

**Thurrock  
Community  
Safety  
Partnership:**

**Annual  
Delivery Plan  
2024/2025**



# Background and Duties

- ❑ The responsible authorities ( Thurrock Council, Essex Police, Essex County Fire and Rescue Service, The Probation Service and Mid-West Integrated Care Body) who form the Community Safety Partnership (CSP) in Thurrock are required to work together in formulating and implementing strategies to tackle local crime and disorder in the area and to have in place a partnership plan for that area, setting out the CSP's priorities.
- ❑ This plan has regard for the police and crime objectives set out in the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioners (PFCC) Police and Crime Plan and will be shared with the PFCC.
- ❑ This delivery plan focuses on the priorities as identified in the strategic assessment for 2023

# Strategic Assessment – Key Findings

1. Residents ranked People Using or Dealing Drugs highest (78. %) followed by knife crime (67.9%) and Gangs/County Lines (66.7%)
2. Year on year we have seen a decrease in the percentage of residents who have confidence in police in Thurrock
3. Thurrock has seen a decrease in all crime offences of -747 (-4.4%), decreases were seen in offences of violence against the person, burglary, domestic abuse , hate crime and robbery (3%) whilst increases seen in vehicle crime and theft offence
4. There has been a 12% decrease in crimes recorded by British Transport Police
5. Decrease in reported incidents of ASB to Essex Police of -831 (-32.7%) of which 57% were nuisance related.
6. Thurrock saw an increase of fire incidents attended by ECFRS, of 39% (613) of which 80 were Accidental Dwelling Fires,
7. Hate crime in Thurrock remains high however we have seen a 11.9% decrease
8. There was a decrease of 32% (16) of reported Modern Slavery & Human Trafficking Offences on the previous 12 months
9. There are no known county lines operating currently in Thurrock and 3 drugs lines
10. Thurrock has seen a decrease of 24 (-18.8%) Serious Violence Offences
11. Thurrock has the third highest cohort of number of offenders open to probation in Essex of which 32% are in relation to violent crime.
12. Our Youth Offending Service continue to see a decline in young people accessing services due to offences of possession of bladed articles and drug supply offences

# Priorities for 2024/25

The findings of the strategic assessment 2023 have informed the decision to select the following CSP Priorities for Thurrock:

1. **Breaking the cycle of Domestic Abuse:** in line with the Domestic Abuse Duty and needs assessment
2. **Reduce harm to and safeguard victims from Hate Crime**
3. **Engaging with residents to Tackle Community based Anti-social Behaviour and Safeguard victims**
4. **Preventing Serious Violence:** Tackling the causes of drug driven violent crime in our communities (including robbery) through driving down gang related activity including offensive weapons
5. **Tackling disproportionality in relation to Violence Against Women and Girls –** including sexual offences, stalking and rape, whilst recognising that men and boys can also be victims

In addition to the above priorities the CSP will ensure that plans and appropriate governance is in place to deliver our duties in relation to:

- Prevent Duty Revised 2023
- Reduce Reoffending
- And deliver on year 3 of our action plan to address Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery.

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# Horizon Scanning and Legislative Changes

The partnership should be aware of the following policy activity at a **national** level:

- Review of Community Safety Partnerships:
- Revised Prevent Duty Guidance:
- Serious Violence Duty:
- Victims & Prisoners Bill:
- Offensive Weapons Homicide Reviews:
- Online Safety Act 2023

More detail within section 2 of the strategic assessment

And **locally** the partnership should be aware of the following identified risks:

- Elections in May 2023: locally and PFCC with potential for General Election. Risk of change to national, regional and local priorities.
- Areas of the borough are seeing an increased issue of ASB and racism requiring multi-agency responses through additional operations and having an impact on wider members of the community
- Contextual safeguarding risks: An increasing no of young people are being exposed to risky behaviour particularly in regard to vaping, nitrous oxide and edible cannabis.
- The National issue of gang related violence continues to be a risk to the communities of Thurrock and whilst positive activity to address there is an ongoing risk in relation to emergence of gangs to fill any vacuum.
- The inclusion of violence against women and girls within the national threat level highlights the importance of recognising this crime as a risk to society and ensuring a robust response.
- Online risk to exploitation remains including in relation to radicalisation and concerns over Tik Tok
- S114 notice served on Thurrock Council limiting spend and resources means the CSP should focus on High Harm High Risk priorities
- Drug and Alcohol Services: New single service provider from April 24 covering all ages.

# Community Equality Impact Assessment (CEIA)

A CEIA is in place for

- Thurrock VAWG and Domestic Abuse Strategy.
- Preventing Serious Violence Action Plan
- Prevent Strategy 2024/27

The CEIA for this delivery plan has been produced to ensure that due consideration has been given to the Council's statutory Equality Duty to eliminate unlawful discrimination and ensure no negative impacts on communities, workforce and/or the health and wellbeing of local residents whilst identifying any opportunity to level the playing field.

The Delivery plan:

- recognises that crime is more prevalent in some areas and responds appropriately:
- recognises and responds to the risks to young people of being exploited and that those with a learning disability are more vulnerable to exploitation
- recognises that there is an under reporting of hate crime in relation to the protected characteristics of Disability, Gender Reassignment, Race, Religion/Belief, Sex and Sexual Orientation and seeks to raise awareness and build trust in communities to report.
- Our VAWG and DA strategy responds to the disproportionate impact that this crime has across the protected characteristics.

# Priority 1: Breaking the cycle of Domestic Abuse

## Our Commitments and Ambitions for 24/25

Planned Activity	Planned Outcome	Timescale
1. Conduct a full 3 year local needs assessment to determine the level of need for support within safe accommodation in Thurrock.	1. Identify any new needs and respond to these through implementation of support services	Quarter 2
2. Submit voluntary quarterly and annual data to DLUHC on support services within safe accommodation	2. Understand trends of service use occurring in safe accommodation.	Quarterly/ Annually
3. Increase the number of completions of the DA and stalking offer internally and across the wider partnerships.	3. Greater awareness and understanding of domestic abuse, sexual violence and abuse and how to respond appropriately to disclosures	April 2025
4. Further development of SET wide commitment to joint commissioning from April 2025	4. New SET wide DA support services contract in place from April 2025	April 2025

## Priority 2: Reduce harm to and safeguard victims from Hate Crime

### Our Commitments and Ambitions for 24/25

Planned Activity	Planned Outcome	Timescale
1. To raise awareness with our businesses, private landlords and letting agencies on hate crime how to report and support available	1. Increased reporting by business, improved support for victims with private tenancies	Q4
2. Engage with community at talking shop events and attend a supported housing forum to raise awareness	2. Continue to raise awareness with our vulnerable residents and enable reporting and appropriate support	Quarterly
3. Hate Crime Awareness Week to be celebrated and promote to schools	3. Number of positive interactions	Q3
4. Review of hate crime training to promote positive outcomes and mediation/restorative justice using case studies	4. Increase referrals to the RJ and mediation team with positive outcomes for victims	Q4
5. Host a community event on Seabrooke Rise to raise awareness	5. Year on year reduction in ASB and hate crimes	Q3
6. Respond to findings of the resident survey	6. Improvement in areas highlighted	Q4



# Priority 3: Engaging with residents to Tackle Community based Anti-social Behaviour and Safeguard victims

## Our Commitments and Ambitions for 24/25

Planned Activity	Planned Outcome	Timescale
1. Develop community based working & continue to work in partnership with external agencies, councillors and community, utilising data including crime recording, and ASB reporting to identify emerging criminality/concerns and to implement bespoke problem solving measures to address, including joint High visibility patrols, pop up engagement events, target hardening measures, and education programmes.	1. Address ASB in problem areas of Tilbury, Grays and West Thurrock measured by decrease in reports and no. of enforcement actions taken	Quarterly plans  Q3
2. To continue through multi-agency work and funding to deliver Op Dial including enforcement of the PSPO in West Thurrock to reduce ASB	2. Reduction in reports of ASB nuisance vehicle	Q4
3. To continue to use our Locality Action Groups to work in partnership to safeguard victims	3. Increased referrals to LAG and a reduction in requests for ASB Case Reviews	Q4
4. Seek funding for safer streets to tackle ASB and VAWG	4. Increased funding to improve safety of residents	Quarterly
5. Community interactions through joint agency partnership events, use of social media, e-newsletter/dispatch and being accessible to all	5. Increase public perception	

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# Priority 4: Preventing Serious Violence

## Our Commitments and Ambitions for 24/25

Planned Activity	Planned Outcome	Timescale
1. Develop a local Thurrock Action Plan in response to the serious Violence Duty and Essex wide strategy aligned to the Health and well Being Strategy to be implemented from April 24	Identify emerging trends and patterns within violent offending as a whole in Thurrock with a dynamic response to reducing public space serious violence	Q1
2. To collectively continue to develop an intel picture around emerging gangs, to monitor their presence and promote an appropriate safeguarding and disruption response for any Thurrock young person identified as being exploited by a gang.		ongoing
3. To explore how we can build our connections with colleagues in the Met to promote the sharing of information and to aid the safeguarding and disruption efforts around young people who may be exploited in London boroughs.		Q4
4. Through flagging Modern Slavery on LCS system tracking the number of young people at risk		Q1
5. Monitoring of incidents in relation to alcohol related violence and respond appropriately		Ongoing

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# Priority 5: Tackling disproportionality in relation to VAWG

## Our Commitments and Ambitions for 24/25

Planned Activity	Planned Outcome	Timescale
1. Embed and develop Transport Safety Officers including VAWG awareness days	1. Deliver VAWG related training to assist the TSOs in their understanding of VAWG issues and improve safety on railway	June 2024
2. Evaluation of Op Minerva	2. To evaluate effectiveness and drive future plans	March 2025
3. Provide annual report to HWB in relation to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Increase the number of completions of the Sexual Abuse training product offer internally and across the wider partnerships.</li> </ul>	3. Annual report to HWB as / plan including greater awareness and understanding of sexual violence and abuse and how to respond appropriately to disclosures	December 2024
4. Continue to raise awareness of support services available in the borough through events such as 16 days of activism.	4. Annual 16 days partnership events and communication plan	March 2025
5. Explore opportunities to determine if a suite of targeted intervention for females that are at risk of exploitation can be provided, linked to preventing serious violence	5. Commence medium/long term intervention opportunities for females at risk subject to funding.	Nov 2024
6. To deliver further "walk and talk" events in our town centres and respond to findings	6. Understand the public's perception of safety and reassure the public and local businesses and raise awareness on the issue.	April 2025
7. Recruit volunteers and launch street pastors scheme in Grays	7. Increased presence of trusted adults, responding to feedback from young voices, improved perception data	March 2025
		June 2024

# Prevent Duty

## Our Commitments 2024/25:

- Publish our revised strategy in line with National Update to Prevent 2023 by end Q1
- Action Plan by end Q1
- Offer regular training sessions 9 across year
- Webinars on ideology 4
- Training for prevent Champions by end Q3
- Implement Actions to Reduce Permissive Environments – by end Q4
- Review of progress workshop Q3

# Serious Violence Duty

## Our Commitments 2024/25:

- Action plan end Q1 in line with SVD Greater Essex Strategy
- Through improving understanding, raising awareness and developing the workforce
- To improve use of data to inform our understanding of the problem of serious violence across Thurrock
- Through targeting interventions - delivering programmes which prevent and reduce serious violence
- Develop a plan to improve partnership response to drivers of violence
- Seek funding for a service provision for women and girls at risk of serious sexual violence/abuse

# Re-offending Duty

Our Commitments 2024/25:

- Host a Stakeholder workshop by Q1
- Develop 3 year reducing re-offending action plan end Q1
- Housing accommodation
- Embed new drug and alcohol providers within IOM Q2

To support the following within the Health and Well Being Strategy

- Re-commission an all-age Substance Misuse Service for Thurrock in line with Human Learning System principles
- Review the SET DAP Outcomes Framework, in order to ensure delivery of the National Drugs Strategy at a local level

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