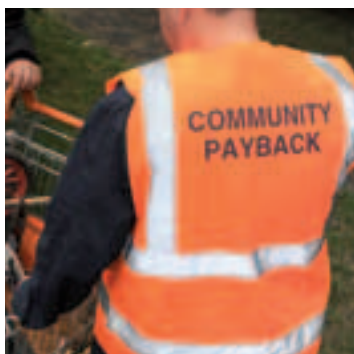


Safer Portsmouth Partnership Plan 2011-14



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Our people

The Safer Portsmouth Partnership (SPP) brings together local organisations such as the council, police, NHS, fire service, probation service, university, voluntary and community groups to reduce crime, anti-social behaviour, substance misuse and re-offending in Portsmouth. Our aim is to make Portsmouth a safer place to live, work and visit. The Safer Portsmouth Partnership Plan tells you how we intend to do this.

Our principles

The SPP will **forge constructive partnerships, consult with residents** and listen to their concerns. We will make sure services provide a **balance between prevention, support and enforcement** and we'll **gather information and do research** so that we can tell if what we are doing is working. We **won't make any assumptions about the causes of crime** and disorder in our city and we'll make sure that **services are accessible and responsive** to the wide range of needs in the city. **We will not discriminate** on the grounds of gender, sexuality, faith, disability, age, culture or ethnic background. We **will compare ourselves against other similar areas** so we can **demonstrate improvement** and we will ensure **value for money** in everything we do by joining up activity across agencies wherever possible to provide efficient, effective and equitable services and interventions.

Our priorities

What are our long term priorities for 2011-2014?

Like similar cities, Portsmouth has its share of problems. But we're confident we can make a difference and continue to reduce crime in the long term by focusing on five key priorities.

These priorities are identified by analysing local information and local community concerns about crime, anti-social behaviour, substance misuse and reoffending. They are ranked in order of importance.

What are we going to do?

We use our principles to help us make the right choices. Here's what we've decided to do to tackle our long term priorities in 2011/12. More detailed delivery plans for each priority will be made available on the SPP website.



PRIORITY 1

ALCOHOL MISUSE



Most people enjoy a drink, but over 40,000 people in Portsmouth are considered problem or high risk drinkers. Drinking excessively not only affects their health, but their actions too. Alcohol misuse is our No.1 priority because it's estimated to be the driver of most crime in the city. In fact, in 50% of crimes the victim believed the offender was under the influence of alcohol. Alcohol Concern's research shows that 97% of survivors of domestic abuse had used alcohol to 'numb the pain'.

PRIORITY 2

YOUNG PEOPLE AT RISK



Portsmouth's young people are the future of the city and it is reassuring to know that 97% of them did not commit an offence last year. Our work over the last 6 years has seen a reduction in youth crime of over 24% but there is more to do. We will continue to intervene early so that young people are diverted away from the criminal justice system as well as supporting them and their families to make more positive choices about their health and well being.

PRIORITY 3

DRUG MISUSE



Drug misuse can have wide reaching effects, not just on the drug user, but on their family and the community. There is a small group of problem drug users in Portsmouth – around 1300 – half of which are already in effective drug treatment. There are strong links with theft and re-offending (30% of re-offenders required drug treatment last year). We need to increase the number of people in treatment and use the experience of reformed drug users to help them into recovery.

Reduce the harm caused by alcohol by:

- › Increasing the number of people, particularly young people and their parents receiving alcohol treatment and education
- › Reducing the availability of alcohol for under 18s
- › Reversing the growth in the number of alcohol related hospital admissions
- › Increasing capacity to support victims of domestic abuse
- › Reducing alcohol related violence in our night time entertainment areas through the enforcement and promotion of responsible retailing and public education

Increase positive outcomes for young people at risk by:

- › Ensuring all work with children and young people is carefully targeted, particularly in relation to improving engaging with school, alcohol advice, and violence prevention
- › Working with Portsmouth Children's Trust to develop effective multi-agency intervention for families with multiple needs
- › Continuing to support the development of the 'Think Family' approach across all public services in households where the risk of offending, violence and/or anti-social behaviour is prevalent
- › Continuing to deliver reductions in both first time entrants to the criminal justice system and re-offending
- › Launching a new 'transition' service for young substance misusers

Reduce the harm caused by drugs and increase the number of people in recovery by:

- › Reviewing our drug treatment services to ensure they are working effectively
- › Reviewing our resourcing and contracts to ensure that drug treatment services are achieving best value for money services that enable people to achieve recovery from drug problems.
- › Enhancing the role of ex-drug users in supporting people with drug problems into treatment and into long-term recovery.
- › Specifically reviewing drug detox services to ensure best value and promote community based interventions.

PRIORITY 4

RE-OFFENDING



It is estimated that 10% of offenders are responsible for half the crime in the UK. Re-offending has strong links to alcohol and drug misuse as well as problems with, employment, debt, housing and family relationships. Vehicle crime, domestic abuse and burglary are often committed by serial offenders. We work with those most at risk of re-offending to break the pattern and target the key causes that trigger re-offending behaviour.

PRIORITY 5

DOMESTIC ABUSE



Domestic abuse is devastating – physically, emotionally and financially. Domestic abuse accounts for over 25% of violent crime in Portsmouth with younger people and children most at risk. We are working across the city, across all agencies and services to raise awareness of domestic abuse and reduce repeat victimisation.

Short term priorities

In the short term we are also concerned about the following crime types in our city:



Theft

Theft continues to be a problem in Portsmouth with shop theft accounting for almost 15% of all crime in the city. Theft is linked closely with our top 4 priorities: alcohol misuse; drug misuse; young people and adult re-offending.

Reduce levels of adult re-offending in order to reduce theft, domestic abuse, alcohol related violence and anti-social behaviour by:

- › Using research and analysis to improve services and allocate resources.
- › Reducing the rate of re-offending generally and drug and alcohol related offending in particular
- › Continuing to develop closer partnership working particularly in relation to sharing information, shared outcomes and performance management
- › Increasing capacity to deliver appropriate interventions for perpetrators of domestic abuse to reduce repeat victimisation
- › Reducing the number of offenders given short term custody by influencing court decisions

Prevent and reduce the harm caused by domestic abuse by:

- › Continuing to reduce rates of repeat victimisation
- › Increasing the identification of abuse and offer of support from universal services
- › Working to support children and young people affected by abuse
- › Continuing to provide specialist support to those assessed at highest risk of murder or serious harm
- › Reviewing all domestic abuse provision to ensure that we provide the right service, to the right person at the right time



Anti social behaviour

Everyone wants to live in a pleasant, safe area where people get along. But this isn't always possible and often anti-social behaviour can cause misery for residents. We have a dedicated ASB unit that focuses on the causes of anti-social behaviour as well as using legal powers to deal with the most difficult cases. In Portsmouth, levels of reported anti-social behaviour are reducing overall but it remains a problem in some areas of the city.

What have we been doing in 2010/11?

Here are some examples of what we've been doing to tackle the issues you told us were important

ALCOHOL MISUSE

You said: Reduce alcohol related violence and anti-social behaviour

The evidence said: Alcohol misuse costs Portsmouth approximately £74 million every year and the city has the highest rate of alcohol related hospital admissions in the south east region.

We did:

- › Employed an Alcohol Advisory School Nurse to work with young people who have alcohol problems
- › Developed a 'Safe Space' in the city centre on Friday and Saturday nights to provide minor injuries treatment and advice
- › Developed an Alcohol Nurse service at QA hospital to work with high-risk drinkers
- › Worked with licensed retailers and premises to encourage responsible selling of alcohol
- › Took action, including closures, against licensed premises found acting irresponsibly

YOUNG PEOPLE AT RISK

You said: You were worried about teenagers hanging around on the streets and anti-social behaviour

The evidence said: There are a very small number of young offenders in Portsmouth. A local survey showed that young people themselves feared gangs of other young people more than any other group and that in 75% of youth related violence young

people were the victims, not the offenders.

We did:

- › Support workers worked in partnership with the police on Friday and Saturday nights to engage young people and raise their awareness of the impact of their behaviour
- › More activities for young people were provided on Friday and Saturday nights to get them off the streets
- › We organised Party by the Beach, a one off event to tell young people to have a good summer but to be careful and considerate of others
- › We focused our efforts on individuals and groups where there were specific concerns

DRUG MISUSE

You said: You were concerned about drug use, drug dealing, and theft associated with drug use.

The evidence said: Levels of problematic drug use are declining nationally and locally. During 2009/10 there has been an 8% reduction in drug-related hospital admissions in Portsmouth, and national drug use has decreased by 15% from 2008/2009.

We did:

- › Implemented pharmacy based needle-exchange services to reduce the spread of blood borne viruses and continue to minimise drug litter
- › Developed a service to improve drug treatment for young people (under 25s)
- › Supported the development of peer-recovery groups, to encourage a network of peer support for individuals overcoming drug problems
- › Achieved our target of increasing the number of problem drug users in effective treatment by 9% since 2008/9

ADULT RE-OFFENDING

You said: You were most fearful of your homes being burgled and cars being vandalised or broken into.

The evidence said: Targeting re-offenders is one of the best and most cost effective ways of reducing high volume crime like burglary and car crime. Violence was the most common crime committed by offenders in Portsmouth.

We did:

- › Targeted prolific burglars and other priority offenders under the 'Prolific and Priority Offenders' programme
- › Did more research into 'what works' to reduce reoffending so that we could improve the effectiveness of our work
- › Provided specialised 'interventions' for violent offenders, particularly those convicted for domestic and alcohol related violence
- › Further developed the co-located integrated offender management team based at the Civic Offices where police and probation officers work together
- › Continued to deliver drug and alcohol advice to those detained in police cells
- › Made it possible for residents to ring in with suggestions for offenders doing unpaid work.
- › Reshaped the local probation service to improve service delivery and accountability

VIOLENCE

You said: You were fearful in some entertainment areas and worried about being assaulted

The evidence said: Domestic abuse was the biggest single driver for violent crime in Portsmouth, followed by youth related violence and violence in the evening entertainment areas.

We did:

- › Took action to make young people safer; put safeguards in place in the home and moderated the behaviour of a small but violent element involved in the City's pubs and clubs.
- › Maintained funding for the Independent Domestic Violence Advocates service in the face of reducing government grants and public service cuts

In Portsmouth Crime fell 9% in 2010*

▼	Domestic burglary fell by 10% (106 fewer incidents than previous year).
▼	Theft from vehicles fell by 12% (211 fewer incidents than previous year).
▼	Theft of vehicles fell by 32% (130 fewer incidents than previous year).
▼	Criminal damage fell by 16% (630 fewer incidents than previous year).
▼	Violence against the person fell by 1% (47 fewer incidents than previous year).
▼	Arson fell by 16% (54 fewer incidents than previous year). It's down 68% since 2006/7.
▼	The number of first-time offenders under 18 dropped by 64% (245 fewer).
✓	We helped 829 men and women who had suffered domestic abuse.
✓	About 700 young people had domestic abuse education sessions at school.
✓	More than 500 people went on our Reclaim the Night March against domestic violence.
✓	Almost 700 problem drug-users got effective treatment.

*January to December 2010

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