

Bulletin from

- **Community Safety Team**
- **Drug & Alcohol Action Team (DAAT)**
- **Domestic Abuse Unit**
- **Research Group**



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Community Safety Team

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1. Community Safety Peer Review

A team headed up by LGID visited Cambridgeshire during the first week of March 2011 to conduct a peer review of the Community Safety Partnership and scrutinise current partnership arrangements and consider issues around localism and research.

A report of their findings has now been received and the following recommendations have been made by the Peer Review Team:

- ✚ All partner agencies to foster a greater working relationship built on trust and mutual respect
- ✚ Create two jointly funded Community Safety Manager posts for Cambridgeshire
- ✚ Create a group to provide strong political and managerial governance
- ✚ Formally agree the services which will be delivered countywide, at the district level and those which straddle the boundary
- ✚ Make partnership Strategic Assessments more focused and concise

Representatives from all community safety teams across Cambridgeshire will be meeting shortly to discuss the findings and agree on which action to take.

2. Safer & Stronger Strategic Board

- ✚ The Board will be meeting on 11th May 2011 for the last time to discuss the findings of the Community Safety Peer Review, sign off SSCF allocations for 2011/12 and make a decision on future governance and performance arrangements.

3. Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)

- ✚ The Government has appointed Baroness Newlove as their Community Champion in order for her to be the voice of communities across the country. On 29th March 2011, the Baroness published a report with a series of challenges to communities and local agencies:
 - Reward communities who come together to reduce crime by giving them back money to re-invest in crime prevention
 - Give the community cash from assets seized from drug dealers and other criminals
 - Create a national information source
 - Provide the public with a single point of contact for ASB (the 101 number)
 - Let communities set their own speed limits

- Back a community “Power of Competence” with a helpline
- Put the justice system into the communities
- Pool agencies’ budgets locally and give the community a say on how spent
- Ask Police and Crime Commissioners to commit at least 1% of their budget to grass root community groups
- Develop crime maps to show what action has been taken
- End the 9-5 culture. Agencies need to be there when communities need them
- Get public servants out and into communities

The full report can be downloaded here:

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/crime/baroness-newlove-report>

Cambridgeshire County Council has already put forward proposals which will let residents set their own speed limits. The story was published by Cambridge News on 7th April: <http://www.cambridge-news.co.uk/Home/Residents-get-power-to-alter-speed-limit.htm>

- ✚ Home Office review of ASB powers: with the aim of introducing new, improved, anti-social behaviour powers and tools, the Home Office has started a review of existing legislation and a consultation has been launched:

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/consultations/cons-2010-antisocial-behaviour/>

Consultation closes on 03 May 2011.

4. Integrated Offender Management

The structure is now in place to bring together the two Cambridgeshire IOM schemes. Peterborough will continue in the same way but both will then report into one overarching Strategic Group.

Work is underway on developing performance frameworks and delivery models.

The first countywide reducing reoffending group will be held in early May 2011.

For a copy of the IOM business plan, please contact CCC Community Safety Team.

5. Creating Safer and Stronger Communities in Big Society Conference

On 21st March 2011, Inside Government hosted a conference in London to give examples of how Big Society can play a key role in improving crime and ASB in communities.

A copy of the presentations are available on-line:

<http://www.insidegovernment.co.uk/communities/big-society-communities/presentations772.php>

6. Community Safety Workshop 28 January 2011

On 28th January, CCC Community Safety Team hosted a workshop at Medway Centre in Huntingdon which was well attended by representatives from all five CSPs. The discussions were around Community Engagement and Reducing Reoffending and a summary of the table discussions can be viewed here where you can also download a copy of the presentations:

<http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/community/safercommunities/safety/cstraining.htm>

7. Hate Crime

A charity which records antisemitic incidents has published a new guide to help other minority communities monitor hate crime.

A “Guide to Fighting Hate Crime” was written by the Community Security Trust with the help of a grant from the Home Office Victims' Fund.

The booklet includes guidance on:

- defining and recognising hate crimes
- how to respond to different types of hate crimes, such as assault, abusive graffiti or hate mail
- forming partnerships with the police and other agencies supporting victims

A copy of the guide can be downloaded online:

<http://www.thecst.org.uk/docs/Hate%20Crime%20booklet%20-%20Web%20version.pdf>

8. Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs)

The Policing in 21st Century white paper/ consultation laid out plans for the “Elected Individual” which is now known as the Crime Commissioner. The Bill has passed through House of Commons and will be going to House of Lords on 27th April.

The Police Authority will be decommissioned in 2012 and the new Crime Commissioner will take over their responsibilities of holding the Police to account and will provide links between the Police and local people.

There will be one Crime Commissioner for each force area and The Home Secretary will devolve responsibilities down to the Commissioner who will be accountable to their local community.

The first commissioners will be elected on 6th May 2012.

More information about what this means for Community Safety Partnerships can be found here:

<http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/community/safercommunities/safety/Police+and+Crime+Commissioner.htm>

At the Westminster Briefing on 5th April, it was advised that the Electoral Commission will be responsible for organising the PCC elections and DCLG will be paying the costs associated with the elections.

Furthermore, it was hinted at this briefing that the PCC may take on responsibility for Criminal Justice in due course.

9. [Safer and Stronger Communities Funding \(SSCF\)](#)

Revenue funding for Community Safety Partnerships received a cut of 20% and no capital will be made available for 2011/12.

The immediate impact on community safety partnerships across the county is being addressed locally by the five CSP Boards and valuable discussions are taking place on how best to prepare for the arrival of the PCC who will have responsibility for all future crime and disorder funding for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

Drug & Alcohol Action Team (DAAT)

[New alcohol advice training for those with community spirit](#)

For the first time in Cambridgeshire, Addaction, one of the UK's largest drug and alcohol treatment charities, is training local people to provide safe drinking advice to people in their community.

The aim of the training is to provide volunteers with information and skills to help them overcome the taboo of discussing alcohol problems with loved ones, friends or a member of the local community.

Jo Newman, Addaction's Alcohol Service Manager explains: "This training programme is a great way for someone to gain skills and confidence about discussing alcohol issues with a family member, a friend or someone we know in their local community. If you are worried about someone I urge you to sign up - it really helped me tackle a friend's harmful drinking habits before it became a dangerous problem."

Course details:

- o Monday 23 May – Cambridge
- o Friday 24 June – Huntingdon
- o Friday 29 July - Wisbech

For more details contact daat@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

* NHS Cambridgeshire commission Addaction to provide countywide Adult Alcohol treatment services with support from the DAAT partnership

[Advance notice: Recovery Month \(June 2011\)](#)

Building recovery: supporting people to live a drug-free life.

We will be asking service users to nominate anyone who has made a huge difference to them in their recovery from drug or alcohol use. This could be a drug/alcohol worker, volunteer, housing officer, pharmacist or any other professional. It could be anyone who has really helped and made a difference to the service user's life and their recovery journey.

Nominations need to be received by Friday 13th May 2011.

Short-listed nominations will be invited to a Celebration Lunch. For more information on how to nominate, please visit our website on: www.cambsdaat.org

We will also be recognising and rewarding a number of service users who have made massive steps in their recovery. We are doing this by asking staff to nominate service users.

We are looking to celebrate during Recovery month in June this year by holding a number of events across Cambridgeshire.

Look out for what we are doing nearer the time!

Domestic Abuse Unit (DAU)

[Domestic Abuse Element of Cambridgeshire's New Multi-Agency Referral Unit Goes Live](#)

From the 4th April 2011, the domestic abuse and hour-based violence (HBV) elements of the county's new MARU will be operational and their new contact details are as follows:

MARU
Public Protection Department
Cambridgeshire Police HQ
Hinchingbrooke Park
Huntingdon
PE29 6NP

The telephone numbers for direct contact will be:

01480 427 717 (Katie Lawrence - MARAC Administrator)
01480 427 718 (Kasita McLeod - Business Support Assistant).
GROUP E-MAIL: ldvas@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

The MARU will bring together specialist workers from the Constabulary, Independent Domestic Violence Advocacy Service (IDVAS), the Independent Sexual Violence Advocacy Service (ISVAS), Refuge, Cambridge Women's Aid and Cambridgeshire Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conferences (MARACs) under the same roof to improve and streamline the risk assessment, referral and allocation processes for domestic violence and HBV cases that are reported to the police.

The MARU will also function as a central point of contact for all DV-related issues, such as training, programme coordination, awareness, etc.

[Cambridgeshire Pilots Participatory Budgeting on Ending 'Violence Against Women and Girls \(VAWG\)' Issues](#)

A Home Office pilot project to help end violence against women and girls (VAWG) in Cambridge and Fenland has chosen eight groups to receive cash to support their work.

The Cambridgeshire Domestic Violence Partnership was given £23,000 to distribute to qualifying organisations selected by a public vote which allowed the local community to decide where the government cash should be spent.

The successful organisations which will share the Home Office grant are:

Cambridge

- Cambridge Rape Crisis, which will use the funding for face-to-face counseling sessions
- New Directions Services, for a community-based programme for men who use violence in their relationships
- Beyond Freedom, a project initiated by Mental Health Charity Lifecraft which support women existing domestic-violence related therapy services
- Sin Cru, a performance group based at The Junction, in Cambridge, who will use their allocation to raise awareness of VAWG issues across the city.

Fenland

- 'Positive Deviance' in Fenland – Supporting volunteers to adopt a problem-solving approach to domestic violence;
- Refuge in Fenland – Empowering survivors of domestic violence;
- Engage – An alcohol and domestic violence project;
- One Voice for Travellers – Supporting Fenland Gypsy and Travellers with VAWG issues.

For further information on the project, call Cambridgeshire County Council's Domestic Abuse Partnership Manager Simon Kerss on 07789 920401 or via e-mail at:

simon.kerss@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Funding Secured for Specialist Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Services

Funding for IDVA and ISVA services has been secured for 2011/12 and beyond.

Cambridgeshire County Council will allocate £140,000 from mainstream budgets towards the running of the Cambridgeshire Independent Domestic Violence Advocacy Service, with a further £82,000 agreed by Cambridgeshire's five Community Safety / Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships for 2011/12 only.

The Primary Care Trust and Constabulary have also secured grant funding from the Home Office for an additional Independent Sexual Violence Adviser for 2011/12, bringing Cambridgeshire's provision up to two full-time ISVA workers.

HM Government Releases New 'End Violence Against Women and Girls' Action Plan - Domestic Violence Homicide Reviews Made Statutory Responsibility of Community Safety Partnerships

The Coalition's new VAWG Strategy and Action Plan were released on 8th March 2011.

The action plan aims to integrate VAWG issues (domestic abuse, sexual violence, human trafficking, forced marriage, honour-based violence, female genital mutilation and prostitution) and spells out HM Government's intentions to address the VAWG agenda for the next four years.

Of most interest to our CSPs will be the decision to put Domestic Violence Homicide Reviews into statute from April 1st 2011 and have CSPs responsible for these reviews.

A meeting between the Cambridgeshire Domestic Abuse Partnership Manager and representatives from the five CSPs took place on 5th April to develop Cambridgeshire's response to this change.

For more information on the VAWG action plan, please contact simon.kerss@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Research Group

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Ward profiles

The latest [Cambridgeshire Atlas: Ward Profiles](http://map1.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/observe/Flash/Profiles/WardProfiles/atlas.html) is an interactive atlas displaying key socio-economic and demographic data at a ward level. On screen metadata notes explains each of the individual indicators and you are also able to print off your own personalised profile: <http://map1.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/observe/Flash/Profiles/WardProfiles/atlas.html>

For more information contact Gurjeet Rajania or Hendrik Grothuis in the Research Group.

Leigh Roberts (Senior Research Officer) is planning a phased return to work following her maternity leave from 01 May 2011 and Louise Meats who have been providing maternity cover will take up a post in Children and Young People Services in June 2011.

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[New visitor parking arrangements at Shire Hall, Cambridge](#)

From Monday 4 April the current visitor's car park at Shire Hall, Cambridge will be closed to all visitors and open only to employees moving over from South Cambs Social Care and Youth Offending Service. **Visitors, apart from those using the registration office, will need to use the pay and display car park.** Registration visitors will be booked into the Members car park. Suitable arrangements will be made for Blue Badge holders and people with mobility issues.

Source(s): Alison Hurley, Facilities Services Manager, 715556.

[YOS is moving to Shire Hall site on 08th April](#)

YOUTH OFFENDING SERVICE
From 8 April 2011, the office will be moving from 100 Rustat House to:

**Youth Offending Service
Cambridgeshire County Council
Box No: SS1012
Babbage House ,Castle Park, Castle Hill
Cambridge CB3 0AT
Telephone Number: 01223 507220 / Fax Number: 01223 507178**

[Community Right to Buy and Right to Challenge Consultation](#)

Decentralisation is giving away power to individuals, professionals and communities. There are two key rights within the Localism Bill on which the government is currently consulting: Right to Buy and Right to Challenge. Both of these will have an impact on your community.

Right to Buy Consultation:

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/localgovernment/righttobuyconsultation>

Right to Challenge Consultation:

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/localgovernment/righttochallengeconsultation>

[WREN Funding Opportunity](#)

WREN are a grant funder who distribute capital funding of between £2,000 and £50,000 to community organisations for improvements to public areas and facilities, such as play areas, village/community halls, nature reserves, pocket parks and so on. WREN distribute the Landfill Communities Fund of Waste Recycling Group who operate the landfill sites at Milton, Buckden, March and Dogsthorpe (Peterborough). Your project must be located within 10 miles of one of these sites in order to be eligible to apply.

Link: <http://www.cambsacre.org.uk/news-detail.php?eid=277>

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