

# Thurrock Community Safety Partnership:

## Annual Delivery Plan 2025/2026



# Background and Duties

- ❑ The responsible authorities ( Thurrock Council, Essex Police, Essex County Fire and Rescue Service, The Probation Service and Mid-West Integrated Care Body) who form the Community Safety Partnership (CSP) in Thurrock are required to work together in formulating and implementing strategies to tackle local crime and disorder in the area and to have in place a partnership plan for that area, setting out the CSP's priorities.
- ❑ This plan has regard for the police and crime objectives set out in the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioners (PFCC) Police and Crime Plan and will be shared with the PFCC.
- ❑ This delivery plan focuses on the priorities as identified in the strategic assessment for 2024

# Strategic Assessment – Key Findings (1/10/23 - 30/9/24)

1. **Residents priorities:** knife crime was ranked highest (8.8%), followed by People Using or Dealing Drugs and Gangs/County Lines (8.4%), then by Fly-tipping and Theft of or From your car/motorbike (6.3%)
2. **Crime Data** overall saw a decrease in recorded crime of -4.4% which is lower than that seen in Greater Essex (-6%) and Thurrock has a higher rate /1,000 population at 88.71 offences compared to 78.40 offences in Greater Essex.
  - a. Violence against the person offences had a 6.6% decrease
  - b. Burglary offences had a 4.9% decrease
  - c. Vehicle crime saw a 9.7% decrease
  - d. Robbery remained static
  - e. Criminal damage/arson reduced by 4.9%
  - f. There was an increase of 5.8% in theft offences
  - g. Most districts saw a decrease in rural crime when comparing 12 months to July 2024 to the same period in 2023. Thurrock was an exception at +11.8%
  - h. In the 12 months to September 2024 National Fraud Investigation Bureau has recorded 974 fraud offences in Thurrock, an increase of 6.3% on previous 12 months and Thurrock ranked 12<sup>th</sup> of all 14 areas. West Thurrock and South Stifford ward accounted for 10% of recorded fraud in District.
3. Thurrock has seen an increase of 0.5% (9) in **Police recorded ASB**. Thurrock recorded 9.78 incidents /1,000 population compared to 7.60 in Greater Essex.
4. **Thurrock Council housing ASB team** are currently dealing with 160 cases of ASB and 24 reports of hate crime. Youth nuisance accounts for 16.8%, followed by aggressive behaviour (15.8%), then criminal damage (15.2%). The wards with highest reports of ASB were Chadwell St Mary and Grays Riverside.

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5. **Environmental ASB:** Whilst the Perception is that fly tipping is increasing across the Borough, reality is that investigations have remained static at 3,724.
6. **Fire Service:** Thurrock has seen an increase in fire incidents of 14.6% and at 529 is the highest of all the Districts in Essex. Whilst there was a decrease in accidental fires deliberate fires increased by 24.6% and accounted for 21.3% of all deliberate fires in Essex.
7. There were 2328 offences of **Domestic Abuse** recorded in Thurrock, accounting for 9.9% of offences in Greater Essex. This equates to 13.22 per 1,000 population in Thurrock, higher than across Greater Essex (12.69). In quarter 2 the Housing Safeguarding Team reported an increase in referrals to their team. The highest wards in 2024 were Grays Riverside (24), Tilbury Riverside (22), and Ockendon (18), with the highest abuse types recorded as, psychological at 64 followed by physical at 62, 'verbal', 45 and emotional 23.
8. **Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG)** has seen a 13.8% decrease in sexual offences in Thurrock. 24.7% of those offences reported were within a domestic setting.
9. **Hate crime** has seen a decrease of 9.7% reported offences in Thurrock (491), of which 72% were racial. Grays Riverside and West Thurrock and South Stifford wards were highest
10. Whilst Greater Essex has seen a decrease in **missing persons** reports in respect of both Adults (-11.8%) and Children (-7.8%) Thurrock has seen a reported increase in adults reported missing of 10.8% (20) and children 8.7% (34) The hot spots for missing young people and those at risk of exploitation remain as Rail Network – C2C line, Grays High Road and Retail shopping centres.
11. **Drugs and Alcohol:** Hospital admissions for substance misuse in Thurrock are above England average at 58.6 compared to 58.3 / 100k population, however Thurrock is below England average for Deaths related to drug misuse Hospital admissions for alcohol-related conditions (Broad definition)

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12. There was a total of 30 **Modern Slavery & Human Trafficking Offences** in Thurrock, a decrease of -20 (-66.7%). 43% were in relation to criminal exploitation.
13. **Serious Violence:** Thurrock accounted for 10.7% of Serious Violence Offences (excl. Domestic related) in Greater Essex, an increase of 14.9% (15). This equates to 0.65 per 1,000 population in Thurrock which compared higher than the 0.58 incidents across Greater Essex. The wards with the highest volume were West Thurrock and South Stifford (31), and Grays Riverside (26).
14. **Trading Standards** report that vapes continue to be a problem in terms of underage sales and illicit products
15. **Youth Justice Service:** The latest published reoffending rate (YDS 120) indicates a slight decrease in Thurrock's annual reoffending figure. However, this remains higher than its local comparators. A closer inspection of local data notes a low cohort number and a particularly complex and prolific cohort which is being monitored at our board.
16. Offenders open to **Probation** in Thurrock are at higher risk of re-offending than in Greater Essex and a higher % of these are assessed as risk of serious harm (risk assessed as harm to children, other individuals/staff or self whilst in the community), however have a lower ratio of homelessness rate at time of sentencing.
17. Recorded **A & E assault data** is static with a decrease in admission where a weapon has been involved
18. The greatest referrals to **Adult Safeguarding Team** were in relation to neglect accounting for 34.6% followed by self-neglect 24.8%, then domestic abuse 12.8% (197). There were 27 concerns for sexual abuse and 2 for modern slavery.

# Priorities for 2025/26

The findings of the strategic assessment 2024 have informed the decision to select the following CSP Priorities for Thurrock:

1. **Breaking the cycle of Domestic Abuse:** in line with the Domestic Abuse Duty and needs assessment
2. **Tackling disproportionality in relation to Violence Against Women and Girls –** including sexual offences, stalking and rape, whilst recognising that men and boys can also be victims
3. **Reduce harm to and safeguard vulnerable people –** with a focus on addressing hate crime, and education of schools and communities
4. **Engaging with residents to Tackle Community based Anti-social Behaviour and Safeguard victims** with a focus on arson related ASB, off road motor vehicles and fly tipping
5. **Preventing Serious Violence :** Tackling the causes of drug driven violent crime in our communities (including robbery) through driving down gang related activity including offensive weapons

In addition to the above priorities the CSP will ensure that plans and appropriate governance is in place to deliver our duties in relation to:

- Prevent Duty Revised 2023
- Reduce Reoffending *including a targeted approach to drug and alcohol related offending*



# Horizon Scanning and Legislative Changes

<p>The partnership should be aware of the following policy activity at a <b>national</b> level:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Review of Community Safety Partnerships,</li><li>• Crime and policing bill,</li><li>• Victims, Courts and Public Protection Bill,</li><li>• Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Bill</li><li>• Devolution</li><li>• Tobacco and Vapes Bill</li></ul> <p>More detail within section 2 of the strategic assessment</p>	<p>And locally the partnership should be aware of the following identified risks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Thurrock residents are concerned about the increase in environmental crimes of fly tipping and off road motorbike nuisance</li><li>• Contextual safeguarding risks: Ongoing risk of young people being exposed to risky behaviour particularly in regard to vaping, nitrous oxide and edible cannabis</li><li>• The National issue of gang related violence continues to be a risk to the communities of Thurrock and whilst positive activity to address there is an ongoing risk in relation to emergence of gangs to fill any vacuum.</li><li>• The inclusion of violence against women and girls within the national threat level highlights the importance of recognising this crime as a risk to society and ensuring a robust response. Thurrock currently has no VAWG coordinator</li><li>• Online risk to exploitation remains including in relation to radicalisation through the dark web and spreading of misinformation.</li><li>• Impact of financial situation in Thurrock Council leading to restructure impacting community safety, regulatory services, ASB, environmental enforcement and housing teams.</li><li>• New SET jointly commissioned services for domestic abuse will be in place from April 2024 the new SETDAB Strategy will be issued during 2025. Potential changes to Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) processes; which may add additional responsibilities/work for CSPs.</li></ul>
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# Community Equality Impact Assessment (CEIA)

A CEIA is in place for

- Thurrock VAWG and Domestic Abuse Strategy.
- Preventing Serious Violence Action Plan
- Prevent Strategy 2024/27

The CEIA for this delivery plan has been produced to ensure that due consideration has been given to the Councils statutory Equality Duty to eliminate unlawful discrimination and ensure no negative impacts on communities, workforce and/or the health and wellbeing of local residents whilst identifying any opportunity to level the playing field.

The Delivery plan:

- recognises that crime is more prevalent in some areas and responds appropriately:
- recognises and responds to the risks to young people of being exploited and that those with a learning disability are more vulnerable to exploitation
- recognises that there is an under reporting of hate crime in relation to the protected characteristics of Disability, Gender Reassignment, Race, Religion/Belief, Sex and Sexual Orientation and seeks to raise awareness and build trust in communities to report.
- Our VAWG and DA strategy responds to the disproportionate impact that this crime has across the protected characteristics.



# Priority 1: Breaking the Cycle of Domestic Abuse

## Our Commitments and Ambitions for 25/26

Planned Activity	Planned Outcome	Timescale
1. Embed the New Pan Essex consortium: Ending Violence in Essex (EVIE) commissioned to deliver support for both adult and child victims.	1. On referral gateway for victims and consistency of support	Q1
2. Improve Security at our safe accommodation	2. Safe accommodation for survivors of domestic abuse	Q2
3. Training and awareness programme reviewed and inclusive of NRPF	3. Training offer widened and extended to those in community who are most vulnerable	Q4
4. Respond to thematic findings from Domestic Abuse Related Death Reviews,	4. Improved information sharing, reduced risk	Q4
5. Perpetrator focused work, with improved use of conditional cautions	5. Break the cycle of abuse	Q4
6. Develop approach to child on parental abuse	6. Professionals better equipped to respond and support victims	Q4
7. Targeted work with children/young people in homes affected by domestic abuse	7. Children safeguarded from trauma	Ongoing

# Priority 2. Tackling disproportionality in relation to Violence Against Women and Girls

## Our Commitments and Ambitions for 25/26

Planned Activity	Planned Outcome	Timescale
1. Continue to raise awareness of support services available in the borough through events such as 16 days of activism.	1. Annual 16 days partnership events and engagement events	Q3
2. Improve response to women's safety – developing the "walk and talk" events in our town centres / stations and respond to findings from surveys	2. Understand the public's perception of safety and reassure the public and local businesses and raise awareness on the issue.	Ongoing
3. Celebrate the launch of street pastors scheme in Grays	3. Increased presence of trusted adults, responding to feedback from young voices, improved perception data	Q3
4. Challenging Myths Changing Attitudes training	4. Professionals have a better awareness of the trauma and impact of sexual abuse /violence	Q3
5. Host a VAWG conference with a focus on stalking, technology enabled and misogynistic influencers	5. To raise awareness of new threats in relation to VAWG	Q3
6. Develop and embed Women's safety charter accreditation	6. Tackle behaviours that make women feel unsafe and everyone to play their part in tackling women's safety.	Q3
7. Achieve DAHA Accreditation	7. Drive Councils commitment to safe accommodation	Q2
8. Deliver Controlling and coercive training for newly qualified social workers	8. Victims identified and supported	Q4
9. Support schools to deliver quality relationship and sexuality education (RSE)	9. Healthy relationships	Q4

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# Priority 3: Reduce harm to and safeguard vulnerable people

## Our Commitments and Ambitions for 25/26

Planned Activity	Planned Outcome	Timescale
1. Hate Crime Awareness Week to be celebrated	1. Increased reporting	Q3
2. To continue to support the Councils Inclusion work with the community	2. Improve cohesion and engagement	Across year
3. Hate Incident Reporting Centres and Hate Crime Ambassadors expanded	3. Continue to raise awareness with our vulnerable residents and enable reporting and appropriate support	Ongoing
4. Education: Joint Education Training teams to target priority schools for relevant workshops	4. Increased no of interactions with young people from: 19,132 (23/24)	Q4
5. Education in community: Home Fire Safety Visits	5. Increased no. of home safety visits from 675 (12m Mar 25)	Q4
6. Analytical review of deliberate fires and tactical plan to reduce	6. Analytical Review to be completed to understand the data and appropriate actions put in place to address	Q2
7. Community engagement activity where hot spots for hate crime and deliberate fires identified	7. Improved confidence in policing and fire	Quarterly

# Priority 4: Engaging with residents to Tackle Community based Anti-social Behaviour and Safeguard victims

## Our Commitments and Ambitions for 25/26

Planned Activity	Planned Outcome	Timescale
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Develop community based working &amp; continue to work in partnership with external agencies, councillors and community, utilising data including crime recording, and ASB reporting to identify emerging criminality/concerns and to implement bespoke problem solving measures to address, including joint High visibility patrols, pop up engagement events, and target hardening</li> <li>2. To continue to enforce or PSPO's to reduce ASB</li> <li>3. To continue to use our Locality Action Groups to work in partnership to safeguard victims</li> <li>4. To develop innovative ways to tackle off road motorbike nuisance</li> <li>5. Community interactions through joint agency partnership events, use of social media, e-newsletter <b><u>/dispatch</u></b> and being accessible to all</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Address ASB in problem areas of Tilbury, Grays and West Thurrock measured by decrease in reports and no. of enforcement actions taken</li> <li>2. Reduction in ASB in Grays and W Thurrock</li> <li>3. Increased referrals to LAG and a reduction in requests for ASB Case Reviews</li> <li>4. Reduction in complaints regards off road motor vehicles</li> <li>5. Increase public perception</li> </ol>	<p>Quarterly plans</p> <p>Q4</p> <p>Q4</p> <p>Q3</p> <p>Quarterly</p>

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# Priority 5: Preventing Serious Violence

## Our Commitments and Ambitions for 25/26

Planned Activity	Planned Outcome	Timescale
1. Fulfil Serious violence Duty: Review local Thurrock Action Plan in response to the revised Essex wide strategy	Identify emerging trends and patterns within	Q1
2. To collectively continue to develop an intel picture around emerging gangs, to monitor their presence and promote an appropriate safeguarding and disruption response for any Thurrock young person identified as being exploited by a gang.	violent offending as a whole in Thurrock with	Ongoing
3. Monitoring of incidents in relation to alcohol related violence and respond appropriately	a dynamic response to	Ongoing
4. Work with the VVU to look at new interventions within priority schools	reducing public space serious violence and a	Q1
5. Review local training offer for professionals and increase take up of gang and knife awareness programmes in schools.	continued reduction in	Q1
6. Hi visibility hot spot policing through Op Grip in priority area	serious violence, as	Ongoing
7. Thurrock Youth Justice Service will utilise the local data and strategic needs assessment developed under the serious violence duty.	measured by the	Ongoing
8. TYJS will work in partnership with the Essex VVU to support local initiatives and develop evidence based practice	violence and	Ongoing
9. TYJS will work with the CSP to best understand local issues and ensure the right services are available to tackle serious violence.	vulnerability unit. (104 Offences to 12m ending 28/2/25)	Ongoing

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# Prevent Duty

Our Commitments 2025/26:

## **Leadership and Partnerships:**

- Induct and support new chairing arrangements including vice chair
- Engagement of members and Directors regards situational risk and reassurance
- Ongoing communication to front line professionals regards local threats

## **Referrals and Channel**

- Embed revised referral process, provide guidance on quality and promote across Childrens and Adults social care
- Respond as appropriately to Prevent Learning Reviews

## **Capabilities**

- Embed the new training programme, sharing with all partners and support for education establishments
- Leaders across all partners to ensure a strong Prevent presence throughout organisations
- Raise awareness of online exploitation including misogyny and deep fakes
- Raise awareness with professionals to better understand neurodiverse needs

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# Prevent Duty

## Reducing Permissive Environments

- Community engagement with Voluntary, Community, Faith Sector to harness their intel and insight
- Increase understanding of the signs, key factors and indicators of Permissive Environments (PE) and include within community tension monitoring
- Ensure private sector understand PE and potential risks to their license if allow misuse of environments
- S11 (children's safeguarding) audit to include risk assessments and guidance
- Tuition centres to be advised on risk assessments and creating PE
- Conclude work on leases in relation to raising awareness of PE

## Communication and Engagement

- A stronger communication plan that reaches out to wider partners particularly within education, all communities and faith groups break down barriers and increase engagement with young people – in and out of the education system
- Develop a system wide engagement plan linked to the work of our core partners
- Reduce the fear and myths around Prevent as a referral process

# Re-offending Duty

## Our Commitments 2025/26:

- Thurrock Youth Justice Service (TYJS) will continue to focus on reducing reoffending in line with the Thurrock Youth Justice Plan.
- TYJS will monitor and review the YJB produced reoffending rates and first time entrant rates on a quarterly basis.
- The Probation Service will continue to deliver the sentence of the courts to support people in Thurrock in reducing their risk of reoffending and serious harm in line with our statutory duties.
- The Probation service, with partners, will continue to deliver the IOM scheme in Thurrock to change lives for residents of Thurrock.
- The Probation Service will implement and deliver the new generation of rehabilitative Accredited Programmes – Building Choices; to support desistance, reduce reoffending and to promote pro-social lives for the people of Thurrock.

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