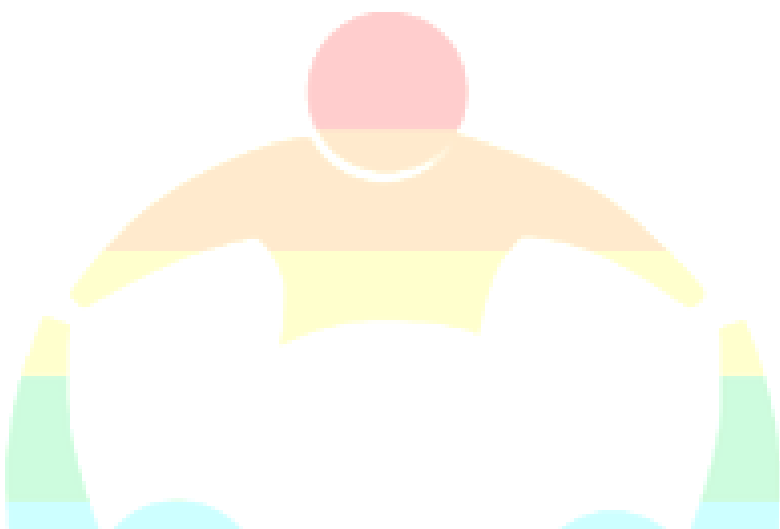




NORTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE
Community Safety Partnership

Annual report 2023-24

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Introduction and membership

The North East Lincolnshire Community Safety Partnership (CSP) is a statutory partnership, as required by Crime and Disorder Act 1998, which joins up the work of multiple organisations across the borough to tackle crime and disorder and improve community safety.

Responsible authorities, as set out in section five of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, have a duty to work together with other local agencies to develop and implement strategies that make a difference to the lives of local people.

The responsible authorities in North East Lincolnshire are:

- Humberside Police
- North East Lincolnshire Council
- Humberside Fire and Rescue Service
- Integrated Care Board (Health)
- Probation Service

Other agencies represented on the CSP:

- Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner
- Sector Support North East Lincolnshire
- Voluntary Action North East Lincolnshire
- Victim Support
- NAViGO
- Lincolnshire Housing Partnership

Other agencies working in partnership to deliver the CSP aims:

- Task group members

The ethos of the CSP is to 'add value' to the extensive work already undertaken by the partners as part of their organisations' aims and priorities (their 'business as usual'). This is done via strong communication, careful joint work and sharing of information to steer the work of the partnership to meet the aims set out in the CSP Partnership Plan.

Our priorities 2023-24

As part of its statutory requirements, the CSP conducts an annual audit of local crime and disorder, called the Joint Strategic Intelligence Assessment (JSIA). In addition to a wide range of data indicators, this audit also asks local communities for their views on prevalent crimes in their neighbourhoods and asks what they think the CSP should focus on addressing.

Using the information from this audit and consultation, the Partnership then produces an annual refresh of its three-year rolling Partnership Plan. In 2023-24 the CSP delivered against two outcomes to achieve our vision that 'all people in North East Lincolnshire feel safe and are safe':

1. People are kept safe from crime and disorder, focusing on five outputs:
 - Dedicated domestic abuse provision with adequately resourced support for victims and their families
 - Dedicated multi-agency approach to reducing anti-social behaviour and protecting repeat victims
 - Enhanced criminal justice prevention model to ensure people who commit crime and those who re-offend are supported to address harmful behaviours.
 - Dedicated multi-agency approach to reducing serious violence
 - Dedicated multi-agency approach to preventing violence against women and girls
2. Vulnerable communities are protected and supported, focusing on five outputs:
 - Dedicated multi-agency approach to adolescent risk
 - Effective treatment is provided to those with substance and alcohol dependency
 - Dedicated multi-agency approach to neighbourhood networking
 - Dedicated multi-agency approach to preventing violent extremism
 - Dedicated multi-agency approach to tackling modern slavery

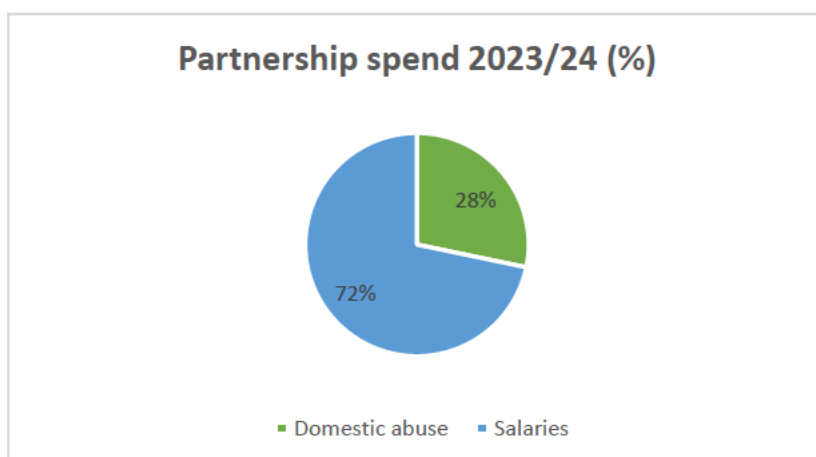
Investments received and what they achieved

Core Fund

The Community Safety Partnership (CSP) has a statutory responsibility to deliver the aims of the CSP Partnership Plan within North East Lincolnshire. In order to support this there is funding available from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) to enable the commissioning of services and develop projects to meet the needs of the population in North East Lincolnshire. This freedom to invest in creative practice, and break from traditional silo approaches, enables the CSP to make the biggest difference to communities in North East Lincolnshire.

For the financial year 2023-2024 funding was allocated as follows:

	Income (£)	Expenditure (£)
Income		
Contribution from OPCC	204,204	
Contribution from NELC	9,715	
	213,919	
Domestic abuse		
Contribution to high risk services		42,200
Domestic homicide reviews		17,532
		59,732
Community safety team		
Salaries including on-costs (four posts)		151,623
		151,623
TOTAL	213,919	211,355



Project funding

A total of £176,422 was awarded by the Police and Crime Commissioner to North East Lincolnshire Community Safety Partnership to deliver crime prevention projects, along with a share of £78,884 awarded across the four Humber Community Safety Partnerships for joint projects. In addition, we received £300,000 from other funders within 2023/24. Where these projects have not already been included in the priority areas in the main body of the report, an update has been provided below.

High risk domestic abuse

The Community Safety Partnership contributes to Independent Domestic Violence Advocate (IDVA) provision and coordination of the Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC), both provided by The Blue Door CiC. These form part of wider high risk domestic abuse service provision offered within the borough.

The IDVA service provides independent, specialist support and advocacy to high-risk victims of domestic abuse, offering timely safety advice and risk management support to equip victims with the tools and strategies they need to keep themselves and their children safe. IDVAs act as advocates for victims and work to reduce repeat victimisation whilst acting on the victim's wishes and ensuring their voice is heard throughout multi-agency and criminal justice system intervention.

MARAC is a multi-agency forum where high risk domestic abuse cases are managed. Agencies share information and agree actions to keep the victim of abuse safe. Its primary focus is to safeguard the adult victim, with links made to other services to safeguard any children involved and manage the behaviour of the perpetrator. Effective coordination of the MARAC is essential as it acts as a central point of contact for agencies involved, ensures referrals are processed, maintains administration of the MODUS system to record shared information in one central database and also delivers training to agencies.

The frequency of MARAC meetings has remained at fortnightly to meet demand and ensure all cases referred are given equal time and focus. Twenty-five MARACs were held in within the 2023/24 financial year, with a total of 1,034 cases heard. In addition, the MARAC Steering Group continues to monitor MARAC referral and repeat rates and review meeting frequency and wider arrangements. SafeLives commenced a review / assessment of MARAC and the wider domestic abuse arrangements in 2023/24, and this is nearing completion with a report and full findings / recommendations due in early 2024/25.

Case study

Client D was a 39-year-old, referred to MARAC by Humberside Police. There was a social worker involved with the family and language was a barrier for accessing services. The Independent Domestic Violence Advocate (IDVA) linked with partner agencies to ensure that the victim was not left feeling isolated within the community. A baby group and cultural group, who spoke in the native language of Client D, were identified and Client D was given information about them in their own language. MARAC provided for Client D with a holistic approach which prevented them from having to repeat themselves to multiple agencies.

MARAC attempts to ensure there are no gaps in service and has multiple professionals from multiple organisations assessing each case and working together towards not only reducing risk but to promoting positive outcomes to individuals and families' long term circumstances.

Safer Streets 4

The Safer Streets 4 project was run in East Marsh from late 2022 to late 2023. The focus was on reducing crime (with a specific focus on burglary), the impacts of crime, and perception of the area. Key initiatives included:

- Home security upgrades for vulnerable residents;
- Installation of nine new CCTV cameras, new signage, and improved street lighting;
- Targeted patrols by police and community support officers;
- Educational and awareness-raising programmes for young people and adults.

Over 11 tons of fly-tipped waste was cleared from alleyways; 30 alley gates were installed, replaced or repaired; and over 500 households received visits from a specialist team to review their home security and install lights, CCTV and locks. The local neighbourhood policing team held a number of days of action and ran a series of operations in the ward to complement and focus their normal policing activities. A 'keeping older people safe' initiative ran an advice day for older people in the ward and over 2,000 copies of a 'stay safe' booklet were distributed.

Within the community sports activities were delivered as a diversion to young people and engage their families – two boxing groups were supported and a fitness project established for adults. During the programme the building in Grant Thorold Park was independently reopened as the Canopy Community Hub and became a new focal point for activities. Two major movie events in the park attracted hundreds of residents. The shutters were repainted through a major urban artwork project to make the building more attractive when closed, thus helping to design out crime.

Some elements of the programme are still operating until resources have been used up, namely home security visits and home security equipment for residents in this ward. In addition, a number of longer term projects will continue, having been kick-started with seed funding from Safer Streets 4. This includes a 'pocket park', the reopening of a derelict property into a community centre, and major repairs to the pedestrian railway bridge.

Clear Hold Build

Clear Hold Build was launched in Nunsthorpe, Grimsby, in September 2023 with the aim of eradicating organised crime on the estate. This is a tripartite approach, with the three stages of clear, hold and build being run as a multi-agency operation.

Since then, a number of arrests have been made and items seized. In late September, a raid on the Nunsthorpe saw 35.25kg of cannabis seized and in mid-March this year £7,000 in cash and 200 grams of uncut crack cocaine were recovered. Seven months in, there have also been 26 weapons seized; £14,389 taken in cash and 176 arrests, 95 of which were on the Nunsthorpe.

With a number of offenders taken off the streets, the scheme is beginning to move into the 'Hold' phase to prevent organised crime returning to the area. The Council and other partners will continue to work alongside residents in the communities to ensure they feel safe in the area, addressing any concerns they may have.



Progress against our priorities – in numbers

	2021/2022	2022/2023	2023/24	Percentage change 2022/23 to 2023/24	Direction of travel
Overall crime	18,613	17,615	18,930	+8%	↑ up
ASB incidents – all ages	2,770	2,387	2,123	-11%	↓ down
ASB incidents – young people	1,210	1,110	840	-24%	↓ down
Domestic abuse – crimes	3,443	2,756	3,528	+28%	↑ up
Domestic abuse – incidents	1,614	3,211	2,897	-10%	↓ down
Adult offending	Not available	Not available	Not available	Not available	Not available
Adult reoffending	Not available	Not available	Not available	Not available	Not available
Youth justice, first time entrants into the criminal justice system	19	24	19	-21%	↓ down
Youth justice, number of young people entering custody	0	1	1	0%	No change
Violence against the person, with injury	2,163	1,921	2,170	+13%	↑ up
Violence against the person, without injury	2,689	2,207	2,471	+12%	↑ up
Violence against women and girls	4,205	4,213	5,396	+28%	↑ up
Violence against women and girls, excluding domestic abuse	1,968	2,340	2,895	+24%	↑ up
Adolescent risk	Not available	Not available	Not available	Not available	Not available
Number in substance and alcohol treatment	1,449	1,390	1,388	0%	↓ down

	2021/2022	2022/2023	2023/24	Percentage change 2022/23 to 2023/24	Direction of travel
Percentage of prison leavers with continuity of substance and alcohol treatment	35%	39%	40%	+3%	↑ up
Number of active neighbourhood watch groups	67	54	62	+15%	↑ up
Number of resident-led groups covering community safety	19	51	68	+33%	↑ up
Number of residents engaged with	Not available	1,120	1,811	+62%	↑ up
Number of vulnerable people supported	Not available	1,150	1,967	+71%	↑ up
Referrals into the national mechanism for modern slavery	24	33	17	+48%	↓ down
Prevent, Prepare and Protect	Not available	Not available	Not available	Not available	Not available

* Data is yet to be verified for 2023/24.

Note that for some crimes which are persistently underreported, such as domestic abuse and violence against women and girls, a higher number may represent increased confidence to report rather than an increase in incidents.

Progress against our priorities

Domestic abuse

Work to tackle the prevalence of domestic abuse across the borough is underpinned by the Domestic Abuse Strategy 2021-2024 and Safe Accommodation Strategy. Partnership activity is coordinated through local governance arrangements; the Domestic Abuse Strategic Board provides strategic direction while the Domestic Abuse Operational Group is focussed on translating the aims of the strategies into tangible actions. Its remit covers the Domestic Abuse Delivery Plan, progress relating to the new duty, and communications and marketing. Oversight is shared across the Tri-Board arrangements of the Community Safety Partnership, Safeguarding Adults Board, and the Safeguarding Children Partnership.

Following the introduction of the Domestic Abuse Act 2021, and completion of a domestic abuse needs assessment, key partners have come together to develop and commission a comprehensive domestic abuse offer for North East Lincolnshire. The commissioning process is nearing completion, and the new service provision is anticipated to go live with effect from September 2024.

Voice of the Victim:

"I'd always thought I was strong; I'd managed OK on my own but after 25 years of abuse, I was finally broken. I couldn't keep silent or put up with his behaviour any longer. He had always controlled everything; he had his own business I had no finances. I had no education no job and an empty CV. Walking into the Women's Centre was one of the hardest things I'd ever done. I was so embarrassed and ashamed; I'd hidden things for so long I would have quite happily run. Luckily there was an amazing volunteer waiting for me at the desk, she brought me in and made me a cup of tea and listened while I cried until the support worker came. It took over a year with my support work being there for me constantly to finally get untangled away from my perpetrator. I attended [the] Freedom [programme] and did it again! I learned so much, I also attended Survivors with other women. I then went on to Own My Life [course] and slowly began to get my sparkle back. I now volunteer for Women's Aid and have seen firsthand that without the help of volunteers who run the shops there would not have been all the support that I am eternally grateful for."

"I have volunteered for just over a year and once again Women's Aid has been the gift that keeps on giving, my confidence has soared, I've gained a lot of new skills and now have something amazing to write on my CV. I am finally becoming the person I was always meant to be".

"Thank you so much for all your support and help whilst I was with you all, you are all amazing in what you all do, and you get ladies that are broken when they come to you but we come away a different and strong women. I definitely have because of women's Aid."

"Thank you for supporting me through my journey, you have been amazing to me, and I will be forever grateful to you and thankful. I can't stop smiling."

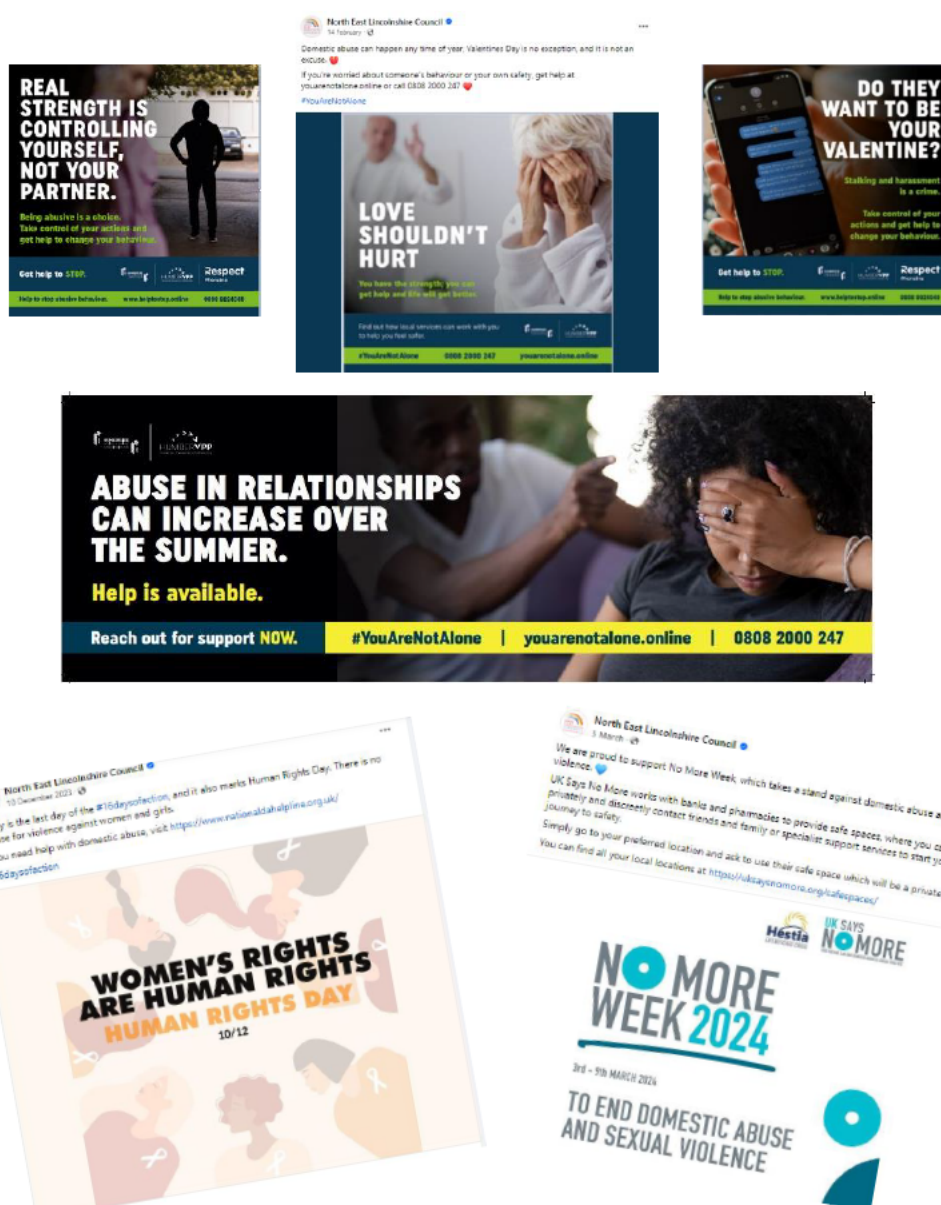
"Thank you for always being a smiling face, a friendly conversation and always brightening up the days. Thank you for helping me move out and going above and beyond, I really appreciate it."

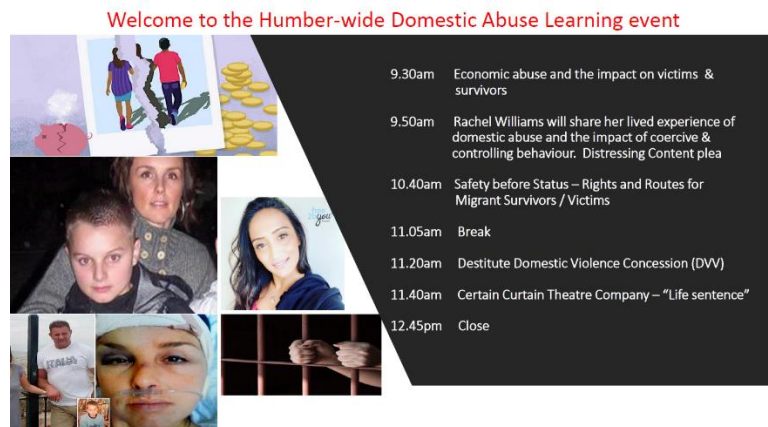
- comments from individuals accessing support from Women's Aid, who offer refuge and outreach based support to victims at all levels of risk.

It is generally accepted that incidents of domestic abuse are under-reported. Locally, it takes an average of two to five years for victims to seek support, while some never do. To help address this, awareness raising around the impact of domestic abuse and support services available continues.

The partnership supported the Police and Crime Commissioner's Summer 2023 and Valentine's 2024 campaigns, and also took part in the annual '16 days of action', sharing a social media post each day describing a different type of abuse and how those suffering could get help.

A domestic abuse commissioning communications plan has been developed to manage the awareness raising and communications required around the newly commissioned services, and a wider domestic abuse communication plan will be developed going forward on a rolling basis.





Feedback from learning events:

"It helped for consideration of the impact for individuals and children and how this can feel particularly for mothers when trying to keep themselves and their children safe'.

"I don't think I properly considered economic abuse and what this means on a wider level. I am definitely more aware and would like to continue researching this subject'.

“Yes really helpful to understand the added impacts for migrant residents affected by domestic abuse and to reflect and consider what employers can do to make even a small difference to staff experiencing domestic abuse.”

- comments from professionals attending domestic abuse learning events.

Anti-social behaviour

The NELC Anti-social Behaviour Team takes a holistic and restorative approach to intervening in ASB at the earliest opportunity to prevent escalation into more serious crimes.

During the last two years we have seen recorded ASB reduce by 12.9% which equates to 309 fewer victims. ASB committed by young people currently accounts for 40.4% of all recorded ASB. First time youth entrants into the criminal justice system have reached an all-time low in the last 12 months and are amongst the lowest in the country. We continue to look at innovative approaches to bring instances of ASB down, divert youths away from criminalisation and improve the quality of life for our communities.

The Community Safety Partnership is in the early stages of developing area-based tasking in North East Lincolnshire, led through the Grimsby East and Grimsby West community policing teams. This development will drive local community problem solving using the OSARA model (Objective, Scan, Analyse, Response and Assess) to identify the three sections of the crime triangle – these being offender, place, target. Place based discussions are held bi-monthly, and are followed by a monthly risk meeting to discuss individual offenders and victims. Problem solving is collaborative and involves a multi-agency approach.

Offending and reoffending: adults

No update provided.

Offending and reoffending: young people

The NELC Young and Safe street based team and voluntary and community sector partner organisations deliver both targeted and universal open access youth sessions in areas identified for potential youth anti-social behaviour. The sessions enable us to work with young people who may be displaying behaviours associated with offending, anti-social behaviour or vulnerability, to safeguard children and promote positive outcomes, and to stop them entering the formal youth justice system. Through the sessions young people can access additional support from partner agencies such as Compass Go for wellbeing and mental health, With You for substance misuse, school nursing, and sexual health services.

Sessions comprise:

- Universal youth engagement sessions across the borough.
- Detached youth work: youth workers travel on foot, mountain bikes, and a vehicle to access parks and open space to engage with young people in areas identified for youth ASB.
- Youth bus: a mobile unit that visits weekly to provide a safe space, activities, access to informal education, advice and guidance, safeguarding and phone chargers.
- Youth clubs: weekly sessions to provide a safe space, activities, access to informal education, advice and guidance, safeguarding and phone chargers.
- Weapons awareness: delivery of assemblies within local schools on an annual basis, or more frequently if requested by schools, or intel is received highlighting an issue. These are delivered in

partnership with Humberside Police and one to one work can be used to supplement if appropriate.

- Youth Alliance: all local youth providers including the voluntary and community sector meet to discuss opportunities for young people, joint funding options to improve services, how best to support each other in delivery, and to share best practice.
- Operation Python: joint operation with Humberside Police, patrolling ASB hotspots between 1700 and 2200 hours on Friday and Saturday evenings.
- Operation Priam: child sexual and criminal exploitation patrol, deployed to welfare visits and disruption tactics within hotspot locations for county lines.
- Fair Play Football league: this is funded through the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner and includes a minimum of six weekly football activities, with quarterly tournaments for young people.

The Youth Justice Service continues to have good relationships with the courts and a multi-agency approach, with all agencies working with the child consulted pre-court. This ensures that information provided to the courts represents a holistic overview of the child's current circumstances. The Youth Justice Service has embedded the 'Child First' practice within our work, which has introduced changes including a new pre-sentence report template which outlines the assessment of the child first and the presenting behaviours latterly, with all negative language removed. The Youth Justice Service also now provides individualised communication passports for children with assessed speech and language needs. These passports outline the child's identified needs and what support would be helpful in effective communication with them in court.



Serious violence

The Serious Violence Duty was introduced in January 2023 through the Police, Crime, Courts and Sentencing Act 2022. It places a Duty on Community Safety Partnerships to take a multi-agency approach to preventing and tackling serious violence, with a requirement to conduct a strategic needs assessment and publish a local strategy by 31st January 2024.

Humber Violence Reduction

In addition to the Serious Violence Duty, North East Lincolnshire falls within the Humber Violence Reduction Unit area (known as the Humber Violence Prevention Partnership). There are 20 such partnerships across the UK, which receive funding to achieve the following three outcomes:

- A reduction in hospital admissions for assaults with a knife or sharp object and especially among those victims aged 25 and under.
- A reduction in knife-enabled serious violence and especially among those victims ages 25 and under.
- A reduction in all homicides and especially those that are non-domestic and among those victims aged under 25 involving knives.

This year we have achieved the following:

- **955** 16- to 17-year-olds trained in bystander action against harassment.
- **215** students engaged in focus groups around misogyny, social influencers and stereotypes.
- **20** older women engaged with at a focus group around social attitudes and personal safety.
- **880** young people and 180 adults formally consulted around experiences of serious violence.
- **5** wellbeing and safeguarding events attended at the town hall, hospital and educational establishments.
- **8** vox pops conducted across North East Lincolnshire on feelings of safety within the community.
- **4** Walkabout Talkabout engagements with local residents.
- **6** multi-agency meetings to plan visits to licensed premises.
- **10** visits to licensed premises after 10pm to address concerns.
- **44** bleed kits distributed within local bars and clubs.
- **54** licenced premises visited to encourage thinking around safe spaces and duty of care.
- **1** youth 'Haven Hub' opened in Grimsby Town Centre.
- **2** Safer Streets Ambassadors out in Grimsby every Friday and Saturday night.
- **2** Street Marshals out on Friday and Saturday nights and bank holidays over Christmas in Cleethorpes.

- **43,013** people reached through social media messages posted on the subject of violence against women and girls and acceptable behaviour.

Violence against women and girls

VAWG is an umbrella term which includes any act of gender-bias violence that results in, or is likely to result in physical, sexual or mental harm or suffering to women and girls, including threats of such acts, coercion or arbitrary deprivation of liberty. In North East Lincolnshire we exclude domestic abuse from our VAWG focus as this has its own dedicated workstream and resource (see above).

Violence against women and girls is an emerging concern both nationally and locally. As with all socially rooted problems, change requires multiple interventions to tackle the immediate concerns whilst simultaneously addressing long term cultural change.

Case study 1

Immediate solution: Improving an area of concern

Railway Street / Wellington Street, Grimsby, has historically been an area of public concern and has sadly been the location for serious violence and sexual offences. A pedestrian footbridge over the railway links to the town centre and the area contains shops, businesses, and residences, and it is known that sex trade workers are present. A police report (EVA) identified that immediate and significant street scene improvements were needed.



Public consultation was conducted including the views of the sex trade workers, and the feedback was unanimous in support of improvements. By liaising with an ongoing CCTV project, we were able to coordinate additional permanent installations of state-of-the-art CCTV, improved lighting, and security fencing to give the best value outcomes. Part of the programme included environmental work such as the removal of self-seeding trees and shrubs on private property. This was fully supported by the local businesses and effectively opened a formerly unused public space car park which, along with the new CCTV, has given drivers the confidence to use it when visiting local stores.

In addition, over 500 homes in the area were provided with improved home security, in tandem with a *Safer Streets* project, and 270 personal alarms were given out to those who felt vulnerable to violent crime. We attended public events to promote community safety and encourage the reporting of concerns. These included an outdoor film screening attracting over 300 people, Pride event, Ukrainian Refugees Group, Foreign Students School event, and a *Walkabout Talkabout* session with local police. As a result of the combined efforts a local community group has formed a “Friends of the Bridge” ownership concept and continues to work on further improvements.

Photo: site clearance and CCTV Wellington Street.

Case study 2



Long term solution: Changing social norms

Unhealthy views on gender equality and misogynistic attitudes can be pre-cursors to later violence against women and girls. In order to address this, we have developed in-house, two distinct programmes which we have been delivering within Franklin College. The first explores stereotypes and societal norms, encouraging discussion around what men and women are expected to be and where those expectations come from. This develops into a conversation around popular social influencers and why some of them hold and promote negative attitudes and beliefs, especially in relation to misogyny. We then

look at the long-term effect of growing up with these narratives in mainstream culture, for both young men and young women, and explore alternative role models. This has been delivered to 215 students.

The second programme was developed in 2023 and had been so successful that we were invited back in 2024 to speak to the new intake. To date we have delivered it to 1,304 16- and 17-year-old students. This input demonstrates the extent of harassment experienced by students and their peers and teaches them how they can intervene in a safe way at any level of confidence in their ability if they witness harassment in college or a public place. Across the two years 711 students said they would be confident in intervening before the lesson began and by the end of it this had increased to 1,144.

We are grateful to the support we have received from Franklin College who, as one of the largest sixth form colleges in Northern Lincolnshire, allow us access to speak to their students as part of their *ASPIRE* sessions. Also in the wrap around work they do to revisit the topics discussed in our lessons and to signpost students to our poster series which accompanies the lessons and is visible in frames around the college site.

Photo: students at Franklin College receiving our training.

In addition to our work with younger people, we have

- Engaged with 20 older women at a focus group around social attitudes and personal safety;
- Attended five wellbeing and safeguarding events attended at the town hall, hospital and educational establishments;
- Conducted eight vox pops conducted across North East Lincolnshire on feelings of safety within the community;
- Completed four *Walkabout Talkabout* engagements with local residents;

- Introduced two Safer Streets Ambassadors into Grimsby town centre every Friday and Saturday night;
- Placed two Street Marshals out on Friday and Saturday nights and bank holidays over Christmas in Cleethorpes;
- Reached 43,013 people through social media messages posted on the subject of violence against women and girls and acceptable behaviour.

We aspire to cultivate an environment that prevents violent and abusive incidents across the borough, by raising awareness, encouraging victims to report earlier, and tackling the culture of acceptance.

Adolescent risk

The Young and Safe street based team successfully gained funding from the OPCC, Levelling Up UK Shared Prosperity Funding, and Accelerator funding to open the HAVEN Centre in Grimsby town centre. This centre is currently open Wednesday to Friday 18:30 – 21:30 and Saturday afternoon 14:30 – 18:30. The centre offers universal sessions throughout these times, however there is also the offer of more targeted interventions throughout the day, working with specialist services delivering interventions around sexual health, mental health, drug and substance misuse, education, and general well-being.

The centre is a joint venture with McDonald's and has been identified by McDonald's corporate communications team and Children in Need as an example of national best practice. The centre opened in November 2023 to support the late-night shopping seasonal period, where historically young people have caused significant anti-social behaviour.

From 01/03/2024 – 3/06/2024 181 individual young people attended the HAVEN Centre 474 times and is seen by young people as safe and fun space.



Harmful Sexualised Behaviour (HSB)

In NEL there is an established HSB Panel, with multi-agency representation. In general terms, the purpose of the panel is to act as a steering group for the programme; act as the referral and allocation route for the HSB offer; and act as a source of knowledge, expertise and support for the practitioner

team. A number of the Youth Justice Service workforce are trained to complete AIM3 assessments and will hold HSB cases. There will be a full review of the current HSB offer in NEL which will include further workforce development to ensure more partners are better able to contribute towards this offer.

Substance Misuse Intervention

The Youth Justice Service works closely with the specialist service, With You, around substance and alcohol misuse amongst young people. The Youth Justice Service has supported With You alongside Young and Safe and Family Help in the delivery of harm reduction substance misuse awareness and guidance for the workforce within North East Lincolnshire Council.

The Youth Justice Service has met with With You to incorporate a drug screening tool to be used with all young people that enter the Youth Justice Service. The idea is that should a young person be identified as low risk then a package of work will be completed by Youth Justice practitioners and if identified as medium or above this would trigger a referral to the specialist service. Once open to With You, they will incorporate a package of support which includes awareness, education and reduction plan to work towards the young persons identified goals. However, if consent is declined by the young person, educational interventions will be completed to support a young person to understand the risks of using substances or alcohol on their body and mind. New resources are being created with With You to ensure interventions are accurate and in line with those delivered by the specialist service.

Case study:

We worked with a young male who declined an onward referral to With You. He was supported with educational resources to understand the impact of continued use on his future and employment. There was an identified need for support around substances because of him struggling with memory and anxiety which he did not recognise as being impacted by his substance misuse.

Through the support and interventions, this supported him to recognise the impact of his cannabis use.

Substance use

This has been a busy year for all involved in providing support for those with substance use issues and there has been much collaborative working across all the various sectors.

With You has continued to provide treatment and support services for and with those who use different substances such as opiates and non-opiates including alcohol.

The reach of the work they have been involved in includes:

- Children and Young People
- Those involved in the criminal justice system such as:
 - Individuals leaving prison
 - Individuals on probation
 - Individuals on conditional cautions
- Delivery of training
- Clinical intervention such as
 - Testing for hepatitis and supporting people who need treatment
 - Expansion of the provision of buvidal (a long-acting buprenorphine injection that is provided on a monthly basis).
 - Needle syringe provision
 - Hospital liaison nurse based in Diana Princess of Wales Hospital
- Partnership Working such as:
 - The Rough Sleeper Initiative
 - Mental Health joint working
 - Involvement in the Recovery Community
 - Community Engagement

<https://www.wearewithyou.org.uk/latest/stories/daves-story>



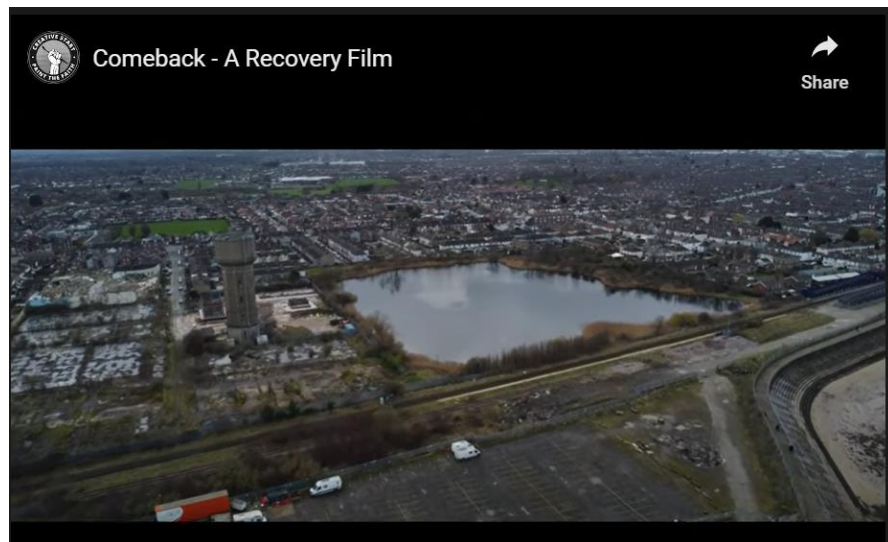
Carer Specialist Support Role:

This service, for those providing support and care for family and friends who are using substances, has continued this year. It has, again, proven to be for many a vital and, for some, the only source of support in coping with what can be very challenging experiences.

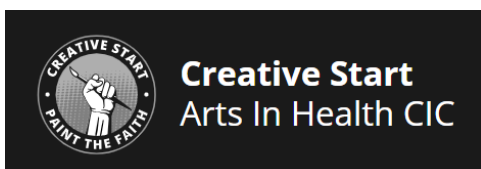


The Recovery Community (Creative Start, Wizer & Emerge):

- Pleasingly The Recovery Community has again continued to grow in all aspects of its work and reach – one of the projects this year was the making of a film ‘Comeback’:



Directed by Archie Fox on behalf of Creative Start Arts in Health CIC. 'Comeback' is a film about recovery from addiction at its most raw. Members of our recovery community speak openly and honestly about their experiences. The pain of addiction and the hope to be found in choosing recovery.



Neighbourhood Networking

Voluntary Action North East Lincolnshire (VANEL) secured funding from The National Lottery Community Fund to support and further develop the partnership's joint neighbourhood networking activities. This three-year funded programme completed in March 2024, which explored creative ways of involving residents in collaborative working and engaging in local community problem solving.

The results in numbers this year were: 62 Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) groups and 68 resident-led groups (e.g. ward forums, parish councils) supported by VANEL working alongside neighbourhood policing teams. We have collectively supported a total of 1,744 individual residents and assisted 1,967 vulnerable people via community events, various engagement activities and problem-solving work.

This year our joint partnership work included:

- Delivering themed event days at the Community Hub in Cleethorpes to engage more residents in neighbourhood networking activities especially elderly and vulnerable people as well as families;
- Covering a wider range of crime reduction themes to enable different residents to participate;
- Setting up 'Friends of Canopy Cafe' to help keep urban artwork on external walls in good condition;
- Reprinting Stay Safe guides for more elderly and vulnerable people to use to help keep them safe;
- Securing PCC funds to enable Allotment Watches to trial a new uWatch system, to help address specific crime hot spot issues on allotment sites and share learning for other groups to benefit;
- Engaging with sheltered housing/assisted living accommodation/group dwellings at social events to promote keeping older people safe scheme including stay safe guides; and SCAM avoidance;
- Supporting community groups across North East Lincolnshire to celebrate the King's Coronation through street parties, other commemorative activities and improving their facilities for residents.
- Offering weekly drop-in sessions for residents to find out about crime reduction methods, get answers to questions about community safety concerns and collect household security items.

Immediate action taken:

1319 vulnerable, elderly people in rural areas of North East Lincolnshire received secure by design personal security items and crime prevention booklet to help them stay safer in their communities. We had good engagement with Immingham residents and Wolds villages whose residents were pleased with the support. This approach enabled us to make new community group contacts giving us a strong foundation on which to build our rural neighbourhood networking programme next year.

Longer-term solutions:

VANEL is rooted in the community and engages with residents through training, briefing sessions, attending meetings, community events, one to one referrals and social media. The team has delivered scams awareness training and printed literature to local residents, specifically targeting older and vulnerable people, on how to avoid personal fraud. They have secured funding for and distributed personal and household safety items to victims, vulnerable and elderly with thanks to support from Safer Streets, the Police and Crime Commissioner, Big Local North Cleethorpes, and Ward councillors.



The Grimsby Retailers in Partnership (GRIP) consolidated its role as the town centre's business crime reduction partnership. Building on this success, the scheme was extended beyond Freeman Street along Grimsby Road, where more retailers have access to two-way radios, and the DISC App. Thanks to funding secured via the Police and Crime Commissioner the scheme also started rolling out into St Peter's Avenue, Cleethorpes this year and will continue to grow the partnership next year.

Retailers are able to share information about offenders with the aim of reducing crime and anti-social behaviour to help keep shop staff, shoppers, and visitors safer. Community safety partners came together to support national weeks of action including Retail Crime Reduction Week, Operation Shop-kind and a national month of action for Safer Business Action in March 2024. The benefits continue beyond the days of action with lasting working relationships and connections made between police, business, and private security that may not have otherwise happened.



In March 2024 there were 460 offences of retail crime in North and North East Lincolnshire. This was 25.7% reduction in offences from the previous month. 41.8% of these offences received a positive outcome, which was a 5% increase in positive outcomes on the previous month.

384 store visits took place during the month of March. With advice given in relation to retail security and visibility.



GRIP is also an integral part of the Police's Operation Mastery, which includes monthly partnership days of action working together with Grimsby Town Centre retailers and other businesses. Many of these are GRIP members and other are part of the wider Project 2025 initiative led by GRIP and funded by the UK Shared Prosperity Fund with a view to creating a Business Improvement District in 2025.

As part of the Town Centre Safer Street programme. GRIP has been working with the newly appointed Street Marshalls supplying them with GRIP 2-way radios as part of the town centre network. It is exploring joint working with Pub Watch members to help support the Violence Against Women and Girls priorities and again supplying 2-way radios linked to the town centre network. GRIP now has five Directors who are all actively involved in Grimsby Town Centre development work including the High Street Accelerator Project and other activities to encourage and promote a positive working environment and help make Grimsby town centre a safer place to shop, visit and do business.

Prevent, Protect and Prepare

Prevent, Protect and Prepare are three of the four elements of the Government's counter-terrorism strategy CONTEST. Prevent aims to safeguard and support those vulnerable to radicalisation, Protect strengthens our position against a terrorist attack, and Prepare covers plans which are in place to mitigate the impact of such an attack, increasing our resilience so we can recover quickly.

This year we have hosted our third online Prevent Conference. The event was attended by over 200 local professionals and included briefings on the regional profile of terrorist and extremism organisations, links between Prevent and mental health, a presentation on the Act Early website and information to support armed forces veterans.



We visited local businesses to highlight their responsibilities when selling chemicals and what to do if their customers were making purchases that they had concerns about. We have also promoted the Protect UK website which provides businesses and the public with advice and support regarding emergency responses in the unlikely event of a terrorist attack, and post-incident guidance.

Within North East Lincolnshire we have 76 Prevent champions in a variety of organisations and roles. They are a point of contact within their organisation, and cascade and share information with others within their organisations through team meetings. The champions receive quarterly briefings with updates regarding trends, legislation and current risks and threats. They also have the opportunity to attend continued personal development (CPD) events.

Finally, we have looked inwards to improve our own practices, with the Prevent Board completing the Home Office Prevent self-assessment to examine local arrangements around risk, referrals, training and permissive environments.

Modern slavery

Modern slavery is a serious crime and a violation of fundamental human rights. The North East Lincolnshire Modern Slavery Partnership is committed to working collaboratively to tackle this form of exploitation. Slavery is an umbrella term for activities involved when one person obtains or holds another person in compelled service. Someone is in slavery if they are forced to work through mental or physical threat; owned or controlled by an 'employer' usually through mental or physical abuse or the threat of abuse; dehumanised, treated as a commodity or bought and sold as 'property'; or are physically constrained or have restrictions placed on his or her freedom.

The local operational group is a multi-agency collective and encompasses Humberside Police, Humberside Fire and Rescue Service, Trading Standards, Housing partners, Gangmasters and Labour Abuse Authority, and Immigration. The group's purpose is to share information and intelligence on businesses, addresses or persons of interest regarding modern slavery or human trafficking; use intelligence to ensure that multi-agency operations are effective; provide an appropriate and proportionate multi-agency response for operations; and develop and implement innovative and shared disruption approaches.

From February to March 2024 Grimsby Minster hosted *Uncovering Modern Slavery: An Exhibition to* raise awareness of the issue.



The CSP led on two operations this year with colleagues from Humberside Police, Immigration, Housing, Gangmasters and Labour Abuse Authority, and Health. Operation Esoteric visited car washes and spoke to employees about their pay and working conditions. Operation Duality saw multi-agency visits to takeaways.



In December 2023 members of the local Humber forums came together at The Wilberforce Institute to discuss a programme of events for proactive responses to emerging issues, increase intelligence in lesser understood areas; progress disruption activity; improve the use of civil orders and enforcement action; and safeguard more at risk adults and children. A calendar of themes was agreed on the day and work started with the 1st theme in January. Theme one, in January 2024, was the care sector. Members from across the Humber discussed the current and emerging issues and what practical action can be taken in the immediate. We designed some posters to go out in the key locations in venues accessed by potential victims. Local neighbourhood policing colleagues distributed the posters to community venues, shops and takeaways across key areas. We also investigated longer term solutions and interventions where work is ongoing.

Planning for 2024-2025 onwards

The CSP is reviewing its priorities in line with the new Police and Crime Plan for 2025-28. This will draw upon input from the community, horizon scanning of emerging issues, and data, to give us the richest picture possible on which to base our decision making. Our priorities will be refreshed to ensure the CSP is meeting the needs of the community and allocating its resources in the right places.

To support the delivery of this plan we have developed a range of 'live' documents – our work programme, our performance framework, and detailed strategies and action plans. We proudly share our community safety messages on X (formerly Twitter) and Instagram.



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