

SAFER WOKING PARTNERSHIP – COMMUNITY SAFETY PLAN

Executive Summary

This report provides the Overview and Scrutiny Committee with the opportunity to scrutinise the draft Safer Woking Partnership Plan 2022-25.

The plan for 2022-25 remains very similar to previous plans with 5 key priority areas of: Anti-Social Behaviour; Crime; Drugs and Alcohol, Reducing Reoffending and Preventing Violent Extremism.

The draft plan proposals were considered by the Community Safety Task Group at its meeting on 8 March 2022 where it was approved in principle for publication subject to scrutiny by this Committee. The Joint Committee has previously agreed to delegate approval, in consultation with the Chair of the Community Safety Task Group, to make any minor amends as a result of scrutiny by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee so that the Partnership Plan may be published as promptly as possible after this meeting. Should the Overview and Scrutiny Committee have any significance issues of concern, the matter will be referred back to the Community Safety Task Group to consider prior to publication.

Recommendations

The Committee is requested to:

RESOLVE That

The Safer Woking Partnership Plan 2022-25 be endorsed.

The Committee has the authority to determine the recommendation(s) set out above.

Background Papers:

Overview and Scrutiny Committee 22 March 2021, 25 March 2019, 26 March 2018, 27 March 2017, 4 April 2016, 23 March 2015, 31 March 2014, 25 March 2013, 19 March 2012, 21 March 2011, 6 December 2010 and 29 March 2010

Safer Woking Partnership Plan 2021-2024

Police and Justice Act 2006

Guidance for the Scrutiny of Crime and Disorder Matters - England

Sustainability Impact Assessment

Equalities Impact Assessment

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1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 This report provides the Committee with the opportunity to scrutinise the draft Safer Woking Partnership Plan 2022-25. The Woking strategic assessment supported the decision making on the priorities for the plan, as well as other data, such as crime and anti-social behaviour, Surrey and the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment, and officers' knowledge and experience.
- 1.2 The Police and Justice Act 2006 gave local authorities responsibility for considering crime and disorder matters. On 6 December 2010 the Overview and Scrutiny Committee agreed a recommendation in a report on a suggested scrutiny agreement. This agreed that each new Safer Woking Partnership Plan would be brought annually to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for appropriate scrutiny.

2.0 Development of the Safer Woking Partnership Plan

- 1.1 The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 placed a new duty on the police and local authorities to work together to develop and implement three year strategies to tackle crime and disorder. These strategies are now based on an annual strategic assessment which aims to provide partnerships with intelligence and evidence of the priorities and problems for their partnership that will inform effective and responsive delivery structures.
- 1.2 The annual strategic assessment work identifies current and possible future crime, disorder and substance misuse issues from sound evidence and analysis of data obtained via Surrey, Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and relevant agencies. Locally officers have considered appropriate data and information which, when coupled together with their knowledge and experience, has led us to agree to carrying forward the current key priorities, with some minor amendments, for the production of the draft Safer Woking Partnership Plan 2022-25 (see Appendix 1).
- 1.3 The plan has 5 key priority areas as follows:
 - a) Anti-Social Behaviour - includes identifying and supporting victims and addressing key hotspot locations and problem individuals.
 - b) Crime - targeting crime prevention for fraud, domestic abuse, child exploitation (a national and local priority), hate crime and serious organised crime, while supporting victims appropriately.
 - c) Drugs and Alcohol - addressing the priorities contained in the Surrey Substance Misuse Strategy.
 - d) Preventing Violent Extremism - awareness raising and training for frontline staff
 - e) Reducing Reoffending - focusing on the support and development of the current multi-agency approaches with suitable interventions targeted at the most prolific offenders.
- 1.4 Following scrutiny by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee the final plan will be published on the Woking Borough Council web site, unless there is a significant issue in which case the matter will be referred back to the Community Safety Task Group for further consideration. The implementation of the plan will be monitored by the Community Safety Task Group of the Joint Committee with quarterly action plan reports. The quarterly reports will continue to be circulated to all borough and county members.

3.0 Corporate Strategy

3.1 There was a recent programme of community engagement roadshows and a survey that has helped in the development of our new Corporate Strategy. This partnership plan will enable us to respond to the following that were identified through this consultation:

- Make the borough a safe place for everyone
- Support older and vulnerable people in our community
- Ensure that all of our towns and villages are thriving places.

4.0 Implications

Finance and Risk

4.1 It is anticipated that the work on the implementation of the partnership plan can be accommodated within existing resources and funding, but it may include bidding for funding for specific projects.

4.2 There are no known implications for risk.

Equalities and Human Resources

4.3 There are no known equality implications.

4.4 It is currently anticipated that the implementation work can be accommodated within existing staffing resources.

Legal

4.5 The production of the strategic assessment and the publication of the partnership plan fulfil some of the statutory requirements of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998.

4.6 Much of the work within the plan supports our responsibilities under Safeguarding.

5.0 Engagement and Consultation

5.1 The new community engagement platform was used to carry out a survey of residents on crime, anti social behaviour and community safety. In total 155 questionnaires were completed from residents across the borough. This was used to inform the decisions on priorities and the action plan for the Safer Woking Partnership Plan. Some summary information is provided in Appendix 2.

5.2 The information from the recent programme of community engagement roadshows and survey has also fed into the development of this plan (see 3.1).

6.0 Conclusion

6.1 The scrutiny of the draft proposals for the Safer Woking Partnership Plan 2022-2025 is an important function of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee this year and helps it meet the requirements of the Crime and Disorder (Overview and Scrutiny) Regulations 2009, section 20 (3) and (4) of the Police and Justice Act 2006. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is designated the Council's crime and disorder overview and scrutiny committee.

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- 6.2 The Committee is asked to scrutinise the plan and either endorse the plan, or if there is a significant area of concern feedback such to the Community Safety Task Group for them to re-consider prior to publishing.

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Draft Community Safety Plan



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Partnership Plan
2022-2025**

Aims

The Safer Woking Partnership has the following aims:

- To identify, protect and support the most vulnerable people and areas in our communities, and tackle offenders who are involved in criminal and/or antisocial behaviour
- To promote crime prevention to maintain the low levels of crime and disorder
- To promote reassurance
 - to involve the public and work with all communities to reduce the fear of crime and provide people with a sense of safety and reassurance
 - to improve education/knowledge for the public to support their own feelings of safety

The partnership will:

- Work jointly with other statutory and voluntary agencies
- Build capacity within the neighbourhoods and communities to enable them to contribute to the delivery of the aims of this plan.

Key Priorities for the Safer Woking Partnership

The priorities that were identified through a local assessment and agreement are set out in the table on pages 4 and 5. They were identified by an analysis of key data sets, a review of national and regional targets and draw on the knowledge and experience of local partnership officers. In addition to information provided by statutory partners consultation with local residents was undertaken through the Woking Borough Council Engagement platform.

For each priority issue, we will use the following methods to address them:

1. Established partnership delivery mechanism, including:

- JAG: The Joint Action Group (JAG) is a multi agency problem solving group which deals with problem locations in the borough and meets every six or seven weeks. They consider issues including antisocial behaviour, rough sleeping and arson.
- SOC JAG: This is a meeting that discusses problem areas related to Serious Organised Crime (SOC), such as County Lines, cuckooing, modern slavery and human trafficking. It meets every six or seven weeks before JAG.
- CHaRMM: The Community Harm and Risk Management meeting (CHaRMM) is a multi agency problem solving group which supports victims and deals with problem individuals or families in the borough and meets on a monthly basis.
- PPYP - Prioritising Prevention for Young People. This is a multi-agency approach to being pro-active regarding young people in Surrey that need help and support.
- PPOMP: Priority and other Prolific Offenders Management Panel meets monthly, works with prolific offenders and fast tracks them through the Criminal Justice System.
- MAPPA: Multi Agency Public Protection Agreement meets monthly and monitors dangerous individuals, including sex offenders.
- MARAC: Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference where high risk domestic abuse cases are assessed and appropriate actions agreed on a monthly basis.
- RMM: Risk Management Meeting meets weekly to monitor and risk assess missing and exploited children.
- Surrey Youth Offending Family Support - To work with Targeted Youth Support/Surrey Youth Offending Service in successfully managing the transition of young adult offenders into the adult Probation system.
- MASH: The Surrey Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) is the initial point of contact that aims to improve the safeguarding response for children and adults at risk of abuse or neglect through better information sharing and high-quality and timely responses.
- MEAM – Surrey Probation are linking in with Surrey Adult Matters – our local version of the making every adult matter. This is a wraparound support service for those people with multiple disadvantage, not just for those with criminal convictions; but here there is often a significant overlap.
- Domestic Abuse Forum is a multi-agency group that helps to deliver the county domestic abuse strategy at a local level.
- Domestic Abuse Management Board meets quarterly and oversees county wide domestic abuse work, including any campaigns.
- Licensing Tasking Meeting: This group meets monthly and provides Surrey Police, Surrey County Council Trading Standards and Woking Borough Council the opportunity to discuss any concerns regarding licensed premises, agree actions and is used as the primary source for arranging joint agency enforcement work.
- The Family Support Programme is a programme of intensive support offered to the most vulnerable and/or chaotic families in the Borough to help them achieve positive changes in their lives.

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- Family Safeguarding team – Probation specialist domestic abuse workers will work alongside mental health and substance misuse workers from the Surrey Family Safeguarding team. To engage in work with the “toxic trio” including families who are not in the criminal justice system.
- Youth Engagement Scheme (YES) run by Surrey Fire and Rescue Service, which is aimed at addressing anti social behaviour, youth crime, low self esteem and low motivation for those aged 14-17.
- Firewise Scheme run by Surrey Fire and Rescue Service which offers counselling for juvenile fire setters.
- The Health and Wellbeing Action Plan of the Woking Joint Committee.
- Woking Integrated Youth Strategy and Action Plan.
- Voluntary organisation networks, including Woking Neighbourhood Watch, Residents Associations and Woking Street Angels.

2. Mainstream agency work

Where the issue identified is the core responsibility of one of the partner agencies this will be dealt with through those particular agencies business processes. This includes the local authority’s plans, relevant CCG plans, the Surrey Fire and Rescue Local Station Plan for Woking and the Local Policing Plan.

3. Support to victims

To ensure that victims are at the heart of every investigation and that the Victim Code is applied in every case to promote confidence in crime reporting and every police response.

Promote and encourage the use of the Community Trigger where victims of anti social behaviour indicate they are not happy with any previous attempts to resolve the ASB. Ensure that opportunities are taken to raise awareness of this process through websites, events and campaigns such as ASB week.

Promote the use of the online reporting of anti social behaviour via Woking Borough Council’s website by using existing networks such as Neighbourhood Watch and social media.

Women - To continue to support the work of the Women's Support Centre Surrey. To support positive engagement in community sentences.

4. Water Safety Partnership

We will be developing a local water safety plan to support the new Surrey Water Safety Partnership.

5. Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy

There is a county group currently working on a Surrey Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy. Once this is agreed we will be developing and supporting the plan locally.

Safer Working Partnership Priorities

Note: The priorities below are listed alphabetically not in a priority order

Priority	Detail
1	<p>Antisocial behaviour (ASB)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify and support repeat and vulnerable victims of ASB and tackle the anti social behaviour of individuals and families through the CHaRMM process and the Family Support Programme (FSP) • Identify and address hotspot locations of ASB, particularly repeat locations, reported and actioned as appropriate through the JAG process and, if involving Serious and Organised Crime (SOC), through the SOC JAG • To safeguard public spaces through the removal of disorder by appropriate use of Dispersal Orders and PSPOs • Take steps to address key anti social behaviours as identified through consultation.
2	<p>Crime</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Targeting awareness around crime prevention for Fraud offences. • Tackling domestic abuse is a key priority recognised county wide <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Raise awareness of domestic abuse, how to report it and how to get support ○ Work with our local specialist domestic abuse service, Your Sanctuary, in the provision of support to survivors of domestic abuse living in our community ○ Work with the Domestic Abuse Management Board to implement the Surrey Domestic Abuse Strategy and support local and county wide campaigns • Promote partnership resilience and awareness of Serious and Organised Crime, including County Lines, Cuckooing, Child Exploitation (Criminal and Sexual), Modern Slavery, fraud and Organised Crime Groups through partnership and community/business training and joint responses to local problems, such as the Risk Management Meeting (RMM) • Tackle and raise awareness of Hate Crime across the Borough and build up community confidence in reporting incidents • Work with Partners to ensure that victims, where appropriate, receive a multi agency approach to safeguarding

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3	<p>Drugs and Alcohol</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support appropriate partnership work that will assist with the implementation of the Woking Health and Wellbeing Strategy and Action Plan • Development and implementation of suitable activity to tackle issues of concern in the town centre, particularly around the night time economy, which includes supporting the PSPO, town centre dispersal orders and Woking Street Angels • Support the local implementation of the Surrey Substance Misuse Strategy • Tackle local issues through local operations, including test purchasing and licencing reviews • Partnership support to proactive Police led operations to tackle drug supply and exploitation of the vulnerable • Treatment pathways - To support and monitor Woking offenders in accessing and engaging with the treatment pathway for drug and alcohol misuse
4	<p>Preventing violent extremism</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work together on the implementation of relevant aspects of local agency Prevent plans
5	<p>Reducing reoffending</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To work in partnership in assessing, managing and implementing Court sentences for those convicted offenders who have the greatest impact on the community in Woking through MARAC, Integrated Offender Management (IOM) and MAPPA • IOM - To support, evaluate and implement the learning from the North Surrey IOM pilot being led by Surrey Police in the West Surrey area. • To contribute to the assessment and action planning of offenders who present a detrimental impact upon the community in Woking via the CHaRMM process • To continue to support the work of the Women's Support Centre Surrey • To work with Surrey Family Support Service in successfully managing the transition of young adult offenders into the adult Probation system • To support and monitor Woking offenders in accessing and engaging with the treatment pathway for drug and alcohol misuse • Community Payback - To empower People on Probation to complete their Community Payback hours whilst learning new skills and improving their employment prospects and developing confidence in those harder to reach people. • To work with community partners to deliver the order of the Court through projects that benefit the local community.

Action Plan for 2022/23

Area	Delivery	Success measures	Target	Monitor/leads
Anti social behaviour	PSPO monitored through agreed enforcement strategy.	Accurate recording of breaches. Referrals made from identified repeat offenders FPN / Court outcomes	Throughout duration of action plan.	Oli Walker
	Quarterly partnership ASB locations and themes reporting at JAG	Number of relevant referrals received / number of referrals completed	JAG meetings (every 6-7 weeks) SOC JAG meetings (every 6-7 weeks)	Kit Moc
	Partnership ASB week w/c 18 th July 2022	Successful run media / awareness raising of event. Op Invasion day 21/07/22	W/c 18 th July 2022 21/07/2022	Oli Walker / Kit Moc
	Engagement to Woking community in understanding ASB and tools used to tackle it: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Article in Woking magazine focusing on ASB Celebrating success in ASB Consult with residents where appropriate Attend Community events / Engagement stands 	Record of articles produced/disseminated Promotion of ASB week Retain any consultation undertaken Record events attended designed to target identified issue eg E scooter engagement	Throughout duration of action plan.	Oli Walker / Kit Moc

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Crime <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fraud • Domestic Abuse • Hate Crime • Serious and Organised Crime (SOC) 	Fraud - Education of partners	SOC JAG meetings (every 6-7 weeks) Support Op Signature Distribute “Little book of Big Scams”	Throughout duration of action plan.	Kit Moc
	DA awareness week	Promotion of week / online campaign	June 22	Camilla Edmiston
	White Ribbon campaign	Social media campaign and staff awareness sessions	25 th Nov – 10 th Dec 2022	
	Support Hate crime awareness week 8th-15th October 2022, including case study	Successfully run media / awareness raising of event.	8th-15th October 2022	Kit Moc / Oli Walker
	Support the county lines intensification weeks	Support the county delivery mechanism	Throughout duration of action plan.	Surrey Police County Lines Coordinator
	Promote awareness of Child Exploitation and how to identify it. Encouraging submission of partnership intelligence forms.	Promote through CHaRMM / SOCJAG and record forms submitted	Throughout duration of action plan.	Kit Moc / Camilla Edmiston
Drugs and alcohol	Support Surrey Substance Misuse Strategy	Support the county delivery mechanism	Throughout duration of action plan.	Smart Group/ Womens Support Centre
	Support current licensing initiatives, such as Pubwatch	Scope requirement for Pubwatch post COVID	Throughout duration of action plan.	Matt Cobb Leslie Sumner
	Continue with Test Purchasing operations locally	Record results of pre planned operations Respond to any intel around premises suspected of selling unlawfully	Throughout duration of action plan.	Leslie Sumner
	Drug prevention	Support the county delivery mechanism Engagement events such as Junior Citizens	Throughout duration of action plan.	L.E.C.
Preventing Violent Extremism	Awareness raising and information sharing	Promote through multi agency meetings. Support the county delivery mechanism	Throughout duration of action plan.	Kit Moc / Camilla Edmiston

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	Monitoring for future training opportunities	Disseminate any national training packages to all staff.	Throughout duration of action plan.	Kit Moc/ Camilla Edmiston
Reducing Reoffending	Scoping of partnership prevention visits of top offenders	Identify prolific offenders and visit with relevant organisations outside of Police	Throughout duration of action plan.	Kit Moc
	Promotion of the Women's Support Centre	Promote through multi agency meetings. Promote through organised events such	Throughout duration of action plan.	Camilla Edmiston
	Utilise opportunities within Probation, such as the Community Payback scheme	Delivery of unpaid work requirements eg Spring Clean	Throughout duration of action plan.	Bernii Langridge

Background

The 1998 Crime and Disorder Act gave local agencies shared responsibility for developing and introducing strategies to reduce crime and disorder in their area. The agencies come together as the Community Safety Partnership (CSP), known locally as the Safer Woking Partnership. Statutory members include:

- Surrey Police
- Woking Borough Council
- Surrey County Council
- Surrey Fire and Rescue Service
- HM Prison and Probation Service
- North West Surrey Clinical Commissioning Group

Strategic Assessment and Data Collection

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The Safer Woking Partnership is required to carry out an annual partnership strategic assessment. The purpose of this is to assist in producing the priorities for the annual 3 year rolling partnership plan.

The data, which forms the basis of this analysis, has been drawn from a variety of sources and partner agencies across Woking and the broader Surrey area. These include:

- County Council data and intelligence
- Borough Council data and intelligence
- Police crime and incident data, intelligence and tactical assessment
- Health data

Woking Joint Committee

Woking Joint Committee aims to improve outcomes and value for money for residents and businesses in Woking by strengthening local democracy and improving partnership working through joint decision making. The Joint Committee has taken over the delegated community safety responsibilities of the borough council and county council in Woking and acts as the local Community Safety Partnership. A Community Safety Task Group has been established with representatives from the statutory partners to review actions and monitor progress in between formal reports to the Committee.

Health and Wellbeing Board

In 2020 the Community Safety Board and the Health and Wellbeing Board considered the opportunities to work together. It was recognised that while there has been some tangible examples of police and criminal justice colleagues and health and social care partners working together, there is so much more we could be doing. A merger of the Community Safety Board and the Health and Wellbeing Board was agreed in March 2020 with the aspiration of identifying and designing longer-term, innovative initiatives that address the needs of vulnerable people and those living in deprived communities and/or families.

As part of the new governance the Health and Wellbeing Board are responsible for the development and delivery of a Community Safety Agreement (CSA). The Agreement's aim is to set out how the responsible authorities will work together to identify and address shared priorities in relation to reducing crime and disorder. In December 2020 the Health and Wellbeing Board agreed the partnership vision.

- **Surrey Community Safety Agreement**

- Two tier authorities such as Surrey are required, under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 (as amended by the Police and Justice Act 2006), to have a County Community Safety Agreement (CSA). It sets out how responsible authorities will work together to identify and address shared priorities to reduce crime and disorder. There is also a requirement on two tier authorities to have a County Strategy Group. Following a merger of the Community Safety Board and the Health and Wellbeing Board (HWBB) in March 2020, the HWBB now performs this function.

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• Community Safety Priorities

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Surrey's shared community safety priorities have been incorporated into the [Health and Wellbeing Strategy](#) as follows:

- Domestic Abuse (Priority One: Helping People Live Healthy Lives)
- Drug and Alcohol Abuse (Priority One: Helping People Live Healthy Lives)
- Prevent (Priority Three: Supporting People in Surrey to Fulfil their Potential)
- Serious Youth Violence (Priority Three: Supporting People in Surrey to Fulfil their Potential)
- ASB Strategy Group (Priority Three: Supporting People in Surrey to Fulfil their Potential)
- Tackling High Harm Crime will be delivered by the Serious and Organised Crime Partnership

The Health and Wellbeing Board will develop an implementation plan, looking to work closely with Community Safety Partnerships to support and guide them. The Agreement is not a document to hold the local partnerships to account but reflects their local priorities. It is expected the local Community Safety Partnerships' plans will echo the agreement but maintain their localism.

Find out more here: <https://www.healthysurrey.org.uk/community-safety/in-surrey>

Communication

The partnership needs to ensure that local residents feel well informed about the steps being taken to deal with the priority issues. This will be done via media coverage (local paper, the Woking Magazine, local radio), awareness campaigns such as Domestic Abuse Awareness Week (June), through existing Woking Neighbourhood Watch and Residents Associations communication, emails, newsletters and social media etc.

Child Exploitation

Types of Child Exploitation include; Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE) and Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE).

Child Criminal Exploitation occurs where an individual or group takes advantage of an imbalance of power to coerce, control, manipulate or deceive a child or young person under the age of 18 into any criminal activity in exchange for something the victim needs or wants; For the financial or other advantage of the perpetrator or facilitator; through violence or the threat of violence.

Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) is a form of abuse which involves children under 18, male and female, of different ethnic origins and of different ages, receiving something, usually food, drugs, alcohol, cigarettes, gifts and/or money, in exchange for sexual activity. It can occur through the use of technology without the child's immediate recognition, for example, being persuaded to post images on the internet or mobile phone without immediate payment or reward. Child Sexual Exploitation involves children being groomed into a relationship where they are forced or coerced into sexual activity in return for something and it can occur on the internet without the child's immediate recognition or gain. Violence, coercion and intimidation are common. Involvement in exploitative relationships is characterised by the child's or young person's limited availability of choice as a result of their social, economic and emotional vulnerability. A common feature of CSE is that the child or young person does not recognise the coercive nature of the relationship and does not see themselves as a victim of exploitation.

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Surrey Safeguarding Children's Board has produced Child Sexual Exploitation leaflets for children signposting them to the www.surreycc.gov.uk/cse for support and advice and there are posters for children and parents.

There are weekly Risk Management Meetings to discuss those children that have been identified at risk and to ensure that appropriate safeguarding measures are put in place to protect the child.

Child Sexual Exploitation is a hidden crime, victims are often too afraid to come forward and do not always see themselves as a victim of crime. Therefore it is essential that partners work together to try and prevent this abuse.

The Partnership needs to educate everyone, professionals and members of the public, on what Child Exploitation is, the risk indicators and warning signs in order to protect children by spotting it and reporting it. Children and young people also need educating to ensure they know what a healthy relationship looks like and what exploitative behaviour looks like.

Hate Crime

Hate crimes are crimes committed against someone because of their disability, gender-identity, religion or belief or sexual orientation. It covers a wide range of crime types and often is committed against vulnerable members of the community who for a wide variety of reasons do not report them. The partnership will look to scope what type of incidents take place in the Borough, working with organisations and voluntary groups that support victims of hate crime to do this. The partners will also look to educate everyone about hate crime to highlight the issues, build up confidence in the community to report incidents of hate crime, look at how to reduce incidents and support victims.

Serious Organised Crime

Serious Organised Crime (SOC) costs the UK at least £37 billion per year, comprising of about 70,000 people (LGA webinar Feb 2022). SOC overlaps with many other issues, because it largely describes a mode of operating, rather than a particular offence. For example, OCGs can be actively engaged with facilitating modern slavery or CCE. OCGs in Surrey are mainly associated with drugs criminality, specifically drugs supply, but are also engaged in the following:

- counterfeit goods
- Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE)
- cyber-crime (ransomware, software support scams, phishing)
- large scale high volume fraud/financial crimes
- modern slavery (car washes, nail bars, construction workers, farm workers, restaurant staff)
- organised acquisitive crime
- organised illegal immigration
- trafficking people and firearms

Communities vulnerable to SOC may include (but are not limited to):

- looked after children and children at risk of CCE
- new communities
- prolific drug and alcohol users
- vulnerable and elderly adults

Preventing Violent Extremism

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The Government's Prevent strategy aims to challenge the ideology that supports terrorism and those who promote it, protect vulnerable people from being drawn into terrorist-related activity and to support sectors and institutions where there are risks of radicalisation.

Surrey Police has a team of Prevent Officers who work with the public and partner agencies to prevent terrorism and violent extremism from taking root in our communities. These officers aim to safeguard individuals and institutions from all forms of terrorist ideology and work closely with partner agencies such as local authorities, schools, universities and health institutions, to ensure communities in Surrey are well placed to report and respond to terrorist related concerns.

The Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015 requires all partners to consider local implementation and each agency develops its own annual action plan.

Substance misuse: Drugs and Alcohol

Addressing the harm caused by alcohol and substance misuse on individuals, families and communities remains a priority for Woking. We will be supporting the objectives of the County's Drugs and Alcohol strategies with a particular focus on:

- Prevention and education;
- Early identification and referrals into specialist treatment services;
- Safer communities;
- Support to local treatment providers in enabling and sustaining recovery among clients.

Locally work in Woking is ongoing through the JAG, SOC JAG and CHaRMM where appropriate.

Delivery and Review Mechanism

The Safer Woking Partnership has established delivery mechanisms through a series of multi agency problem solving groups, such as CHaRMM and JAG (as detailed on page 2). Delivery is monitored through regular meetings, as set out on page 2, and will be reported to the Safer Woking Partnership through the Community Safety Task Group and Joint Committee.

New legislation, policy and guidance

Over the last few years there has been a significant amount of new legislation, policy and guidance which all impacts on the work of the Community Safety Partnership.

Domestic Abuse

On 29 April 2021 the Domestic Abuse Act 2021 received Royal Assent. More information is available here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/domestic-abuse-bill-2020-factsheets/domestic-abuse-bill-2020-overarching-factsheet>

The Act includes within Part 4 (Sections 57-61) new duties on Tier 1 local authorities in England relating to the provision of support for victims and their children residing within relevant safe accommodation and a duty on Tier 2 authorities to co-operate with Tier 1 authorities.

Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill 2021: serious violence duty

The Serious Violence Duty will require local authorities, the police, fire and rescue authorities, specified criminal justice agencies and health authorities to work together to formulate an evidence based analysis of the problems associated with serious violence in a local area, and then produce and implement a strategy detailing how they will respond to those particular issues. However, we have been made aware by the Home Office that the Serious Violence Duty is significantly delayed.

Independent Review of Prevent

During the passage of the Counter Terrorism and Border Security Act 2019 on 12 February 2019, the government committed to carrying out an independent review of Prevent.

William Shawcross was appointed as the new Independent Reviewer of Prevent on 26 January 2021. The independent review will consider the UK's strategy for protecting people vulnerable to being drawn into terrorism and will make recommendations for the future.

Locally we will respond to any recommendations from the review of Prevent. However the Independent Review of Prevent is seriously delayed.

Funding

A small amount of funding is provided by Woking Borough Council into a joint fund to support the priorities contained within this plan. Otherwise work is supported by core funding from the various partner organisations. In addition funding bids are made for specific projects, for example to the Police and Crime Commissioner's grant scheme.

Police and Crime Commissioner

Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs) were introduced in the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011. They are responsible for overseeing the work of the Police, holding the Chief Constable to account, setting the budget and helping to tackle the crime issues. The PCC has responsibility for reducing crime and disorder and the PCC office works with CSPs and criminal justice partners to achieve their objectives. The PCC is able to call CSP chairmen to meetings, request reports and commission services.

The legislation provides a scrutiny system in the form of a Police and Crime Panel (PCP) to look at how the PCC exercises their statutory functions and effectiveness. The panel is made up of councillors from each of the 11 local district and borough councillors (one from each), a county councillor and two independent co-opted individuals.

The PCC has also made available funding to commission services that improve community safety in Surrey. Local organisations, community and voluntary groups can apply for grants which meet the PCCs priorities.

More information on the role and work of the PCC can be found here - <https://www.surrey-pcc.gov.uk/>

The current PCC is Lisa Townsend. Details of her Police and Crime Plan and her priorities can be found here - <https://www.surrey-pcc.gov.uk/plan/>

Elections take place every four years with the next election due in 2025.

Summary from Community Safety Consultation

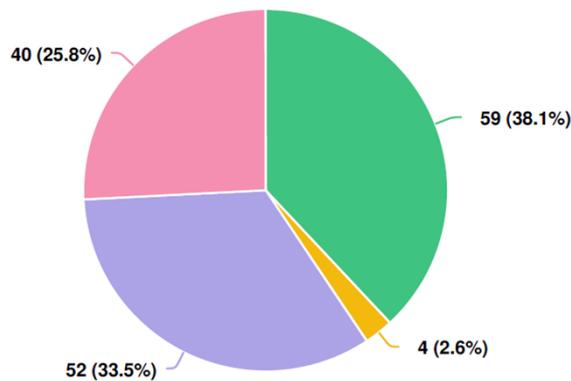
The key headlines for the CSP consultation are as follows:

- Key concerns relating to WBC are fly tipping, litter and drug paraphernalia
- Key crimes are drugs, violence offences and burglary
- Key themes for concern are County Lines and Child Exploitation, while the highest “unsure” responses, which may indicate a lack of understanding, are Prevent and Cuckooing
- Less than 13% have either been a victim of, or have witnessed a hate crime in the Borough
- 61% of respondents stated they felt safe living in Woking

Key themes surrounding feeling safe:

- Police presence (uniformed presence) – especially on foot patrols
- Lighting
- Alcohol/drug related congregations or youth related congregations – intimidating and left unchecked
- Road safety also often highlighted

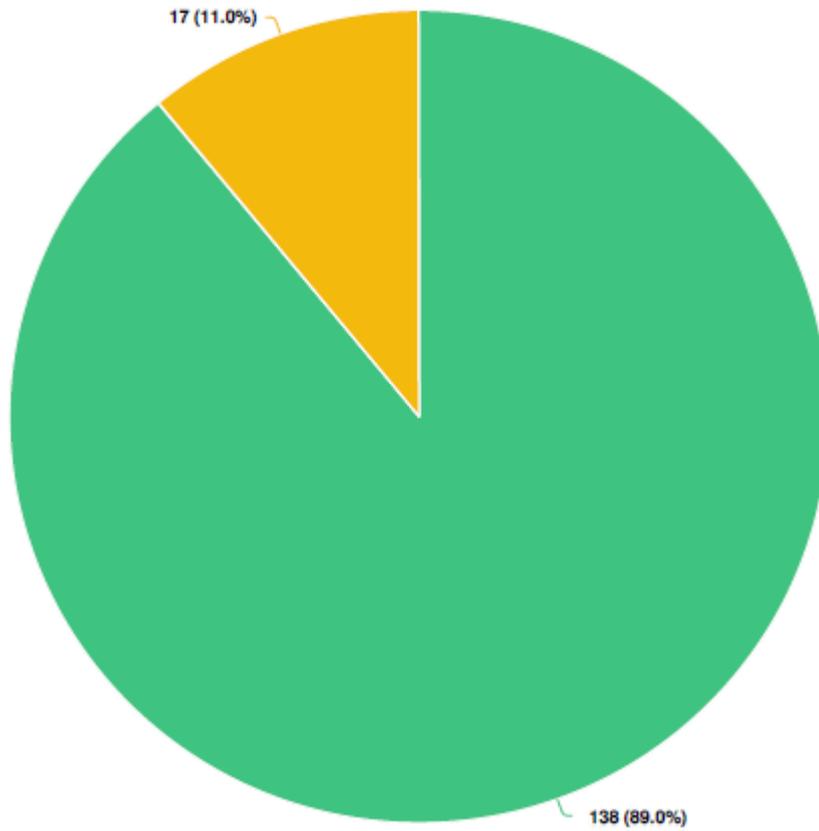
Q1 Relating to your Ward, over the last 12 months do you believe that crime has:



Question options

- Increased ● Decreased ● Stayed the same ● Don't know

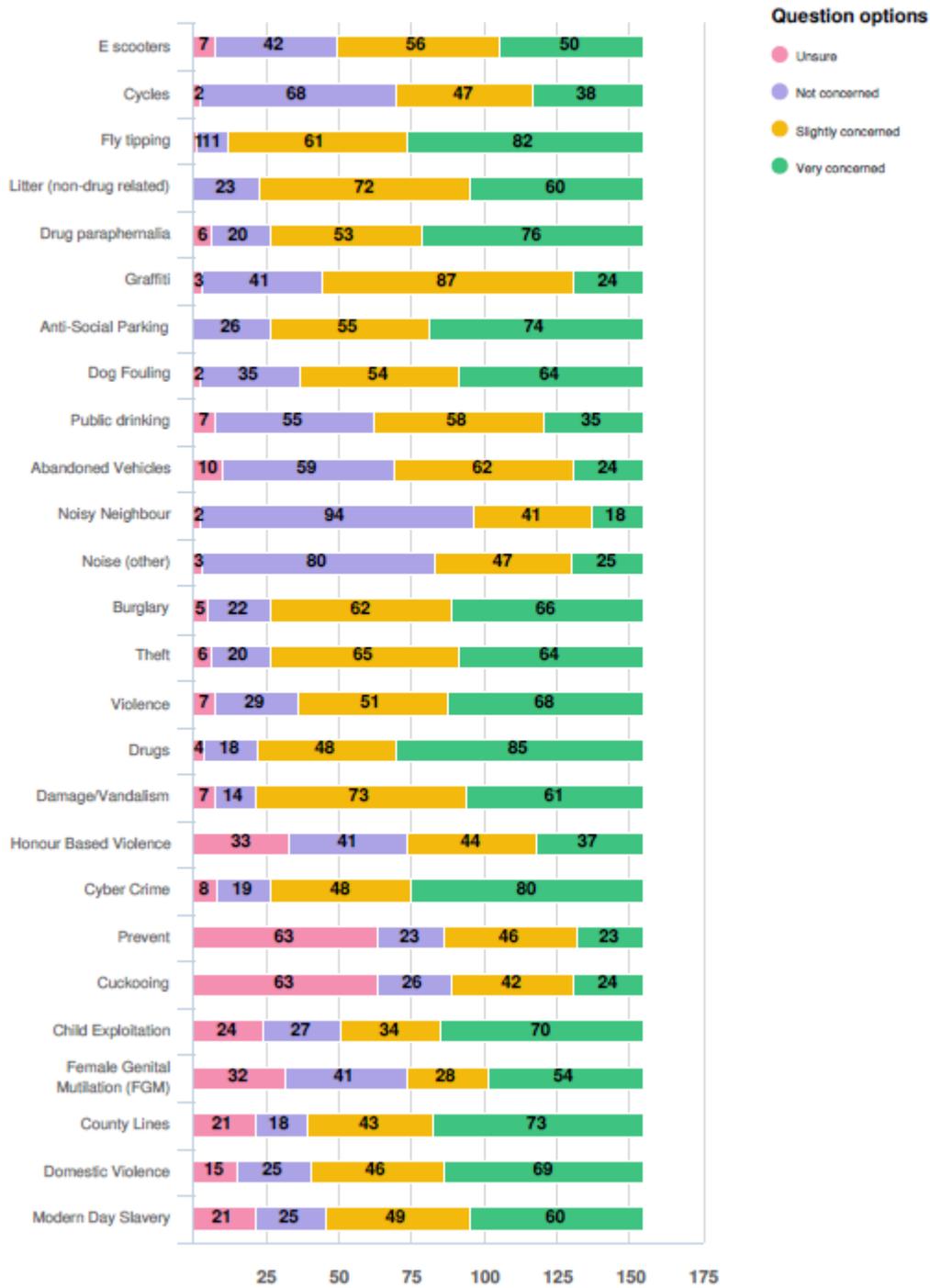
Q5 | In the past 12 months, have you been a Victim of crime?



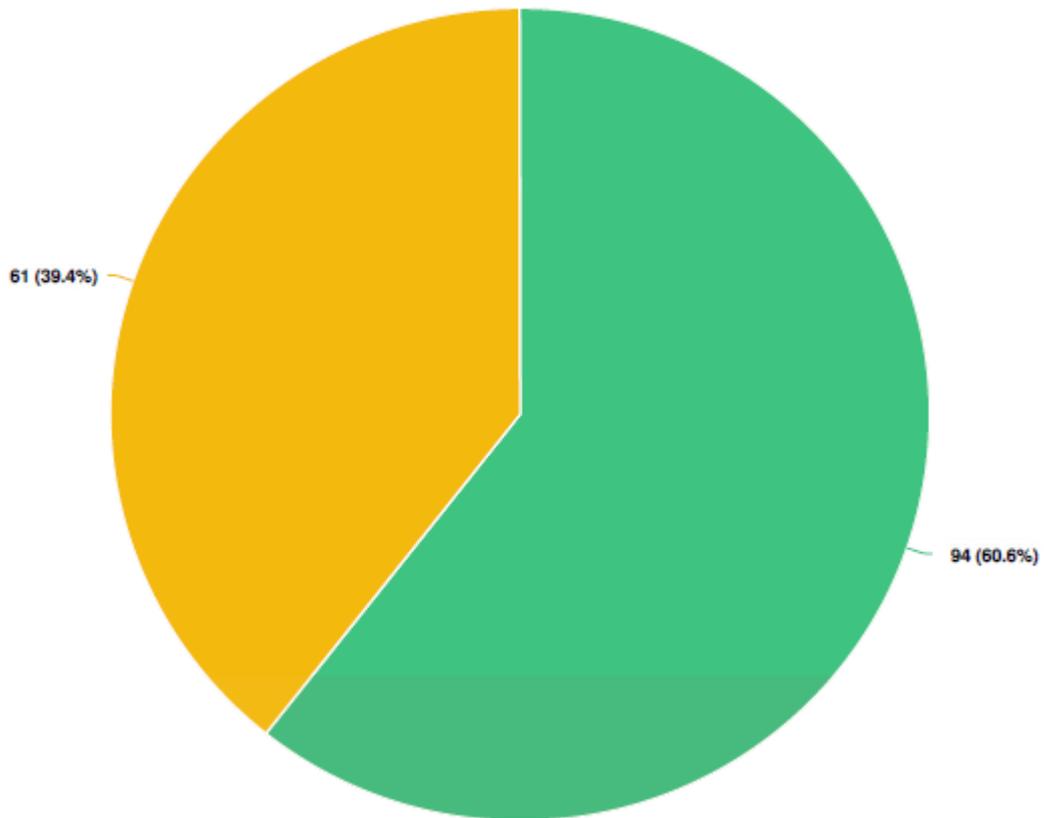
Question options

- No
- Yes. Please state what you experienced

Q11 Please indicate how concerned you are about the following issues



Q13 Do you feel safe in Woking?



Question options

- No, please explain why
- Yes