

# Building Communities Together Partnership



Overview and Scrutiny Management Commission  
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- The Partnership – role and responsibilities
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- Partnership working

# Building Communities Together Partnership



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 Act 2022

## **Statutory Partners**

West Berkshire Council, Thames Valley Police, Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue Service, Probation and Health (Public Health and Integrated Care Board)

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- Terms of Reference – reviewed April 2023
- Focus on Core Community Safety Partnership duties
- New Serious Violence Duties
- 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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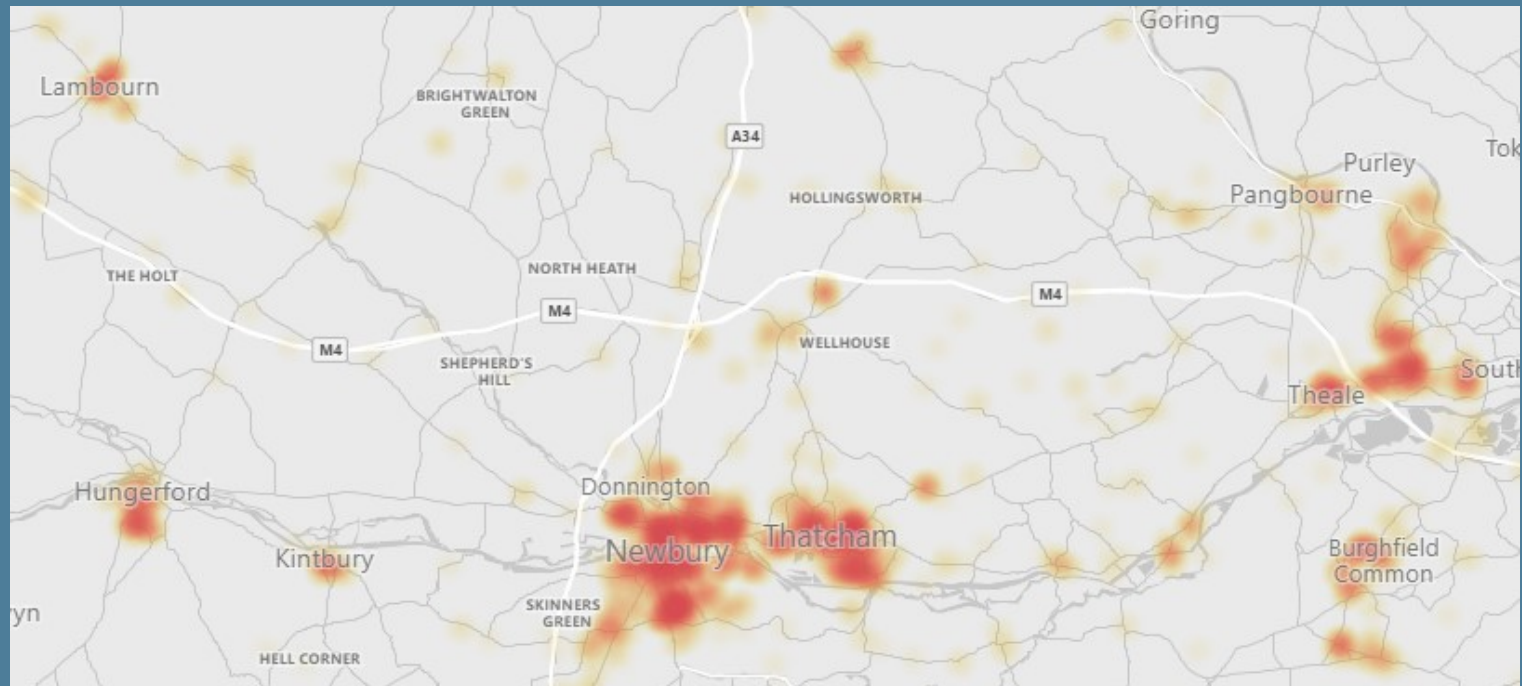
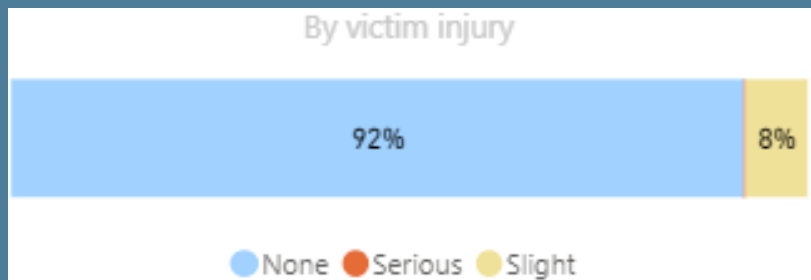
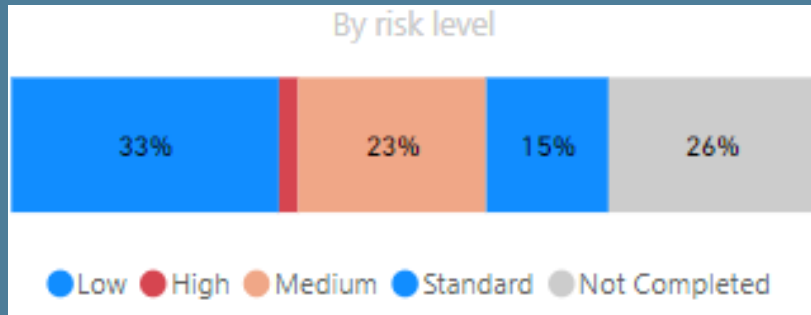
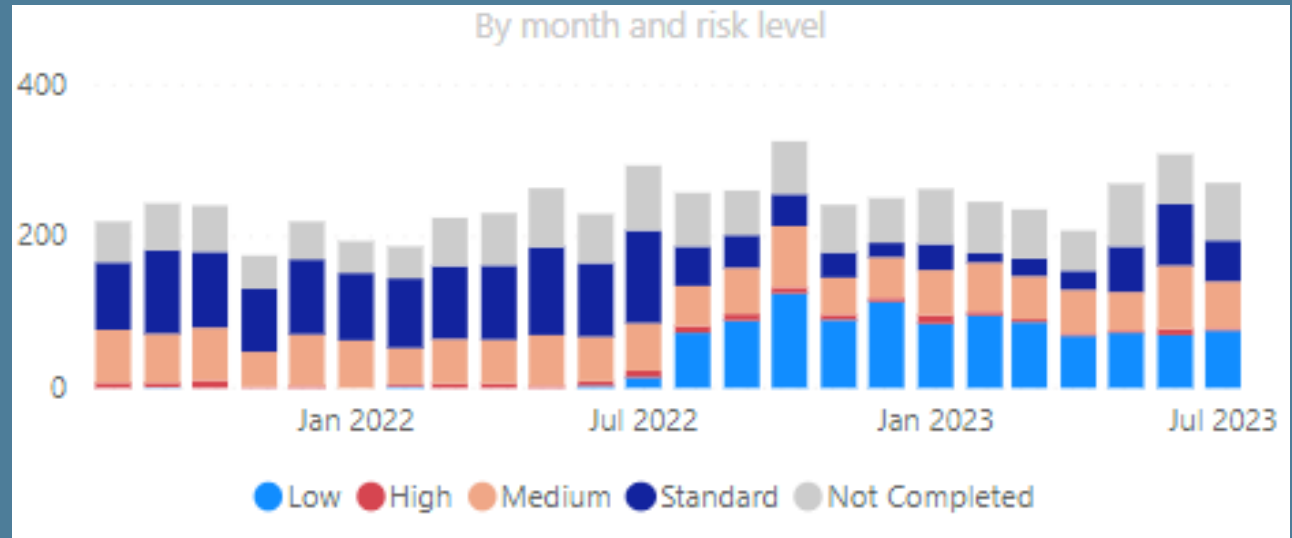


## Annual Strategic Assessment

- Wide range of partnership data and supporting narratives on:  
*‘what has changed, what is emerging, issues of concern’*
- Data period – 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021 – 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022
- Analysis – November/December 2022
- Partnership Diagnostic Conversation – January 2023
- Analysis and Conversation informed the setting of Partnership Priorities
- Partnership Plan refreshed
- Partnership Plan needs to take into account other Local Strategies and Plans

# Domestic Abuse

- As an LPA we have seen an increase in DA Offences.
- In the last 12 months we have seen a 15% increase in DA Occurrences, 62% of which are crimes. (Crime DA reports have only gone up by 9%)





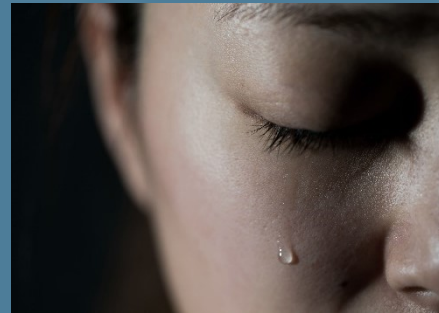
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**TACKLING  
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The local VAWG partnership has recently conducted a Street Safe survey with the aim of identifying vulnerable locations within the community. 456 people responded to the survey. The team are now reviewing the responses to target harden the locations of most concern.



Officers and partners have been engaged in a summer campaign of engagements with communities in Newbury, Thatcham, Hungerford and Pangbourne. Events have been focused on education, awareness and seeking feedback.

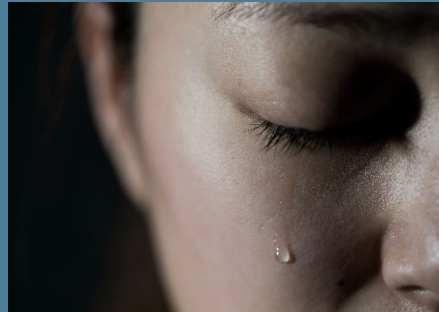


Ask for Angela testing has taken place within the local Nighttime economy. Ask for Angela is a code word to seek immediate support whilst in licensed premises. Testing has shown a good compliance rate in West Berkshire.

# Violence against Women and Girls (VAWG)

## **TACKLING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN & GIRLS**

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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

# Violence against Woman & Girls:

VAWG plan pillars:

- The TVP 2022/2023 VAWG delivery plan is focussed on the four pillars, in line with the NPCC strategy. Each pillar has a senior lead.
- Internal Trust and Confidence: Det. C/Supt Ailsa Kent, Head of Professional Standards
- External Trust and Confidence: T/C/Supt Emma Garside, Local Policing
- Pursuit of Perpetrators: Det. C/Supt Ian Hunter, Head of Force Crime
- Safer Spaces: Det. C/Supt Jim Weems, Head of Force Intelligence & Special Operations
- Each LPA has developed their own action plan based on the force delivery plan. Our local lead is DCI Emily Evans.

# County Drug Lines (CDL)



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



OP FIDES ARREST OF THREE SUSPECTS, ONE WHO WAS PART OF A COUNTY DRUGS LINE. ENQUIRIES LEAD TO MULTIPLE OTHER OFFENDERS WITHIN WEST BERKSHIRE, HOUNSLOW AND SLOUGH. OPERATIONS WERE CARRIED OUT WHICH LED TO THE ARREST OF 19 PEOPLE. TWO OF THESE HAVE BEEN SENTENCED AND ARE IN PRISON, FOUR ARE ON REMAND, SEVERAL CHARGED AND A COUPLE STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION. FIDES WAS GRADED TO BE IN THE TOP 10 CDLS OF TVP AT THE TIME OF RESOLUTION.



NEWBURY TASKING TEAM ENSURE THAT HOTSPOTS OF CDL ACTIVITY ARE IDENTIFIED AND TARGETED. THESE AREAS ARE MONITORED AND PATROLLED WITH THE EMPHASIS ON STOP AND SEARCH AND INTELLIGENCE DEVELOPMENT IN ORDER TO BUILD A PICTURE OF A CDL INFLUENCE IN THE AREA. THIS IS THEN CARRIED FORTH TO AN INVESTIGATIVE STAGE WHEREBY OFFENDERS ARE PURSED.

# Knife Crime



WE ARE NOW THE LPA WITH THE LOWEST KNIFE CRIME IN THE FORCE, HAVING HAD THE BIGGEST REDUCTION IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS.



KNIFE CRIME MEETINGS ARE NOW ONLY EVERY TWO WEEKS DUE TO A LACK OF KNIFE CRIME IN THE AREA AND REDUCTION OF NOMINAL MONITORED.



WE HAVE HAD A 22% REDUCTION IN KNIFE ENABLED CRIME, 40 IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS, WITH 51 IN THE 12 MONTHS PRECEDING THAT.

# SVRO: SERIOUS VIOLENCE REDUCTION ORDERS

Introduced – 19th April 2023 and apply for any relevant offences from this date forwards, cannot be applied for retrospectively. TVP are one of 4 forces undertaking a 2 year pilot.

Civil order – offender aged 18 or over, convicted of offence involving bladed weapon or offensive weapon. Order is applied for by police but granted by the court.

Police – gives a power to search a person subject to SVRO to ascertain if in possession of a bladed article or offensive weapon. Can detain so long as in public place. Power to seize items reasonably believed to be bladed article or off weapon.

SVRO – last between 6 months and 2 years, takes effect the day made or if offender on remand or sentenced then court can determine that order will not take effect until released.

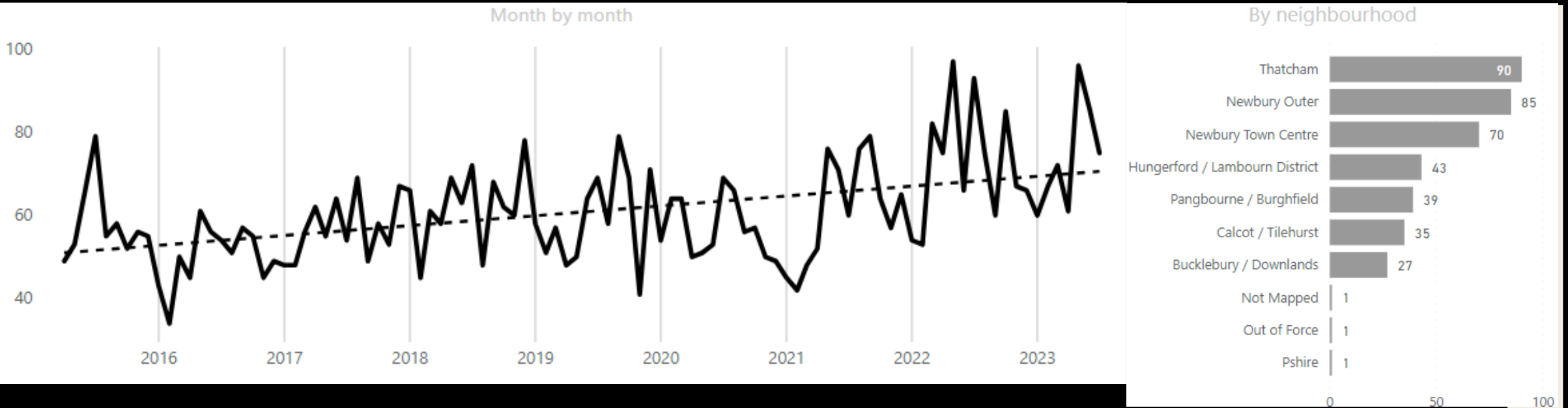
Court has to consider it necessary to

- Protect the public from risk of harm (in physical or psychological) involving a bladed article or off weapon or
- Protect particular members of the public (inc offender) from such risk or
- Prevent the offender from committing an offence involving a bladed article or off weapon



West Berkshire LPA have been one of the first to successfully secure an SVRO.

# VIOLENCE OFFENCES



We have had a 1% reduction in violence with injury in the last 12 months, however the majority of this is low-level injury with 713 of the 870 being ABH level. This is in line with the overall trend for the force. We as an LPA have had the lowest number of assaults in the force.

# VIOLENCE OFFENCES



VIOLENCE WITHOUT INJURY HAS GONE UP BY 16% IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS. THIS SHOWS THERE HAS BEEN AN INCREASE IN VIOLENCE, BUT THE HARM CAUSED HAS REDUCED SLIGHTLY WITH INJURIES AND SIGNIFICANTLY WITH GBH/SERIOUS INJURY.



WE REVIEW VIOLENCE OFFENCES EVERY TWO WEEKS AT OUR TACTICAL TASKING COORDINATION GROUP (TTCG) MEETINGS AND SET PRIORITIES FOR DISRUPTION ACTIVITIES.



WE HAVE HAD A 30% REDUCTION IN SERIOUS VIOLENCE IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS (ALL WOUNDING WITH INTENT AND GBH OFFENCES)



# Neighbourhood Action

We are expecting a number of extra officers to be allocated to the Neighbourhood Policing Team as the force has recognised the importance of the NHPT and the part it plays in proactive and preventative policing.

The Nightingales estate is a priority for the LPA and there have been multiple partnership working initiatives to tackle violence and ASB in that area. A bid has been put in for funding from Safer Streets 5 to support the work in the Nightingales.

PCSOs continue to conduct community engagement across West Berkshire.



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↑ Have your say events, crime prevention advice and working with partners from trading standards.

We have also completed throw-line and water safety events with Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue Service.

Our teams make themselves available to engage with the public by a number of avenues, such as this local open day in Trindledown. ↓



# Antisocial behaviour

## Public Spaces Protection Orders

During the last year we, along with the BCT, managed to implement a PSPO in Thatcham, which means as an LPA we currently now have three active (including Newbury town centre and Speen lodge).

There have only been 3 breaches in the last 12 months of these PSPOs.

LPA	Count Previous	Count Current	Count Change	% Change
<b>West Berkshire</b>	<b>1,347</b>	<b>1,196</b>	<b>-151</b>	<b>-11%</b>
Bucklebury / Downlands	66	90	24	36%
Neighbourhood not recorded		1	1	0%
Pangbourne		1	1	0%
Thatcham	227	209	-18	-8%
Calcot / Tilehurst	149	133	-16	-11%
Newbury Town Centre	138	123	-15	-11%
Newbury Outer	422	376	-46	-11%
Hungerford / Lambourn District	108	88	-20	-19%
Pangbourne / Burghfield	237	175	-62	-26%

# Anti-Social Behaviour



HOUSE CLOSURES – WE HAVE HAD 6 HOUSE CLOSURE ORDERS ON THE AREA IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS,



CRIMINAL BEHAVIOUR ORDERS – WE HAVE HAD NO CRIMINAL BEHAVIOUR ORDERS (CBO) ISSUED IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS.



COMMUNITY PROTECTION WARNING / NOTICES – THESE ARE WARNINGS FOR PERSISTENT, ONGOING ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR. IN WEST BERKSHIRE WE HAVE ISSUED 5 OF THESE IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS

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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