

**Gateshead CSP**  
**Amount allocated: £251,708**

**Summary of Programme**

The grant from the Community Safety Fund will be allocated as follows.

£30,537 will be used to continue the existing commissioning arrangements with Victims Support to provide a Victims' Champion function for the borough. This project has been in place for the last three years and is considered to be an effective and efficient intervention. The Victims' Champion provides one-to-one support to high risk and vulnerable individuals who would not be supported through other provision. The role also feeds information into the Safer Neighbourhood Task Groups structure. This contributes to the 'Putting victims first' priority within the Police and Crime Plan.

£35,094 will be allocated the Gateshead model for multi-agency problem solving. The programme operates at a local and operational level with five area-based Neighbourhood Task Groups meeting fortnightly and chaired by a Police Sergeant. It also works at a strategic level with five Safer Neighbourhood Groups meeting on a monthly basis and being chaired by a Police Inspector. This structure allows for local neighbourhood solutions to be developed and implemented to prevent crime and disorder in specific areas across the Borough. The finance will be used to fund direct activities identified by the local groups. This work addresses the 'Anti-social behaviour', 'Reducing crime' and 'Community confidence' priorities of the Police and Crime Plan.

£10,500 will be allocated to fund activities to build capacity and expertise within partner agencies in relation to domestic violence. The scope of the work would include training on issues such as forced marriage and domestic violence and abuse within BME communities. This allocation would also provide contingency funding should there be the requirement for a domestic homicide case review during the year. These activities relate to the 'Domestic and sexual abuse' priority within the Police and Crime Plan.

The £149,078 allocation of finance under the former Drug Interventions Programme (DIP) will be administered through the Public Health Department of Gateshead MBC and be used as a contribution towards the existing contractual arrangement for the provision of a Criminal Justice Intervention Team by Turning Point. Similarly, the £26,499 allocation from the former Youth Crime and Substance Misuse Prevention Activities funding will be administered by the Public Health Department and be used as a contribution to the commissioning of a young persons' drug intervention programme from NECA (North East Council on Addiction). The worker employed through this contract is co-located within the Youth Offending Team.

**Fit with Police and Crime Plan 2013-18 Priorities**

The activities identified form a good fit with priorities in the Police and Crime Plan.

**Relationship to wider CSP Programme**

The Community Safety Funded element is part of a much larger programme of work which includes a range of activities contributing to Police and Crime Plan priorities.

Gateshead IDVA Service was originally developed as a partnership with the voluntary sector and received considerable funding from Northern Rock Foundation. This funding was on a tapered basis with the intention that the service would be maintained in the long-term by statutory funding. The four FTE posts now form an in-house service and are based within the Community Safety/Safeguarding Team.

The Partnership has commissioned Safer Newcastle to provide the ARCH service in Gateshead to support victims of hate crime.

The Community and Alcohol Partnership (CAP) has been a successful multi-agency initiative designed to combat underage drinking and the proxy sale of alcohol by targeting retailers and supermarkets. It was piloted in Birtley, and will be rolled out to other localities.

The Partnership has developed an initiative with the Queen Elizabeth Hospital A&E Department on Friday and Saturday night violence, with an emphasis on domestic violence, the experience from which could be shared with other partnerships.

### **Commentary**

Community Safety sits within the Safer Communities Department of Gateshead MBC alongside Adult Safeguarding, Resilience and Emergency Response. The Partnership is organised with four sub-groups which are: Vulnerable Victims, Crime, ASB and Community Confidence, Reducing crime and Drugs and Alcohol. Each of the four works to a set of key performance indicators and reports to the main Partnership Board on a bi-monthly basis. The four sub-groups reflect a good fit between the priorities of the Community Safety partnership and those contained within the Police and Crime Plan.

## **Newcastle City Council**

**Amount allocated: £460,466**

### **Summary of Programme**

The grant from the Community Safety Fund will be allocated as follows.

£10,000 will be used to fund the Newcastle element of the Force-wide Safer Communities Survey.

A further £8,000 will be utilised for the research and analysis of crime data through the Safer Newcastle Data Service which provides the Partnership with geocoded police data. Gathering community intelligence and the localised and formatted police data help the Partnership respond to all the Police and Crime Plan priorities.

£60,000 will be used to fund the Integrated Offender Management (Step Change) programme delivered by the Northumbria Probation Trust. The programme provides intensive work with the most active offenders (between 70 and 90 per year) who are not subject to statutory supervision and are sentenced to custodial sentences of less than 12 months. The programme is led by police and probation personnel, dispensing a combination of oversight and support to promote behavioural change. The initiative contributes towards the 'Reduction in crime' priority.

£17,200 will be allocated as a contribution towards the activity costs of the neighbourhood management model for local problem-solving activity. Funding will be used as activity costs for the SNAPs (Safe Neighbourhoods Action and Problem Solving) Groups and to contribute to some citywide activities such as the Light Nights and Dark Nights campaigns.

The Partnership will allocate funding from the Community Safety Fund grant towards three drug intervention programmes.

- £145,350 to contract a service from the Northumbria Probation Trust to provide additional capacity in relation to their Drug Rehabilitation Requirement (DRR) and Prolific and Priority (PPO) cases.
- £109,580 to Northumbria Police to fund a FTE police officer to work as part of the wider Integrated Offender Management Team in Newcastle and two FTE police officers who will operate as part of the Drug Intervention Programme and wider drug treatment system in Newcastle.
- £74,404 alongside Department of Health finance to contract Turning Point to deliver intensive drug intervention work to offenders from arrest referral through to aftercare and resettlement.

The £35,932 formerly allocated from the Youth Crime and Substance Misuse Preventative Activities fund will be managed by the Youth Offending Service. (See Newcastle Youth Offending Service – Submission Report.)

### **Fit with Police and Crime Plan 2013-18 Priorities**

There is a strong alignment between the Police and Crime Plan priorities and the work of the Safer Newcastle Partnership. The CSP plan is being finalised alongside the Police and Crime Plan to maximise alignment and local delivery.

### **Relationship to wider CSP Programme**

Resources from partner agencies and external grants are used directly to support priority activity and only services and interventions which directly contribute to the delivery of priorities and demonstrate quality and value for money are resourced.

Safer Newcastle Partnership undertakes a wider range of activity addressing several of the Police and Crime Plan priorities. It commissions an Integrated Victims' Service from Victim Support which provides IDVA, ISVA and support to hate crime victims. The value of this contract is in the region of £230,000 per year. In relation to Domestic Violence, the Partnership is also supporting an intervention programme commissioned from Barnardo's with men who have been identified as perpetrators.

The Partnership also funds a range of activities in relation to the night-time economy, including the taxi-marshals, a street pastor project, initiatives with licensees and licensed premises and additional street patrols.

### **Commentary**

The work of the Partnership is governed by the City's Outcomes Based Accountability (OBA) model linking outcomes to performance indicators. Both internal and external service providers are expected to complete a quarterly monitoring form to measure outcomes against agreed criteria, and these arrangements are built into Service Level Agreements and contracts.

Safer Newcastle uses significant amounts of the Community Safety Fund finance (approximately 70%) to contract into the city additional police and probation service resources. This principally takes the form of enhanced capacity within the Offender Management Team and within the Drug Intervention Programmes.

## **Local Authority: North Tyneside MBC**

**Amount allocated: £140,827**

### **Summary of Programme Proposed**

The grant from the Community Safety Fund will be allocated as follows.

£38,000 is allocated to cover the salary of the Reducing Offending Manager within the Northumbria Probation Trust developing the Integrated Offender Management approach for North Tyneside. The post-holder coordinates partnership working around the reduction of reoffending, including improving employment, training and education and housing outcomes for offenders generally, and improving services for female offenders. Reducing offences by reducing re-offending is a key approach within the Partnership and relates to the 'Reducing crime' priority within the Police and Crime Plan.

£10,000 will be used to fund the North Tyneside element of the Force-wide Safer Communities Survey.

A further £8,000 will be used for further research and analysis of crime data through the Safer Newcastle Data Service. This provides the Partnership with geo-coded police data allowing them to analyse crime and disorder issues impacting upon local communities and to shape appropriate responses. The Safer North Tyneside Partnership place a strong emphasis on targeting interventions at high crime areas identified through data analysis. Gathering community intelligence and the localised and formatted police data help the Partnership respond to all the Police and Crime Plan priorities.

£9,627 will be allocated to fund activities identified through the locality based problem solving model adopted by the Partnership. The previous structure of four locality based monthly meetings was reviewed in 2012 and the model now operates as a monthly Borough-wide meeting attended by senior officers from the Police and Local Authority. The multi-agency problem solving approach addresses all five Police and Crime Plan priorities.

£55,518 is allocated to the adult drug intervention and treatment service commissioned by North Tyneside from Turning Point. The current service will be continued and is seen as important in the context of successful offender management.

The £23,682 formerly allocated from the Youth Crime and Substance Misuse will be managed by the Youth Offending Service. (See North Tyneside Youth Offending Service - Submission Report.)

### **Fit with Police and Crime Plan 2013-18 Priorities**

The activities as described form a reasonable fit with the priorities highlighted in the Crime and Police Plan 2013-18. Safer North Tyneside places an emphasis on

reducing offending through investing in offender management and the reduction of re-offending.

### **Relationship to wider CSP Programme**

The activities funded through the Community Safety Fund are a small part of the overall Community Safety Partnership programme which encompasses a range of activities and projects which work towards the Police and Crime Plan priorities.

The partnership has developed a range of domestic and sexual abuse services including a new North Tyneside Domestic Abuse Women's Refuge. An IDVA service providing independent and impartial support for all high risk victims/survivors of domestic violence is commissioned from Acorns, a locally based voluntary sector provider. The Partnership also supports an IDVA pilot based in North Tyneside General Hospital A&E Department, with the aim of increasing referrals by improving referral pathways and providing support to victims.

A number of initiatives have been carried out to protect residents within their own home environment. These include supplying and fitting security devices including door viewers, chains, locks and alarms and supplying and fitting overt and covert CCTV cameras, and security lights.

The Partnership has undertaken a range of initiatives in relation to the night time economy, including funding additional patrols to supplement the policing response, a street pastor project, taxi marshals and the Pub Watch initiative.

Safer North Tyneside is working with Victim Support to raise awareness of disability hate crime within local communities and to enhance the service to victims in the Borough. This involves working in partnership with specialist organisations and helping to develop the skill and knowledge of the charity's volunteers. It has resulted in a number of multi-agency activities including a disability hate crime road show.

With respect to anti-social behaviour the Partnership has commissioned additional Police patrols targeted at ASB hotspots linked to the night time economy along the coastal route between Whitley Bay and Tynemouth. It has also developed the practice of joint patrols carried out between police and youth workers to target youth ASB hotspots. An Anti-Social Behaviour Prevention Coordinator is attached to the Council's Safer Estates Team focusing on early intervention and providing co-ordinated support. It acts as a bridge between victim support services and ASB prevention services.

### **Commentary**

Safer North Tyneside is continuing with the existing adult drug treatment services provided by Turning point and the Youth Crime and Substance Misuse Prevention Activities finance has been allocated to the Youth Offending Service.

The bulk of the remaining grant is being used to fund the salary of the reducing reoffending manager attached to the Probation Service with smaller amounts for research and intelligence gathering and the multi-agency problem solving model. The

Partnership places a high value on the importance of good statistical data and analysis to inform the targeting of resources and activities. The activities are reasonably costed and reflect the experience of operating these activities in the past.

The Partnership has a thorough and assessed approvals process for new work and all projects are expected to report against performance targets on a quarterly basis.

## **Local Authority: Northumberland County Council**

**Amount allocated: £261,385**

### **Summary of Programme Proposed**

The grant from the Community Safety Fund will be allocated as follows.

£10,000 will be used to fund the Northumberland element of the Force-wide Safer Communities Survey.

A further £5,000 will be used to undertake a Strategic Intelligence Assessment.

£55,000 will be allocated to the two-tier locality based problem solving model adopted by the Safer Northumberland Partnership. There are seven geographically based (coterminous with police sectors) LMAPS groups which meet every four weeks to complement the Police Area Command Task and Coordinating Group process. The meetings are divided into two sections, one concerned with community and locality issues whilst the other focuses on case management elements around individuals. The finance from the Community Safety grant will be used to fund small scale initiatives in response to local issues. Amounts of up to £2,000 can be approved locally whilst costs of £2,000 to £4,000 are referred to the Business Support Group for approval.

£69,903 will be allocated to fund a range of Partnership initiatives that are seen as having longer term benefit, including county-wide campaigns and targeted projects. Examples of work undertaken using these funds might include:

- Support for small-scale initiatives to tackle Domestic Abuse including target hardening measures for repeat victims.
- County-wide motorcycle safety campaign.
- Farm watch and coastal watch – campaigns which address rural crime issues.
- Seasonal Halloween and bonfire night activities to reduce anti-social behaviour.
- Initiatives to address under-age sales of alcohol and ensure compliance with other licensing conditions.
- Initiatives targeted at areas where significant levels of visitor numbers (particularly Alnwick and Berwick) has resulted in increased crime and alcohol related disorder.
- Youth diversionary activities.

£5,000 will be used to undertake a Domestic Violence Needs Assessment and a further £15,000 will be held against the need to undertake domestic homicide review(s) during the course of the year.

The £66,482 allocation of finance under the former Drug Interventions Programme (DIP) will be administered through the Public Health Department of Northumberland County Council and used as a contribution towards a newly commissioned drugs intervention service. The Northumberland Recovery Partnership is single-entry drug and alcohol treatment service delivered as a partnership between The Cyrenians, Northumberland CC, Tyne and Wear NHS Foundation Trust and Turning Point. The

service, following a lead-in period, will be fully operational by 1 July 2013 and will provide a range of recovery-orientated support options, including a structured abstinence-based day programme.

The £35,000 allocation from the former Youth Crime and Substance Misuse Prevention Activities Funding is being transferred to the Northumberland Youth Offending Team as an element of their overall budget. (See Northumberland Youth Offending Team Submission Report.)

### **Fit with Police and Crime Plan 2013-18 Priorities**

Safer Northumberland invests heavily in its model of multi-agency problem solving and through these activities and the programme of proactive initiatives it will contribute to the priorities contained within the Police and Crime Plan. The absence of specifically targeted activities means that the degree of input into each activity, particularly the more specific priorities in relation to victims and domestic violence, is hard to predict.

The Partnership is in the process of developing a new strategic plan with locally developed priorities which will match those of the Police and Crime Plan.

### **Relationship to wider CSP Programme**

Safer Northumberland does not have an extensive range of activities other than the ones described above where Community Safety Fund finance is being deployed.

The County Council directly funds the core staff team of the partnership. In addition there is a county-wide Anti-Social Behaviour Team consisting of seven FTE officers who investigate incidents of ASB, seek local solutions and feed more complex problems into the multi-agency problem solving process.

There is a current IDVA service, Cease 24, operating in Northumberland supported by the Northern Rock Foundation, with some support in the past being channelled through the Safer Northumberland Partnership. The service is funded until 2014 but is vulnerable unless a sustainable funder can be identified.

### **Commentary**

As a large and predominately rural county with over 12 significant centres of population, and a very diverse economic and social structure, the challenges facing Safer Northumberland are significantly different from the other CSPs in the Force area. Community safety issues present themselves differently across the county with a large variance across rural and urban areas. This requires a more localised response to address priorities and public concerns. This has informed the Partnership's approach in developing the multi-agency problem solving structure as its main focus of activity.

In relation to the Police and Crime Plan priorities, it is relevant to highlight the situation regarding the current IDVA Service. This service has been funded by the

Northern Rock Foundation and through the Partnership, but is not programmed to continue beyond 2014.

## **Local Authority: South Tyneside**

**Amount allocated: £166,319**

### **Summary of Programme**

The grant from the Community Safety Fund will be allocated as follows.

£18,000 will be used to fund a Victims' Champion through Victim Support. The worker is based within South Tyneside's Anti-Social Behaviour Unit and will provide support to victims of anti-social behaviour and hate related incidents including repeat and particularly vulnerable victims. This activity relates directly to the 'Putting victims first' strategic priority and in 'Providing better support to the victims of anti-social behaviour'.

£34,600 will be allocated to the Borough's Safer Neighbourhood Team structure (an area-based, multi-agency problem-solving model). The funding will be used to facilitate responses to locally identified crime and community safety issues. This would include:

- Youth diversionary activities targeted at areas where there is a perceived high incidence of crime and anti-social behaviour.
- Support for Lighter Nights and Darker Nights campaigns targeted at reducing nuisance fires and other forms of anti-social behaviour.
- Support for the Street Angels project which operates during the night time economy.
- Support for the 'Bored in Boldon' youth diversionary activity.

These activities are seen as contributing to the Police and Crime Plan priorities addressing anti-social behaviour and reducing crime.

As part of a larger package of funding, £20,000 will be used to maintain an existing IDVA service commissioned from Family Impact Services providing support to high risk victims of domestic and/or sexual violence and abuse. This activity contributes to the objective contained within the Police and Crime plan that a Domestic/Sexual Abuse Advisor be offered to each high risk complainant.

£5,000 will be used to fund materials and consumable costs for the Community Payback Programme delivered by the Probation Service.

The sum of £65,509 will be used to maintain the existing contract with Turning Point for drug treatment and drug related interventions. This is a continuation of the service commissioned with funding from the Drug Interventions Programme. The £25,210 allocated from the former Youth Crime and Substance Misuse Prevention Activities programme will be managed by the Youth Offending Service. (See South Tyneside Youth Offending Service - Submission Report.)

### **Fit with Police and Crime Plan 2013-18 Priorities**

The activities as described form a reasonable fit with the priorities highlighted in the Crime and Police Plan 2013-18.

## **Relationship to wider CSP Programme**

The proposed activities are part of a more extensive programme undertaken by South Tyneside MBC and other agencies within the Safer South Tyneside Partnership. For example, the grant from the Community Safety Fund will only part fund the IDVA service which in turn is one element of a wider domestic violence programme.

The Borough has invested heavily in CCTV coverage and runs an extensive programme with a small contribution of financial support from the Police Service. Other Local Authority services such as Trading Standards are active in addressing issues including, off-license alcohol sales to young people, cold callers and illegal money lending.

## **Commentary**

The programme is reasonably costed based on the delivery of similar activities in previous years.

The Youth Crime and Substance Misuse Prevention Activities finance has been allocated to the Youth Offending Service for the commissioning of a specialist service and the Community Safety Partnership is also maintaining the drug treatment service funded by the Drug Intervention Programme.

South Tyneside MBC is funding its contribution to the regional Safer Communities Perception Survey.

Externally commissioned services are required to evidence their work through agreed monitoring and evaluation reporting processes although these tend to focus on outputs and qualitative feedback rather than outcomes.

**Local Authority: City of Sunderland**

**Programme: Safer Sunderland Partnership (Community Safety Partnership)**

**Amount allocated: £328,727**

**Summary of Programme Proposed**

The grant from the Community Safety Fund will be allocated as follows.

£10,000 will be used to fund the Sunderland element of the Force-wide Safer Communities Survey.

£20,000 will be allocated for the Sunderland Multi-Agency Problem Solving structure which consists of five area based groups covering the whole of the City. Each group is chaired by the local Police Inspector and consists of representatives from relevant agencies. The group seeks local solutions to persistent locally identified crime and disorder issues. Each area group will be allocated £4,000 to fund targeted responses. This initiative will contribute towards priorities 1, 2, 4 and 5 of the police and Crime Plan.

£40,000 will be allocated to continue the current contract with Wearside Women in Need for the provision of IDVA services. This is a successful service from a highly regarded current provider and addresses the Domestic and Sexual Abuse priority within the Police and Crime Plan.

£15,000 will be used to continue the current arrangement with Gentoo (social housing) for the provision of the Safer Homes Initiative. This relatively small initiative is used to provide additional security measures to high risk victims of hate crime, domestic violence and severe anti-social behaviour. The budget is held by the Local Authority and drawn down by Gentoo as work is commissioned. This relates to the 'Putting victims' first', 'Reducing crime' and 'Community confidence' priorities.

£25,000 will be allocated towards the continuation of current contractual arrangements with Victim Support for a member of staff to be located within the Council's Anti-Social Behaviour Team. The Victim Support Worker picks up on cases where there are high risk victims of severe and persistent anti-social behaviour. This addresses priorities 1 and 2 of the Police and Crime Plan.

£20,000 has been allocated to develop and improve local capacity to respond to issues of domestic and sexual violence. The proposed budget will relate directly to the Domestic Violence element of the police and Crime Plan. The programme will be developed in conjunction with the Domestic Violence Partnership but is likely to include the provision of IDVA training through CAADA for some Children's Services Staff, Social Workers and staff from voluntary agencies as well as other training and capacity building initiatives.

The balance of the Community Safety Fund grant, £156,480, has been allocated towards initiatives designed to tackle identified city-wide issues. The details of this programme are not yet fully developed, but are likely to include a targeted

programme focused on the Sulgrave estate of Washington. There is an emerging problem on the estate concerning a high concentration of drug-using offenders which will require a multi-agency initiative encompassing early intervention, enforcement and rehabilitation elements alongside a landlord licensing initiative. Other issues likely to be addressed by the use of these funds will be social cohesion issues generated in the East End of the city caused by EDL (English Defence League) protests in response to the possible opening of a mosque in the area, and joint police and licensing operations in connection to the city's night time economy. The partnership would also like to retain some flexibility to enable it to respond to issues as they develop during the year.

The £42,247 formerly allocated from the Youth Crime and Substance Misuse will be managed by the Youth Offending Service. (See Sunderland Youth Offending Service - Submission Report.)

### **Fit with Police and Crime Plan 2013-18 Priorities**

The activities as described form a reasonable fit with the priorities highlighted in the Crime and Police Plan 2013-18.

### **Relationship to wider CSP Programme**

The Safer Sunderland Partnership is currently in the process of re-commissioning the City's adult drug intervention service and is doing so without factoring in any contribution from the Community Safety Fund grant. It is expected that efficiency savings will be obtained within the programme by the reduction in the number of contracted agencies. It is anticipated that the new service will be in place by July 2013 and the Partnership would want to retain the flexibility to add to the contract with regard to specific interventions such as the Sulgrave estate initiative above.

The Community Safety Fund grant contribution to the IDVA is part of a much bigger contracted Domestic Violence programme provided by Wearside Women in Need amounting to about £600,000 per year.

The City has an extensive mobile CCTV scheme and decisions regarding the placement and deployment of cameras are undertaken by the local multi-agency problem-solving groups in conjunction with the police. The Partnership also funds a taxi-marshals scheme in relation to the night-time economy at a cost of about £80,000 per year.

### **Commentary**

Some elements of the programme such as the IDVA Service and Victim Support are reliably costed based on the delivery of similar activities in previous years. The elements allocated to the multi-agency problem solving teams and Safer Homes Initiative are less than in previous years but retain the capacity to respond to need. The Safer Sunderland Partnership anticipated a reduction or loss of grant from the Drug Interventions Programme and Community Safety Fund and planned accordingly. Consequently within the submission there is less of an emphasis on continuing existing programmes and more on the development of new capacity to

address specific issues. However this does mean that activity plans and spending intentions in relation to the city-wide problem solving initiatives are not firmed up or fully developed at this stage.

The Youth Crime and Substance Misuse Prevention Activities finance has been allocated to the Youth Offending Service for the commissioning of a specialist drugs service.

The Partnership is amending its current grant application and programme sign off procedures to reflect the priorities of the Police and Crime Plan.

Third party grants and contracts are monitored as part of commissioning processes and the Partnership has commissioned specific evaluation studies of larger programmes and initiatives. Overall the partnership takes a pragmatic approach to evaluation with smaller initiatives being evaluated by the lead officer concerned.

### **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Sunderland CSP submission is approved for payment. The OPPC wish to request more detail of the proposed spend of the earmarked allocation for City-wide problem solving during the second quarter of the year.