

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:

- 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 Safeguarding Community Partnership Structure

April 2024 – July 2024



Crime and Disorder Act 1998



Members
Key Partners
Director of Public Health
Strategic Priority Group Chairs

System Groups

Adult Safeguarding and Protection Practice Oversight
incl. Self-Neglect - Adult's priority
(Alison Bussey)

Child Safeguarding and Protection Practice Oversight
incl. Child Neglect – Children's priority
(Tanya Miles)

Community Safety Practice Oversight
Incl. Re-Offending, Hate Crime, ASB, & Serious Violence
(George Branch)

Adult and Child Statutory Case Review Group
SARs, DHRs, OWHRs (Paul Cooper) Rapid Reviews/LSCPRs (Sarah Hollinshead-Bland)

NB. Everything below the dotted line to be set up and managed by the lead agency

Strategic Priority Groups

Tackling Drug and Alcohol Misuse
Joint priority
(Paula Mawson)

Tackling Exploitation
Joint priority
(Tracy Ryan)

Local Domestic Abuse Partnership Board
Joint priority
(Laura Fisher)



Shropshire People
affected by abuse and crime



Adult's Workforce



Children's Workforce



Community Safety Workforce



Members of the Public

Lead Safeguarding Partners (LSP) Group
Childrens Executive Level
ST&W Bi-annual meetings



Crime and Disorder Act 1998



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

Children's Safeguarding Partnership
Delegated Safeguarding Partner (DSP) Level
Bi-monthly Board meetings

Safeguarding Adults Board
Bi-monthly Board meetings

Community Safety Partnership
Bi-monthly Board Meetings

Early Help Partnership

Children's Case Review Group

Tackling Exploitation Group

Safeguarding Adult Reviews (SAR) & Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHR) Case Review Group

Domestic Abuse Partnership Board

Hate Crime

Prevent Board

Drugs & Alcohol Misuse Group

Anti-social Behaviour Group

Community Safeguarding Structure from July 2024 – April 2025

CSP Priorities 2024-25

Reduce reoffending

Drug and alcohol misuse

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

Domestic abuse

Violence reduction

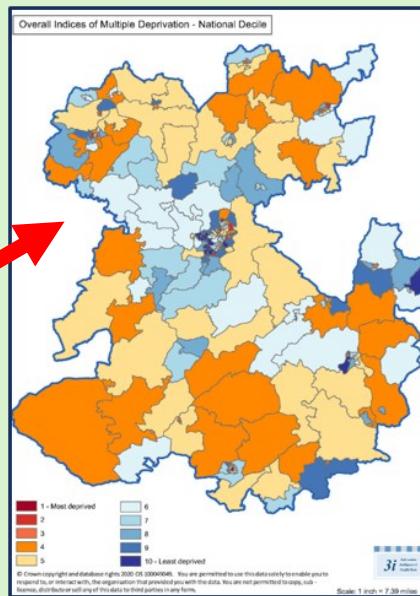
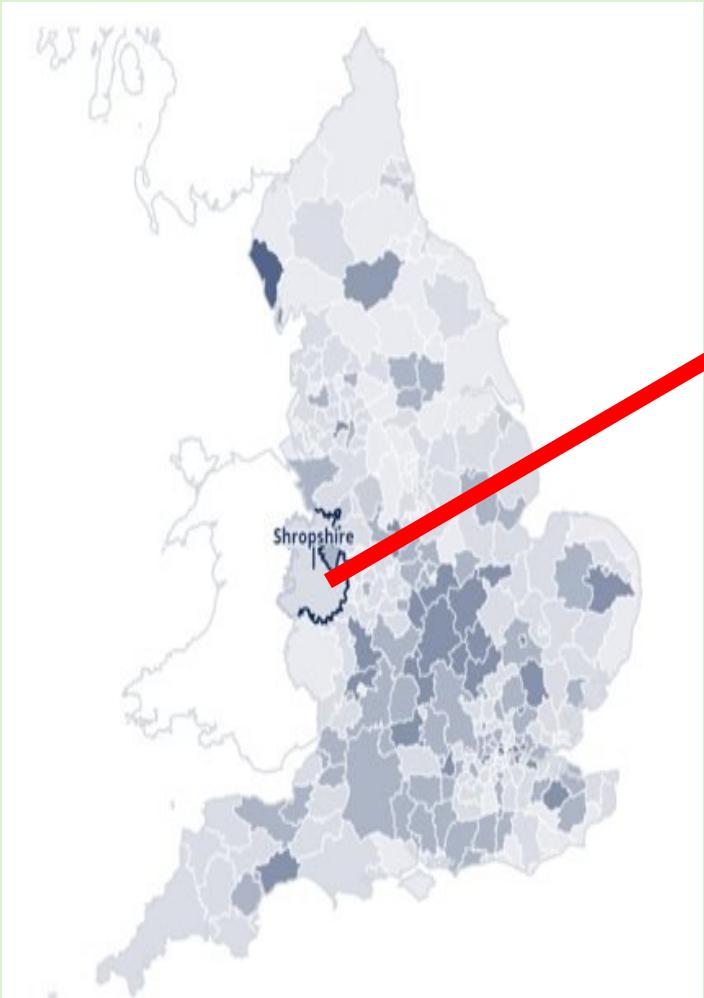
Tackling Anti-social Behaviour



Crime data

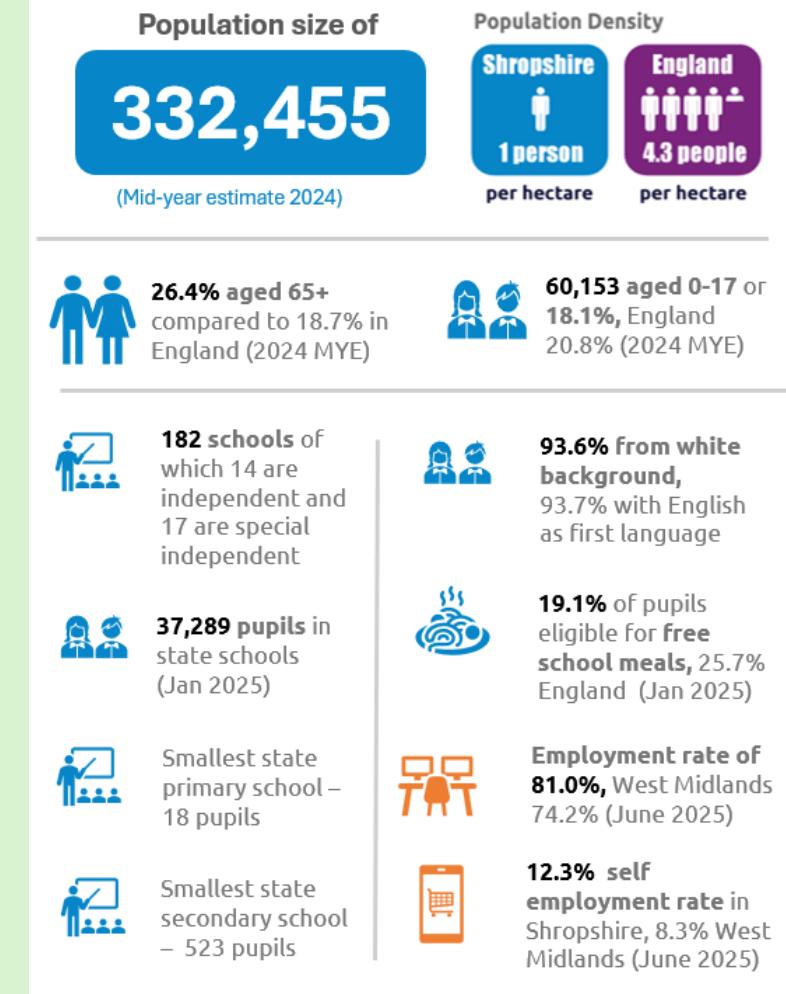
A bit about Shropshire

2nd largest Inland Council in England



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.

1,235 square miles



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

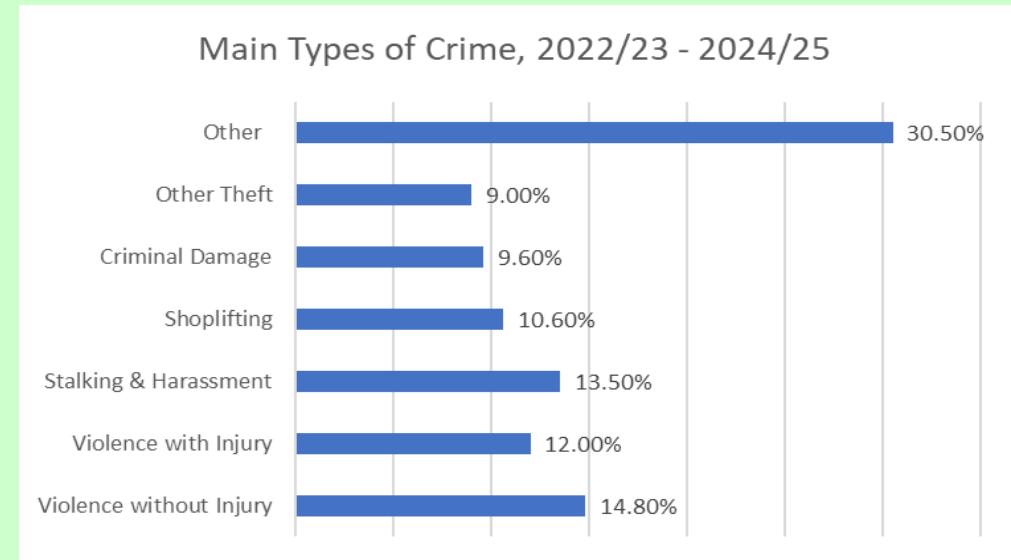
Total Crime

- 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).

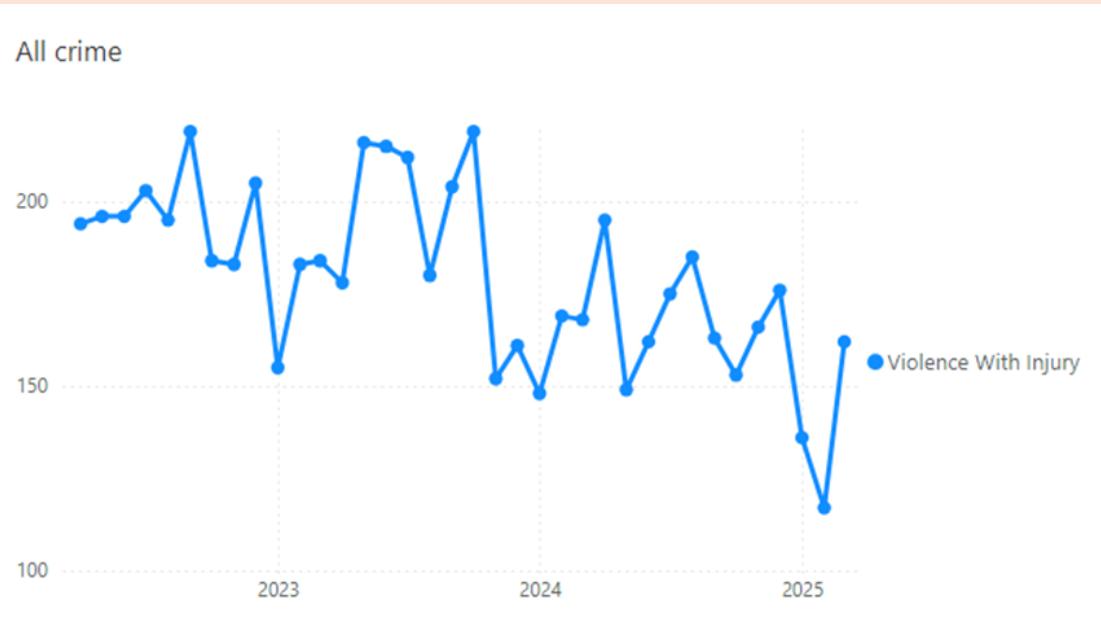


Total Crime

- 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.



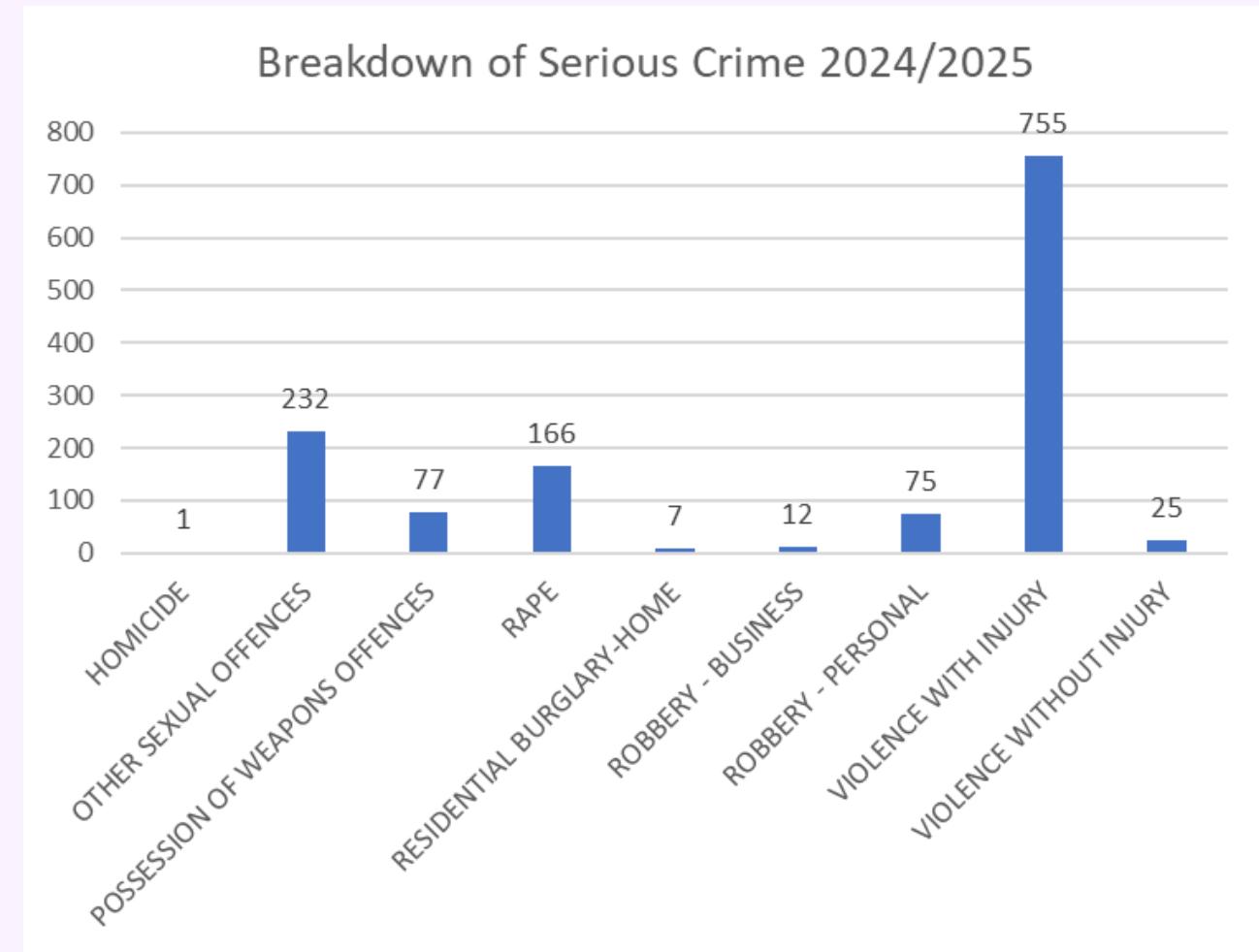
Violence with injury



- 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.



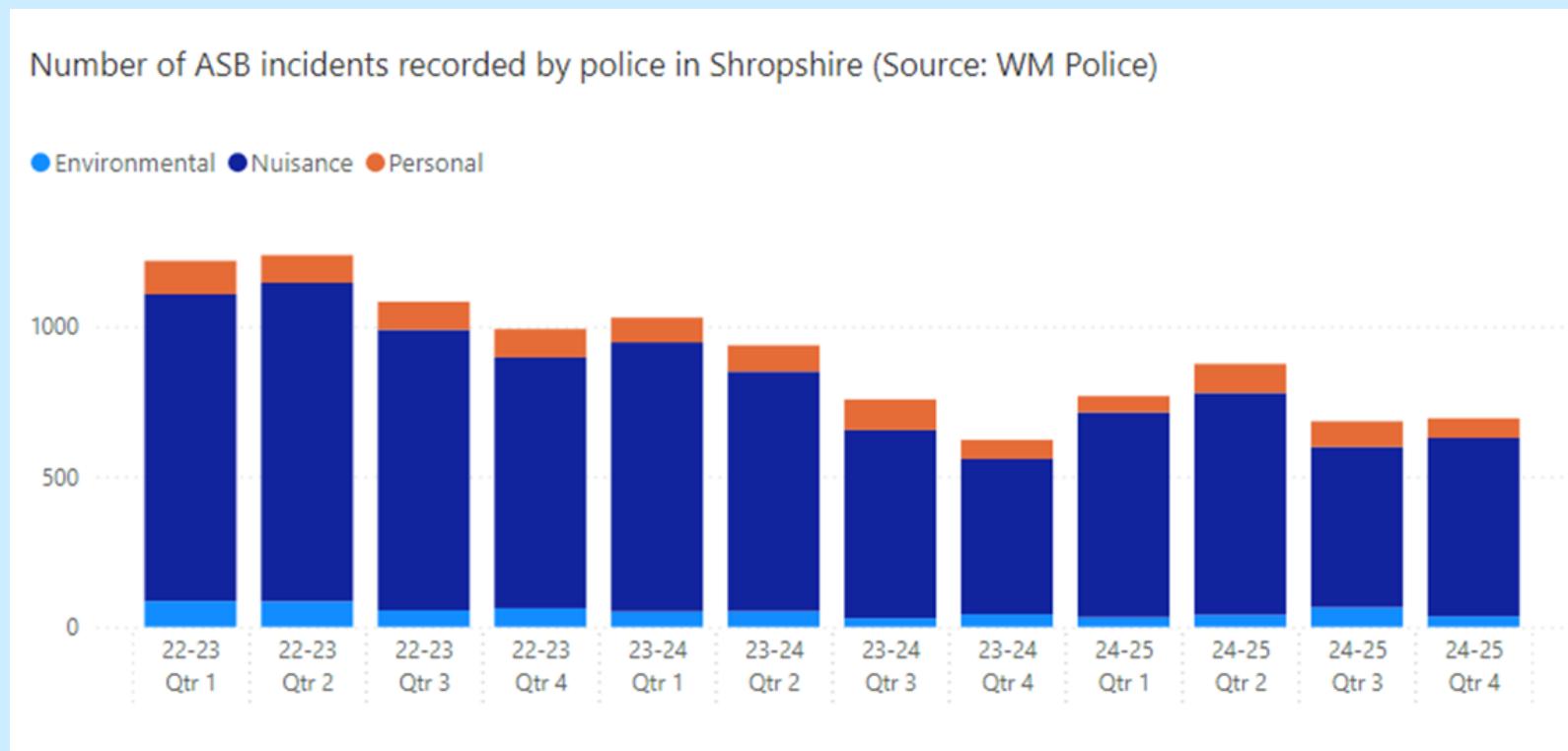
Hate crime

- 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

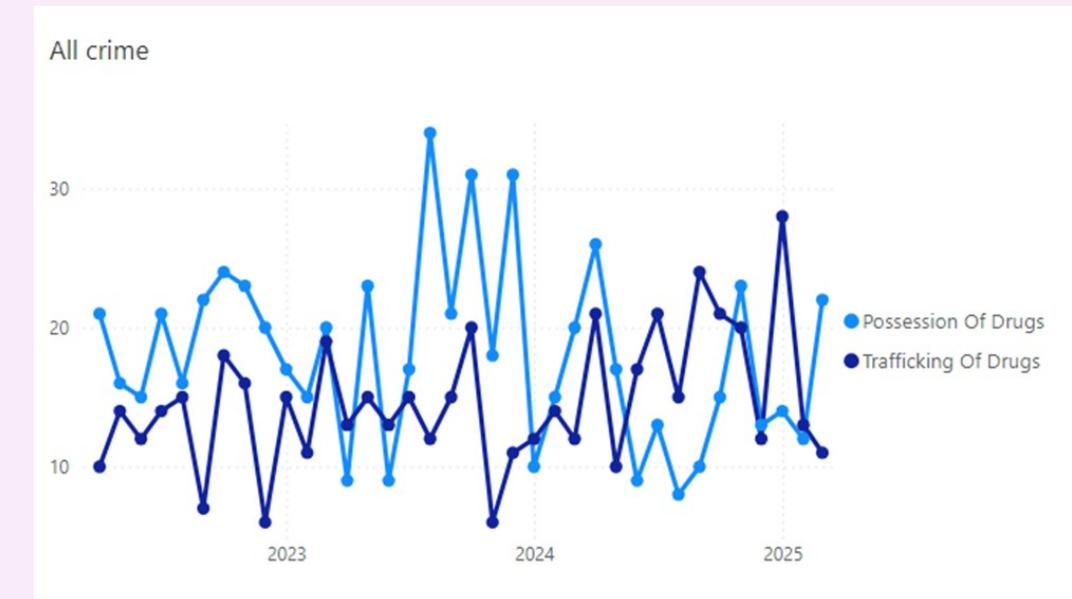


- There has been a downward trend for anti-social behaviour incidents in the three years to 2024/25.
- 3,021 incidents were recorded in the 2024/25 financial year, down from 3,345 the previous year. This represents a 9.7% reduction.

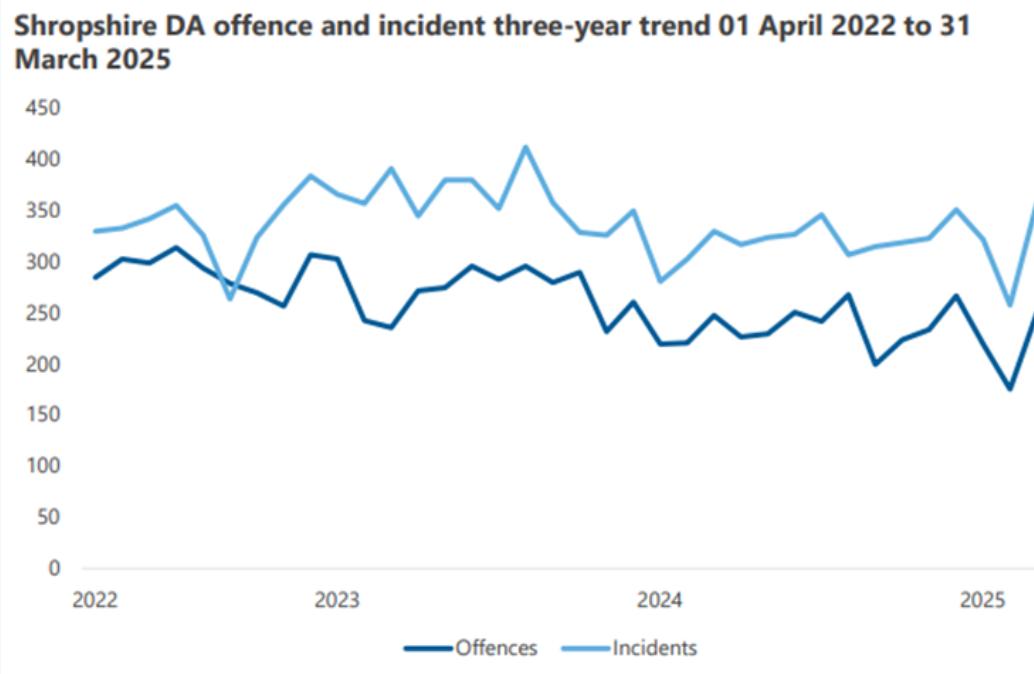
Nuisance incidents account for most records at 85.6% of the total in Quarter 4 2024/25

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.
- 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%.

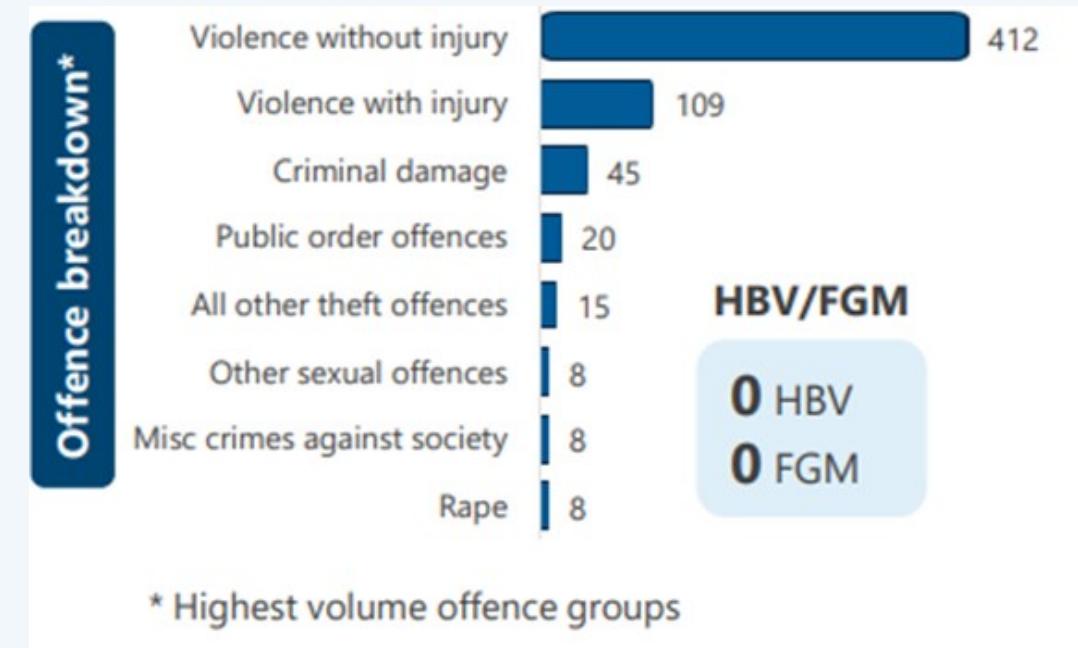


Domestic Abuse

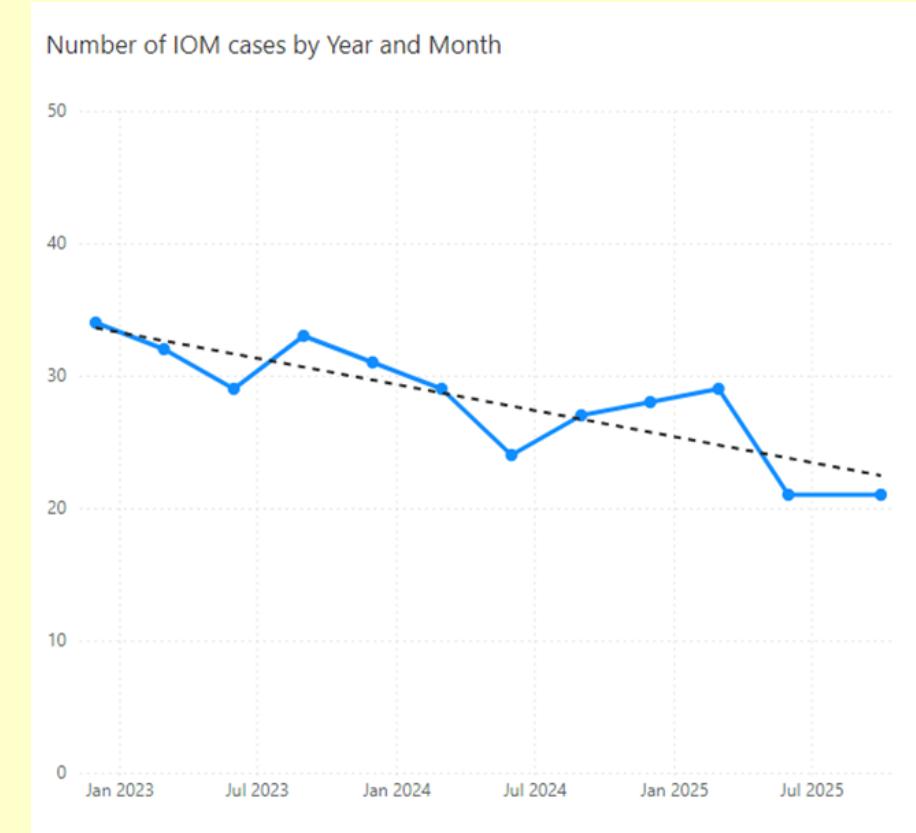
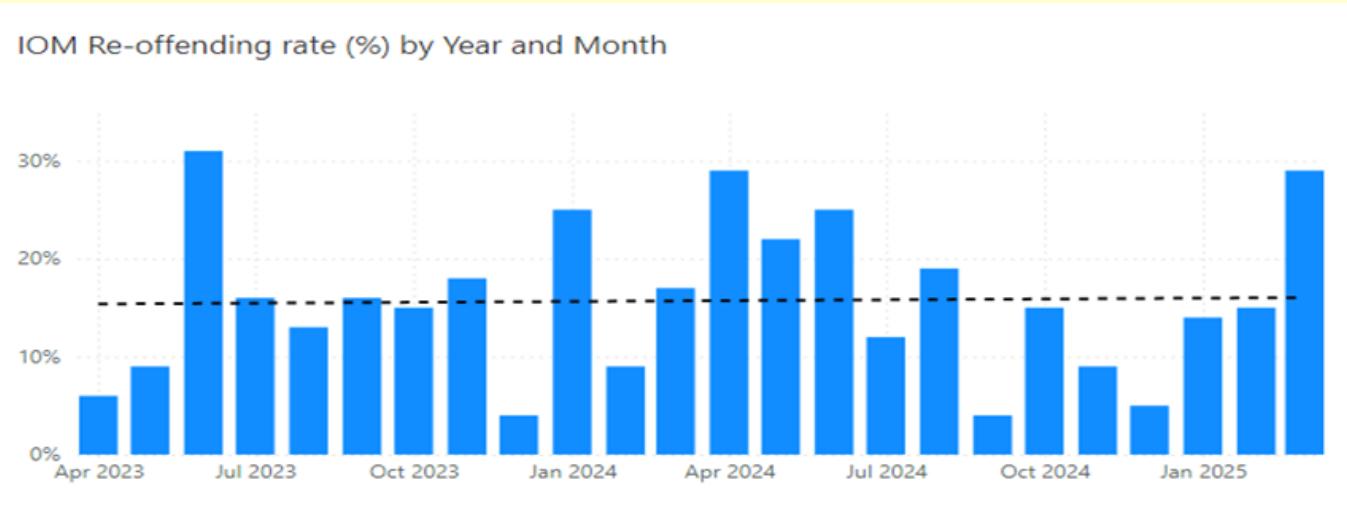


- Despite the overall downward trajectory, there was an upturn in both offences and incidents in March 2025.
- Most offences recorded are violence without injury – 412 offences in Q4 2024/24.

- 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



- 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.

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
Climb	Children	<p>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.</p>	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)	<p>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</p>	

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:

Young Person's Prevention Programme survey findings

304 young people surveyed

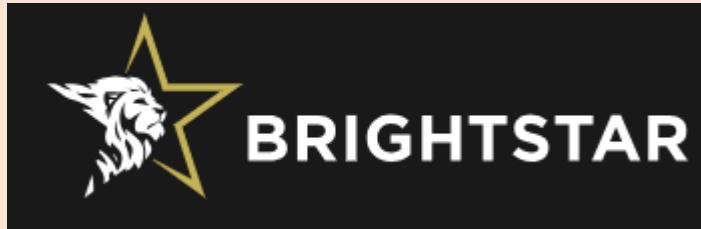


"I will analyse people in a less sexist way"

"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.



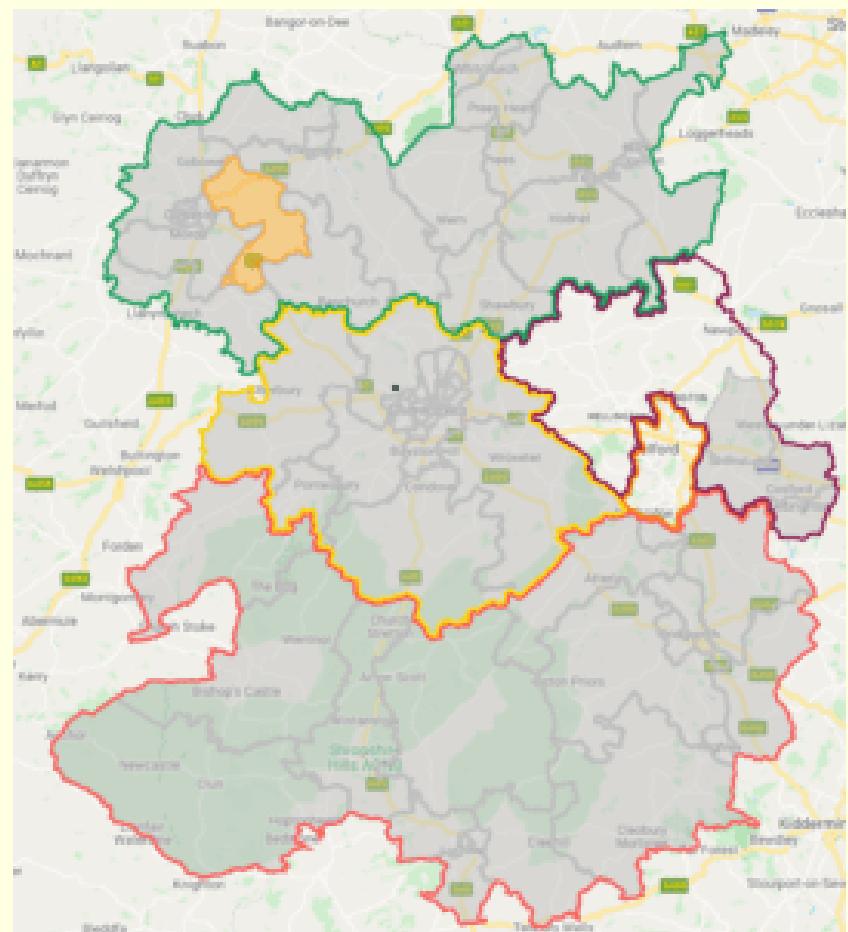
Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022

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.



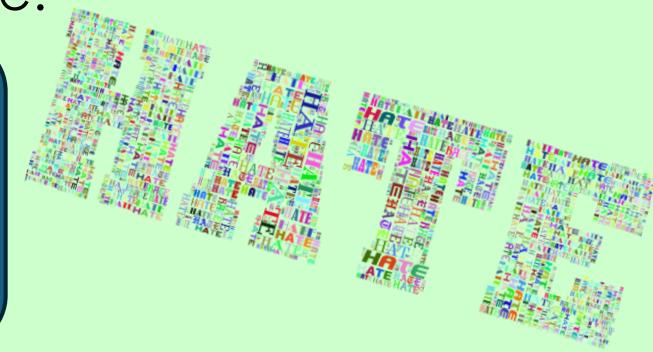


Hate Crime

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:



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



Bolton Councils Hate
Crime/Mate Crime
Video



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



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

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.

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.**

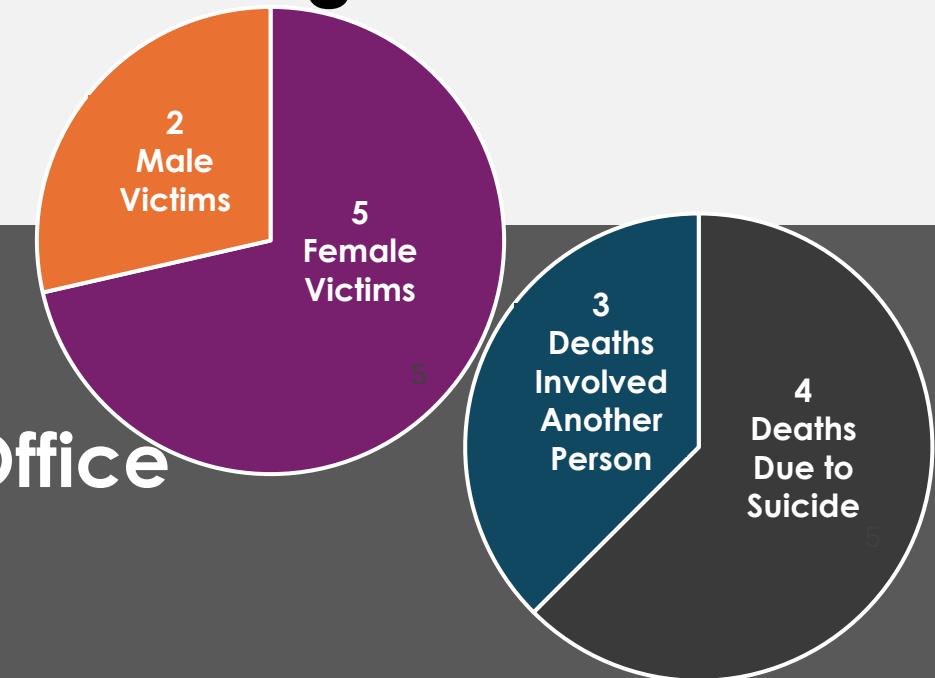
1 completed DHR - Published

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](#).

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.

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"

4. Grandson

Mr. C's grandson had a long history of intervention with a number of services. This dated back to his childhood.

He also had a history of perpetrating domestic abuse within his intimate relationships with women and within other familial relationships.

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.





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

Independent
Diagnostic
Review

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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

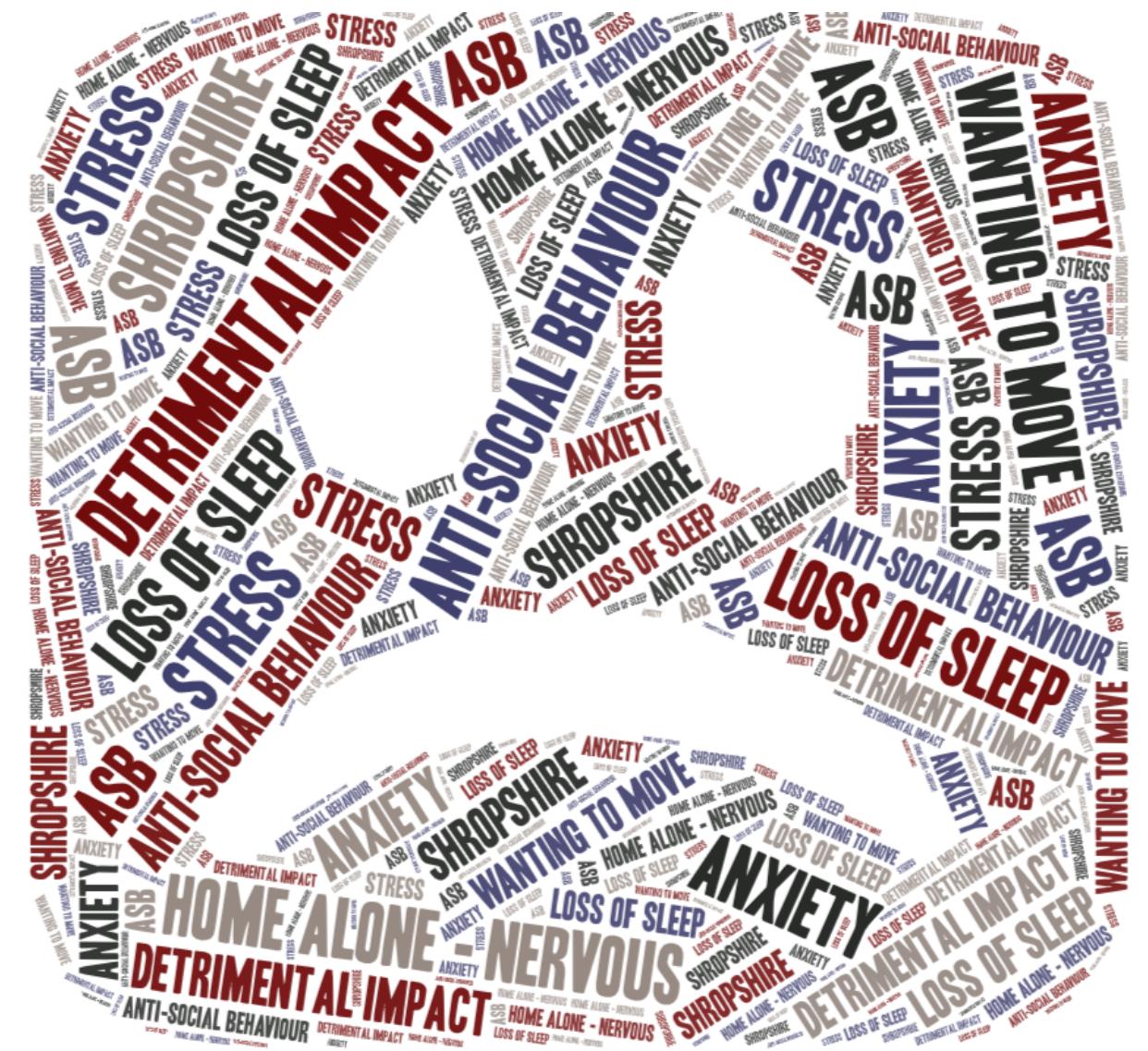
- There were 6 requests to conduct Anti-Social Behaviour Case Reviews during this year, the same as the previous year.
 - 4 requests did not progress to review;
 - 2 had action plans developed in response to the concerns raised.
- All referrers were raising concerns about the behaviour of their neighbours.



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

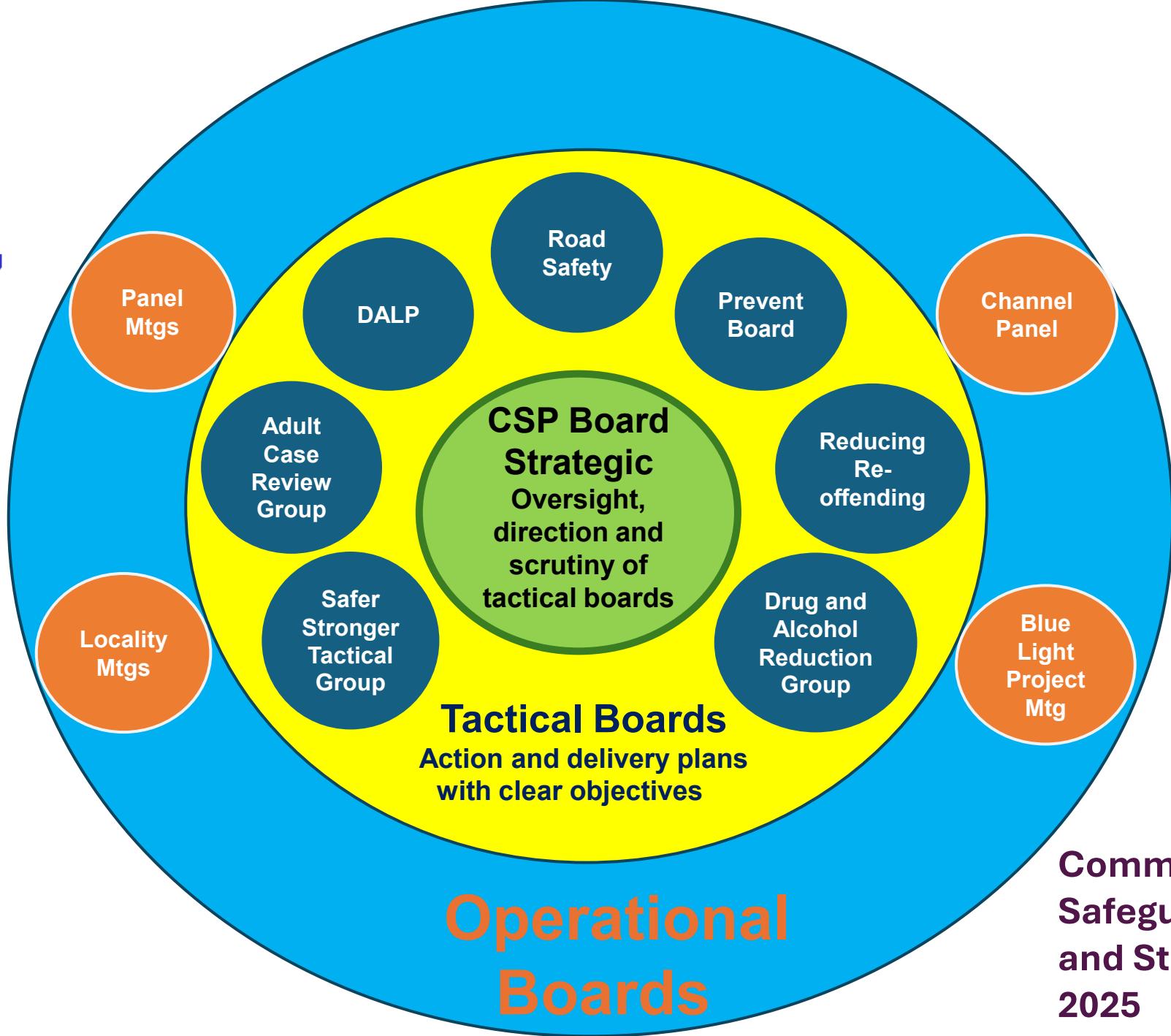
In February 2025 there was a workshop to determine the structure (slide 37) of the CSP for the next three years

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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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.

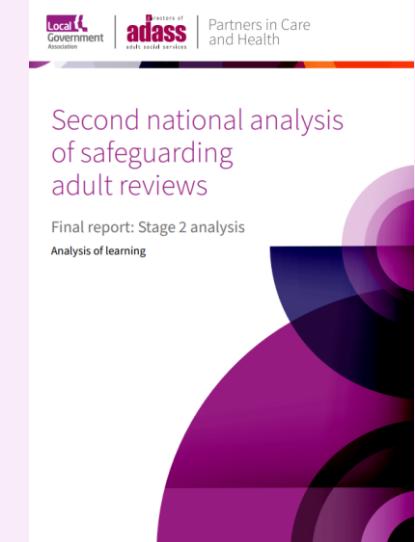


Learning from Domestic Homicide Reviews

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.

Strategic Priorities 2025-2028

Domestic Abuse



Prevent

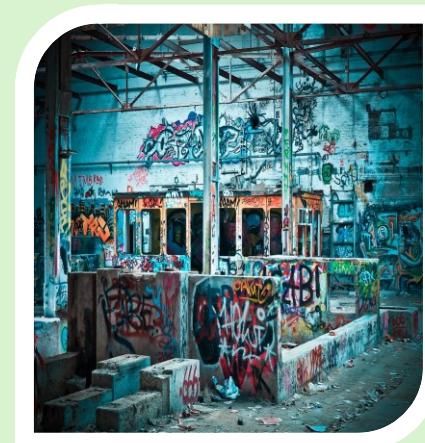


Prevent Strategy

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.

Strategic Priorities 2025-2028

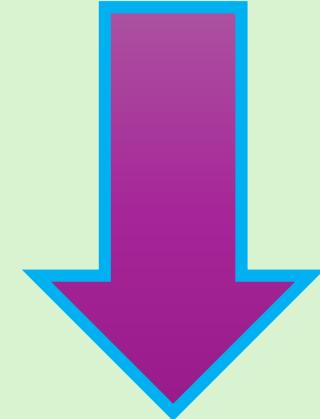
Road Safety



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

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

Action Counters Terrorism (ACT)
0800 011 3764

For concerns about someone being drawn into radicalisation

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

CrimeStoppers
0800 555 111
To anonymously give information about crime

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

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