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**Page 1****FRONT COVER**

Gateshead Community Safety Board  
Partnership Plan 2019/20

Committed to tackling community safety issues that matter to local people.

*[Logos – Gateshead Council, Northumbria Police, Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service, National Probation Service, Northumbria Community Rehabilitation Company, Newcastle Gateshead Clinical Commissioning Group, The Gateshead Housing Company]*

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**Page 2****OUR VISION**

Community safety is a key priority...

...by putting people and families at the heart of everything we do, we are confident we can work together and fight for a better future for Gateshead, making it a place where everyone can thrive.

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**Page 3****STRATEGIC PRIORITIES 2019/20**

We have identified the following themes that will be prioritised for 2019/20:

- Anti-Social Behaviour  
Tackling issues of anti-social behaviour and environmental crime continues to be one of the biggest areas of concern identified by Gateshead residents.
- Domestic Abuse  
Domestic abuse continues to have a detrimental impact on individuals, families, children and wider society.
- Harms from Substance Misuse  
The harms caused by drug and alcohol misuse continued to cause significant problems for vulnerable persons, communities and places within Gateshead.
- Hate Crime, Tensions and Community Cohesion  
We will continue to raise awareness of hate crime and provide relevant support/guidance to victims as well as monitoring local tensions to ensure we engender cohesive and integrated communities.
- Preventing Violent Extremism  
The threat of terrorism continues to be ever-present. We need to continue to work collectively to safeguard vulnerable persons who have the potential to be drawn into this area.

**These are the areas where we feel we can collectively make a bigger impact by working together.**

It is important to note that whilst the Board has chosen to focus on these priorities – our partners will continue to tackle crime and disorder issues identified within their own operating practices.

The Board also remains flexible enough to be able to respond proactively to emerging risks and threats not linked to these priority areas.

#### Action Plans

Tailored action plans are produced under each priority area which sets out the partnership work and activities that we will deliver over the next 12 months to make Gateshead a place where everyone can thrive.

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##### **WHAT IS GATESHEAD COMMUNITY SAFETY BOARD?**

Gateshead Community Safety Board is a collection of statutory agencies working together to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour across the Borough. The Board's key role is to actively lead on the development of strategies relating to crime and crime reduction and, taking into account issues raised by local residents and communities, decide what actions can be taken collectively to keep people safe.

The Community Safety Board has identified a series of priorities that we can work on together to keep people safe and achieve the best outcomes for individuals, families and communities.

The Partnership is made up of several partner agencies involved in promoting public safety, reducing anti-social behaviour and crime. In the Gateshead, those responsible authorities are:

- Gateshead Metropolitan Borough Council
- Northumbria Police
- Newcastle Gateshead Clinical Commissioning Group
- Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service
- National Probation Service
- Northumbria Community Rehabilitation Company
- The Gateshead Housing Company

We also work closely with other relevant partner agencies, the voluntary and community sector, the business sector and residents.

Gateshead Community Safety Board is also committed to working closely with the Police and Crime Commissioner and, where possible, tries to align its strategic priorities with those identified within the Northumbria Police and Crime Plan.

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##### **PARTNERSHIP PLAN 2019/20**

The Community Safety Partnership Plan has been developed to provide the local community with an overview of our recent achievements – and sets out the priorities that the partnership has identified for the next 12 months. The Partnership Plan is reviewed annually to ensure our work remains effective and that our priorities continue to be relevant to local needs.

The Plan offers an opportunity for all partners to work together towards one common purpose, to ensure Gateshead continues to become safer and stronger.

##### **STRATEGIC ASSESSMENT 2018**

Each year, the Board carries out a Strategic Assessment. The purpose of a Strategic Assessment is to provide knowledge and understanding of community safety issues to the members of the Board. This has been done through intelligence analysis to identify the emerging priorities by considering the patterns, trends and shifts relating to community safety. Additionally, it includes a performance

assessment of how far the partnership has achieved its previous priorities and an update of those issues that the local community consider to be emerging priorities.

The Strategic Assessment for 2018 identified the following priorities:

- 1 Anti-Social Behaviour
- 2 Domestic Abuse
- 3 Harms from Substance Misuse
- 4 Hate Crime, Tension and Community Cohesion
- 5 Preventing Violent Extremism

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### DEMAND FOR COMMUNITY SAFETY SERVICES

#### On an average day in Gateshead, there are...

- 166 separate incidents reported to the Police
- 58 crimes recorded by the Police
- 1.5 cases subject to legal and formal action by The Gateshead Housing Company
- Three ASB cases opened by The Gateshead Housing Company
- Four high-risk domestic abuse referrals to the Council IDVA Service
- 15 fly tips reported

#### On an average week in Gateshead, there are...

- 21 high-risk domestic abuse victims referred to the Council IDVA Service
- 20 burglaries to homes and 22 incidents of car crime
- Seven hate crimes taking place
- 37 incidents of rowdy or inconsiderate behaviour
- 19 deliberate secondary fires attended by Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service
- 18 presentations to Accident and Emergency suffering assault-related injuries
- 7.5 cases subject to legal and formal action by The Gateshead Housing Company
- 22 ASB cases opened by The Gateshead Housing Company

#### On an average month in Gateshead, there are...

- 379 incidents of domestic violence reported to Police
- 119 reports of youth-related disorder
- 10 deliberate primary fires taking place
- Two deaths because of drug misuse
- 95 ASB cases are opened by The Gateshead Housing Company
- 81 complaints to the Private Sector Housing team
- 15 Customer Assessment Tools completed by The Gateshead Housing Company
- 91 deliberate fires attended by Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service
- 730 violence against the person offences reported to police
- 77 reports linked to neighbour disputes

#### Last year in Gateshead, there were...

- 9% increase in recorded crime – an additional 8 crimes for every 1,000 residents
- Just under 6,000 incidents of anti-social behaviour reported to Police
- 9,500+ victims of crime identified
- 5,400+ offenders (1800+ linked to two or more crimes)
- 1,805 people in treatment
- 520 people in treatment for alcohol
- 374 Customer Assessment Tools completed by The Gateshead Housing Company

**Page 7-9****KEY ACTIVITY/ACHIEVEMENTS**

This section provides a snapshot of some of the key activity carried out by Community Safety partners in Gateshead in the last 12 months:

Domestic Abuse

1. Completed a Domestic Homicide Review into the high-profile case of Alice Ruggles with several recommendations to safeguard victims of domestic abuse and stalking.
2. Set up a new integrated Domestic Abuse Team and operating model to improve our support to victims of domestic abuse.
3. Northumbria Police launched a dedicated Cyber-Stalking Unit.
4. Embedded a Domestic Abuse worker in Accident and Emergency to identify and provide support to domestic abuse victims at an earlier stage.
5. Continued to work closely with Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner to support delivery of a 'Whole Systems Approach to Domestic Abuse' across Northumbria.
6. Our Gateshead is seen as best practice to tackle growing issue of Adolescent to Parent Violence.
7. Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) continues to provide a joined-up multi-agency assessment and action for high-risk victims of domestic abuse.
8. More serial perpetrators of domestic abuse were targeted via MATAAC.
9. Additional training has been rolled out to improve knowledge and awareness of stalking and harassment.

Anti-Social Behaviour and Environmental Crime

1. Carried out multi-agency targeted operations around taxis and scrap metal carriers.
2. Our multi-agency Operation Vienna Team is now fully operational – and is proactively tackling important crime and disorder issues in Bensham.
3. Gateshead Council has introduced a new Environmental Enforcement Team.
4. Hosted four World Café events across Gateshead looking at what matters to local people and working with communities to help address their concerns.
5. Operational Tasking is a partnership meeting helping us to deploy operational resources to hotspot locations across the Borough on a weekly basis.
6. Implemented several Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs) across Gateshead designed to combat anti-social behaviour.
7. Operation Clasper has helped us to identify young people involved in committing anti-social behaviour.
8. First ASB Injunction on a young person granted with positive requirements.
9. Platform Outreach Project (POP) continues to engage with young people in hotspot anti-social behaviour areas to divert them away from crime and ASB.

Restricting Supply – Drug Misuse

1. Creation of a bespoke Harm Reduction Inspector role in Northumbria Police to co-ordinate our approach to tackling drug misuse.
2. Strengthened our partnership approach to addressing drug-related deaths following significant increases – moved to a rapid response approach.
3. Re-established Central Drugs Alliance across Gateshead and Newcastle and made steps to expand this across Northumbria.
4. Increased the quality and volume of drug information available to partners through greater sharing of intelligence and information.
5. Taken robust approaches to tackle increased needle finds in the community
6. Reviewed and recommissioned adult substance misuse services with a new integrated model
7. Started to develop a new Drugs Strategy for Gateshead.
8. Developed training for services/users around poly-drug use and mapped out current drugs issues.
9. Established a forum where practitioners share information on trends relating to drug use, drug dealing and the effects these have on local communities.

Hate Crime and Tension Monitoring

1. Increased the number of hate crime victims accessing practical and emotional support
2. Co-ordinated a successful Hate Crime Awareness Week in November 2018
3. Developed new and innovative Speed Faithing sessions with community groups.
4. Held a 'Walk of Solidarity' and 'Experts by Experience' Event.
5. Trained 70+ Workplace Hate Crime Champions to provide support to victims of hate crime.
6. Reviewed our Safe Reporting Centres in Gateshead
7. Developed our local Hate Crime Reporting process.
8. Delivered Hate and Mate Crime Awareness Training to 100+ staff.

Preventing Violent Extremism

- Continued to raise awareness of Preventing Radicalisation with frontline staff – with 500+ people briefed.
- Ran a series of Channel HYDRA training sessions with North-East Counter Terrorism Unit to train up staff on how to deal with a Prevent case.
- Reviewed and refreshed the local Prevent pathways.
- Northumbria-wide CONTEST Board was re-established.
- Contributed to refresh of Counter Terrorism Local Profile (CTLP) which is used to highlight the current and emerging local threat.
- Commissioned voluntary sector organisations to deliver Prevent Awareness sessions in schools.

Disruption of Serious and Organised Crime

- Operation Sentinel, Northumbria Police's dedicated operation to tackling serious and organised crime, was launched.
- Contributed to disruption of the activity of criminal gangs across Northumbria.
- Delivered a series of sessions to County Lines to raise awareness of this emerging crime trend.

Repeat Victimisation and Vulnerability

- Increased use of ASB Tools and Powers available in the ASB, Crime and Policing Act 2014 to provide support to victims.
- Closure orders have been used effectively to ban offenders from certain premises, offering respite for victims and wider community.
- Multi-Agency Assessment and Referral Team (MAART) continue to operate effectively
- Established a Complex Offender Group to address concerns around chaotic and repeat vulnerable clients.
- Joint operating frameworks developed around human trafficking and modern-day slavery.
- Increasing numbers of hidden victims of hate crime, domestic abuse and exploitation came forward to report crimes.
- Our ASB Volunteers Project provides bespoke one-to-one support to victims of ASB.

Reducing Re-offending

- Re-introduced Integrated Offender Management to identify and tackle individuals causing the most harm within local communities.
- Improved offender engagement with housing services through joint working.

**Page 10****HOW IS THE BOARD HELD TO ACCOUNT?**

The Community Safety Board holds overall responsibility for the delivery and performance of community safety activity in Gateshead. Chief officers from the statutory organisations set the direction of the Partnership Plan and will hold agencies to account for delivery.

The Board is scrutinised by Communities and Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee where local councillors, elected by Gateshead residents, review the work of the partnership.

As our activities require strong working links and relationships with other statutory Boards – we also to provide updates to these partnership arenas.

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#### **HELP AND SUPPORT**

- Residents can report crime, anti-social behaviour or intelligence by calling 101; or 999 in an emergency; or via Northumbria Police website ([www.northumbria.police.uk](http://www.northumbria.police.uk))
- Environmental crimes such as fly tipping, littering and dog fouling can be reported to Gateshead Council on 0191 433 3000 or [www.fixmystreet.com](http://www.fixmystreet.com)
- Hate crime can be reported to Northumbria Police or to Gateshead Council on 0191 433 2648 or online at [www.gateshead.gov.uk/article/2835/Hate-crime](http://www.gateshead.gov.uk/article/2835/Hate-crime)
- For advice and support in relation to domestic abuse, please contact Gateshead Domestic Abuse Helpline on 0191 433 3333.
- For advice and support in relation to drug and alcohol related difficulties, there are two agencies that can help:
  - Platform – Young People (up to 18 years) – 0191 460 1354
  - Gateshead Recovery Partnership - 0191 5947821

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