

Building Communities Together Partnership



Overview and Scrutiny Management Commission
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- The Partnership
- Strategic Assessment 2021/22
- Crime Overview
- Partnership working

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The BCT Partnership is the **Community Safety Partnership** for West Berkshire

Ensuring West Berkshire is a safe place to live, learn, work and visit

Legislation

Crime and Disorder Act 1998

Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2005

Crime and Policing Act 2014

Domestic Abuse and Safe Accommodation Act 2021

(Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill – awaiting Royal Assent)

Statutory Partners

West Berkshire Council, Thames Valley Police, Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue Service, Probation and Health (Public Health and Clinical Commissioning Groups)

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- Review of Terms of Reference – Spring 2021
- Focus on Core CSP duties
- New Serious Violence Duties anticipated
- Partnership also fulfils the role of:
 - West Berkshire Prevent Partnership Board
 - Youth Offending Team Steering Group

In addition to Statutory Partners the BCT Partnership also has representatives from:

Community and Voluntary Sector, Healthwatch, Registered Housing Providers, Education, Faith Sector and the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner

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The BCT Partnership is accountable to:

The Communities of West Berkshire - in respect of Community Safety

The Home Secretary - for all areas of planning and performance in relation to crime, anti-social behaviour, substance misuse, reoffending

The Home Office – in respect of statutory duties under the Contest Strategy (e.g. Prevent and ‘Channel’)

The Ministry of Justice – in relation to the work of the Youth Offending Team

Safeguarding Partnerships for Children and Adults – in respect of the functions of a Community Safety Partnership

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Partnership Objectives

1. Reduce and Prevent Crime
2. Ensure that Statutory responsibilities are fulfilled
3. Identify and respond to changes in the nature, incidence and severity of crime within West Berkshire
4. Safeguard those who are vulnerable
5. Help people and communities to help each other and to engage with community safety related initiatives

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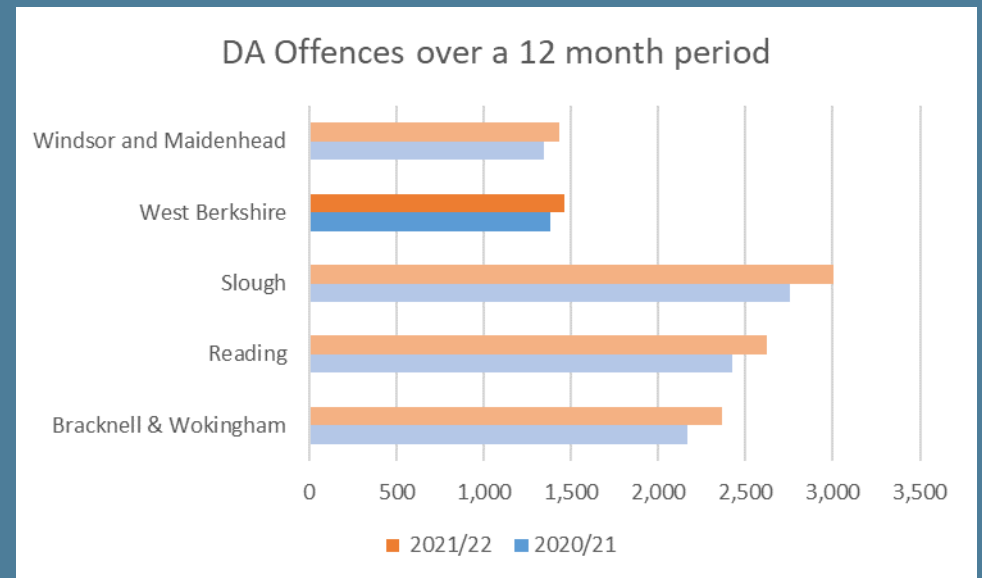
Annual Strategic Assessment

- Wide range of partnership data and supporting narratives on:
‘what has changed, what is emerging, issues of concern’
- Data period – 1st September 2020 – 31st August 2021
- Analysis – November/December 2021
- Partnership Diagnostic Conversation – January 2022
- Further analysis being undertaken to inform setting of Partnership Priorities
- Partnership Plan – to be refreshed
- Partnership Plan to take into account other Local Strategies and Plans

Domestic Abuse

- As an LPA we have seen an increase in DA Offences.
- In 2020/21 we had 1,383 Domestic related offences.
- This year; 2021/22 we had 1,465 Domestic related offences, representing a **6% increase**.
- West Berkshire have had the smallest increase in the county.

LPA	2020/21	2021/22
Bracknell & Wokingham	2,166	2,364
Reading	2,421	2,623
Slough	2,752	3,007
West Berkshire	1,383	1,465
Windsor and Maidenhead	1,347	1,431



Domestic Abuse

West Berkshire LPA is running two trials for the support of DA victims.

These are being run by two different shifts of officers.

Team Two Trial

Firstly there is an initiative that means once officers attend an incident where domestic abuse is involved, if any arrests are required, instead of making that arrest themselves they will call up for another unit to attend and arrest the suspect, allowing the original officers to remain with the victim and take statements and offer support. This allows a continuity of care for the victim and attempts to reduce the time between the offence and taking statements. This will lead to a reduce of withdrawal of support and feeling of isolation.

Team One Trial

The second trial is a dedicated DA support officer, who will attend to speak to the victim. This will allow them to have one main contact, a recognisable face throughout the course of any incident, follow-up action and support that is provided afterwards. In the first month of the trial for this initiative the outcome for incidents that were filed because there were evidential difficulties due to the victim not supporting went from 54% to 8.8% for the team that had that dedicated officer.

County Drug Lines (CDL)



CURRENTLY NO ACTIVE SCORED CDLS IN WEST BERKSHIRE. LOCAL DRUGS LINES REGULARLY INTERCEPTED BY STRONGHOLD AND TARGETED OPS.



THE PRIORITY CRIME TEAM AT NEWBURY WORK CLOSELY WITH OP VANQUISH, WHICH IS A DEPARTMENT SET UP TO TACKLE CDL IN THAMES VALLEY.



SEVERAL OPERATIONS IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS TARGETING DRUGS SUPPLY. LAST ONE IN MARCH; OP FLIP RESULTED IN 7 VEHICLES STOPPED & SEARCHED, 4 ARRESTS, CLASS A DRUGS AND CASH SEIZED

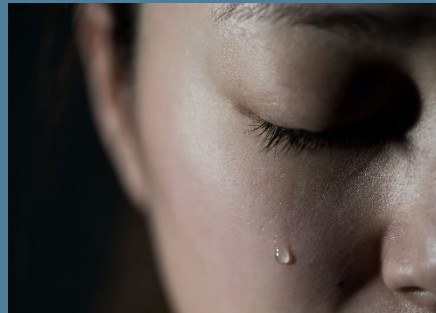
Violence against Women and Girls (VAWG)

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There is now a group of officers committed to focusing on VAWG and responding to StreetSafe reports.



21st March 2022 was a week of action on VAWG. West Berkshire held 12 public engagement events across hotels, children's homes and licensed premises

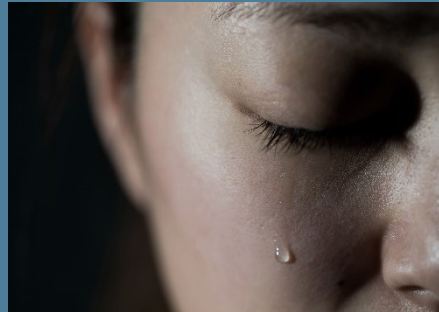


Project Vigilant; an initiative where men displaying predatory behaviour during the night-time economy are stopped and spoken to.

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- We are scrutinising our Investigative processes for VAWG offences
- Through better Crime Management we are prioritising and responding to precursor offences
- Identifying and managing prolific perpetrators
- Seeking to improve our utilisation of Domestic Violence protection Orders
- Engaging with local advocate groups and stakeholders to identify victim needs
- Using partnership data to direct police resources to public spaces and offenders

Knife Crime



KNIFE CRIME HAS BEEN SET AS A FORCE PRIORITY. WE WORK CLOSELY WITH THE VIOLENCE REDUCTION UNIT TO MONITOR KNIFE CRIME.

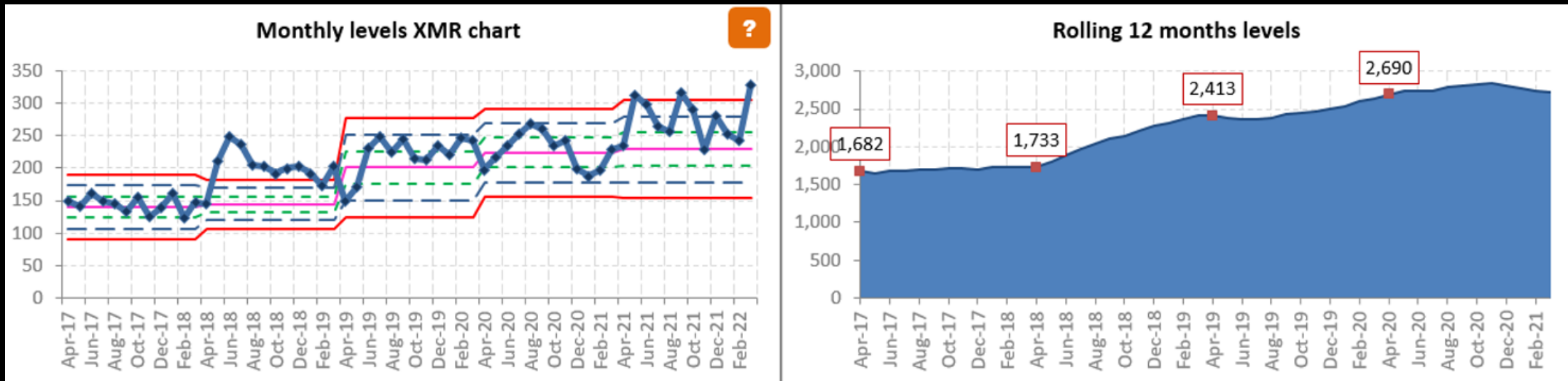


ALL KNIFE CRIME OFFENCES ARE REVIEWED WEEKLY AND ALLOCATED TO AN APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATOR, REFERRALS ARE COMPLETED AND SAFEGUARDING IS PUT IN PLACE.



WE HAVE THE SECOND LOWEST NUMBER OF KNIFE OFFENCES IN TVP. 45 OFFENCES RECORDED IN 2021/22, (COMPARED TO 68 DURING 2020/21) WHICH IS A **34% IMPROVEMENT**.

VIOLENCE OFFENCES



We have had an increase of violence against person offences, this year recording 3,307 in the last 12 months (Compared to 2,726 the 12 months before that). Despite this rise the rise of positive outcomes has gone up by 12%.

VIOLENCE OFFENCES



THE HOME OFFICE HAS ANNOUNCED A FURTHER £7M OVER THREE YEARS TO FUND THE VIOLENCE REDUCTION UNIT AND ITS WORK TO TACKLE SERIOUS VIOLENCE ACROSS THE THAMES VALLEY.



OVER £2M IS NEW "GRIP" FUNDING, WHICH THE VRU COORDINATES, FUNDING TARGETED ADDITIONAL OPERATIONS PLANNED BY LPAS IN RESPONSE TO SERIOUS VIOLENCE AND ASSOCIATED CRIME



THERE HAS BEEN A DECREASE IN ASSAULTS- SERIOUS HARM (GBH), WITH ONLY 3 RECORDED THIS YEAR COMPARED TO 6 IN THE 12 MONTHS PRECEDING.

Neighbourhood Action

Restorative practice training has been rolled out so that practical early intervention options are widely available.



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- TVP now has a dedicated taskforce for rural crime who run rural-focused operations and proactive patrols in high rural crime areas including beauty spots.



- West Berkshire has a dedicated rural crime officer PC Sean Morrison who leads tasking's for target hardening on rural land, public engagement thought online social media updates and WhatsApp group with local land owners and farmers.

- There is now a problem solving and prevention analyst (Cara Clay) situated in the neighbourhood team to assist with identification of crime trends and provide analytical data for the Scanning phases of OSARA Problem-solving processes.



Antisocial behaviour

Public Spaces Protection Orders

This is a new order brought into replace current legislation to tackle street drinkers. The PSPO covers Newbury Town Centre and is the first in West Berkshire. A PSPO is currently under consultation for the Thatcham area.

Anti-Social Behaviour



HOUSE CLOSURES - WE HAVE HAD 15 HOUSE CLOSURE ORDERS ON THE AREA IN 2021/22.



CRIMINAL BEHAVIOUR ORDERS - WE HAVE HAD 6 CBO'S ISSUED IN 2021/22 FOR FIVE DIFFERENT INDIVIDUALS.



COMMUNITY PROTECTION WARNING / NOTICES - THESE ARE WARNING FOR PERSISTENT ONGOING ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR. ON WEST BERKSHIRE WE HAVE IN 2021/22 ISSUED 3 COMMUNITY PROTECTION WARNING NOTICES.

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Partnership Working

Domestic Abuse Reduction

Campaigns/Awareness Raising, Training (inc. Champions)

County Drugs Lines

Need To Know Sessions, intelligence submissions, MAPS

Community Conversations

Engaging with those who are 'Seldom Heard', community solutions

Enforcement

House Closures, PSPOs, CPWNs