



# Partnership Strategic Assessment 2012-13

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## Glossary of Terms

| Acronym | Description                                |
|---------|--|
| ASB     | Anti-social Behaviour                      |
| BDVP    | Bedfordshire Domestic Violence Partnership |
| CBC     | Central Bedfordshire Council               |
| CBT     | Central Bedfordshire Together              |
| CSP     | Community Safety Partnership               |
| DHR     | Domestic Homicide Review                   |
| DV      | Domestic Violence                          |
| IDAP    | Integrated Domestic Abuse Programme        |
| IDVA    | Independent Domestic Violence Advisor      |
| IOM     | Integrated Offender Management             |
| ISA     | Information Sharing Agreement              |
| LCJB    | Local Criminal Justice Board               |
| LSP     | Local Strategic Partnership                |
| LTT     | Lets Talk Together                         |
| MARAC   | Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference    |
| NHS     | National Health Service                    |
| NI      | National Indicators                        |
| NTE     | Night Time Economy                         |
| PCSO    | Police Community Support Officer           |
| PPO     | Prolific & Persistent Offender             |
| SAC     | Serious Acquisitive Crime                  |
| SARC    | Sexual Assault Referral Centre             |
| VAP     | Violence against the Person                |

## Executive Summary

Central Bedfordshire continues to be a safe place to live, work and socialise in. Over the past 12 months we have seen significant activity across the Community Safety Partnership (CSP) and towards the three priorities that were in place during 2011-12.

In 2011-12 there have been improvements in performance in all three priorities. Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) incidents have shown a reduction compared to the previous year and progress has been made in improving data sharing across the Partnership along with risk assessing and improved case management for vulnerable and repeat victims.

The Integrated Offender Management (IOM) programme was launched in 2011 and the team is gradually taking on more cases of repeat offenders. Performance results have shown in Quarter 2 2011-12 a decrease in the number of offenders on the programme reoffending compared to the same time period last year, decreasing from 1.96 reoffences per reoffender to 1.03 reoffences. Full roll out of the programme should be completed in the next few months.

Reports of domestic abuse incidents to the police slightly increased in 2011-12 compared to the previous 12 months and the number of high risk cases referred to the Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) has increased. Increasing in domestic abuse reporting can be seen as a positive step towards understanding the true picture of domestic abuse in Central Bedfordshire.

In October 2010 the Government announced their intention to remove the National Indicator (NI) set. The CSP will now be setting its own indicators and multi agency work will be taking place to look at the availability, quality, cost and suitability of data going forward and the best ways in which we can measure performance.

The strategic assessment process looks ahead at the possible threats across Central Bedfordshire; three issues have been raised as a concern and are predicted to continue to cause significant impact to our communities. These three issues are recommended as the CSP Priorities for 2012-12 they are:

- ASB – (emphasis on repeat and vulnerable victims)
- Reducing reoffending – (emphasis on substance misuse related offending)
- Domestic abuse – (emphasis on repeat and vulnerable victims)

ASB continues to be a national priority and research has shown it continues to be a local priority for the community of Central Bedfordshire. Repeat victims of ASB are subject to continued abuse within our communities which affects

the quality of their life along with those around them. Analysis has shown that although improvements have been made regarding the sharing of data and intelligence, further work is needed to ensure that as a Partnership we recognise and address the needs of vulnerable and repeat victims of ASB.

The IOM programme continues to be fully supported by the CSP. National research and the first quarterly performance pack indicates that the programme is working with reoffending rates having reduced compared to the same time period last year. Working with this small cohort of individuals (33 offenders) and successfully rehabilitating them will have a significant impact on the number of offences that are committed within Central Bedfordshire. It is therefore, essential that support continues to be given to the programme and that performance is closely monitored in 2012-13 to ensure that the processes in place continue to provide the reductions expected. Housing needs of offenders continues to be the most significant issue for offenders within Central Bedfordshire and this is the area that should be concentrated on in the following 12 months.

Considerable work has taken place within the Partnership regarding domestic abuse with a number of services in place for supporting and protecting the victims of domestic abuse. Analysis in 2011-12 has shown that there is now an increased requirement to address the needs of the perpetrators of domestic abuse as it is their behaviour that needs to be rehabilitated in order to break the cycle of abuse. Work on a perpetrator programme is essential in order to reduce the number of reports of domestic abuse and in particular in reducing the number of repeat victims.

Sexual abuse is an emerging issue within Central Bedfordshire and one where more work is required to fully understand. Sexual violence has a dramatic impact on the victim and the people around them and is known to be considerably under reported. Although much work has been completed in 2011-12 with the opening of the Sexual Abuse Referral Centre (SARC) and employing crisis workers the true picture is not yet known. It is essential that in 2012-13 further work is carried out by both the Sexual Abuse Co-ordinator and the CSP Analyst to collate data from all partner agencies and to provide the Partnership with a clearer picture of the extent of the issue in Central Bedfordshire.