

The Strabane Community Safety Partnership (CSP) was formed in October 2004 following the Review of The Criminal Justice System in Northern Ireland (2000). This is the first Community Safety Strategy to be published by Strabane CSP.

This strategy has been produced following an audit of community safety issues across the district and consultation with partner agencies and the community. This strategy will focus the work of the partnership for the next three years 2005-2008. By setting ourselves demanding and challenging targets we will strive towards our vision of making Strabane District a healthy, inclusive, prosperous and safe environment for all those who reside, work and visit within the Strabane District.

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COMMUNITY SAFETY STRATEGY  
2005-2008



STRABANE COMMUNITY  
SAFETY PARTNERSHIP  
DEVELOPING SAFER COMMUNITIES

## OUR PRIORITIES

Some of the key strategy priorities include:

- drug, substance and alcohol abuse;
- offences against individuals, particularly domestic violence;
- anti-social behaviour and neighbourhood disorder;
- youth offending and reducing criminality;
- fear of crime amongst older people, vulnerable adults and children.

This local strategy has reflected local circumstances and issues whilst taking account of the nine key issues identified in the NI Community Safety Strategy:

- car crime;
- domestic burglary;
- business and retail crime;
- offences against individuals, particularly domestic violence and sexual assault;
- youth offending and reducing criminality;
- offences motivated by prejudice and hatred;
- drug, substance and alcohol abuse;
- anti-social behaviour and low-level neighbourhood disorder;
- fear of crime amongst older people, vulnerable adults and children.

## COMMUNITY SAFETY AUDIT: MAIN FINDINGS

**Offences against individuals including domestic violence** - offences against individuals is an issue, especially in the town centres. In 2002/2003 47% of domestic incidents attended by police in the home in Strabane District involved violence.

**Domestic burglary** - burglary occurred above the Northern Ireland average in 2002/2003 in the North and Newtownstewart wards.

**Drug & alcohol misuse** - research undertaken by Strabane Community Drugs and Alcohol project proves that the majority of teenagers and young adults have used some form of drugs with alcohol.

**Car crime** - PSNI statistics regarding theft of a vehicle and theft from a vehicle are below the NI average.

**Business and retail crime** - vandalism to businesses is an issue across the district, especially in schools and council facilities.

**Anti-social behaviour** - vandalism and graffiti represent a significant cost in repairs to both a number of schools and council amenities. False alarm calls to Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service also prove to be a problem.

**Youth offending and reducing criminality** - according to PSNI statistics there were 1,238 referrals to Juvenile Liaison in the period 2001-2003. This represented 22% of referrals across the Western Board area.

**Offences motivated by prejudice and hatred** - this is an area which requires further research in conjunction with the various agencies.

## WHAT WE PLAN TO DO

The local strategy will direct the work of the partnership over the course of the next three years and contains key priorities, objectives and actions, which are of concern in Strabane District.

Some examples of the local initiatives that will be carried out include:

- conducting and building on existing baseline research;
- targeting young people and assisting them to make informed decisions about drugs and alcohol ;
- working in partnership with existing initiatives;



- developing new initiatives;
- promoting education and support programmes;
- raising awareness on bullying;
- developing social alternatives for young people;
- targeting town centre initiatives;
- engaging with local young people.

## PROGRESS/ ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE

- Personal and Door Stop alarm initiative for vulnerable adults and victims of domestic violence (April '05);
- Get Home Safe campaign - publicity campaign targeting young people in the district (April/May '05);
- an Introduction to Community Safety taster session;
- Lock Out Crime scheme;
- Neighbourhood Watch.