

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

★ Our priorities for 2014-17

<p>Reduce crime and anti-social behaviour</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All crime in Southampton reduced by 1.8% which is in line with the national average. However in comparison to our most similar group of authorities Southampton is 12/15* for all crime. Serious sexual offences has risen 21% nationally and 33% in Southampton. Southampton is 14/15* compared with our most similar group for violence with injury. 	
<p>Reduce the harm caused by drugs and alcohol</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total numbers of service users in effective drug treatment has increased, however re-presentations to treatment for opiate users remains high. The admission rate of people under 18 to hospital, 75.8 per 100,000 because they have a condition wholly related to alcohol is higher than the England average of 42.7 Tackling the consequences of drugs and drug addiction including crime and antisocial behaviour, health issues and family breakdown remain a priority for the city. 	
<p>Protecting Vulnerable People</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Domestic violence has increased by 5%. The number of repeat cases of domestic violence referred to a multi-agency risk assessment conference has increased by 4.5%. Need to continue to focus on better identification and management of repeat missing persons cases because of the links with child sexual exploitation. Reports of missing persons have increased by 21%. 	
<p>Reduce Youth Crime</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The re-offending rate by prolific young offenders has reduced by 2% but the overall re-offending rate remains higher than both national and regional averages. First time entrants into the criminal justice system rates have reduced but remain higher than both national and regional average figures. Despite consistent improvements in custody rates in Southampton improvements need to continue to align with national performance. 	

*ONS comparison group: Trafford, Coventry, Hillingdon, Exeter, Plymouth, Hounslow, Northampton, Crawley, Portsmouth, Cardiff, Bristol, Lincoln, Oxford, Welwyn and Hatfield.

✖ Crime in Southampton in 2013-14

<p>Reduce crime and anti-social behaviour in key locations</p> <p>All crime rates have remained stable with a 1.8% reduction.</p> <p>Violent offences have remained stable.</p> <p>Anti-social behaviour incidents reduced by 17.4%.</p> <p>Criminal damage reduced by 9.9%.</p> <p>Theft of a vehicle rose by 12% and theft from a vehicle rose 13%.</p> <p>Dwelling burglary fell 6%.</p> <p>Robbery fell 18%.</p>	<p>Reduce the harm caused by drugs and alcohol</p> <p>Alcohol related public place violence reduced by 22%.</p> <p>10/77 premises tested sold alcohol to under age persons.</p> <p>Presentations to Emergency Department as victims of assault reduced by 16%.</p> <p>Drug related violence reduced by 27%.</p> <p>Successful completions of opiate users who did not re-present to treatment within 6 months rose to 10.2% from 6.2% in 2010.</p> <p>Non opiate users who successfully completed also rose from 40.7% (2010) to 49.5%.</p>	<p>Reduce Repeat Victimisation</p> <p>Domestic violence repeat offences rose by 5%.</p> <p>Repeat domestic violence offences represent 24% of all DV crime recorded in the city (26% in 2012/13).</p> <p>The total number of DV cases considered at Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC increased by 28%.</p> <p>Domestic Vulnerable and Abuse cases presentation at MARAC per 10,000 of adult female population is 63, over twice the national figure.</p> <p>Repeat Vulnerable Victims of anti-social behaviour went down from 276 to 227.</p>	<p>Reduce re-offending Reduce youth Crime</p> <p>First time entrants to the youth justice system reduced by 7% by the end of 2013/14.</p> <p>Overall there has been a reduction in youth re-offences by 12% over 2 years. However, it still remains 13% higher than the national average.</p> <p>There was a 58% reduction in the number of offences committed by the developed priority young people scheme group.</p>	<p>Other important issues</p> <p>Going missing from home has been identified nationally as one of the most significant factors in identifying children at risk of Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE).</p> <p>1,683 missing person reports were recorded by the police in 2013/14 an increase of 277 on 2012/13.</p> <p>Around 25% of missing person cases were repeats.</p> <p>Almost 2/3 of all missing persons reports were related to under 18s.</p>
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The City Survey 2014, the Community Safety Survey 2014, the LSCB Young People's Survey 2014, and the Safe City Partnership Community Safety event in September 2014 gave many opportunities for residents to give their views:

“ Most people feel safe in their local area during the day (93%) but this figure falls to two in three (63%) for safety in their local area at night.

Two thirds of young people feel safe in Southampton. Those that felt unsafe stated, fear of bullying, attacks, drunk people on the street made them feel unsafe. ”

“ Three in five (62%) agree that police and other local public services are successfully dealing with crime and anti-social behaviour in the local area.

The level of crime in residents' local area is widely seen as being unchanged in the last twelve months: 60% say it has stayed the same, while roughly equal numbers say it has increased or decreased (14% and 16% respectively). ”

✔ Some of our successes in 2013/14

Reduce crime and anti-social behaviour in key locations

We focussed on ASB hotspot areas and neighbourhoods and we exceeded the 5% reduction target of anti-social behaviour, achieving a 17% reduction to 13,401 crimes.

An Action plan has been developed following the Local Government Association Community Safety Peer Review to ensure priorities reflect the city need, the most effective operation of the Safe City Partnership, improve links with the youth offending service and learn from best practice.

Reduce the harm caused by drugs and alcohol

Following a complex tendering procedure, Southampton City Council has now awarded contracts for our new substance misuse services. The new services see drug and alcohol treatment combined into a single pathway and will commence in December 2014.

69 people were referred to a new alcohol awareness course run alongside the Red Card scheme.

Operation Fortress continued to restrict the supply and demand for Class A drugs and rebuild affected communities. Between May 2012 and April 2014, 381 suspects were arrested for drug related crimes with 76 people convicted and the Proceeds of Crime Act was used to remove more than £150,000 in assets from criminals. In addition approximately £245,000 worth of drugs were taken from the street.

Reduce repeat victimisation

The provision and commissioning of Domestic Violence and Abuse Services was reviewed and as a result the Southampton Against Violence and Abuse Plan 2014-17 has been developed.

Services are currently being re-commissioned with a greater focus on prevention/early intervention.

As part of the commitment to develop multi-agency responses to protect vulnerable victims of ASB and crime, the Youth Offending Scheme developed a restorative justice programme supporting 122 victims of crime in 2013/14.

Reduce re-offending and Youth Crime

The Reducing Re-offending Action Plan was implemented contributing to a 17.7% reduction over 2 years.

We implemented a project as part of conditional caution for Domestic Violence perpetrators. Delivered by the Hampton Trust this links the perpetrators to an awareness program on the impact of Domestic Violence and abuse to victims. 112 participants, took part and 92% have been positively impacted by the course reduced re-offending.

The Youth Offending Scheme delivered Families Matter support to 62 families over the year. There was a 58% reduction in the number of offences committed by the young people supported as part of the priority young people scheme.

How we are going to make Southampton safer

Priorities	Key actions	Lead Agency	Lead Partners	How we will measure success in March 2016?
General and overarching	Develop and implement an active plan to ensure victim support and prevention early intervention are central to the delivery of this strategy	All	All	All
Reduce crime and anti-social behaviour	Deliver the Safe City Partnership Strategy and support the delivery of the Southampton City Strategy.	All	Safe City Partnership	Improve our MSG position in relation to all crime rates.
	Develop the 'Keep it Safe Southampton' brand	All	Safe City Partnership	Increase the percentage of people in the city who feel safe in their local area at night and maintain the number of people feeling safe during the day.
	Set three publically agreed 'Community Priorities' in all Neighbourhoods to target issues (crime and ASB) that most significantly impact communities.	Police	Safe City Partnership	Reduce all crime and anti-social behaviour incidents.
	Respond to Community Trigger requests received so that agencies work collectively to deal with persistent anti-social behaviour and criminal damage.	Southampton City Council Police	Safe City Partnership	Reduce all crime and anti-social behaviour incidents.
	Develop a strategy to respond to the rising incidents of rape and serious sexual offences across the city focused on prevention, education and enforcement.	Police	Serious Sexual Offences Group	Reduce serious sexual offences.
	Maintain a close assessment of crime patterns and emerging issues specifically focussed on Victim, Offender and Location and develop prevention intelligence and enforcement plans to tackle problems. Specific focus on assaults and vehicle offences.	Police	Safe City Partnership	Reduce all crime rates by xxx Reduce assaults by xxx Reduce theft of motor vehicles offences, specifically moped and motorbikes by xxx
	Deliver the Prince's Trust Team and 'Get Started' programmes, for 16-25 year olds, targeting long term unemployed, educational under-achievers, ex-offenders and care leavers.	Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service	Safe City Partnership	80% attendees achieving a Princes Trust Qualification or accreditation. 70% of attendees achieving a positive progression to employment, education or training within 3 months of course completion.
Reduce the harm caused by drugs and alcohol	Ensure effective use is made of the funds obtained from the Late Night Levy from April 2015 to sustain appropriate activities to reduce the harm caused by drugs and alcohol in the night time economy.	All	Safe City Partnership	Reduce alcohol and drug related violence rates by xxx Reduce admissions to the Emergency Department as victims of assault in peak times by xxx Focus on key locations in the Night Time Economy where a disproportionate levels of incidents occur.
	Implement the newly commissioned drug and alcohol treatment services combined single pathway.	Integrated Commissioning Unit Southampton City Council	Health and Well Being Board/DASH	Improve % completion of drug and alcohol treatments of all in treatment (NDTMS) by xxx Reduce the rate of under 18 year olds admissions to hospital due to conditions wholly related to alcohol by xxx
	Development of a city wide Alcohol Strategy, to include both Public Health and Community Safety issues.	Integrated Commissioning Unit Southampton City Council	Health and Well Being Board/ Safe City Partnership	Reduce alcohol related public place violence rates by xxx Reduce the overall level of alcohol consumption in the population.
	Maintain Operation Fortress to restrict supply and demand for Class A drugs and to rebuild affected communities.	Police	Safe City Partnership	Increase in convictions for drug related crimes. Prosecutions obtained under the Proceeds of Crime Act.
	Target under age sales in the city leading robust action against offending premise and continue the 'Reducing the Strength' campaign working with off-licences to voluntarily agree not to sell super-strength alcohol.	Southampton City Council Police	Safe City Partnership	Reduction in failures of under- age sales from 13%. Reduction in alcohol related violent crime. Number of voluntary agreements from off-licenses in place.
Protecting vulnerable people	Develop the PIPPA model to assist the focus on prevention and early intervention of domestic violence and abuse via education and public awareness and the provision of access to advice through a co-ordinated community response model.	All	Local Safeguarding Children Board	Reduce repeat domestic violence offences by xxx
	Develop a multi-agency team to provide interventions for Domestic Violence and Abuse at high, medium risk levels.	All	Local Safeguarding Children Board	Reduction in repeat attendances at DV MARAC by xxx
	Ensure all lessons from domestic homicides, serious case reviews and critical incidents are identified and recommendations are implemented.	All	All	Regular monitoring of the implementation of agreed actions.
	Introduce a new referral pathway for home safety visits identifying high, medium and low risk visits through partner agencies with the introduction of revisit policy.	Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service	Safe City Partnership	Reduction in the number of fire deaths and serious injuries by xxx Increase in public awareness. Increase re-visit rate to high, medium and low risk homes.
	Continue to support the Prevent agenda and maintain routes for safeguarding people.	Police	Safe City Partnership	Increase number of public engagements across the city. Increase number of partnership training and awareness sessions. Increase confidence in and volume of referrals received for the support of vulnerable persons.
	Co-ordinate responses to children and young people going missing, being exploited or trafficked (MET).	Southampton City Council Police	Local Safeguarding Children Board (Support the delivery of the LSCB CSE strategy and ensure a full understanding of the current risk and harm to young people, supporting safeguarding, education/ awareness and enforcement.
Reduce youth crime	Develop further the triage work between YOS and the police. Referrals into the Families Matter programme will be made directly from our Joint Decision Making Panel; ensure robust interventions for young people and families who need the most help.	Youth Offending Service	YOS Management Board	Reduction to of First Time Entrants from 954 to under 460 young people per 100,000 young people aged 10-17 years over 3 years.
	Develop membership of the YOS management board to include YCM as key partner. There will be increased scrutiny of sentencing recommendations for youths at risk of custody.	All	YOS Management Board	Custodial sentences will reduce from 18 to 9 per year over 3 years.
	The Youth Offending Service will contribute to and benefit from the new Southampton Employment, Skills and Learning Partnership.	Southampton City Council (Youth Offending Service)	Employment, Skills and Learning Partnership	10% increase in education, training and employment engagement per year, from a baseline of 59.8%, for 3 years.
	The YOS will continue to work closely with the Youth Justice Board to analyse local re-offending data and implement its reducing re-offending plan.	Southampton City Council (Youth Offending Service)	YOS Management Board	The youth re-offending rate will reduce from 48.3% to 35% over 3 years.