

Community Safety Agreement for Nottinghamshire 2023 - 2025

This agreement is formed from two parts:

Part One: This part is public facing and sets out the purpose, principles and priorities of the Safer Nottinghamshire Board.

Part Two: This part sets out how the strategic intents set out in the CSA will be translated into operational delivery that improves community safety in Nottinghamshire.

Part One: Purpose, Principles and Priorities

Purpose

There is a statutory requirement within the Crime and Disorder (Formation and Implementation of strategy) Regulations 2007 for a county-level group in two-tier areas that has responsibility for preparing and implement a Community Safety Agreement (CSA). In Nottinghamshire the county-level group is the Safer Nottinghamshire Board (SNB). The regulations state that the Agreement must identify:

- The county-wide community safety priorities that arise from the strategic assessment and that require escalating to the county level.
- Ways of co-ordinating activity across the county to address priorities.
- How the responsible authorities might otherwise contribute to reducing crime, disorder and substance misuse through closer joint working across the county.

The principles that underpin the Nottinghamshire CSA 2023-2025

1. The CSA will focus on what is new and different plus statutory duties where there are performance issues.
2. The role of the Board will be adding value, identifying what things can only be done at a strategic level including identifying what the priority delivery groups need from the SNB.
3. The CSA will ensure strategic coherence – join-up with other key strategic Boards around aligned agendas but being clear on lead responsibilities to avoid duplication.
4. The priorities set out in the CSA will be aligned with the Police and Crime Plan 2021-2025.
5. The CSA and the work of the Board will be action focused, - using the agreed SNB priority setting evidence base (the Police and Crime Needs Assessment) to pinpoint where the SNB can make a distinctive and significant contribution.
6. Priorities will be set around developing agendas not the issues that are already effectively embedded.
7. The focus and range of work will relate closely to available resources.

Priorities and Cross-cutting Themes for 2023-2025

The strategic assessment used by the SNB to inform priority setting is the Police and Crime Needs Assessment produced by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Nottinghamshire. This is also the evidence base for the Police and Crime Plan 2021-2025. This needs assessment is produced in collaboration with Nottinghamshire Police and other relevant stakeholders. It is informed by a range of local and national information sources and highlights the main issues, risks and threats that are likely to impact upon crime and community safety services. It also considers information from the Police and Crime Survey.

Police and Crime Commissioners are not a responsible authority in legislation so are not a statutory member of the Safer Nottinghamshire Board however there is a duty of mutual co-operation.

Priorities:

- Domestic Abuse
- Serious Violence (incorporating Young People at risk of offending and/or criminal exploitation and Sexual Violence)
- Prevent
- High Harm Offences – slavery and exploitation
- Fraud

Cross-cutting Themes:

- Reducing Reoffending
- Substance Misuse
- Feelings of safety
- Violence Against Women and Girls

Community Safety Partnership led priorities

- Neighbourhood Crimes – robbery, burglary, vehicle crime and rural crime
- Antisocial Behaviour

These priorities and cross-cutting themes will be reviewed annually by the SNB.

Part Two: Delivering the CSA

In preparation for the development of this CSA the mechanisms through which the strategic intents set out in part one will be translated into operational delivery were subject to a partnership self-assessment. Subsequently the Board agreed a transition phase to allow a new operating model to be implemented to ensure the effectiveness and impact of the SNB.

The SNB sits within a complex partnership landscape in which it seeks to make links with the strategies and plans of relevant organisations and partnerships to achieve its ambitions. A key relationship for the SNB is with the Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) across the county. The SNB and CSPs will work cooperatively to mutually support common aims and ambitions but with clarity on where specific responsibility and activity sits.

This part of the CSA sets out for Board members the detail of the agreed features of the new SNB operating model. An overview of the key features is set out below:

- **One overarching SNB Delivery Plan** so there is more transparency about how the strategic intents set out in the CSA will be translated into operational delivery. This identifies the specific issues the Board is addressing in relation to each priority to add value.
- **A new performance management approach** aligned to that utilised by the OPCC so there is 'one version of the truth' and based around a performance and insight document directly linked to the Overarching SNB Delivery Plan.

- **A forward plan** structured around a set agenda that intentionally builds in challenge and oversight of the work of the Board and the delivery of the CSA.
- **A Memorandum of Understanding** – setting out a shared understanding of leadership, roles and responsibilities.
- **An SNB Communication Strategy** – This strategy will describe an approach to external and internal communications. The SNB strategy will align with existing partner strategies and related planned activity designed to increase public trust and confidence.
- **A Strategic Partnership Risk Management Plan** – setting out potential risks to delivery and mitigating actions.
- **A Partnership Improvement Plan** – this is included as a section in the Overarching SNB Delivery Plan setting how the work being done to continue to address identified issues impacting on partnership effectiveness and reviewing the new arrangements put in place.