



Community Safety
Partnership Strategic
Assessment
2015-16

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Glossary of Terms

Acronym	Description
ACPO	Association of Chief Police Officers
ASB	Anti Social Behaviour
ASBRAC	Anti Social Behaviour Risk Assessment Conference
BDAP	Bedfordshire Domestic & Sexual Abuse Partnership
BME	Black and Minority Ethnic
CAADA	Coordinated Action Against Domestic Abuse
CSE	Child Sexual Exploitation
CSP	Community Safety Partnership
HMIC	Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary
MARAC	Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference
OCSE	Online Child Sexual Exploitation
PSPO	Public Space Protection Order
SAC	Serious Acquisitive Crime
SARAC	Sexual Abuse Risk Assessment Conference

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Executive Summary

Central Bedfordshire continues to be a safe place to live, work and socialize in. Over the past 12 months considerable activity has taken place across the Community Safety Partnership (CSP) and towards the three priorities that were agreed for 2014-2015.

Priority – Reducing the number of victims of Anti Social Behaviour (ASB) and supporting those who are most vulnerable.

During 2014-2015 the CSP has continued to work on implementing the Anti Social Behaviour Risk Assessment Conference (ASBRAC) review recommendations to ensure that high risk victims of ASB are dealt with effectively. So far five of the recommendations have been completed and further work is taking place to agree a new risk assessment tool and to develop a process in which victim care plans can be monitored.

The new ASB legislation which came into place in October 2014 changed the way in which ASB is dealt with by partners. A countywide task & finish group was set up and worked through a significant action plan to ensure that Bedfordshire is able to deal with the new legislation effectively.

Priority - Reducing the number of victims of domestic abuse and supporting those who are most vulnerable.

The Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) continues to run successfully and has seen an increase in the number of cases which are referred meaning that more high risk victims are benefitting from multi agency safety planning.

The CSP has launched a new community based perpetrator programme which allows perpetrators to self refer to the scheme to receive support and guidance on how to change their offending behaviour.

Following recommendations from a Bedford Borough Domestic Homicide Review a Domestic Abuse champion's network has been set up. This network consists of approximately 40 individuals who are a point of contact for domestic abuse in their agency. All champions have received domestic abuse awareness training, routine enquiry training and MODUS¹ training.

¹ MODUS – is the system which is used to administrate the MARAC referrals.

Priority – Reducing domestic burglary

The CSP has completed significant crime prevention work around domestic burglary. A communications strategy was devised which aimed to promote the “good neighbour” campaign which encourages people to keep an “eye out” for neighbours and their properties. The campaign has included numerous leaflet drops at Pride In and Operation Vision events which have taken place throughout the year, communications have been publicized through a number of newsletters and social media.

The Community Safety Team worked alongside Bedfordshire Fire and Rescue Service and delivered 2568 packs to residents which included a burglary prevention card. The packs were delivered to properties within hotspot areas which had high levels of domestic burglary and accident dwelling fires in the previous six months.

The CSP continue to monitor burglary offences and offending series at the monthly CSP Tasking meeting and are standing members of Bedfordshire Police’s fortnightly Force Intelligence Meeting where current crime series are discussed and actions agreed.

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The strategic assessment process looks ahead at the possible threats across Central Bedfordshire. The issues that have been raised as a concern are predicted to continue to cause a significant impact on the community of Central Bedfordshire. These issues are recommended as CSP priorities for 2015-2016. These are:

- Reducing harm to vulnerable victims and increasing their confidence to report domestic abuse, sexual abuse and hate crime.
- To understand the complex needs of those with substance misuse and mental health illness and to work with partners across these two issues.

Analysis has also highlighted one issue which is considered high risk but currently the CSP does not have sufficient information to fully understand the threat, risk and what actions need to be undertaken in Central Bedfordshire. This issue is child sexual exploitation (CSE).

It is also recommended that the CSP needs to progress work in two issues these being Terrorism and Organised Crime Groups.

Domestic abuse, sexual abuse and hate crime all show a significant increase in the numbers being reported in Central Bedfordshire. These increases are due to the continued work by partners to improve the recording of these incidents and the continue awareness raising which takes place. Evidence shows that these crimes are still significantly under reported across Central Bedfordshire compared with what would be expected for the population size. Increased reporting means increased

victims and the CSP needs to ensure that these victims have the appropriate support services in place.

Victims of all forms of abuse have many complex reasons why they may not come forward to report incidents. The CSP needs to take a more targeted approach with some of its awareness raising projects by identifying those hard to reach groups and making necessary adjustments. Once there are increases in reporting in these areas the CSP should use the feedback and experience from these victims to ensure that services are relevant and accessible to them and also to look to understand the reasons for limited reporting.

Mental health and substance misuse are two complex issues which have a huge impact on an individual, their families and the wider community but also have a huge impact on the CSP both in terms of resources and costs.

There is much work already taking place across the county on both of these issues and it is essential that the CSP pulls together work streams to ensure that the needs of the community are being considered and that all partners are working together.

These two issues also have an impact on the first priority with victims and perpetrators of domestic abuse, sexual abuse and hate crime being more likely to use substances to deal with their trauma and for victims also to be more likely to suffer with mental health issues.

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Appendix 1 – Risk Matrix

Partnership Strategic Assessment Risk Matrix												
0 - N/A 1 - Low 3 - Medium 5 - High	Performance issue - deteriorating	PCC Priority/National Priority	Community Priority	Harm to Property	Physical Harm to People	Psychological Harm to People	Generator of Fear/Worry	Cost Impact	Likelihood	Under reported	CSP Knowledge	Total
Child Exploitation	3	5	2	1	5	5	2	5	2	5	5	40
Hate Crime	5	5	1	3	5	5	5	1	1	5	3	39
Domestic Abuse	3	5	1	3	5	5	1	5	5	5	1	39
Rape/Attempted Rape	5	5	1	0	5	5	2	4	1	5	3	36
ASB (Personal)	3	5	5	3	1	5	1	4	5	3	1	36
ASB (Environmental)	5	5	5	3	1	1	3	3	5	3	1	35
ASB (Nuisance)	3	5	5	3	1	3	3	3	5	3	1	35
Terrorism	0	5	1	5	5	5	5	5	1	0	3	35
Sexual Offences	5	5	1	0	4	5	2	3	2	5	3	35
Most Serious Violence	5	5	1	1	5	5	3	5	1	1	1	33
Distraction Burglary	3	5	3	5	3	5	3	2	1	1	1	32
Burglary Dwelling	3	5	3	5	2	3	3	2	3	1	1	31
Personal Robbery	3	5	2	4	3	4	2	3	2	2	1	31
Domestic Extremism	0	5	2	3	3	3	3	3	2	3	5	32
Cyber Crime	5	0	1	5	3	1	1	2	1	5	5	29
Business Robbery	3	5	1	4	3	3	2	3	1	1	2	28
Road Traffic Deaths/KSI	1	0	3	1	5	5	2	5	2	1	3	28
Youth Offending (0-17)	1	5	3	2	2	1	2	5	2	1	3	27
Less Serious Violence	5	0	1	0	2	3	3	3	4	3	3	27
Arson/Deliberate Fires	1	0	3	5	3	3	3	5	2	1	1	27
Prostitution	1	0	0	0	5	5	1	2	1	5	5	25
Theft of Metal	1	0	2	5	0	1	1	5	3	3	3	24
TOMV/TWOC	5	5	1	5	0	1	1	2	2	1	1	24
TFMV	1	5	2	5	0	1	1	3	3	1	1	23
Burglary Other	3	0	1	5	1	1	1	2	2	3	1	20
Criminal Damage	1	0	2	3	0	2	3	1	3	3	1	19
Shoplifting	3	0	1	3	1	1	1	1	2	3	1	17
Theft from the Person	3	0	1	3	0	2	1	2	1	3	1	17
Other Theft	3	0	1	3	0	1	1	1	3	3	0	16