

## **ANNUAL PARTNERSHIP REVIEW FORM**

**YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

**PARTNERSHIP NAME:**

**Darlington Community Safety Partnership**

**PARTNERSHIP FUNCTION:**

**To make Darlington Safer**

### **OBJECTIVES FOR THE YEAR**

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1. Protecting and supporting people.
2. Promoting safer places.
3. Tackling violent crime, including domestic abuse.
4. Building strong and cohesive communities.

### **PERFORMANCE AGAINST OBJECTIVES**

Darlington Community Safety Partnership (CSP) has continued to meet virtually throughout the pandemic and deliver a range of services and achievements against set objectives throughout the reporting period.

In terms of actual performance, there has been a considerable reduction in the level of reported crime and disorder during 2021/22 when compared to a similar reporting period prior to the pandemic 2019/20. Indeed, during 2021/22 there has been a reduction of 14% (1691 crimes) in the number of crimes, 8% reduction in the number of reported incidents (2449 incidents), and recorded incidents of anti-social behaviour has reduced by 12% during 2021/22 (422 incidents).

The town centre has also recorded a significant reduction in all crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour indicators.

Performance against objectives remains a standing item on the agenda of each partnership meeting.

Darlington CSP activity has remained focused throughout the period of reporting and supported the delivery of key achievements around the business priorities, all of which are evidenced in the Darlington Community Safety Partnership Plan 2021-2026.

The Partnership is well attended, remains focused on the threats and risk around community safety and is now working towards maintaining a reduction in the challenges we face following COVID in terms of crime and disorder.

Governance arrangements and the CSP Risk Register have recently been reviewed and approved by partners. This process involved consultation with specialist advisors in DBC Legal and Procurement.

### **BUDGET ADMINISTERED**

No funding has been received by Darlington Community Safety Partnership throughout the reporting period.

### **DBC RESOURCES CONTRIBUTED e.g. finance, employees, accommodation, other assets**

#### Staffing:

1. Dedicated Community Safety Staff - N/A.
2. Contribution to Community Safety Partnership provided by a range of staff across Council Directorates e.g. Community Services, Housing, Environmental Health, Public Health, Young Peoples' Engagement and Justice Service/Building Stronger Families and Early Help Services.
3. Accommodation is provided to Darlington Neighbourhood Policing Teams who are co-located with DBC Community Safety and Young Peoples' Engagement and Justice/Building Stronger Families Services in Central House Annexe, Gladstone Street, Darlington.

### **GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS OUTSTANDING ACTIONS, IF ANY, FROM PARTNERSHIP TOOLKIT QUESTIONNAIRE**

See "Supporting Evidence".

### **ISSUES OF CONCERN, IF ANY e.g. finance, staffing etc**

Funding and staff reductions across the public sector remains a challenge and continues to affect the capacity and capability of partner agencies to develop programmes of work to deliver CSP objectives. This is a particular challenge for DBC Community Safety who (on behalf of the partnership) coordinate the various activities in support of the wider plan.

Other concerns include:

- a) Future budget
- b) Demand
- c) Conflicting priorities.
- d) Sophistication of organised crime
- e) Mental health
- f) Any future possible pandemic restrictions moving forward

**ACTION PLAN TO ADDRESS ISSUES OF CONCERN (including responsible officer and timescales)**

Threat and risk (which includes areas of concern) is monitored on a continual basis with any areas of concern being escalated to Darlington CSP. During the period of review (although extremely challenging due to the pandemic) all areas of potential concern have been managed effectively / mitigated and the partnership has continued to deliver in a most difficult operating environment.

**IS THE PARTNERSHIP TO CONTINUE?      Yes**

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**Completed By Lead Officer:**

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**Post**      Community Safety Programme  
Manager

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**Date**      24.03.22

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**Reviewed By Director:**

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**Post** Group Director of Services  
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**Date** 5 April 2022  
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