



*MAKING YORK A SAFER CITY*

**COMMUNITY SAFETY PLAN 2011-14  
REFRESH: JUNE 2012**



# INTRODUCTION

Safer York Partnership, formed in response to the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 has continued to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour within the City of York year on year for the last eight years. It has been highlighted by the Home Office as an example of good practice for the work that it has achieved through the many initiatives it has developed through it's delivery structure.

The partnership has a clear strategic focus and also prides itself on listening and responding to communities across the city, working together with residents and members of the business community to address those issues that affect quality of life.

The partnership is not complacent and will strive for continuous improvement. It has been recognised that by working together, a real difference can be made by drawing on the expertise within both statutory and voluntary agencies.

This Community Safety Plan is the fifth plan and responds to new legislative requirements and good practice. This refresh is based on the 2011-12 Joint Strategic Intelligence Assessment and priorities agreed at the first Crime Summit hosted by the Cabinet Member for Crime and Community Safety in April 2012.

As a partnership we actively encourage involvement and participation in our common aim to make York a safer place and look forward to developing these links in the year ahead.



## THE PARTNERSHIP PLAN

Each Community Safety Partnership in England and Wales is required to produce a Partnership Plan developed from a Joint Strategic Intelligence Assessment (JSIA) which sets out a comprehensive analysis of multi-agency crime and disorder data and identifies the priorities on which the partnership will focus its efforts.

The plan, is reviewed annually and this document is the refreshed summary of the plan, which includes updated information from the 2011-12 JSIA and additional actions identified at York's first Crime Summit held in April 2012. The plan aligns to other local plans and strategies including City of York Council's Corporate Strategy and the Policing Plan.

Total crime in York dropped by 10% (1623 crimes) in 2011-12 compared to 2010-11. There is only one month of Iqanta data available in 2012-13 so no predictions are made for this year.

York has improved from 12<sup>th</sup> place to 11<sup>th</sup> place in the Iqanta family comparison of Most similar family members



# **OUR PRIORITIES**

## **ACQUISITIVE CRIME**

### **OUR PERFORMANCE 2011-12**

Acquisitive crime in 2011-12 was 8% lower (170 crimes) than the previous financial year and based upon two months data in 2013-14 this reduction is predicted to continue. Progress has also been made within the Iquanta family, since the high volumes of acquisitive crime in Q3, with York now sitting in 9<sup>th</sup> place.

The rises in Q3 of 2011-12 can be attributed to the increases in domestic burglary, theft from a motor vehicle and robbery of personal property.

Levels of cycle theft continue to reduce with 407 fewer crimes. This equates to a drop of 30% since last financial year. York continues to perform well compared to other cycling cities.

### **HOW WE TACKLE ACQUISITIVE CRIME**

- We have worked with both Universities in the city to develop Student Watch, issuing timely crime prevention alerts to students
- We have developed a good working relationship with the York Residential Landlords Association to forward crime prevention messages to landlords of student lets.
- We offer free crime prevention equipment to all vulnerable victims of crime via the Safer Homes Handyperson Service.
- We now have 209 Cold Calling Control Zones in the city, covering 255 streets and 8,189 properties
- Over 13000 cycles have now been registered within the Operation Spoke project since January 2010. These cycles were registered at a rate of around 10 per day since the start of 2011.

## CRIME SUMMIT ACTIONS

- We will strengthen the links between the voluntary sector, neighbourhood watch and public and private sector agencies
- We will work with City of York Council to implement community safety related actions within Community Contracts
- We will develop the Neighbourhood Watch nominated neighbour schemes to provide support to vulnerable members of the community
- We will empower communities to get more people involved in working with Safer York Partnership to tackle crime and disorder within their own neighbourhoods



# **VIOLENT CRIME**

## **OUR PERFORMANCE 2011-12**

Levels of violent crime in York were 388 crimes lower in 2011-12 than the previous year, equating to a 14% reduction. York is currently in 11<sup>th</sup> place within its IQUANTA family for violent crime. This is an improvement from 12<sup>th</sup> place at the start of 2011.

Levels of violent crime within York's Cumulative Impact Area (City Centre) were 470 in 2011-12 compared to 525 in the previous year. This equates to a 10% reduction.

There were 2218 domestic incidents in 2011-12, which is comparable to the previous year. The level of repeats domestic incidents was 23%, which was lower than the previous 12 months.

A total of 162 Multi agency risk assessment conferences (MARACs) were held for domestic violence during 2011-12. The percentage of repeat MARACs is at similar levels to the last two years. No domestic violence murders were recorded during 2011-12.

## **HOW WE TACKLE VIOLENT CRIME**

- Background consultation is being undertaken in relation to a city wide Designated Public Place Order, giving the police the right to seize alcohol from anyone behaving in a violent or anti-social manner
- The NHS anonymised data sharing project went live in September with the hospital A&E department gathering and sharing data with the community safety partnership. This will assist in building a more accurate picture of violent crime in the city. Data from this project has already been used in a number of licensing negotiations.
- The Honour Based Violence Conference held on 18<sup>th</sup> April was one of the first of a series of Hidden Crime events that the Police and Safer York Partnership are hosting during 2012.

- A domestic abuse awareness campaign was run during the Euro 2012 competition in line with a historic rise in domestic abuse cases during major football competitions
- Domestic abuse services are promoted using an online surgery on the Safer York Partnership Website and targeted campaigns.

## **CRIME SUMMIT ACTIONS**

- We will develop links between Safer York Partnership and the Health and Wellbeing Board to share awareness on common issues and ensure strategies are joined up
- We will improve the quality of Domestic Violence data collection to ensure that robust data and evidence is available to support future funding bids
- We will continue to develop relationships between key organisations working to tackle domestic violence in York
- We will improve communication of our achievements and ensure that agencies are aware of the work that is being developed to tackle domestic violence



# **BUSINESS CRIME**

## **OUR PERFORMANCE 2011-12**

Levels of most types of business crime were comparable to last year with the exception of shop lifting (176 less crimes). Levels of arrest for shoplifting are in the region of 100 arrests per month. The number of people whose disposal is youth restorative justice or community resolution has increased in 2011-12 as the number of people with full charges has dropped.

Smaller supermarkets continue to account for 10 of the top 20 premises suffering the highest volumes of shoplifting.

## **HOW WE TACKLE BUSINESS CRIME**

- Safer York Partnership has an active multi-agency Business Crime task group working to tackle all forms of crime against business in the city
- We are working to set up a stand alone radio security system for Clifton Moor out of town retail and business park
- Work is under way to review Retailers Against Crime in York ( RACY) and how we tackle shop lifting within the city centre
- We are setting up a number of shop watch schemes across the city with pilot schemes launching in Fossgate and Burton Stone Lane

## **CRIME SUMMIT ACTIONS**

- We will strengthen the links between Trading Standards and the Business Crime Police Community Support Officers (PCSO) in relation to tackling e-crime
- We will increase involvement from the business community through the establishment of Business Watch schemes



- We will facilitate the sharing of information from the Business Crime PCSOs to the wider police safer neighbourhood teams
- We will improve communication between Safer York Partnership and new businesses and business partnerships in the city



# **ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR**

## **OUR PERFORMANCE 2011-12**

Levels of anti-social behaviour calls for service recorded by North Yorkshire Police were 2% lower this year than last financial year. Levels of Council recorded anti-social behaviour rose by around 320 cases (8%) this financial year. These were due to rises in fly tipping and litter.

Following the anti-social behaviour classification change in April 2011, the main type of anti-social behaviour recorded is nuisance (65%) followed by personal (25%) and a very small number of environmental incidents (9%).

The level of criminal damage in 2011-12 was 16% (407 cases) lower than the previous year.

## **HOW WE TACKLE ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR**

- We are now working across all tenures within the city to tackle anti-social behaviour
- The Housing Department in City of York Council has signed up to the Respect Standard for Housing Management, which allows them to display the Respect standard sign on letters and their website
- We are working with the Environmental Protection Unit to fund additional noise patrols during known busy periods of the year ie. Major sporting events, freshers week at the universities, Halloween and bonfire night.
- The mediation service has expanded with further volunteer mediators being trained to undertake work within the local authority, private and registered social landlord properties and other neighbouring local authorities.

## **CRIME SUMMIT ACTIONS**

- We will utilise research being undertaken by York University to assist Safer York Partnership in developing a more evidenced based approach to tackling anti-social behaviour

- We will implement the new tools and powers being introduced by Government to tackle anti-social behaviour from 2013
- We will work closely with all key agencies to strengthen our response to repeat victims
- We will develop a more streamlined meeting structure to ensure the right people are able to attend multi-agency problem solving meetings to tackle anti-social behaviour
- We will develop mechanisms for early intervention to tackle low level nuisance and prevent it from escalating to more serious anti-social behaviour



## **LINKS TO WEBSITES**

**Safer York Partnership**

[www.saferyork.org.uk](http://www.saferyork.org.uk)

**City of York Council**

[www.york.gov.uk](http://www.york.gov.uk)

**North Yorkshire Police**

[www.northyorkshire.police.uk](http://www.northyorkshire.police.uk)

**North Yorkshire Police Authority**

[www.nypa.org.uk](http://www.nypa.org.uk)

**North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue**

[www.northyorksfire.gov.uk](http://www.northyorksfire.gov.uk)

**North Yorkshire and York Primary Care Trust**

[www.nyypct.nhs.uk](http://www.nyypct.nhs.uk)

**York and North Yorkshire Probation Trust**

[www.ynyprobation.co.uk](http://www.ynyprobation.co.uk)

**North Yorkshire and York Primary Care Trust**

[www.nyypct.nhs.uk](http://www.nyypct.nhs.uk)

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[www.direct.gov.uk/en/employment](http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/employment)

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