



# Wiltshire Community Safety Partnership

Wiltshire Council Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee

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ACC Mark Cooper - Wiltshire Police (Outgoing CSP Chair)



# What is a CSP?

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Established under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 to bring together responsible authorities to develop a strategy to tackle crime and disorder in an area.

CSP should develop a strategy based on a strategic assessment of risk.

Strategy should set priorities for the area, and should include reducing reoffending, substance misuse and serious violence

Members should come from the responsible authorities, but other relevant partners can be co-opted.

Partners should share information as required to support the formulation of the strategy.

# Community Safety Partnerships



- Recognise that we all have a role in tackling crime and anti-social behaviour.
- Bring together different agencies to tackle shared problems.
- Aim to make their area an even safer place to live, work and visit.

# Statutory responsibilities

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An alliance of organisations which generate strategies and policies, implement actions and interventions concerning crime and disorder within their Partnership area.

*Crime and Disorder Act 1998*



Every local authority shall ensure that it has a crime and disorder overview and scrutiny committee with:

- power to review or scrutinise decisions made, or other action taken, in connection with the discharge of crime and disorder functions and
- to make reports or recommendations to the local authority or its executive with respect to the discharge of those functions.

*Police and Justice Act 2006*

# Statutory requirements

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1. Set up a **Strategic Group** to direct the work of the partnership
2. Regularly **Engage and Consult** with your community about their priorities and progress towards achieving them
3. Set up protocols and systems for **Sharing Information**
4. Analyse progress in an annual **Strategic Assessment**
5. Set out a **Partnership Plan** to deliver agreed priorities

The CSP also has statutory responsibility for Domestic Homicide Reviews (now called **Domestic Abuse-Related Death Reviews**).

# 1. Strategic Group



The CSP Executive Group leads the Partnership. Each of the five Responsible Authorities must be represented:

- Police
- Local Authority
- Fire and Rescue Service
- Probation Service
- Integrated Care Board
- Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner



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NHS  
Bath and North East Somerset,  
Swindon and Wiltshire  
Integrated Care Board



Probation  
Service



The representatives must hold a senior position within their organisation and the **elected member** responsible for Community Safety must also be a member of this group.

Additional members appropriate to the area can be invited to participate in the group, for example, third sector representatives or housing providers.

## 2. Engage and Consult

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The partnership must consult its communities about crime and disorder issues in their area.

This must include what **priorities** the partnership should tackle.

The partnership will also have to consider the way in which its **communities can help** in supporting the delivery of the priorities.

The Executive Board must hold one or more **public meetings** during each year.

# 3. Share Information

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The Executive Board must prepare an *information-sharing protocol* under s115 of the Crime and Disorder Act.

This enables the sharing of personal and depersonalised data for the purpose of the prevention and detection of crime.

Partners must have access to relevant, robust and up-to-date information from a broad range of sources.



# 4. Strategic Assessment

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The purpose of the Strategic Assessment is to help identify priorities.

It must include:

- **Analysis** of the level and patterns of crime, disorder and substance misuse
- **Changes** in the levels and patterns of crime, disorder and substance misuse since the last strategic assessment
- Analysis of **why** these changes have occurred
- Assessment of the extent to which last year's plan was **implemented**
- Reflect views from the **community** on matters that need to be prioritised

# 5. Partnership Plan

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The Partnership Plan must include:

- A strategy for tackling crime and disorder in the area
- Short, medium and long-term priorities
- The role of each partner
- The way in which performance against priorities will be measured
- How the partnership will engage with their communities
- The partnership have to publish a summary of the partnership plan in a format of their choice, but in a way that makes it available to diverse groups in their communities

Set up an effective and responsive structure to deliver agreed priorities.

This should include

- **Thematic strategic groups** – multi agency boards to design a strategy to deliver one of the priorities
- **Partnership problem solving groups** – tactical meetings to bring partners together to tackle key threats
- **Operational boards** – multi-agency case management forums such as MARAC where individual cases are heard

# The CSP in Wiltshire

Wiltshire's Safeguarding Vulnerable People Partnership (SVPP) brings together:



the work of the Safeguarding **Adults** Board



the work of the **Community** Safety Partnership



partnership activity in relation to safeguarding **children**



**SVPP Executive:** scrutinise and assurance in relation to safeguarding.

**CSP Executive:** scrutiny and assurance in relation to tackling crime, its root causes and its impact on our communities.

The Chair of CSP is a member of the SVPP Executive, enabling join up of agendas and collaboration.

The SVPP has one independent Business Support Team, hosted by Wiltshire Council, to facilitate these arrangements through the co-ordination of business across the SVPP, including the CSP.

# CSP headlines

## Domestic Abuse Local Partnership Board

High prevalence and increasing rates of DA.

Meetings have focussed on:

- Embedding a **Line-of-Sight approach** to monitor the system response to Domestic Abuse in Wiltshire.
- **Effectiveness of MARAC.** Establishment of MARAC Oversight Group reporting into DALPB. Oversight of Improvement Plan.
- **Delays in DVDS disclosures.** All affected disclosures triaged and no current delays.
- **Roll out of DA Matters training.** 1360 police officers trained.

## Substance Use (Combatting Drugs Partnership)

- Development of a **Professional Toolkit** relating to Cannabis use.
- Embedding learning from **Local Learning Review** into 16-year old's fatal cocaine overdose.

## Exploitation

- **New structure implemented Sept 2023.** Main Strategic Subgroup and two Working Groups (Children's and Adults').
- 50% increase in **National Referral Mechanism** referrals for children since joining pilot scheme.
- Development of **Adult Exploitation** response – increasing awareness and mapping support options.
- Development of an **All-Age Exploitation Strategy**

## Prevent Board

- **Oversight of Prevent referrals and outcomes**
  - Increase in **Prevent referrals** between Q3 and Q4 2023/24
- Development of **new training programme** to fit with new Home Office training.
- Development of new Prevent Strategy October 2024

# CSP headlines



## Safer Communities

- Covers things such as ASB, neighbourhood crime, licensing and the night time economy.
- Creation of a **dashboard** to ensure evidence-based working.
- Main focus has been on developing a **partnership response to ASB**, relating to ASB hotspot funding.
- Impact of **Safer Streets** funding .

## Violent Against Women and Girls (VAWG)

- High prevalence – more than DA.
- **Mapping exercise** carried out in response to national VAWG strategy 2021
- Creation of a **VAWG action plan** to address gaps.

## Serious Violence Duty

- Delivered via the **Early Intervention and Violence Reduction** subgroup.
- Use of intelligence-led evidence base to create a plan for use of **government funding**.

## Domestic Abuse Related Death Reviews

- Two DHRs underway and one pending.
- All suicides. One male, two female
- Emerging themes turned into an action plan with accountability sitting with CSP Executive.

# CSP Transformation

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- Not meeting some **statutory requirements**.
- Expected new **Home Office guidance** on how CSPs operate.
- Improvement needed in **evidence-based** working.
- Clear **accountability**.
- Concerns around **engagement** from partner agencies.
- Create a **structure** which can effectively deliver against agreed outcomes.



# Proposed Strategic Objectives

## Protect Vulnerable People

Domestic Abuse  
Exploitation

## Reduce Harm

Substance Use  
Serious Violence Duty  
Serious and Organised  
Crime

## Create Safer Communities

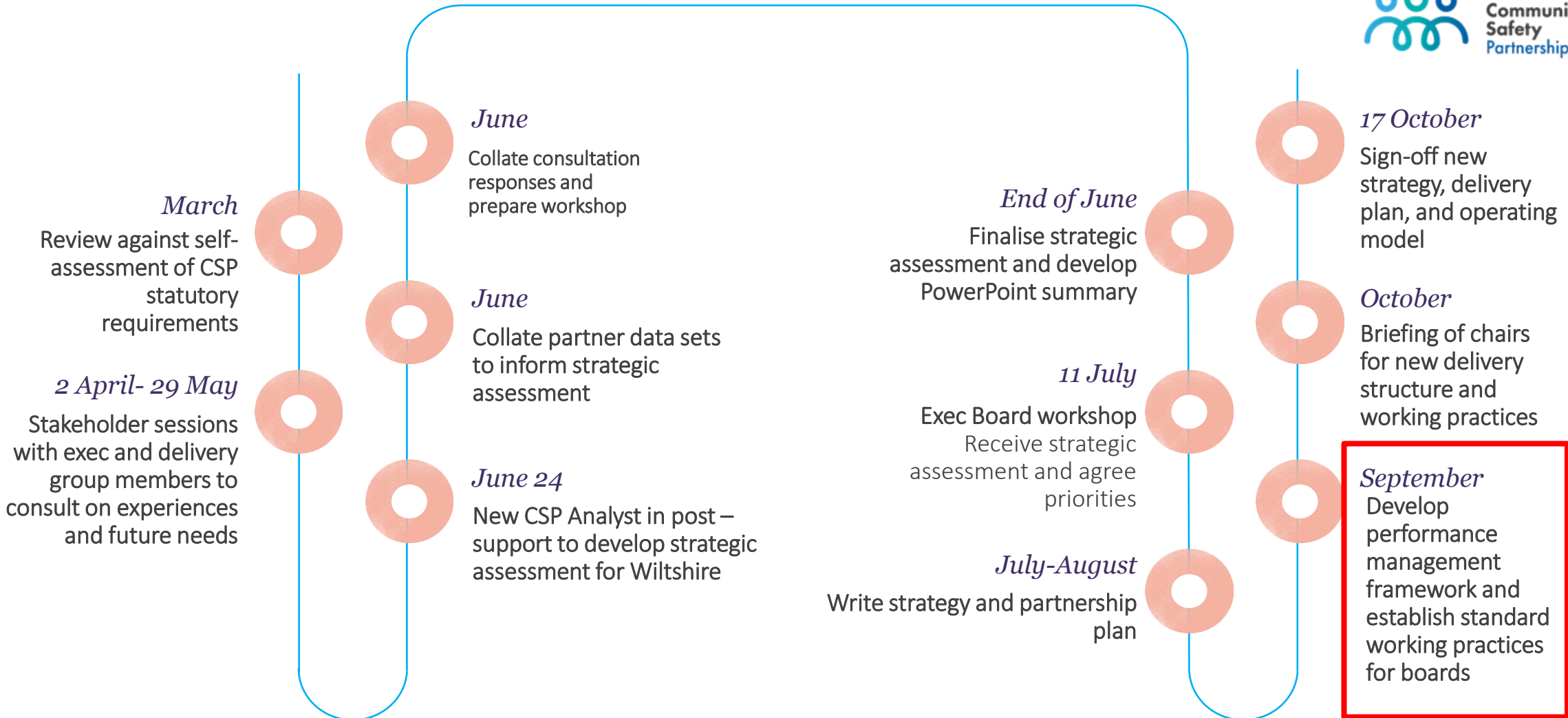
Anti-Social Behaviour  
Acquisitive Crime  
Business Crime  
Rural Crime  
VAWG  
Road Safety

# CSP Planning Cycle





# Project Timeline – CSP transformation





**Thank you**

**Questions or comments**