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Introduction

The purpose of this directory is to provide members of the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships (CDRPs) a directory of useful information to assist them in playing their part within the Cambridgeshire Community Safety Partnership.

The 2008 Home Office publication *Delivering Community Safety: A Guide To Effective Partnership Working* outlined the benefits and need for appropriate skills and knowledge to exist within a partnership.

Local Cambridgeshire CDRPs are doing all they can to ensure such skills and knowledge exist to help ensure that the partnership as a whole has the capacity and capability to support delivery in making the county safer for all. The County Council Community Safety Team play the part of coordinator and facilitator and encourage sharing good practice and implementation of Home Office guidance and legislation as well as providing research data and organise training events for partnership members.

Within Cambridgeshire, there are a total of 5 CDRPs, each aligned to the five district councils of South Cambridgeshire, East Cambridgeshire, Fenland, Cambridge City and Huntingdonshire.



Structure and Governance

Crime and Disorder Act 1998

The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 put Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships (CDRPs) (also sometimes known as Community Safety Partnerships) on a statutory footing for the first time. The Act required local authorities, the police, police authorities, fire and rescue services and primary care trusts (responsible authorities) to come together to review the pattern and extent of crime and disorder in their local area and to implement a strategy for tackling these issues rather than working in isolation and duplicating efforts.

Key sections of the Act included creation of Anti-Social Behaviour Orders (section 1), guidance on sharing information (section 5), and the requirement for local authorities to have regard for crime and disorder when considering all matters (section 17).

In 2004 a review of the Crime and Disorder Act took place, the objective of the review was to strengthen the visibility, responsiveness, accountability, membership and role of local partnerships – with the aim to make CDRPs the most effective possible vehicle for tackling crime, anti-social behaviour and substance misuse.

Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act

The level of crime and its impact is influenced by the decisions and activities taken in the day-to-day running of local bodies and organisations. The responsible authorities are required to provide a range of services in their community from policing, fire protection, planning, consumer and environmental protection, to transport and highways. They each have a key statutory role in providing these services and, in carrying out their core activities, can significantly contribute to reducing crime and improving the quality of life in their area.

Section 17 is aimed at giving the vital work of crime and disorder reduction a focus across a wide range of local services and putting it at the heart of local decision-making. Section 17 states:

“Without prejudice to any other obligation imposed upon it, it shall be the duty of each authority ... to exercise its various functions with due regard to the likely effect of the exercise of those functions on, and the need to do all that it reasonably can do to prevent crime and disorder in its area.”

Community Safety Partnership

Following the introduction of the CDA 1998 and subsequent legislation, there are currently five responsible authorities:

- Police
- Police authorities
- Local authorities
- Fire and Rescue authorities
- Primary Care Trusts
- (from 2012) Probation Trusts

The responsible authorities have a statutory duty to work with other local agencies and organisations to develop and implement strategies to tackle crime and disorder including anti-social and other behaviour adversely affecting the local environment, as well as the misuse of drugs in their local areas.

County Council Community Safety Structure

Community Safety is part of the Safer and Stronger Communities Thematic Partnership.

Safer and Stronger Communities is one of the key themes of Cambridgeshire's Local Area Agreement (LAA), bringing together Community Safety, the Domestic Violence Partnership, the Drug and Alcohol Action Team, the Road Safety Partnership, Community Cohesion, Community Engagement and Third Sector Development. The partnership is ultimately responsible to the Cambridgeshire Together Board, the supervisory body for the LAA (see below).

Safer And Stronger Strategic Board

The structure of this partnership has evolved from the existing community safety structure and retains a commitment to the statutory commitments in the Crime and Disorder Act. It is led by the Safer and Stronger Strategic Board, which sets the overall strategic direction for the partnership and reports to Cambridgeshire Together. The Board includes elected members from the county and district councils and representatives from the Constabulary, Police Authority, PCT, Criminal Justice Board, Fire and Rescue, Probation, CVSIC (Cambridgeshire Voluntary Sector Infrastructure Consortium) and the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships (CDRPs).

Safer And Stronger Officer Groups

The Safer Officer Group and Stronger Officer Group sit beneath the Strategic Board, bringing together representatives from key partner organisations including those listed above. They provide the main operational direction for the two themes and take the lead on managing performance against the National Indicators. Reporting on the National Indicators brings together information from the various task and NI groups at county and district level. The Safer Officer Group also receives quarterly reports from each of the CDRPs.

The Safer and Stronger Communities structure enables closer links between Community Safety and Community Development and ensures a clear reporting structure aligned with the LAA priorities.

Cambridgeshire Together

Cambridgeshire Together is a partnership of the county's most influential organisations that aims to improve the quality of life for all who live, learn, work and travel in Cambridgeshire.

The Partnership was formed to meet the challenges of a changing county over the next decade and beyond. Its agenda is to innovate, transform and deliver high quality cost effective services that meet the needs of all communities and individuals throughout Cambridgeshire.

The Cambridgeshire Together Board includes Leaders of the County Council and District Councils, representatives for the Police Authority, Fire and Rescue, NHS Cambridgeshire, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Voluntary Sector Infrastructure Consortium (CVSIC) Cambridgeshire ACRE (Action with Communities in Rural England) and business representatives. The Board meets every two months.

For more information on Cambridgeshire Together, visit their website:
<http://www.cambstogether.org.uk>

CDRP Strategic Assessment

The CDRP Strategic Assessment is the document that forms the basis of business planning for the CDRPs each year. The Police Act (2006) requires each CDRP in England and Wales to produce a Strategic Assessment that will then assist in producing (or revising) their partnership action plan. Ultimately the responsibility for producing this assessment sits with each CDRP, however in Cambridgeshire the practical work of producing the assessment is undertaken by the Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) Research and Information Team with contributions from partners.

The Strategic Assessment identifies the issues that are most relevant to the local area in terms of crime, disorder, community safety, anti-social behaviour and substance misuse. Data and intelligence from all CDRP partners is collected, analysed and informs the key findings and recommendations for prioritisation contained within the assessment.

These key findings and recommendations should be considered by the CDRP when drafting and revising their rolling three-year plan. In addition the Strategic Assessment must outline the priorities to escalate to the county level. The annual cycle of assessments is intended to compliment and refresh Local Area Agreements.

CDRP Action Plans

CDRP Action Plans take forward the recommendations of the strategic assessment and identify the ways in which the recommendations will be delivered. Although CDRPs will work to a three-year plan (to ensure it tackles short, medium and long term priorities) the plan will also be revised annually to reflect any new priorities emerging from the strategic assessment. A summary of this plan has to be published in a format of the partnerships choice.

Delivering Safer Communities: A guide to effective partnership working

Recognising that partnerships have matured since the introduction of the CDA in July 2007, through a review of the partnership provisions in the CDA and stakeholder consultation, the Home Office identified best practice of partnership working and developed the Hallmarks of Effective Partnerships in the publication of *Delivering Safer Communities: A guide to effective partnership working*.

In changing the legislation to more closely reflect these Hallmarks, the Home Office aim to consolidate effective practice and ensure that all partnerships deliver to a common standard through the following six hallmarks (which include guidance on statutory requirements):

- Empowered and Effective Leadership
- Visible and Constructive Accountability
- Intelligence-led Business Processes
- Effective and Responsive Delivery Structures
- Engaged Communities
- Appropriate Skills and Knowledge

Cambridgeshire CDRPs are working to ensure all these statutory requirements are achieved by using the guidance of hallmarks during their annual “self assessment” process.

Further information can be found at:

<http://crimereduction.homeoffice.gov.uk/regions/regions00.htm>

Partners:

Cambridgeshire County Council

Cambridgeshire County Council is responsible for major services which are provided countywide.

These include:

- Business and Trading Standards – enforcing fair trading laws, protection consumers and giving advice.
- Education and Learning – schools, evening classes for adults, youth clubs and higher education grants.
- Environment - conservation of the countryside and public access to it, waste disposal and archaeological services
- Leisure and culture – library services, archives and support for arts and museums
- Social care - care for older people who are physically or mentally infirm, or have a mental health problem, those with physical or learning disabilities and children and families who need protection and support
- Transport and streets - maintaining and improving Cambridgeshire's roads, footpaths and public rights of way, road safety, public transport co-ordination.

For general enquiries, please telephone 0345 045 5200 or visit web site: www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk

The County Council representatives for 2009/10 on local Crime and Reduction Partnerships are as follows:

For Huntingdonshire CSP: County Cllr Mac McGuire
Mr Leon Livermore (Trading Standards)

For South Cambridgeshire CDRP:
County Cllr David Jenkins
Mr Tom Jefford (Youth Offending Services)

For Safer Fenland Partnership: County Cllr Martin Curtis
Mr Mike Davey (Community and Adult Services)

For Cambridge City CSP: County Cllr Kevin Wilkins
Mrs Sarah Ferguson (Children & Young People Services)

For East Cambridgeshire CSP: County Cllr David Brown
Mrs Lorraine Lofting (Children & Young People Services)

District Councils

The five District Councils provide services to their local areas such as

- Environmental health
- Housing
- Leisure centres
- Licensing
- Local planning and building control; and
- Rubbish collection

District Councils play a key role in the work of the Community Safety Partnerships. In Cambridgeshire, District Councils are the responsible authority for managing the budget of the individual CDRPs.

Districts also employ dedicated community safety officers and anti-social behaviour officers, along with many other officers who play important roles in reducing crime and disorder, such as licensing and environmental protection officers.

Contact details:

South Cambridgeshire District Council:

General enquiries: 03450 450 500
Website <http://www.scambs.gov.uk>

East Cambridgeshire District Council:

General enquiries 01353 665 555
Website <http://www.eastcambs.gov.uk>

Huntingdonshire District Council:

General enquiries 01480 388388
Website <http://www.huntsdc.gov.uk>

Fenland District Council:

General enquiries: 01354 654 321
Website <http://www.fenland.gov.uk>

Cambridge City Council:

General enquiries: 01223 457 000
Website <http://www.cambridge.gov.uk>

Town and Parish Councils

Town and parish councils look after the following (sometimes in conjunction with the district councils):

- Allotments;
- Bus shelters;
- Cemeteries;
- Parks and playing fields;
- Village halls and community centres

In Cambridgeshire there are no parish councils in the Cambridge City council area. Lists of town and parish councils can be obtained from the relevant District Councils, which also have details of chairpersons and councillors.

You can also access a list of parish councils that have set up a web site on the County Council web page:

<http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/council/government/parish.htm>

Cambridgeshire Constabulary

The constabulary covers the county of Cambridgeshire including Peterborough Unitary Authority.

The constabulary is a member of both the Greater Peterborough Partnership and Cambridgeshire Together which are committed to delivering the Local Area Agreements (LAA) and supporting structures such as the six crime and disorder reduction partnerships (CDRPs). Each partnership has identified priorities which directly support ambitions to reduce crime and disorder while increasing public confidence.

Cambridgeshire is divided into 3 Basic Command Units: Northern (Peterborough), Central (Fenland and Huntingdonshire) and Southern (South Cambridgeshire, East Cambridgeshire and Cambridge City).

For information on Cambridgeshire Constabulary:

<http://www.cambs.police.uk>

Enquiries Tel: 0345 456 456 4

Cambridgeshire Police Authority

Cambridgeshire Police Authority exists to ensure an efficient and effective police service in the county. The Authority does this by:

- Setting priorities and targets for policing each year in line with local needs and the government's national policing plan;
- Monitoring the Constabulary's performance to make sure it keeps on track;
- Agreeing the annual budget for the Constabulary.

For information on Cambridgeshire Police Authority:

<http://www.cambs-pa.gov.uk>

Cambridgeshire Criminal Justice Board

The Cambridgeshire Criminal Justice Board (CCJB) is made up of Chief Officers from each of the county's criminal justice agencies. These include the Courts, Crown Prosecution Service, Police, Prisons, Probation, Youth Offending Service, Legal Services Commission and Victim Support and Witness Service.

Members of CCJB are committed to transforming the way in which the Criminal Justice System works to catch, convict and rehabilitate more criminals.

CCJB is doing this by improving co-operation between agencies on the ground to deliver a joined up criminal justice service which benefits the Cambridgeshire community.

Cambridgeshire Criminal Justice Board has five key priorities. These are:

- to bring more offences to justice through a more modern and efficient justice process
- rigorous enforcement to revolutionise compliance with sentences and orders of the court
- to promote public confidence in the Criminal Justice System (CJS) by improving services and serving all communities fairly
- to make the local Criminal Justice System a more joined-up, modern and well-run service, and an excellent place to work for people from all backgrounds
- for all criminal justice agencies to deliver a consistent high standard of service to victims and witnesses

For more information on CCJB:

<http://lcjb.cjsonline.gov.uk/Cambridgeshire/home.html>

Cambridgeshire NHS

National Health Service (NHS) in Cambridgeshire have a role to play, not only in reducing crime, (including violent crime, domestic violence, theft and burglaries), but also to improve and protect the health of local people and reduce health inequalities.

The PCT also ensures the delivery of safe, accessible and efficient health services, with high quality evidence-based care focused on and responsive to the needs and choices of local people. Some crimes are closely linked to alcohol or drug use but even when this is not the case, Cambridgeshire NHS (Primary Care Trust) works with others in the CSP, for example to support the victims of domestic violence.

Even when no crime is committed, PCTs arrange for the provision of health advice or treatment for people who put themselves or others at risk through the use of drugs and or alcohol.

PCTs also assist to prevent local problems occurring in the first place, for example alerting the police to licensed premises where lots of alcohol related injuries occur.

For more information on Cambridgeshire NHS:

<http://www.cambridgeshirepct.nhs.uk>

General Enquiries: 01223 725 400

Cambridgeshire Fire & Rescue Service

Cambridgeshire Fire & Rescue Service is responsible for delivering a fire and rescue service to the people of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

The service operates from 28 fire stations which vary in status from being staffed 24/7, 365 days a year, to being completely retained, which means fire-fighters are on call day and night and are alerted to incidents by a pager. The Fire Service Headquarters is based in Huntingdon and houses the senior management team, control room, central operational teams and many of the support staff, who work in a variety of roles to support frontline activity.

Fire & Rescue Service is accountable to the Fire Authority and the responsibilities as an emergency service are set out in the Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004 and also the Civil Contingencies Act 2004.

There are three main strands to the emergency service role - prevention, protection and response.

For more information on Cambridgeshire Fire & Rescue Service:

<http://www.cambsfire.gov.uk>

General Enquiries: 01480 444500

The Cambridge and Peterborough Road Safety Partnership (CPRSP)

The Cambridge and Peterborough Road Safety Partnership (CPRSP) is a partnership between Cambridgeshire County Council, Peterborough City Council, Highways Agency, NHS, Police, Fire Service and the Ambulance Service, working to reduce road traffic accidents.

County Council Road Safety Services (CCRSS) is responsible for reducing accidents and casualties on Cambridgeshire's roads through engineering, education and publicity. The service uses the variety of data and research at their disposal and works closely with Partners to tackle the causes of road traffic accidents.

The CCRSS also encourages sustainable forms of transport to and from schools, such as walking and cycling to reduce pollution, congestion and improve health.

For more information on CPRSP: <http://www.cprsp.gov.uk>

To contact County Council Road Safety Services: 01480 375105 or 01223 715929. Head of Service: Mr David Frost.

Trading Standards

Cambridgeshire Trading Standards Service exists for the benefit of consumers and businesses within the County.

The main aim of the service is to promote a fair and safe trading environment for consumers and honest businesses. The Service achieves this aim through advice, education, working in partnership and law enforcement.

Work that Trading Standards regularly undertake to meet their objectives includes:

- routine inspections of trade premises to make sure laws are being complied with
- investigating breaches of criminal legislation

- advising, warning or, if necessary, prosecuting traders who break the law
- informing and educating both consumers and traders on the requirements of legislation
- supporting industry with a high accuracy metrology service
- undertaking projects in areas of specific concern such as underage sales
- helping businesses to comply with environmental protection legislation such as packaging of goods

What Trading Standards can and cannot do

Can do:

- give impartial advice on consumer law to both consumers and businesses
- suggest action you can take
- advise on civil court procedure
- investigate if the criminal law has been breached

Cannot do:

- close businesses down
- automatically obtain a refund for you
- recommend businesses
- take action when the criminal law has not been broken
- tell you which businesses to avoid

For more information on Cambridgeshire Trading Standards:

<http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/business/trading>

General Enquiries, please telephone 0345 045 5206

Supporting Functions:

County Council Community Safety Team

The Community Safety Team is part of county council's Community and Adult Services which is divided into 3 directorates: Adult Support Services, Community Learning & Development and Community Engagement (with an emphasis on Fenland).

The main focus of the community safety team is on the following areas:

- Communications (internal and external)
- Good practice sharing
- Facilitate training and development for partner agencies
- Provide community safety research
- Develop sensible reporting structures within the county
- Funding allocation
- Improve links between county council and partner agencies

For more information, please contact Helen Turner, County Council Community Safety Manager: Helen.Turner@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

County Council Research Group

The Research Group provides an intelligence and research service to the County Council and its partners, focused on wide-ranging socio-economic data and analysis and support with consultation. Work is managed through Service Level Agreements with a range of internal and external customers, with periods ranging from one to three years. Much of the Group's work feeds into the Service Plans of other Offices and Directorates.

The Research Group supports each of the Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnerships (CDRPs) with their research, monitoring and information needs. In practical terms this means that the team is involved in regularly analysing patterns in crime, alcohol and drug misuse, anti-social behaviour and behaviour that adversely affects the environment. The Research Group produces regular monitoring reports for each CDRP.

The team also carries out specific pieces of work such as the in-depth analysis on specific issues e.g. domestic violence or the evaluation of the effectiveness of specific crime reduction initiatives.

The Research Group also provides a similar level of support for the County Community Safety Strategic Group on behalf of which the team is involved in producing the Countywide 'Strategic Assessment' in order to set Community Safety priorities for the coming year and inform the Local Area Agreement.

To contact the County Council Community Safety Research Team, please e-mail Mike Soper (Research Manager) (mike.soper@cambridgeshire.gov.uk) or Leigh Roberts (Senior Research Officer) (leigh.roberts@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

Drug And Alcohol Action Team (DAAT)

The Drug and Alcohol Action Team (DAAT) is responsible for ensuring that the National Drug Strategy (Drugs: protecting families & communities. HM Government) and the Alcohol Harm Reduction Strategy for England (AHRSE: HM Government) are implemented across Cambridgeshire. The team also has to ensure that the Public Service Agreement 25 “Reducing the harm caused by Alcohol and Drugs” is delivered within the County.

The National Drug Strategy has 4 key aims:

- Protecting communities through robust enforcement to tackle drug supply, drug-related crime and anti-social behaviour
- Preventing harm to children, young people and families affected by drug misuse
- Delivering new approaches to drug treatment and social re-integration
- Public information campaigns, communications and community engagement

The DAAT works closely with all CDRPs to tackle drug & alcohol related crime and disorder and anti-social behaviour within their local communities.

For more information on Cambridgeshire DAAT:

<http://www.cambsdaat.org/>

For general enquiries, please telephone: 01223 699 680

Cambridgeshire Domestic Violence Strategic Partnership

Within Cambridgeshire, domestic violence (DV) has been identified as a priority for each of the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships (CDRPs). The DV Strategic Group takes a strategic overview of the provision of services and ensures that policies and practices are developed to meet the needs of victims across the county of Cambridgeshire. At a local level, the forums/task groups deliver multi-agency working through their action plans.

PRIORITIES FOR 2008 - 2011

The overriding aim of the Cambridgeshire Domestic Violence Strategy is to protect and support victims of DV in Cambridgeshire and to safeguard children and young people through a co-ordinated multi-agency approach.

The partnership also aims to reduce repeat incidents to those victims at greatest risk, whilst ensuring all victims have access to appropriate advice and services. The group will achieve this through consolidating existing services and further developing those services which are proved to be most effective.

During the period of the last strategy (2005 – 2008), the Strategic Group has coordinated and supported the following projects:

Services for Victims:

- The introduction of the Multi-Agency Risk Assessment (MARAC) process across Cambridgeshire, helping to prevent repeat offences in the most high risk DV cases
- The consolidation of Cambridgeshire's Independent Domestic Violence Advocacy Service (IDVAS) and the introduction of the specialist MODUS database to support their work
- The set up of a supervised contact centre in Cambridge
- Funding a 'jackpot alarm' scheme for victims of DV to enable rapid police response to reports of DV
- Securing a Specialist Domestic Violence Court for Peterborough and parts of Fenland/Huntingdonshire, thus improving conviction rates for DV perpetrators
- The roll-out across Cambridgeshire of the Freedom Programme – a group therapy programme for female victims of DV

- Pilot Freedom for Young People (F4YP) programmes in Cambridge City and South Cambridgeshire for teenage victims of DV
- The implementation of the Sanctuary Scheme across Cambridgeshire, enabling victims of DV to remain in their own homes, where it is safe to do so.

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