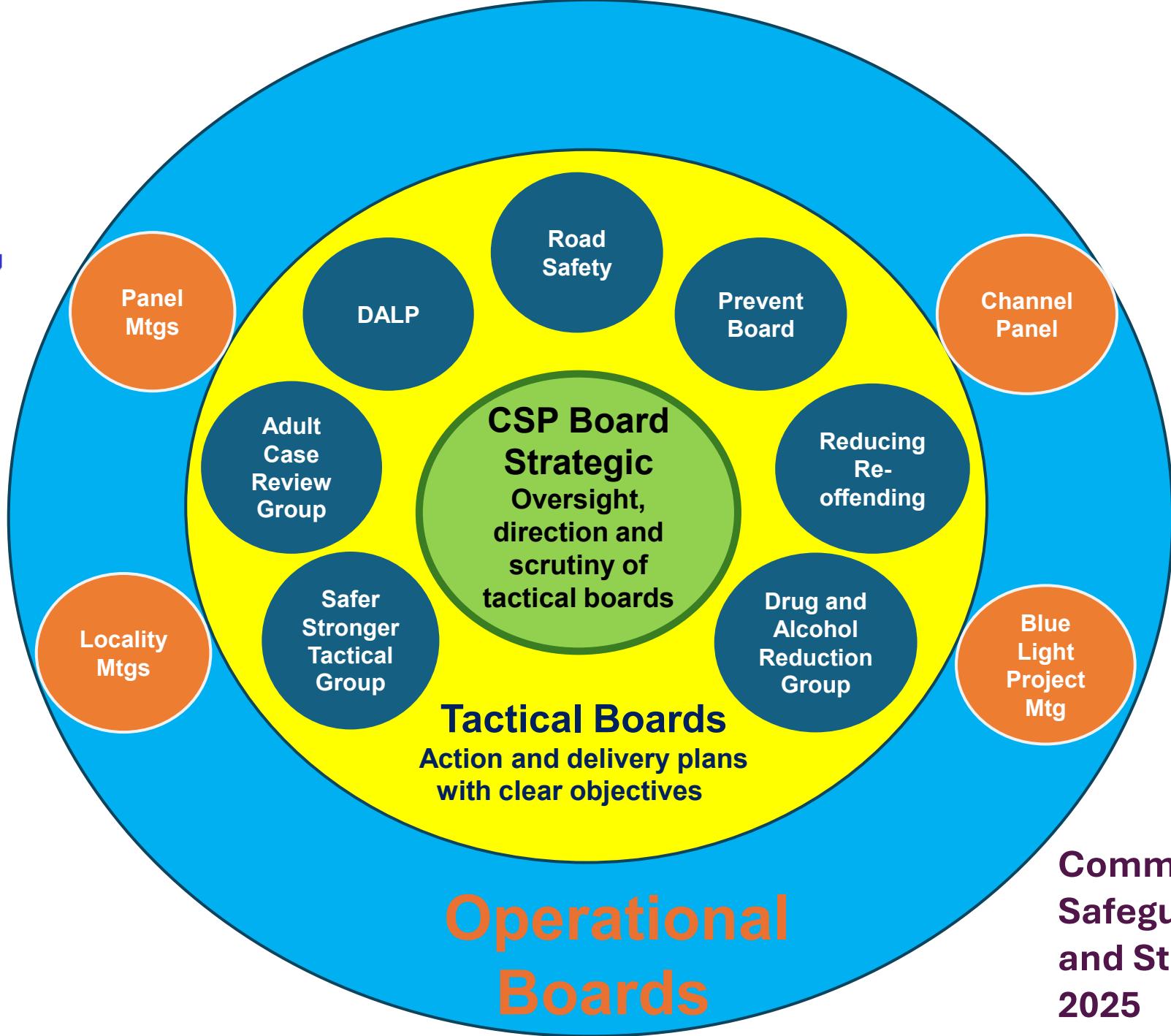
It was agreed that an updated strategy would be written that reflects the new structure and priorities of the CSP and each subgroup will have their own Action Plan which they report on at each Partnership Board meeting.

The opportunity under the new operating model of separate strategic boards was to ensure that the CSP was meeting all of its statutory functions, aligning more productively with the PCC and hearing the voice of the community.



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Community
Safeguarding Priorities
and Structure from April
2025

Local Domestic Abuse Partnership Board

- Develop a comprehensive domestic abuse strategy.
- Review and enhance the membership of our Domestic Abuse Local Partnership Board to improve its effectiveness.
- Implement local initiatives aimed at addressing Serious Violence.

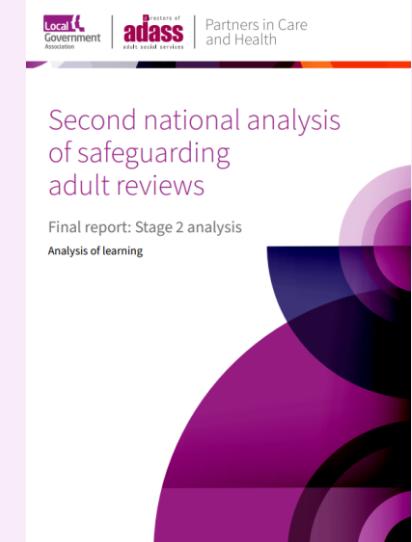


Learning from Domestic Homicide Reviews

There is evidence from important national research (2nd SAR Analysis and the Vulnerability Knowledge Practice Programme Review of all DHR's) and our local diagnostic review which emphasised the vital need to embed learning as intensively as possible across all front-line teams. So, we will be piloting a new tool whereby on publication of a DHR teams will be asked to come together and go the review, discuss the learning and recommendations and then answer five predetermined questions. These will then be shared with the Business Unit to provide assurance of embedding of learning.

A workshop “Learning from case reviews – the voice of the person” is going to be developed and delivered widely across a multi-agency audience. This will include learning from local domestic homicide reviews.

A Further workshop relating to domestic abuse deaths resulting from suicide are also going to be developed.



Offensive Weapon Homicide Reviews (OWHR's)

The pilot Offensive Weapon Homicide Reviews are underway and have continued throughout 2025.

Ecory's will then undertake an evaluation of their effectiveness which will support the Home Office to determine their recommendations.

July 2022 - October 2023

Local scoping for the period indicated that Shropshire may have had to undertake 3 OWHR's dependent on the definition of an offensive weapon.

In Summary

2024/25 has been a year of change for the Community Safety Partnership.

Whilst change can be unsettling, partners strived to continue driving forward key activities and meeting statutory duties.

As we move into 2025 and beyond the Community Safety Partnership has the operating model to ensure accountability and scrutiny for it to achieve its priority outcomes.

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Prevent

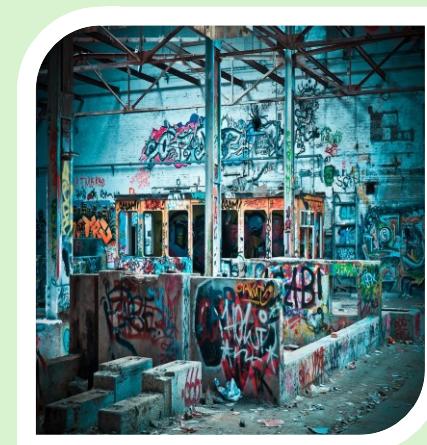


Prevent Strategy

The learning review into failures of Prevent was published in February 2025. It was essential that the CSP was assured that they could address this learning locally. Therefore, Prevent was agreed as a priority for the CSP. Prevent is a statutory duty for the CSP.

This is a priority for the CSP as whilst there was an overall decrease in domestic abuse related crimes for 2024/25, numbers were still high. Safeguarding referrals for domestic abuse remain high and local Domestic Homicide Reviews have identified that the cumulative impact of abusive behaviours from multiple partners and post separation needs to be addressed. Domestic abuse is a statutory duty for the CSP. This also impacts the safeguarding of children, young people and adults.

Anti- social behaviour



Our Anti-social Behaviour Case Reviews are highlighting the impact of those affected by this type of behaviour. Locality meetings which were set up were being utilised to tackling incidences early, however it was felt that given the impact, and that this was a new intervention, this would remain a priority. Anti-social behaviour is a statutory duty for the CSP.

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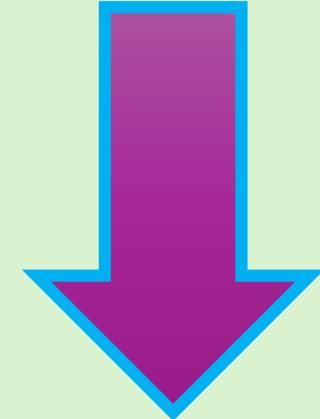
Road Safety



In 2024/25 19 people died and 141 were seriously injured on Shropshire roads. Partners agreed that collectively examining Road Safety should be a priority for the Community Safety Partnership.

Local Statutory Case Reviews have identified that drugs and alcohol are a key feature in the lives of those that are subject to review. It was agreed that in addition to being a statutory duty, drugs and alcohol should be a priority.

Reducing Reoffending



Drugs and Alcohol

Reducing offending is a statutory duty and in Shropshire there are many individuals who are repeat offenders. The CSP wants to examine the offending programmes in Shropshire (such as IOM) and measure success.



If you have concerns or need help

First Point of Contact
0345 678 9021

To report safeguarding concerns for adult and children

CrimeStoppers
0800 555 111
To anonymously give information about crime

Emergency Social Work Team
0345 678 9040
For out of hours safeguarding concerns

Victim Support
0808 1689 111
Support for people who have been victims of crime

Action Counters Terrorism (ACT)
0800 011 3764
For concerns about someone being drawn into radicalisation

True Vision
Report a hate crime - True Vision
Report a Hate Crime

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- Shropshire Safeguarding Community Partnership



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**Integrated
Care System**
Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin



Introduction



Crime and Disorder Act 1998

The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 requires partners to work together to develop and implement strategies to reduce crime and disorder in their local area. Fundamentally, there is no one agency that can tackle the causes and impact of crime on their own; multi-agency working is the only way to effectively reduce crime and ensure communities are safer.

The Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 amended this duty to include the requirement for local strategies to include a priority to prevent people from becoming involved in serious violence and to reduce incidences of serious violence.



Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022

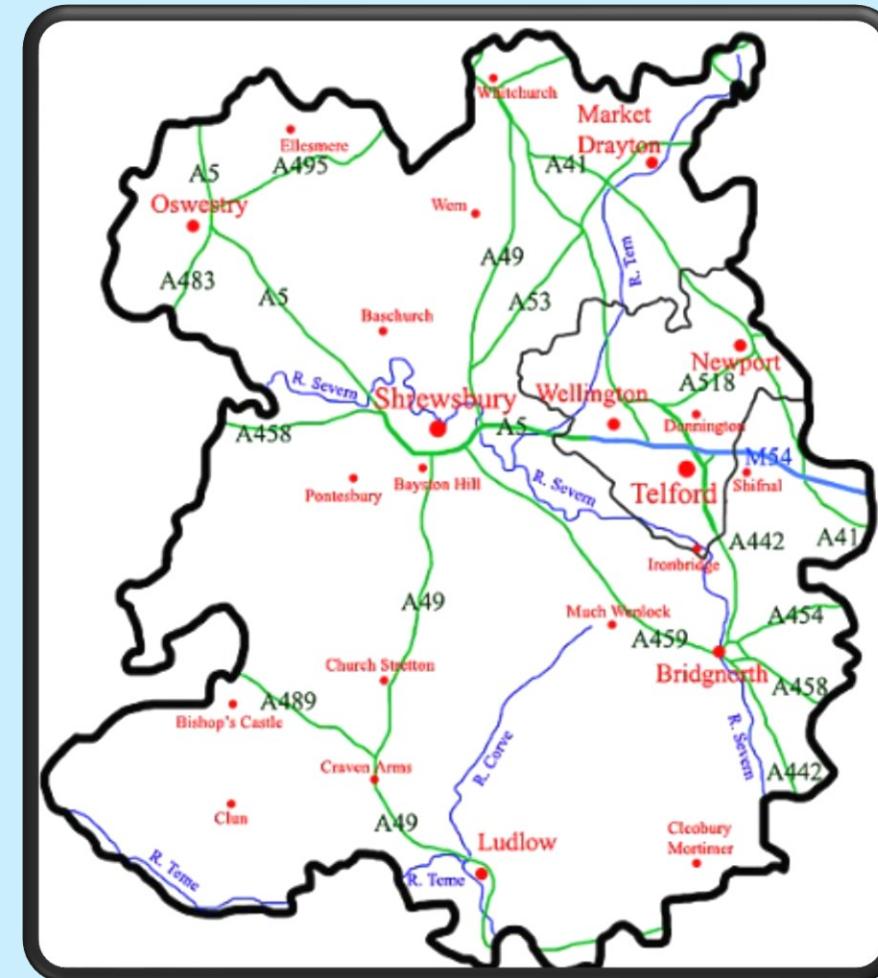
Shropshire's Community Safety Partnership recognises that successful implementation is dependent on robust and effective partnership working. Membership of the Community Safety Partnership Board therefore consists of the five statutory agencies:

- West Mercia Police
- Shropshire Council
- Shropshire and Telford and Wrekin Integrated Care Board
- The Probation Service
- Shropshire Fire and Rescue

Wider collaboration with other local agencies such as West Mercia Youth Justice Service, the Police and Crime Commissioner, health providers and education services is also paramount and there is a commitment to working together to make Shropshire a safe place to live, work and visit.

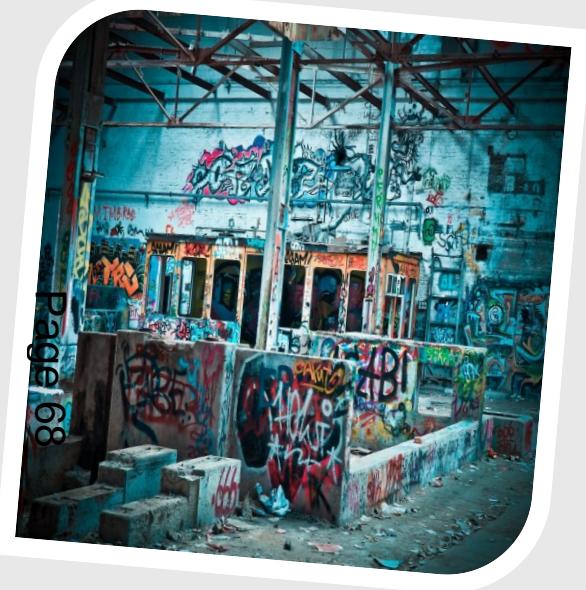
Vision

The Community Safety Partnership is committed to tackling crime and disorder in Shropshire, whilst increasing safety and resilience of our more vulnerable communities.



Aims

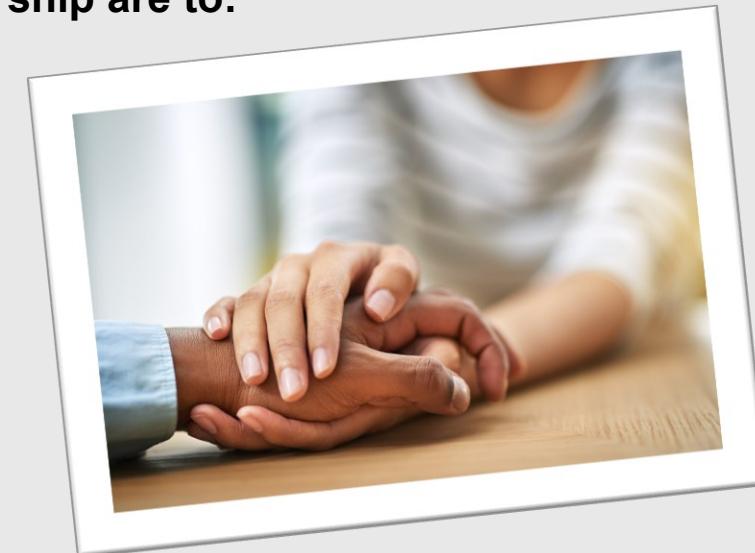
The aims of the Community Safety Partnership are to:



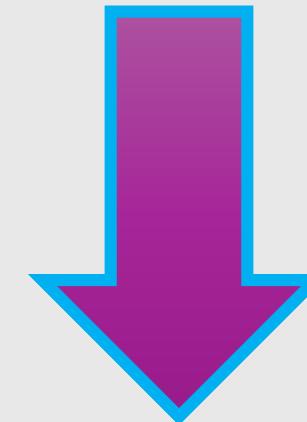
Reduce crime and disorder in Shropshire
(including Anti-social behaviour)



Community engagement and
communication



Protect victims



Reduce
reoffending

What has been achieved in
the last three years



Domestic Abuse



Domestic Abuse Act 2021

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Following the Domestic Abuse Act receiving Royal Assent in 2021 a strategic Needs Assessment was undertaken; this explored not just the need for support within safe accommodation in Shropshire but also addressed any identified gaps, its scope is broader. To create a comprehensive understanding of domestic abuse in Shropshire, the assessment examined the overall need, demand for services, service provision, and the responses of all partners, both individually and collaboratively.

An all-risk Perpetrator Programme was rolled out across West Mercia, with Shropshire starting both Drive (for high-risk perpetrators) and Men & Masculinity (for standard/medium risk perpetrators) in September 2023.

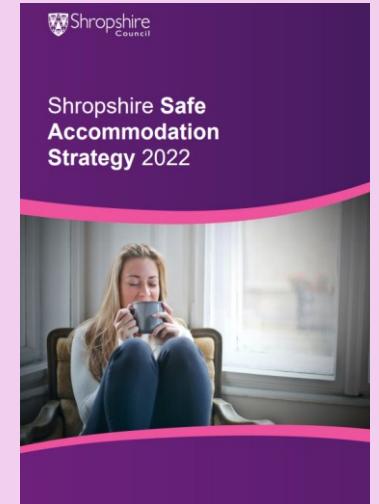
Both programmes started well with good agency attendance at the Drive Panel and referrals coming through for the Men & Masculinity programme.



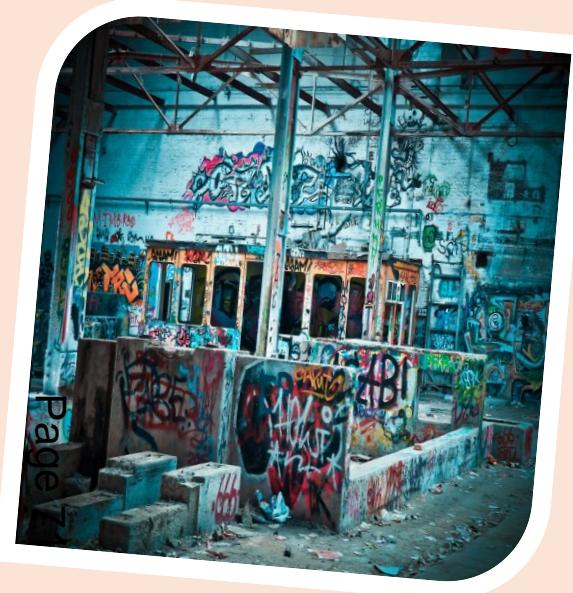
A child and adolescent to parent violence and abuse policy and Safer Accommodation Strategy were developed



Shropshire Safe Accommodation Strategy 2022



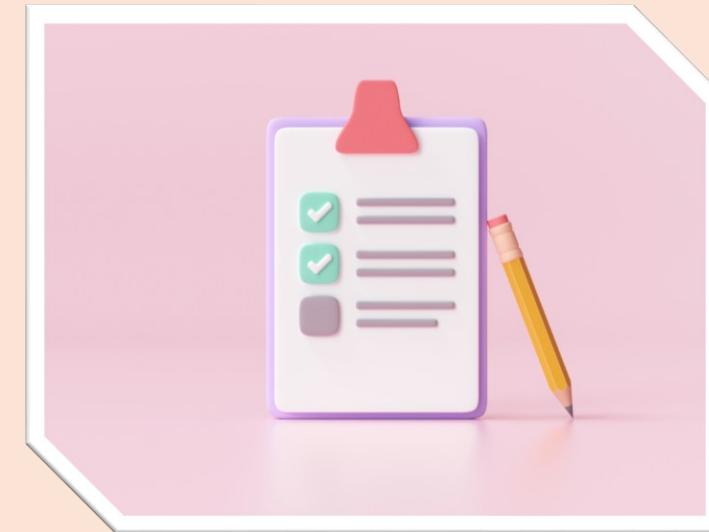
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There was a review of the Anti-Social Behaviour Case Review process which included a public consultation.

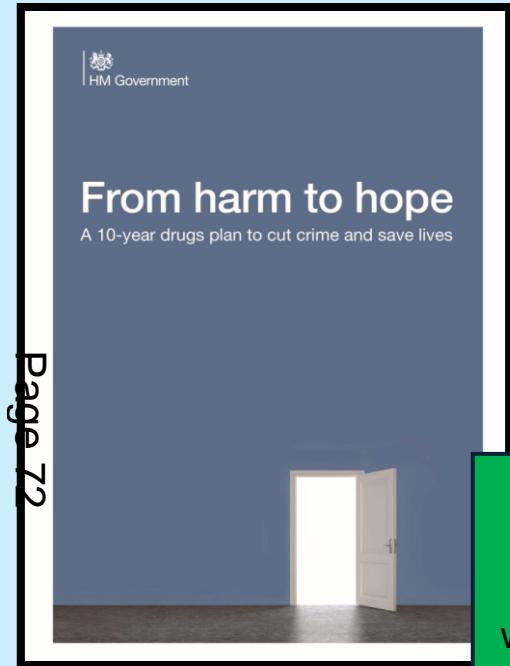


There was progress made in working with those offenders who have mental health needs, this was through the employment of Integrated Offender Management Mental Health Nurses which assisted offenders to meet their mental health needs. Mental Health Clinical Psychologist for court were commissioned, which improved the appropriate sentencing of those whose offending behaviour was linked to their poor mental health. This saw a marked increase in Mental Health Treatment Requirements from courts.



There were multi-agency case file audits conducted on the continuity of care for prison leavers who use substances and domestic abuse offenders. The learning from these audits was shared with agencies to improve their practice in recognising risk and supporting offenders to reduce their offending.

Drugs and Alcohol



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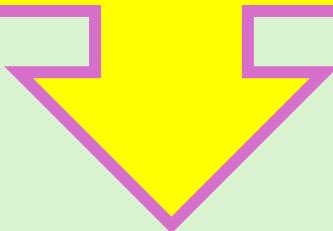
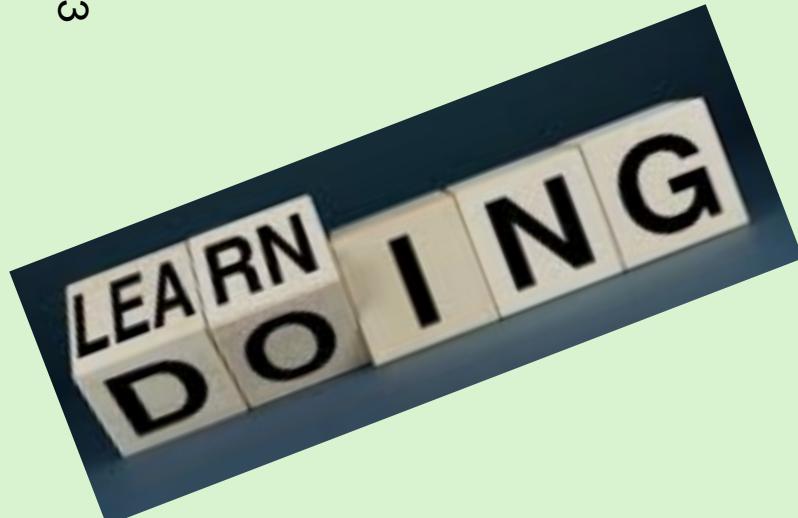
A Joint Strategic Needs Assessment was undertaken, and this supported the revision of the local strategy which was aligned to the National Strategy “From to Hope”.



Funding was secured to develop a multidisciplinary team to work with people who are homeless, rough sleeping, or are at risk of homelessness with drug and alcohol needs. This team has supported this community of people with their daily challenges and continue to do so.

Adult Statutory Case Review Group

This group have overseen the publication of one Domestic Homicide Review and shared the learning from three others. They have also responded to referrals received and highlighted learning regarding domestic abuse which has culminated in multi-agency webinars being developed on intra-familial domestic abuse, male victims and domestic abuse related suicides.

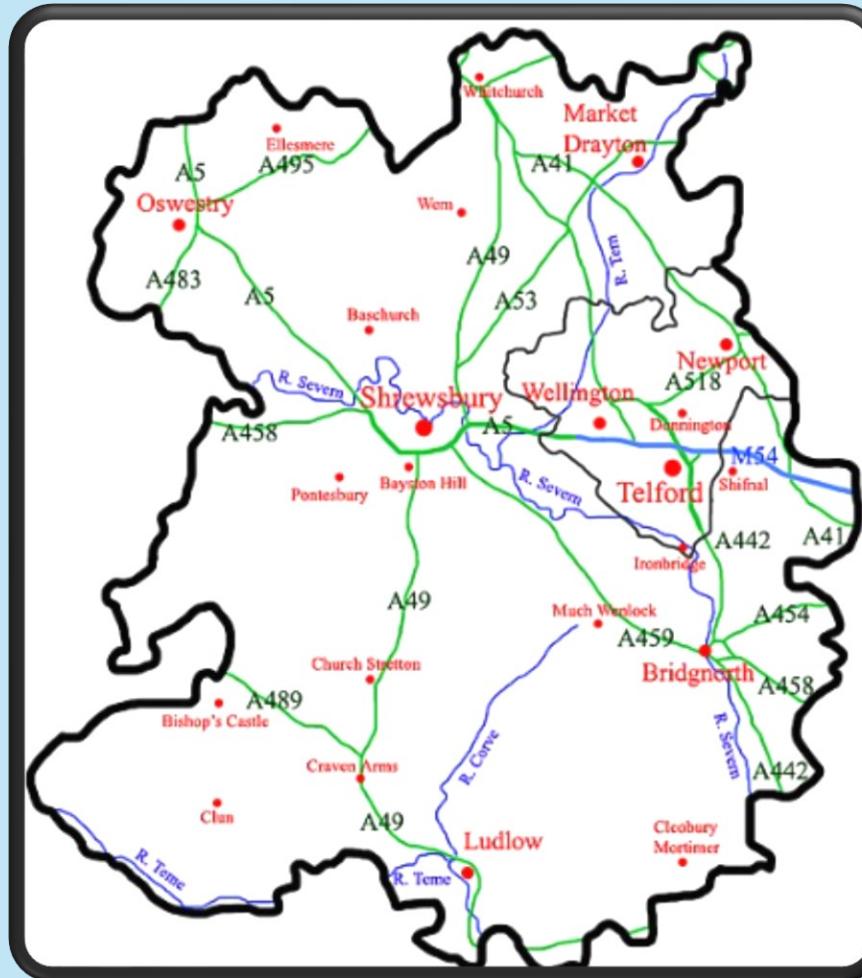


Shropshire Facts

Shropshire is a large rural county in the centre of the country in the West Midlands, sharing a border with Wales to the west. Shropshire is the second largest inland local authority behind Wiltshire, covering 319,730 hectares.

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This means that the provision of services can be more challenging, and so delivery can be more expensive than in more urban locations and that for much of the population, access to employment and services can be time-consuming and costly.



It has a population of 327,200 (2022 ONS Mid-Year Estimates) and is sparsely populated, with just over one person per hectare (4.3 persons per hectare in England). 97.5% of Shropshire's land mass is rural – the 2.5% of land mass that is classified as urban accommodates approximately 43% of the population. Shropshire's population is spread across the entire county, with hardly any unpopulated land area. While the county town of Shrewsbury and key market towns are more densely populated, many parts of Shropshire contain less than 0.5 persons per hectare.

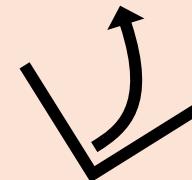
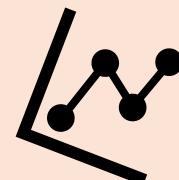
Strategic Assessment and Data

When developing the priorities areas for the partnership, several different forms of consultation along with data analysis and needs assessments were carried out. Consideration was also given to CSP statutory duties, current legislation, and strategies and plans, both local and national.

The most recent Needs Assessment for Domestic Abuse was undertaken in 2024 by Shropshire Councils Domestic Abuse Prevention Team. Whilst it focused on evaluating the need for support within safe accommodation in Shropshire and addressing any identified gaps it also broadened its scope to ensure a comprehensive understanding of the overall need relating to domestic abuse in Shropshire. This needs assessment can be read in full here [Shropshire Domestic Abuse Needs Assessment](#).



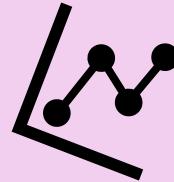
Data indicates that the highest volume of domestic abuse offences recorded in Q3 of 2024/25 were violence without injury. Other sexual offences and robbery-personal offences were highlighted in Q1 and Q3 2024/25 as having the greatest increases when compared to the same periods in the previous year. This suggests possible increases in offence harm due to the nature of these types of offending. It is also important to note that there has been a significant increase in the volume of Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme Applications being made, a 124% increase in Q3 (2024/25) compared to the previous year. Domestic abuse is not only a statutory duty for the partnership but also a priority.



Strategic Assessment and Data

Data from 2024 identified that there had been a 11% reduction in all crimes compared to the previous year. Throughout 2024 crimes remained steady however there was a spike in August when crimes increased to 1,558 from 1,350 the previous month (a 15% increase). The crimes driving this were public fear, criminal damage, shoplifting and violence with injury.

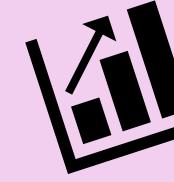
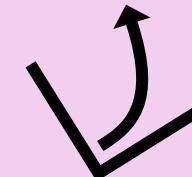
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Whilst incidences of anti-social behaviour have steadily reduced over the last four years, we know from our communities that the impact of such behaviour can have long term implications on large numbers of residents, this is why it will remain a priority area for the partnership.



Following the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 receiving Royal Assent it was decided that there would be a needs assessment conducted across the West Mercia geography to understand the scale of serious violence. Based on this needs assessment there is a strategy which lays out how the duty will be delivered across the West Mercia footprint. You can read the full strategy here [Serious Violence Duty Strategy](#).



In December 2021 the Government published From harm to hope: a 10-year drugs plan to cut crime and save lives, recognising that there was no short-term fix for a deeply ingrained societal issue. There needed to be a long term, multi-faceted and joined up approach to tackling an issue that blights the lives of so many. Shropshire are utilising this plan to support their work in this area.



Strategic Priorities

In February 2025 there was a review of the Community Safety Partnership and future priorities were determined based on the evidence available. In addition to the statutory functions of the Community Safety Partnership it was decided that the following activities would be priorities for 2025-2028:



Anti- social behaviour

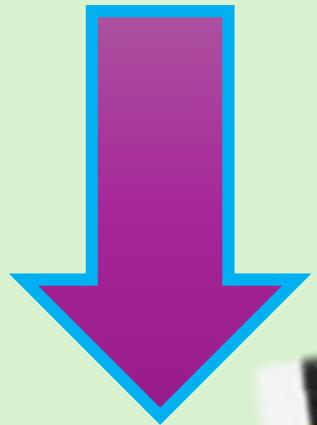


Domestic Abuse

Road Safety



Reducing Reoffending



Drugs and Alcohol



Prevent



Prevent Strategy

Delivery Model

Achieving success in the Community Safety Partnership requires a balanced approach that not only addresses priority areas of work but also fulfils statutory duties, such as:

- Conducting Domestic Homicide Reviews (soon to be renamed Domestic Abuse Related Death Reviews under updated statutory guidance)
- The Domestic Abuse Act and Safe Accommodation Duty
- Serious Violence Duty
- Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015 and Prevent Duty.
- Drug and Alcohol Partnership Board



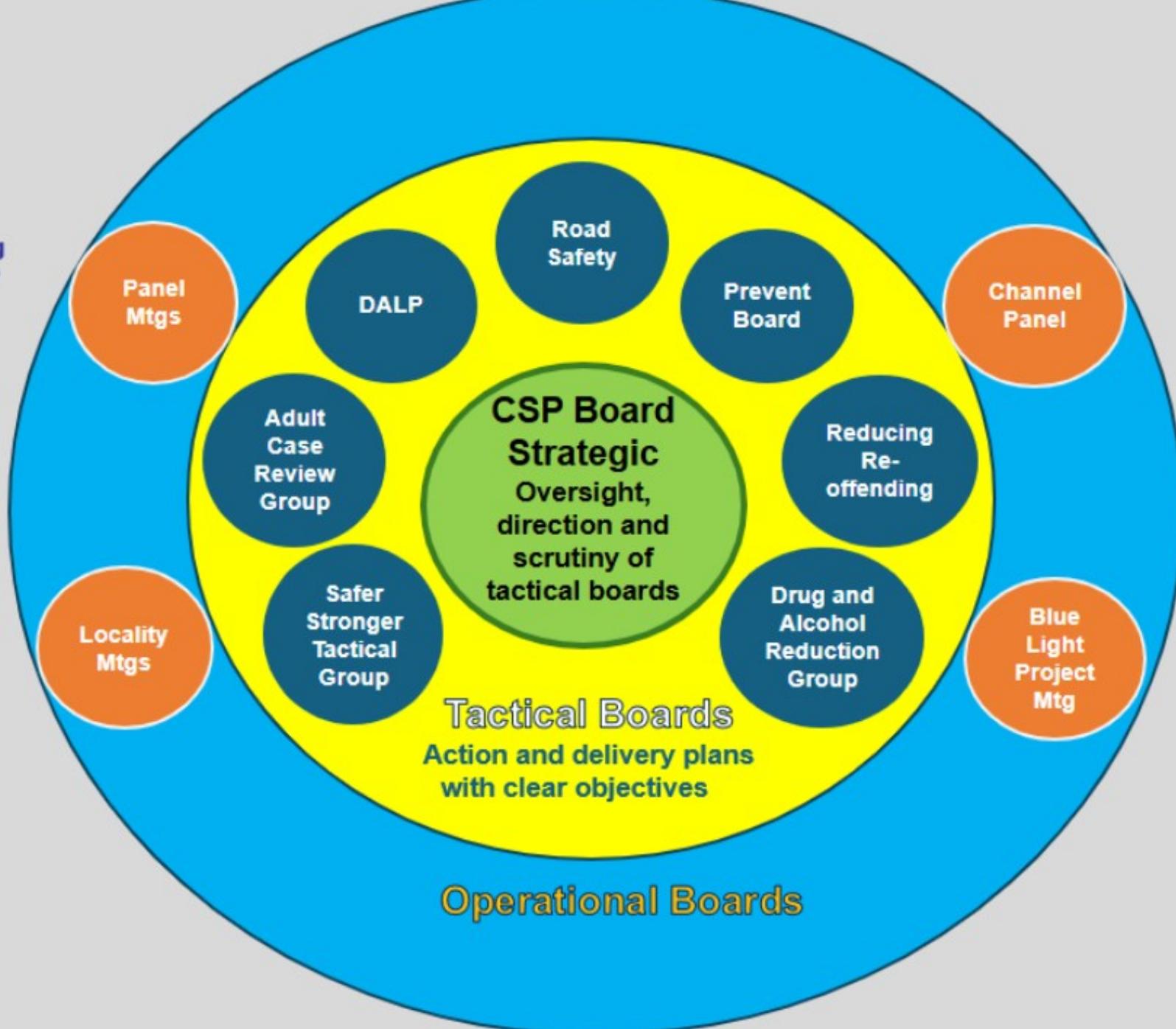
Shropshire's delivery identifies how we have aligned our priorities with statutory obligations for maximum impact. The Community Safety Partnership is a strategic Board that provides direction and holds responsibility and accountability for all activity that is undertaken. The Board will meet (as a minimum) quarterly and will monitor the progress of delivery plans from the partnership Tactical Boards.

The following diagram shows the delivery by which the Community safety activity in Shropshire will be delivered.



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Delivery Model cont:



Each Tactical Board will be responsible for the operational delivery of the strategic priorities that have been agreed by the Community Safety Partnership Board. The Tactical Boards will be multi-agency and meet bi-monthly, the delivery plans for each board will detail the strategic aims that need to be achieved and the activity that will be undertaken to accomplish this.

In addition to the priority areas detailed above the other Tactical Boards within the delivery model relate to statutory duties of the Community Safety Partnership:

Safer Stronger Communities Board – This group will be made up of multi-agency professionals, led by the police and will examine Anti-social Behaviour, Serious Violence, Nighttime Economy, Hate Crime and Community Cohesion. There are currently three locality meetings already set up in towns in Shropshire, which are aimed at tackling these problems and gathering information about the issues within those communities. The SaferStronger Communities Group Board will develop a delivery plan, focused on targeting hot spot areas and working with communities to become safer places to live, work and visit; delivery will be through the locality meetings.

Prevent Board – The group aims to stop people from becoming violent extremists or supporting terrorism. The group also oversees the Channel Panel which is the process that supports people at risk of being drawn towards terrorism or violent extremism

Adult Statutory Case Review Group – This group is responsible for the oversight of Domestic Homicide Reviews (soon to be renamed Domestic Abuse Related Death Reviews) in Shropshire. It oversees the implementation of learning from reviews and will provide assurance to the CSP Board around the themes and issues identified, ensuring appropriate mitigating action has been taken.

Links to other strategies and plans

This strategy is aligned to the following strategies and plans and will support their delivery:

[Shropshire Councils](#)
[Shropshire Plan](#)

Shropshire Safeguarding
Community Partnership's
Adult Safeguarding Board
Strategy

[Police and Crime
Commissioners Police and
Crime Plan](#)

[West Mercia Serious
Violence Strategy](#)

Shropshire Safeguarding
Community Partnership's
Children's Safeguarding
Board Strategy

[Joint Health and
Wellbeing Strategy](#)

Conclusion

The Community Safety Partnership is committed to reducing crime and disorder in Shropshire; it is recognised that there is a lot of work to do, to become a proactive and effective partnership. Our focus will be on:

Implementing early intervention approaches to prevent people from becoming involved in crime through taking a trauma informed approach and utilising targeted interventions

Overseeing and implementing any changes in legislation/new statutory duties (including the Duty to Collaborate)

Developing a more proactive approach to our engagement with communities, so we can react to their specific local issues and needs as they occur, so improving feelings of safety across Shropshire

Continue to implement learning from Statutory Case Review.

Using data effectively to drive our approach

Building strong Delivery Plans which support the strategic vision

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August 2025	Highways Contract Review	Laura Tyler / Andy Wilde	Yes		✓	15 Sept 2025	
15 Sept 2025	Waste Contract Oversight—Veolia Contract	Laura Tyler / Gavin Waite	n/a	✓ 24 Sept 2025— 11am and 6pm			
13 Nov 2025	Developer Contributions T&F group update against previous actions	Eddie West / Tim Collard	Yes				✓
13 Nov 2025	Verbal update further to the Member Briefings on the Veolia Contract	Laura Tyler / Gavin Waite	Yes			Verbal update following the Sept All Member briefing	
13 Nov 2025	Sports Village Development	Laura Tyler / Grant Wilson	Yes			✓	
13 Nov 2025	Leisure Service Contract retendering (exempt item)	Laura Tyler / Grant Wilson	Yes			✓	
13 Nov 2025	Levelling Up Fund Round 2 (LUF2): Project 2—Transforming Movement and Public Spaces in Shrewsbury	Andy Wilde	Yes			Discussion at Nov Committee	
29 Jan 2026	Introduction of weekly food waste collections	Laura Tyler / Gavin Waite	Yes			✓	

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29 Jan 2026	Community Safety Partnership Annual report 2024-25	Rachel Robinson / David Shaw / Jane Rose	Yes			✓	
12 March 2026	Signs / Banners	Richard Ealey / Jane James	Yes				✓
June / July 2026	Station Gyratory – 6 month follow up on actions against recommendations	tbc	tbc				✓

Other identified areas of interest from Committee discussions, including topics for briefings:

Waterways and River quality, Flood Resilience and Surface Water Management	Short Term Priority
20 mph	Short Term Priority
Economic Growth	Short Term Priority
Shrewsbury Riverside development	Short Term Priority – but at the right time
Town Centre regeneration schemes / Sustainable Transport / High Streets / Empty Homes (possible link to Short-Term Lets and Housing Market Impact)	Medium Term Priority
Adoption of Estates / S38/278 Agreements and Road Adoption	Medium Term Priority
Playpark Upkeep / Youth Engagement	Medium Term Priority
Tourism	Medium / Long Term Priority
Bus Services	Long Term Priority
Short-Term Lets and Housing Market Impact	Long Term Priority
Green Economy	Long Term Priority
Pyrolysis	Long Term Priority

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Reporting Frameworks	Long Term Priority
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