

Southampton is a safe city...we are working to make it a safer city

Southampton is a vibrant and diverse city and we are committed to ensuring everyone who lives and works in the city, and those who visit it, can live safe and independent lives. The Safe City Partnership is a group of organisations working together to ensure that Southampton remains a safe city. The Partnership has identified four main priorities for keeping Southampton safe over a three year period. These are reviewed and updated every year to make sure the priorities are based on the latest crime data and intelligence included in the annual Southampton Safe City Strategic Assessment.

Our priorities Why is this important?

<p>Reduce crime and anti-social behaviour</p>	<p>Recorded crime rates in the city have increased in 2017/18 whilst residents are also reporting feeling less safe. The Safe City Partnership wants to build on the successful activity taking place across the city to reduce crime and keep people safe. Partners will work together to address crime and anti-social behaviour, reduce reoffending, and contribute towards making Southampton a vibrant and attractive city where people feel safe.</p>
<p>Reduce the harm caused by drugs and alcohol</p>	<p>The effects of drugs and alcohol can reduce inhibitions, leaving people vulnerable to becoming either a victim or perpetrator of antisocial behaviour, violence, and other crime, as well as having negative impacts on their health. Alcohol remains a key contributing factor in violent crimes and sexual offences. Drug related violence stayed the same in 2017/18 at 101 offences and drug offences have decreased by 8% (from 722 in 2016/17 to 664 in 2017/18). By helping individuals to make better choices their own health will be improved and levels of crime will be reduced.</p>
<p>Protecting Vulnerable People</p>	<p>We want to protect vulnerable people to help improve their quality of life, and prevent the growth of criminal behaviour that targets vulnerable people. This includes supporting victims of domestic violence and abuse and vulnerable victims*. There was a 7.3% increase in domestic violent offences from 2016/17 (2,825) to 2017/18 (3,031).</p>
<p>Reduce Youth Crime</p>	<p>Reducing youth crime in Southampton will positively impact on everyone living and working in the city. There will be less victims of crime and better outcomes for young people who have previously been involved in criminal activity. The rate of first time entrants to the criminal justice system has increased by 32% compared to 2016/17, 439 per 100,000 population aged 10-17.</p>

Crime levels in Southampton

2.3% ↑

Overall, recorded crime in Southampton has increased by 2.3% from 2016/17. Although this is significantly lower than the increase seen nationally (12.8%) and the increase seen in the city between 2015/16 and 2016/17 (10.7%), increasing crime levels remain a challenge for Southampton.

125.2 CRIMES PER 1,000 ↑

125.2 crimes per 1,000 population were recorded in Southampton, which is significantly higher than the national average of 84.2, but lower than Portsmouth, as the other large city within Hampshire Constabulary's area, which recorded 130.9 crimes per 1,000 population.

Some of our successes in 2016-2017

<p>Southampton saw a decline of 14.1% in the total number of recorded burglaries in 2017/18.</p>	<p>A 2.1% decrease in vehicle offences since 2016/17.</p>	<p>There has been a reduction in both the number of road collisions and the number of road casualties.</p>	<p>Drug offences are down by 8%, from 722 recorded offences in 2016/17 to 664 offences recorded in 2017/18.</p>	<p>There has also been a further reduction in the number of threats to kill, down 5.2% in 2017/18 (110) from 116 in 2016/17.</p>
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However, there are still some areas of challenge

<p>Violent offences in Southampton rose by 7.9%, from 9,544 in 2016/17 to 10,300 in 2017/18.</p>	<p>There were around 2,492 incidents of alcohol affected crime in Southampton in 2017/18, up from 2,303 in 2016/17.</p>	<p>Serious knife crime rose by 28.9%, from 194 in 2016/17 to 250 in 2017/18.</p>	<p>Southampton has higher rates of drug related deaths than England, with 6.8 recorded deaths per 100,000 population during the 2015-17 (pooled) period, compared to 4.3 recorded deaths per 100,000 population nationally over the same period.</p>
<p>There was a 7.3% increase in reported domestic violent crimes, from 2,825 in 2016/17 to 3,031 in 2017/18.</p>	<p>The rate of first time entrants to the criminal justice system has increased by 32% compared to 2016/17, to 439 per 100,000 population.</p>	<p>A total of 707 hate crimes were recorded by Police in Southampton in 2017/18; an increase of 25% on the previous year.</p>	

This strategy is supported by a number of other strategies and plans, including:



*A vulnerable victim is defined as anyone who is (a) under 18 years of age at the time of the offence, or (b) likely to have the quality of their evidence affected by mental disorders, significant impairments of intelligence and social function or physical disability or disorder.

“ What do residents say*? ”

• Just over one third of people felt crime had increased or significantly increased in the last 12 months (36%). This is considerably higher than the levels reported in 2016 (13%) or 2014 (14%).





• 47% of residents felt that vandalism, graffiti and other deliberate damage to property or vehicles was a very big or fairly big problem in Southampton.

• 46% of residents felt Burglary or Robbery was a very big or fairly big problem in Southampton.

• 44% of residents felt that Youth Crime was a very big or fairly big problem in Southampton.

*Southampton City Survey 2018

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Priorities	Key actions	Lead Agency	How we will measure success in March 2020?
 Reduce crime, and anti-social behaviour	Continue to raise awareness and improve communication to help people understand what they need to do to avoid becoming a victim of crime and encourage reporting focusing on deprived and hard to reach communities/areas.	All	Increased percentage of people in the city who feel safe in their local areas during the day and night
	Continue to engage with the public to identify and respond to issues specific to each neighbourhood area that most significantly impact communities (crime and anti-social behaviour).	Hampshire Constabulary	Decreased recorded anti-social behaviour rate
	Support evidence based approaches to tackle emerging crime patterns and prevent crime, while supporting initiatives in deprived areas.	Hampshire Constabulary	Reduced offending rate
	Support communities to give victims of hate crime the confidence to report incidents, and ensure this crime data is monitored to identify trends.	Hampshire Constabulary	Number of reported hate crimes across the city
	Working collaboratively with the Probation Services to reduce reoffending by improving outcomes for offenders through timely access to substance misuse services, mental health services, diversion services, employment training, family support, accommodation and education opportunities.	Probation Services	Decreased reoffending rate
	Continue to address activity in the city associated with anti-social behaviour through joint working, in order to disrupt and reduce begging and improve awareness through education.	Southampton City Council / Hampshire Constabulary	Reduced numbers of residents reporting street begging as a problem
	Explore opportunities with businesses to monitor commercial burglary hot spots in order to prevent and reduce the number of burglary offences in the city.	Hampshire Constabulary	Reduced number of commercial burglary offences committed
Monitor data from a range of sources in order to better understand violent crime trends.	Hampshire Constabulary	Reduced violent crime rates	
 Reduce the harm caused by drugs and alcohol	Work with the Health and Wellbeing Board to monitor and support the delivery of the Alcohol Strategy to reduce alcohol-related crime, disorder and violence in the city.	All	Decreased number of alcohol related violent crimes being committed
	Implement the Drugs Strategy, focusing on prevention, treatment and enforcement, working to reduce drug related deaths and the impact of drug related litter.	Hampshire Constabulary	Reduced number of drug offences across the city.
	Maintain operations to safeguard vulnerable people against drugs activity and associated crime.	Hampshire Constabulary	Increased numbers of people safeguarded via Operation Fortify
 Protecting vulnerable people	Work collaboratively with Public Health and the Domestic and Sexual Abuse Strategic Group to implement the Multiagency Domestic and Sexual Abuse Strategy 2017-20.	Southampton City Council	Reduced number of High Risk Domestic Abuse (HRDA) cases recorded
	Investigate the rate of arrests and charges for domestic violent crime and review practices and officer training if necessary to ensure the most effective method of reducing Domestic and Sexual Abuse in the city.	Hampshire Constabulary	Increased proportion of recorded incidents of domestic related violence resulting in arrest and criminal charges
	Ensure there are appropriate referral routes in place to programmes for perpetrators of domestic violence and abuse.	Probation Services	Increased number of identified perpetrators of domestic abuse engaged in and completing programmes or interventions
	Encourage increased reporting and sharing of local intelligence related to Modern Day Slavery, Harmful Practices, those Missing, Exploited or Trafficked, Domestic Violence and Abuse to better understand the extent of these crimes and increase learning regarding intervention and safeguarding.	Hampshire Constabulary	Decreased Missing Exploited or Trafficked cases
	Enhance support to identified vulnerable people through health and safety community projects and work to build community resilience.	Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service	Increased number of people supported by HFRS projects
	Continue to support the counter extremism and Prevent agenda and maintain routes for safeguarding people at risk of radicalisation.	Prevent Working Group	Number of referrals to Channel Panel (South East Region)
	Continue to address rough sleeping activity within the city, ensuring strong pathways of support are available for vulnerable and high risk individuals with complex needs.	All	Reduced numbers of rough sleepers
 Reduce youth crime	Work together to ensure that families of children who offend have support, prioritising resources for the most high risk offenders.	Youth Offending Service	Increased numbers of families turned around through Families Matter programme
	Promote child-friendly restorative practises, working with partners and schools to achieve our ambition of becoming a restorative city.	Youth Offending Service	Increased number of schools and agencies adopting Restorative Practices
	Monitor reoffending rates for young people, prioritising resources at those assessed as the most high risk and high need young offenders in the city.	Youth Offending Service	Reduced reoffending rates for young people
	Work collaboratively to reduce children's use of weapons and raise awareness with schools and youth groups.	Youth Offending Service	Reduced weapon related incidents in schools