

Community Safety Plan 2019-2022

**BUILDING STRONG COMMUNITIES
AND PROTECTING PEOPLE AT RISK**



West Lothian
COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP

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Foreword

Welcome to the West Lothian Community Safety Plan

Community Safety is a priority for the Community Safety Partnership and continues to focus on protecting the wellbeing of people living in West Lothian and helping them to feel safe.

Strategic planning and continued partnership working, ensures that we will continue to make effective use of evidence-based interventions. Partners are committed to strong and effective joint working arrangements to work together to reduce antisocial behaviour and crime within our Communities, making West Lothian a safer and attractive place to live, work and visit.

In developing this Community Safety Plan through a community safety strategic assessment process, the Partnership can continue to focus on achieving the objectives set in the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan (LOIP). The priority areas for the Partnership over the next 3 years are:-

- Community Wellbeing
- Antisocial Behaviour
- Violence
- Serious and Organised Crime
- Counter Terrorism

The Partnership includes West Lothian Council, Police Scotland, Scottish Fire Rescue Service, NHS Lothian, Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service, Scottish Prison Service, West Lothian College, Criminal Justice Authority and the voluntary (third sector) organisations.

It is vitally important that we use the resources available collectively across the Partnership, to intervene at the earliest opportunity, and work together to provide support and guidance to those who require our help and assistance. We are committed to protect those who are most vulnerable or disadvantaged and engage positively, so we can continue to foster and encourage social responsibility and resilience within the Communities of West Lothian.

We are confident that the effective working partnerships that have grown and developed over the years within West Lothian are robust and equipped to face the challenges and opportunities Community Safety presents.

Introduction

The aim of West Lothian Community Safety Partnership is to continue to protect the people living, working and visiting West Lothian enabling them to feel safe in inclusive communities where their health and well-being is promoted. Community Safety remains to have a significant impact on everyone in West Lothian and the Community Safety Partnership continues to contribute positively to their quality of life.

The purpose of this strategic plan is to outline the priorities for Community Safety in West Lothian for 2019 - 2022. It details how the Community Safety Partnership decided on these priorities and how it will address them. It also describes the action that partners will independently and collaboratively take to affect positive change and contribute to making West Lothian a better, safer place.

Community Safety in Scotland is defined as:

“An endeavour to ensure that people are safe from crime, disorder, danger and free from injury and harm, communities are socially cohesive and tolerant; and are resilient and able to supply individuals to take responsibility for their well-being”.

Consultation

A new Community Safety Strategic Assessment was undertaken in early – mid 2018 and it is the most accurate way of processing all available data through the Partnership. This includes community information, feedback and concerns from community groups and meetings from across West Lothian communities, in addition to the reported crimes and incidents to Police Scotland and partners and consultations carried out in our communities over the previous three years.

This information, utilising the community consultations available on line and from some focus groups, has assisted in ensuring that we as a partnership, are well informed of up-to-date community safety issues. As a result we are not only able to plan ahead but can react and respond appropriately to incidents as they arise.

This ensures that the partnership is able to identify and make preparations for further changes in the future ensuring we continue to meet the needs of the communities.

Community Safety Priorities

The Community Safety Partnership has identified and agreed five key priorities that we believe represent the challenges that we, as a partnership, and the community must overcome together to improve community safety.

The community safety priorities for West Lothian 2018–2021, not listed in any particular order, are:

- ❖ Community Wellbeing
- ❖ Antisocial Behaviour
- ❖ Violence
- ❖ Serious and Organised Crime
- ❖ Counter Terrorism

These priorities form a framework around which the Community Safety Partnership can align our resources and take action to make a positive difference in West Lothian.

The Community Safety Partnership will utilise this Strategic Plan with innovation and flexibility, delivering a high performing integrated service that is cost effective whilst demonstrating a measurable impact on community safety and the wellbeing of the people of West Lothian.

We are confident that in these difficult times of financial constraint, our willingness to lead and deliver change to the way in which we deliver our services will maintain our positive outcomes. Our desire to overcome the many challenges ahead and seize the opportunities we are presented with will ensure that the Partnership remains strong, flexible and resilient and develop positive citizenship for many by encouraging their level of engagement.

Community Safety Partnership

The West Lothian Community Safety Partnership (CSP) is dedicated to reducing antisocial behaviour, crime, and negative trends within our communities across West Lothian making it a safe place to stay, work in and visit. The services delivered in West Lothian are based on a shared set of priorities and a history of effective partnership working.

The progress and performance is monitored through integrated governance arrangements that sit within the Community Planning Partnership structure. Performance is routinely reported and scrutinised using shared performance and management systems. The monthly Tactical and Co-ordinating meetings report to the quarterly Safer Communities Strategic Planning Group who monitors performance and outcomes.

The community safety partners ensure that the operational delivery is meeting the needs of the communities and that any emerging issues are being monitored adequately and interventions are put in place to mitigate any threats to community safety whilst providing community reassurance.

This strategic group report quarterly to the Community Safety Board (CSB) who ensures that the Partnership is meeting the agreed common aim. The CSB monitor the outcomes achieved and that they meet the performance indicators governed by the Community Planning Partnership which are included within the West Lothian Local Improvement Plan.

Community Planning Partnership and the Local Outcome Improvement Plan

The Community Safety Partnership is an integral part of the West Lothian Community Planning Partnership (CPP), which identifies, assesses and prioritises what is important for West Lothian Communities. The Local Outcomes Improvement Plan 2013 – 2023 is the ten year plan for West Lothian and this highlights the significant contributory impact that prioritising community safety can have on other outcomes for health employability and the life outcomes for young and vulnerable people in our community. The relevant theme from the LOIP is 'Tackling Inequality'. The outcomes and priorities set in West Lothian are directly linked to national policy priorities.

Effective partnership working is at the heart of public service reform, driving forward service integration, increasing the focus on prevention and improving the overall quality of service provision – all focused on the aim of achieving better outcomes for communities.

The Community Safety priorities are aligned to the strategic outcomes for West Lothian. In Partnership, we will work together to make sure that West Lothian is the best place possible to live, work and do business.

The national and local priorities that are impacted by community safety are outlined here:

National and Local Priorities and Outcomes

National Policy Priority	West Lothian Priority	West Lothian Outcomes
We live in communities that are inclusive, empowered, resilient and safe	Building Strong Communities Protecting People at Risk	We live in resilient, cohesive and safe communities People most at risk are protected and supported to achieve improved life chances.
National Community Safety Outcomes We are open, connected and make a positive contribution We tackle poverty by sharing opportunities, wealth and power more equally We live in communities that are inclusive, empowered, resilient and safe We grow up loved, safe and respected so that we realise our potential We are educated, skilled and able to contribute to society We have thriving innovative businesses, with quality jobs and fair work for everyone We are healthy and active We value enjoy, protect and enhance our environment We are creative and our vibrant and diverse cultures are expressed and enjoyed widely We respect, protect and fulfil human rights and live free from discrimination We have a globally competitive, entrepreneurial, inclusive and sustainable economy		

West Lothian Community Planning Partnership Local Outcome Improvement Plan 2013 to 2023 identifies shared priorities which should inform partners' own local plans.

An example can be shown in the Local West Lothian Local Police Plan 2017 – 2020 which contains a set of local policing priorities which were identified through strategic assessment, public consultation and the Community Planning Partnership Local Outcomes

Improvement Plan. The identified priorities for the policing of West Lothian are aligned to the themes within the West Lothian Community Planning Partnership Local Outcomes Improvement Plan 2013 to 2023 and the relevant outcomes centre of the reduction of harm within the community.

Governance

The diagram below details the current Governance structure for West Lothian Community Safety Partners.



The Community Safety Strategic Plan will be monitored within the West Lothian CSP governance arrangements to ensure that priorities are delivered and there remains a strong alignment between local service and operational plans that help demonstrate the relative contribution and impact of each partner agency.

The governance structure highlights the flow from the operational work that is carried out

within the Community Safety Unit which is stringently viewed by the Safer Communities Strategic Planning Group. Ultimately, the governance arrangements will ensure that the Community Safety Partners reach the collective aims in our Local Outcome Improvement Plan (LOIP) reported to the Community Planning Partnership Board (CPPB).

Community Safety Unit

The Community Safety Unit has now been running for eight years and acts as a conduit for sharing information and tasking resources from all partner agencies. It has enhanced partnership working at a strategic, tactical and operational level, enabling partnership working and community liaison on a daily basis and assisted in identifying outcomes for safer communities in West Lothian.

The Unit currently provides analytical, policy and performance support for the Community Safety Partnership and houses partner resources which assist with joint partnership working. Over the course of this Plan, the Unit will continue to work flexibly and will be reactive to accommodate changes to the way in which our services will deliver their service provision across West Lothian.

Legislative Changes

On 8 May 2015, the Scottish Government introduced the Community Justice (Scotland) Bill creating a new model for Community Justice in Scotland. This will result in legislative responsibility for the local planning and delivery of Community Justice Services moving from Community Justice Authorities (CJAs) to Community Planning Partnerships.

A new national body, Community Justice Scotland, was established during the latter part of 2016/17. In West Lothian, the Community Planning Partnership oversaw the development of a new model, taking on full responsibility from 1 April 2017.

The Scottish Government will work with key partners and in consultation with stakeholders to develop a national strategy. The long-term outcomes for this strategy relate to:

- reducing reoffending;
- increasing positive citizenship;
- increasing public safety;
- increasing public reassurance;
- reducing costs; and
- reducing stigma

A local Partnership agreed an aim to:

Reduce crime and improve community safety – including continued partnership work in community safety and the delivery of reducing reoffending plans.

Through partnership working, re-offending will be reduced, and, through earlier intervention, the risk of young people engaging in crime will be reduced. This will improve outcomes for people who offend, helping them to take on fuller responsibility as members of our communities, increase the confidence of victims and the community in the services provided and make West Lothian communities safer and better places in which to live.

This echoes the approaches of the Scottish Government and the over-arching theme for West Lothian is a close integration of the two strands of Community Justice and Community Safety into Safer Communities strategic planning. The CJA Area Plan and the Reducing Reoffending Strategy take forward other related aspects of community safety and community justice. The 2013-2018 Strategic Plan is being replaced by the new Community Justice Strategy for 2019-2024. It has a broader national and local shared agenda and responsibility for the delivery of effective joint working practices that support long term systemic changes that lead to reduce re-offending overall.

West Lothian Context

West Lothian has a population of about 181,300, accounting for 3.3% of Scotland's total population, and is one of the fastest growing and youngest in the country, with an average age of 39 compared with 41 across Scotland. The population for West Lothian is projected to increase to 196,000 by 2024, which means it is anticipated to be the fastest growing area in Scotland.

In line with national trends, there is a growing older population growth in people of pensionable age and it is anticipated to be high in West Lothian (52%).

The predicted proportion of over 65s in West Lothian in 2033, at 22%, will remain below the Scottish average of 25%.

Despite this, from 2008-2033, the number of 65-74 year olds will increase by 80% in West Lothian, compared to 48% in Scotland. The number of 75+ year olds will increase by 151% in West Lothian compared to 84% in Scotland.

Community Safety in West Lothian has seen a number of successes with decreases in several areas. Figures for the financial year 2014/15 show crimes of violence are down by 18.8% compared to the average total for the past 5 years.

Antisocial crimes have seen even greater success with vandalisms reduced by 34% and crimes of malicious fire-raising reduced by 51.5%. Youth related disorder calls have also seen a 41% decrease compared to the five-year average and Scottish Fire and Rescue Service saw a drop in deliberate secondary fires of 33% over the same period.

Corporate Plan

In the Corporate Plan 2018/19 – 2022/23, the council has eight priorities that will help to make West Lothian a better place to live, work, visit and do business:

- Improving attainment and positive destinations for school children
- Delivering positive outcomes and early interventions for early years
- Minimising poverty, the cycle of deprivation and promoting equality
- Improving the quality of life for older people
- Improving the employment position in West Lothian
- Delivering positive outcomes on health
- Reducing crime and improving community safety
- Protecting the built and natural environment

The Community Safety Plan

The Community Safety Plan has been developed to support the delivery of national and local priorities and outcomes for West Lothian. The lifetime of the strategic plan will coincide with a period of change and the key factors that have shaped and influenced the development of the strategic plan are detailed in the following sections.

The Community Safety Plan is part of a wider planning and service development approach in the CSP and the CPP. Other joint plans and strategies that are influencing, or influenced by, the Community Safety Strategic Plan includes:

- West Lothian Local Policing Plan
- Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Plan for West Lothian
- Local Housing Strategy 2012-17
- Alcohol and Drug Partnership (ADP) Delivery Plan 2015/18
- Equally Safe – National Strategy for Prevention and Eradicating Violence Against Women and Girls
- Community Justice Strategy 2019-24
- Corporate Equality Outcomes 2017-21
- Corporate Plan 2018/19 – 2022-23
- Community Justice Outcome Improvement Plan 18-19

Legislation and National Policy

The work carried out by the Community Safety Partners is also bound by key legislation and national policy, which includes:

- Equality Act 2010, 2016

- Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2003, 2016
- Antisocial Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014
- Antisocial Behaviour etc (Scotland) Act 2014
- Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014
- Private Housing (Tenancies) (Scotland) Act 2016
- Housing (Scotland) Act 1 2014
- Private Rented Housing (Scotland) Act 2011
- Mental Health (Care & Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003
- Police (Scotland) Act 1967
- Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012
- The Victims and Witnesses (Scotland) Act 2014
- Fire Scotland Act 2005
- Community Justice Bill
- Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015
- Fairer Scotland Duty 2018
- Child Poverty (Scotland) Act 2017
- Education (Scotland) Act 2016
- Alcohol (Minimum Pricing) (Scotland) Act 2012
- The Misuse of Drugs Act (1971)
- The Medicines Act (1968)
- The Psychoactive Substances Act (2016)

Community Safety Strategic Assessment

The aim of this Strategic Assessment was to identify, assess and prioritise aspects of Community Safety and key parts of

organisational business that impact upon services delivered by all partners.

This was the fourth assessment the partnership has undertaken and it was used to develop the Community Safety priorities that are contained within this Strategic Plan. The assessment has been a critical tool for the partnership as it has helped achieved positive improvement in Community Safety over the years by focusing partners on the issues that matter. This plan is rooted in the work of the strategic assessment and we strongly believe this intelligence-based approach will help move forward Community Safety and the Local Outcome Improvement Plan for the wider community in the next three years.

Drivers for Continuous Improvement in Community Safety

Public services have a duty to work together to deliver efficient, fair and high performing services and our Community Safety Partnership must continue to work together to modernise our ways of working.

The Community Safety Partnership, which has a long history and proven track record of successful partnership working, will deliver this plan in a period of further challenge and change. The opportunities and challenges for change and continuous improvement to deliver best practise include:

- ❖ Continue to develop new community safety partnership working arrangements with our partners to make our communities safer for all residents of West Lothian.

- ❖ Ensuring that we meet the needs within the communities with the required response that provides the optimal service, which is both timely and effective whilst reducing duplication of resources and cost.
- ❖ Improving on our key performance for performance reporting purposes both individually and collectively.
- ❖ Continuing to be aware of existing demands on services and how these are expected to rise in relation to having the fastest growing young population nationally and similarly, to cope with the demands placed on services by having a higher than average older population.
- ❖ Evaluating each service to look at service redesign to accommodate changes required within the service and prioritising on the demand times from members of the public ensuring continued service and increased resources when it is required.

Ownership and Scope of the Strategic Plan

The Community Safety Strategic Plan encompasses the shared aims and priorities of the Community Safety Partnership for West Lothian. It applies to each partner agency and will be monitored and progressed through the existing governance structure for Community Safety.

Each Partner will have responsibility for the delivery of defined activities, actions and performance targets – as specified in the plan. They will also ensure that they align the

resources required to deliver the plan and ensure that it continues to support other priorities and local and national activities within their own organisation.

A clear performance monitoring process will accompany the plan to support progress and help partners to focus on the priorities activities and actions and identify where targeted interventions are required.

Community Safety Performance 2019 - 2022

The performance and actions will be monitored by the Community Safety Strategic Group which is governed by the Community Safety Board. National and local updates and progress in the Community Safety priorities for West Lothian are also scrutinised by Elected Members through the Services for the Community Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel (PDSP).

Shared aims and agreed information sharing protocols amongst the partnership highlight the necessity for effective information sharing and close joint working in terms of keeping the public safe from antisocial behaviour and crime. It also assists with improving efficiency and effectiveness and ensuring that policies and practices across the Community Safety Partnership impact positively in communities promoting safety and equality for all. As we continue to work closely with key partners to share information it will enable us to identify those most at risk and to intervene to prevent harm. We have developed referral pathways between West Lothian Council (WLC), Police Service of Scotland (PsoS), Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS), NHS Lothian and Voluntary Organisations to ensure that we target our resources effectively.

Strategic Priorities

The West Lothian Community Safety Partnership is dedicated to reducing antisocial behaviour, crime, and negative trends within our communities across West Lothian making it a safe place to stay, work in and visit. Focusing on causal factors will allow the Community Safety Partnership to deliver the prevention vision for community safety in West Lothian.

In summary, the strategic priorities are:

1. Community Wellbeing
2. Antisocial Behaviour
3. Violence
4. Serious and Organised Crime
5. Counter Terrorism

Priority leads have been identified from the Community Safety Partnership to take each priority forward.

Priority 1 - Community Wellbeing

Purpose

To feel part of our community, to be able to be our self, to respect one another and our neighbours and to have good, meaningful community services and activities is all part of community and individual wellbeing.

By working together in our communities, looking out for each other, hearing about local community group discussions and events, and helping each other, we can encourage those around us with skills and knowledge to help improve our surroundings and make our neighbourhoods better. This in turn, will have a positive influence on our community wellbeing.

The Community Safety Partnership acknowledges that many of the issues faced by our communities may not result in crimes being committed but can still have a significant impact on individuals. It is a priority for the partnership to ensure the wellbeing of our communities as far as possible so that we can all remain resilient in our daily lives. It is equally important to be able to enable opportunities for communities and individuals to improve their own wellbeing.

- Mental Health and Wellbeing

We all have to work at improving our mental health just as we do our physical health. It is impossible to separate the two and it is likely that if you feel physically well you will feel mentally well vice versa.

Feeling some stress and of a low mood is completely normal in life however; at times this may feel unmanageable and difficult to cope with. Taking care of our mental wellbeing will act as a protective factor against developing conditions such as depression and anxiety it will also support people in making challenging decisions they face in their daily life. Feeling well within yourself enables us to make better, healthier choices and improves our ability to function in many different roles; at work, in relationships and as part of a community.

The term "inequalities in health" refers to variations in health experience between different groups. In particular, some groups experience poorer health than the majority of the population. This is either due to life circumstances, for example living in poor housing or on low and fixed incomes, having few opportunities for leisure or social activities; or to discrimination arising from gender, ethnicity, age, sexual orientation or disability.

- Drugs and Alcohol

Alcohol consumption in the UK has more than doubled since 1950 and problematic alcohol use is one of the greatest causes of health and social harm in West Lothian. Addressing and reducing alcohol consumption remains a priority for the Alcohol and Drug Partnership in West Lothian. Substance misuse often contributes to individuals' chaotic lifestyles and increases the risk of individual accidental harm and injury as well as crimes of disorder.

Individuals and families who are experiencing problems as a result of drug and or alcohol use can obtain access to treatment, counselling and support in order to assess their situation and make

plans to make the changes they desire to help them and their families. A partnership approach with health and voluntary sector services ensures people can get the right service at right time and services can work with people who are experiencing problems (family, social, health, legal or financial) due to their alcohol and / or drug use.

The West Lothian Alcohol and Drug Partnership ensure clients are able to access the most appropriate help as quickly as possible and they work together to provide access to drug and alcohol treatment, counselling and support.

- Unintentional Harm

Unintentional harm in the home environment, for example; slips, trips, falls and scalds to the very young and old, is now widely recognised as presenting significant issues to public health as well as the impact these injuries have on our public services.

Through the West Lothian Community Safety Strategic Assessment process it was identified that; our very young and elderly, particularly in more deprived communities, are most at risk of suffering from unintentional harm or injury a number of agencies are often involved with those most vulnerable to these injuries.

Working with our community safety partners, both within West Lothian and across Scotland, SFRS has a significant role to play in contributing towards identifying those at risk, the risks they are exposed to and reducing or eliminating those risks, either directly through Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) intervention, or indirectly through partner interventions.

The Services Assistant Chief Officer David McGown, SFRS is leading the Scottish Government's Building Safer Communities Unintentional Harm Executive Group work stream on reducing unintentional harm and injury in Scotland.

Part of this work stream will focus on sharing good practice through the development of a national web based tool for partners to gather, co-ordinate and share projects and initiatives aimed at reducing unintentional harm in Scotland. This will help produce online resources for parents and practitioners of young children to improve road safety, learning events for school children to reduce accidents as well as improving home safety visits for vulnerable adults and for older people. West Lothian Community Safety Partners will link in with this work and ensure that we contribute to this important priority to aid the safety of people in West Lothian across all generations.

- Home and Fire Safety

Accidental dwelling fires and associated fire casualties and fatalities have a significant impact on the families affected, as well as the wider community. Analysis of accidental dwelling fire data identifies cooking as the most common cause of fires within the home, with the most common contributory factor being distracted whilst cooking.

Cigarettes and smoking materials are identified as the primary ignition source in a number of serious injury/fatal fires with alcohol consumption and/or drugs misuse being identified as a

contributory factor, which affects the occupant's ability to react appropriately in a fire situation. In addition, there are direct links to social deprivation, age and mobility with evidence suggesting that elderly members of the community and young people are more likely to be exposed to the risk of fire in the home.

Through our Home Fire Safety Visit programme, community engagement and education activities, we aim to reduce the risk and impact of fire and the associated losses and improve fire safety in domestic premises.

Deliberate fire setting is a significant problem for the SFRS and is responsible for a large number of fires that occur across West Lothian. Whilst some of these incidents occur in buildings, or involve vehicles, the vast majority can be identified as fires involving outdoor refuse/grass/shrub land fires and wheelie bins. SFRS classifies these as 'secondary fires'.

Deliberate secondary fires are a form of anti-social behaviour and by focusing our attention on deliberate fires, this will reduce the demand on the SFRS, the burden upon partners and in turn enhance community wellbeing and reduce negative environmental impact.

Partnership working and engaging in a multi-agency approach to tackling deliberate fire setting and fire related anti-social behaviour enables us to target resources to areas of demand and high activity. In addition through diversionary activities and education our youth engagement programmes are designed to reduce anti-social behaviour.

- Financial Harm

Financial Harm is complex and occurs when people feel under duress to hand over money or possessions. Financial harm can happen in a number of different ways, including at the doorstep and by the postal service, telephone or internet. Sadly, criminals often target the most vulnerable people within our communities, whose personal circumstances make them more likely to be taken advantage of.

Victims not only suffer financial harm, but also loss of self-esteem and trust in others, which can have a devastating impact on their health and wellbeing as well as having consequences on the lives of their families. Victims are often under pressure to hand over money or possessions, or may suffer as a result of exploitation of their property or welfare benefits, stealing, cheating or fraud. Internet fraud and identity theft (where the complainer's identity has been fraudulently used to purchase goods through catalogues, mobile phone contract, credit cards etc) account for nearly half of incidents. The increase in telephone scam calls has seen a rise in the amount of money lost to phone scammers. Trading Standards now supply and fit a number of True Call call-blocking devices within West Lothian as a preventative measure for this type of fraud.

Doorstep criminals target the most vulnerable people within our communities, taking advantage of people by taking money for poorly done jobs, or simply stealing money/items from their home. Increasingly distraction techniques are often very convincing and can often catch people out. Many victims of doorstep crime are over eighty years of age and targeted by unknown persons posing as legitimate callers. Many of these people live alone and the health effects can have devastating outcomes for them and their families.

West Lothian Community Safety Partnership is dedicated to monitoring the incidents occurring each day and ensuring that a multi-agency approach is taken to assist the victims, reduce the trauma and investigate incidents. The Partnership plans to continue the preventative work ongoing throughout the year to raise the awareness of crimes and incidents relating to Financial Harm.

- Missing people

People go missing for a variety of reasons. Missing persons often involve the most vulnerable people in our society. People go missing for a variety of reasons. While most are resolved relatively quickly other disappearances continue for prolonged periods causing significant impact on the lives of those they leave behind. There are a number of contributing factors including mental health, crime, financial wellbeing and substance misuse. Each missing person incident presents differing challenges and can require a significant amount of time and resources to manage effectively.

It is important for our West Lothian Partnership to identify people who go missing on a regular basis so that partnership interventions can be put in place to resolve the issues around why they go missing whether it be bullying at school, running away from being in care, having mental health or dementia conditions. Our partnership analyst can keep records of the locations from where they have gone missing so that repeat locations such as hospitals and care establishments can be approached to look at ways of reducing the number of incidents.

Cared for Children account for approximately 1/3 of the missing person reports they were missing from either a Young Persons' Unit or a foster care address or school. There are concerns in West Lothian regarding the amount of child missing person reports there are, and in particular, those who are within a residential care establishment, which is currently being addressed and monitored as a Partnership.

Persons reported missing from St John's Hospital present certain challenges to the Community Safety Partnership due to possible associated risk-taking behaviour and often there are concerns regarding their mental health and wellbeing. Multi-agency actions are underway with a view to reducing the number of incidents in these areas.

- Road Safety

Death and injury as a result of road traffic collisions causes significant pain, grief and suffering to the casualty, relatives and friends. The Scottish Government's Scottish Road Safety Strategy sets targets for road casualties for 2020 to reduce the numbers of people killed by 40% and seriously injured by 55%. The strategy also set out to reduce the numbers of children (0-15) injured. West Lothian Council have adopted these targets for reductions in the numbers of casualties in West Lothian. Accidents on roads in West Lothian account for five deaths and 45 serious injuries on average per year.

The Community Safety Partnership monitor activities and trends and deliver initiatives to address any concerns, dependent on budgetary constraints, across the partner agencies. A seasonal issue across West Lothian is the misuse of off road motorbikes and quad bikes, driven

by youths on footpaths and in public parks, posing a significant safety hazard to pedestrians and children playing. Also linked to this is excessive noise created by the bikes, which often leads to annoyance among local residents. A police operation during the spring of 2017 led to a 70% decrease in calls to the area. Police Scotland and West Lothian Council frequently liaise with the public and encourage them to share information about members of the local community engaging in this type of activity as it is vital in detecting those involved and in the seizure of illegal motorbikes.

Activities

The main activities that will be undertaken in 2019/22 to achieve this priority are:

Prevention activities

- **Accident Investigation and Prevention (AIP)**

Each year, West Lothian Council Road Safety and Traffic Management Team carry out a programme to identify locations where injury accidents are a cause for concern and they try to devise engineering measures to reduce the risk of accidents occurring.

For the 2018/19 AIP programme, officers identified 'sites for concern' in four ways. Firstly, 49 single sites were identified where there were four or more accidents in a five year period. Secondly, the accident rates on all rural class A and B class routes and on urban routes were analysed with the 10 urban and rural routes with the highest accident rates investigated in detail. Finally, all residential areas in West Lothian were mapped, the accident rates and total number of accidents calculated and detailed investigations carried out on the top five areas for both categories.

The investigation / analysis work undertaken involved using the recorded injury accident data collected by the police to identify sites for concern and analyse crash patterns to develop remedial measures.

Schemes are prioritised using an economic assessment which is a simple way of calculating whether a scheme can be justified in economic terms and then engineering measures are developed to try to solve the problems. The types of engineering measures can include new signs and markings, special road surfaces, changes to the road layout, new junction types and pedestrian crossings amongst other things. The prioritised list of schemes is publicised around June each year on the WLC website.

- **The new Scottish Government Drug and Alcohol Strategy**, is being launched on 28 November 2018, which will help to provide local authorities with a better understanding of what preventative action we can put in place for West Lothian as a partnership.

Early Intervention activities:

- **Families and Friends Group** bring together family members who are in the same circumstances to share their experiences and gain extra support from each other. Support sessions including 1;1 support and relaxation therapies are offered to persons affected by alcohol and/or drugs focusing on providing support to people living in rural areas. At present there are 4 venues in St John's Hospital Livingston, Bathgate, Broxburn and Fauldhouse. It supports those families where through the nature of substance use, offending is common. One to one intensive support empowers families to make more informed decisions and allows them to be more sympathetic and more effectively support the user.
- **Change Grow Live (CGL)** The West Lothian Assertive Outreach Service is provided by CGL (Change, Grow, Live) who are a social care and health charity that works with individuals who want to change their lives for the better and achieve positive and life affirming goals. They are part of the Addiction Care Partnership (ACP) within West Lothian.

The West Lothian Assertive Outreach Service endeavours to provide a persistent assertive outreach approach to maximise service user engagement. In particular, identify those who are experiencing substance misuse problems who are not yet receiving support and help them to engage with services or those who continually dis-engage from support services, helping them to re-engage. Overall, CGL help to reduce re-offending, continuous hospital admissions and work to help provide a healthier/safer community for all in West Lothian.

- **FireSkills** - In order to combat deliberate fire setting in local communities, once a young person has been identified as being at risk of involvement in this type of activity, they are referred to the SFRS for consideration of an intervention to address their behaviour.

SFRS work in partnership with the Community Safety Partnership and Education to offer a five day intensive programme to young people to build a better understanding of the consequences of such behaviour for the individual and for the wider community. The fundamental values of the programme ensure confident individuals, effective contributors, responsible citizens and successful learners. The programme promotes the benefits of teamwork, helps to raise confidence and self-esteem and encourages positive social behaviour, providing individuals with the opportunity to develop problem-solving skills, increase their personal motivation and encourage them to make positive choices in the wider community.

The SFRS Youth Engagement programme engages with young people aged 12-17 who may be at risk of being involved with fire setting, hoax calling and anti-social behaviour. It is also anticipated that the skills and confidence acquired through these projects will enhance the employability opportunities for our young people.

- **Westdrive** - The primary responsibility for road safety lies with Transport Scotland, Police Scotland, Local Authorities and the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service. Community Safety partners provide education programmes aimed at the most at risk groups, to highlight the consequences of dangerous driving and Road Traffic Collisions (RTC's). National statistics identify that the most

at risk group is young drivers who are targeted through the multi-agency educational programme, Westdrive. This is aimed at sixth year secondary school pupils and supports Scotland's Road Safety Framework to 2020 'Go Safe'. Westdrive is a multi-agency initiative to foster good practices and making our young people safe drivers and road users and its continued contribution to reducing casualty rates from road traffic accidents, as per the strategic vision. The delivery and content of Westdrive may change from 2018 but the overarching principle and partnership aim to increase road safety will remain the same.

- **Police Early Intervention Scheme** - In a similar vein, Police Scotland provide a Police Early Intervention Scheme aimed at Young Drivers (17-25yrs of age) and increasing road safety and reducing road safety collisions. In particular addressing issues such as; excessive speed, peer pressure and bravado amongst young drivers and their passengers. This is an hour long intervention where young people watch a video clip in sections and discuss it throughout. It is hoped that by the end of the intervention there will be a reduction in casualties and the young people can be awarded an insurance discount highlighting the fact that they are road safety aware.

Priority 1 - Community Wellbeing

Performance

The following performance indicators will be used to monitor progress in the priority for the life span of the strategic plan:

Focus	Lead Partner Agency	Performance Indicator	Frequency	Current PI	Status (Planned, Active)
Mental Health and Wellbeing	Health	Percentage of all unscheduled care presentations where self-harm is a presenting feature	Annual	cssp1MHW01	Planned
Mental Health and Wellbeing	Health	Percentage of unscheduled presentations referred to specialist mental health services, who have had direct assessment by Mental Health specialists within 4 hours	Annual	cssp1MHW02	Planned
Mental Health and Wellbeing	Health	Percentage of readmissions to hospital within 28 days of discharge	Annual	csspMHW03	Planned
Drugs and Alcohol	WLC/Health	Number of ABI's delivered in primary care and specialist NHS services	Quarterly	cssp1SM01	Active
Drugs and Alcohol	WLC/Health	Percentage of clients with severe and chronic alcohol misuse who have maintained or improved their physical or mental health with support from Specialist Alcohol Service	Quarterly	cssp1SM05	Active

Focus	Lead Partner Agency	Performance Indicator	Frequency	Current PI	Status (Planned, Active)
Drugs and Alcohol	WLC/Health	Percentage of WL under 18's hospital admissions for substance misuse expressed as a crude rate per 100,000 of the population	Annual	Similar: cssp1SM02	Active
Drugs and Alcohol	WLC/Health	Number of drug related deaths recorded in West Lothian from those who have a substance misuse history	Annual	cssp1SM04	Active
Drugs and Alcohol	WLC/Health	Number of alcohol related deaths recorded in West Lothian from those who have a substance misuse history	Annual	cssp1SM06	Planned
Drugs and Alcohol	WLC/Health	Heat Targets	Quarterly	CP:SPCC005 9b.1a	Planned
Unintentional Harm	SFRS	Number of admissions to A&E attributed to unintentional harm	Quarterly	cssp1UH01	Planned
Home and Fire Safety	SFRS	Percentage of all accidental dwelling fires where alcohol or general substance misuse is a contributory factor	Quarterly	cssp2HFRS06	Active
Home and Fire Safety	SFRS	The number of accidental dwelling fires per 10,000 population	Quarterly	cssp2HFRS07 SOA1304_36	Active
Home and Fire Safety	SFRS	Number of other deliberate fires per 10,000 population	Quarterly	cssp2HFRS09	Active

Focus	Lead Partner Agency	Performance Indicator	Frequency	Current PI	Status (Planned, Active)
Home and Fire Safety	SFRS	Number of casualties resulting from accidental dwelling fires per 10,000 population	Quarterly	cssp2HFRS11	Active
Home and Fire Safety	SFRS	Number of fatalities resulting from accidental dwelling fires per 10,000 population	Quarterly	cssp2HFRS10	Active
Financial Harm	WLC	Number of referrals to the Financial Harm Reduction Group	Quarterly	cssp6FH01	Active
Missing people	Police Scotland	Number of missing people reported to Police Scotland	Quarterly	SOA1305_18 Cssp1MP01	Planned
Missing people	Police Scotland	Percentage of missing people reported to Police Scotland from St John's Hospital	Quarterly	cssp1MP02	Planned
Missing people	Police Scotland	Number of Looked After and Accommodated Children in residential settings reported missing to Police Scotland	Quarterly	cssp1MP03	Planned
Road Safety	Police Scotland	Numbers of recorded dangerous driving offences	Quarterly	cssp1RS03	Planned
Road Safety	Police Scotland	Numbers of recorded speeding offences	Quarterly	cssp1RS04	Planned
Road Safety	Police Scotland	Number of Killed or seriously injured road casualties in West Lothian	Quarterly	cssp2HFRS01 SOA1304_12	Planned

Priority 1 - Community Wellbeing

Action Plan

Action	Description	Planned Outcome	Owner	Start	End	Status (Planned, Active, Complete)
Mental Health and Wellbeing	<p>Scottish Government funding is to be allocated to Integration Authorities to work with Health and Justice partners “to deliver a holistic perspective on the additional mental health requirements in key settings.</p> <p>Increasing the capacity of ACAST to deliver more therapeutic interventions</p> <p>Development of Community Mental Health Teams (CMHT) Model</p>	<p>To increase improvements to Local Integrated Authorities over a 4 year period with an increased staffing number to meet peoples complex needs across health and justice settings:</p> <p>To facilitate rapid social worker interventions to avert crisis</p> <p>To ensure secondary care Mental Health services are seeing people in a timely manner</p>	Health	April 2019	March 2021	Planned
Mental Health and Wellbeing	Wellbeing Hubs will become the front door to mental health services for Adults aged 18-65 with mild to moderate problems. Delivered in partnership by primary and secondary care and the voluntary sector that enable recovery. A safe space where people	To increase provision of mental health workers and increase accessibility to Mental Health Services for patients of West Lothian.	Health	April 2019	March 2021	Planned

Action	Description	Planned Outcome	Owner	Start	End	Status (Planned, Active, Complete)
	experiencing a crisis can be held and supported, when they do not require emergency admission.					
Drugs and Alcohol	Increase capacity across treatment service in West Lothian ADP	Reduce waiting times for treatment and support services. Ensuring people have good access to treatment and recovery services, particular those at risk.	Health	October 2018	March 2021	Planned
Drugs and Alcohol	Development of advocacy services.	Develop advocacy services in this field taken the human –rights based approach empowering people to know and claim their rights.	Health	October 2018	March 2021	Planned
Drugs and Alcohol	Continued development of recovery communities	Commission and develop recovery communities across West Lothian	Health	January 2019	March 2021	Planned
Unintentional Harm	SFRS & Partners to provide referrals to crisis care team to prevent accidents from happening within the home	Reduction in the number of admissions to A & E from unintentional harm.	SFRS	April 2019	March 2021	Planned
Home and Fire Safety	SFRS to continue working with partners to identify vulnerable persons and provide Home Fire Safety Advice	Reduction in Accidental dwelling fires and reduction of casualties / fatalities	SFRS	Ongoing	March 2021	Active

Action	Description	Planned Outcome	Owner	Start	End	Status (Planned, Active, Complete)
Home and Fire Safety	SFRS to work with partners to educate young persons on consequences of wilful fire raising and provide advice to businesses on fire safety through an audit programme	Reduction in the number of deliberate fires	SFRS	Ongoing	March 2021	Active
Financial Harm	To raise awareness of Financial Harm in the community and provide support and interventions for victims	To reduce the incidents of Financial Harm in our communities for vulnerable groups.	WLC	Ongoing	March 2021	Active
Number of missing people reported to Police Scotland from St John's Hospital	Improve NHS understanding of missing person incidents and required information to reduce demand on Police Scotland Review existing reporting protocols including missing person reporting packs	Improved assessment of risk to individuals maximising efficiency of Police Scotland resources.	Health	April 2019	March 2021	Planned
Numbers of reported dangerous driving offences	To provide road safety prevention in education establishments Westdrive: Multi Agency road safety event for S6 Young People	Reducing casualty rates and raise awareness of road safety with young drivers.	Police Scotland WLC	January 2019	March 2021	Planned
Number of speeding offences	Refresh West Lothian Road Safety Plan 2019-2020 Implement Plan West Lothian Road Safety Plan taking account of Scottish Government targets and priorities	Creation of plan demonstrating data led approach to road casualty reduction.	Police Scotland	January 2019	March 2021	Planned

Priority 2 - Antisocial Behaviour

Purpose

Antisocial Behaviour (ASB) can have a severe impact on the quality of life of those persons and communities that are repeatedly targeted. Antisocial behaviour takes many forms, from vandalism and fireraising, to youth disorder and neighbour disputes. The environmental damage caused by ASB can also impact negatively on businesses in an area.

The Community Safety Partnership remains dedicated to providing a focus on reducing antisocial behaviour across all the ward areas of West Lothian. The partnership acknowledges that it take a multi-agency response in tackling the varied incidents that make up the different aspects of antisocial behaviour. ASB can be reported to both West Lothian Council as well as Police Scotland and the Community Safety Unit continues to coordinate the response to ASB issues across the county as this approach has been successful in identifying hot spot locations for ASB and achieving positive outcomes.

The Safer Neighbourhood Team work to reduce the incidents of antisocial behaviour escalating. They often carry out joint visits in order to ensure that the correct services are involved with the victims of antisocial behaviour to ensure they receive the correct level of response required to support them in their neighbourhood. At the same time, partner's response to the perpetrators of ASB is two-fold, providing support and signposting if required to help prevent further incidents from occurring and ensuring that the correct level of proactive enquiry and enforcement is carried out.

Recently ASB calls to Police Scotland accounted for almost 20% of all calls to the police although the average level of antisocial behaviour calls has reduced by almost 2% over the 3 year period of the previous 2015-18 Community Safety Plan. Partnership governance arrangements are in place and are frequently monitored to ensure that the partnership approach to ASB remains robust and continues to be effective.

Activities

The main activities that will be undertaken in 2019/22 to achieve this priority are:

Prevention activities:

- **Delivery of the SLIDE** – a harm reduction input provided by Police Scotland and delivered in West Lothian schools by teachers to encourage young people to make positive lifestyles and divert them from ASB and crime.
- **Hate Crime Awareness Week** – Community Safety Partners deliver interventions and awareness raising events across West Lothian with a view to promote raising awareness of Hate Crime in schools, community groups and through communication networks. A hate crime or incident is when an incident occurs that is directed towards particular features of the victim's identity; race, religion, disability, sexual orientation or transgender identity (age and gender).

Early Intervention activities:

- **SFRS Firesetters** – SFRS work with partners to identify individuals who have been involved in fire related anti-social behaviour activities. This one to one intervention is completed by trained individuals who work with the young people to highlight the consequences of their behaviour and improve the choices which they make in the future. There may be one or more sessions required and as part of the process SFRS provide a follow up session in the future to assess the individual and monitor their behaviour and choices regarding fire related anti-social behaviour.
- **Youth Engagement Programmes** - In order to combat deliberate fire setting in local communities, once a young person has been identified as being at risk of involvement in this type of activity, they are referred to the SFRS for consideration of an intervention to address their behaviour.

SFRS work in partnership with the Community Safety Partnership and Education to offer a five day intensive programme to young people to build a better understanding of the consequences of such behaviour for the individual and for the wider community. The fundamental values of the programme ensure confident individuals, effective contributors, responsible citizens and successful learners. The programme promotes the benefits of teamwork, helps to raise confidence and self-esteem and encourages positive social behaviour, providing individuals with the opportunity to develop problem-solving skills, increase their personal motivation and encourage them to make positive choices in the wider community.

SFRS Youth Engagement programmes engage with young people aged 12-17 who may be at risk of being involved with fire setting, hoax calling and anti-social behaviour. It is also anticipated that the skills and confidence acquired through these projects will enhance the employability opportunities for our young people.

Delivery of Alcohol Brief Interventions (ABIs) for those who are drinking heavily but not in need of treatment. An ABI is a short, evidence-based, structured conversation with a person about their alcohol intake in a way to motivate and support them to think about and/or plan a change in their drinking behaviour to reduce their consumption and related harm. These are available in antenatal services, in GP practices and A&E, in Prison and in wider community settings.

Diversions activities:

- **Librite initiative** and the SMART group work ongoing within HMP Addiewell to support prisoners to recover from alcohol and drug problems and build the steps for a successful liberation back into the community.
- **Change Grow Live (CGL)** is a drug and alcohol service which supports adults and young people to understand the risks their drug or alcohol use pose to their health and wellbeing, and support them to reduce or stop their use safely. They deliver safe, high-quality services that address the needs of the whole person and encompass housing, education, training and employment as well as psycho-social and clinical substance misuse treatment. Once stability or abstinence has been achieved, they provide aftercare to help maintain recovery and reduce the likelihood of relapse.

They work with the families and friends of people affected by drug or alcohol use to help develop and maintain strong, loving and stable relationships critical to successful recovery. They also prioritise the safeguarding of children and vulnerable family members affected by the substance use of a family member.

- **Partnership Approach** – West Lothian Council Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) and Housing Officers carry out neighbourhood patrols and tenancy visits supported with Police Scotland Colleagues. This type of proactive approach with joint working where appropriate, allows tenants and members of the community to hear concerns raised about them and have the opportunity to address their antisocial behaviour prior to being administered with a verbal or written (tenancy) warning or similar. For members of the public that continue to engage in antisocial behaviour they may have details of their behaviour submitted for consideration of the application of an antisocial behaviour order (ASBO). A proactive approach such as this can provide a positive influence on someone's behaviour and prevent further repeat instances from occurring and reduce the number of (repeat) victims.

Priority 2 - Antisocial Behaviour

Performance

The following performance indicators will be used to monitor progress in the priority for the life span of the strategic plan:

Focus	Lead Partner Agency	Performance Indicator	Frequency	Current PI	Status (Planned, Active)
Deliberate /Malicious Fireraising	SFRS	Number of deliberate secondary fires per 10,000 population	Quarterly	cssp2HFRS08	Active
Hate Crime	Police Scotland	Number of recorded Hate Crimes to Police Scotland	Quarterly	cssp2HC01	Active
ASB/Noise	Police Scotland	Number of antisocial behaviour incidents reported to Police Scotland	Quarterly	cssp3ASBHC01 SOA1304_03	Active
ASB/Noise	WLC	Number of active WLC antisocial behaviour cases per month	Monthly	SOA1304_34 HQS080_9b.1a	Active
ASB/Noise	WLC	Number of resolved antisocial behaviour cases per month	Monthly	HQS082_9b Cssp2ASBHC06	Active
ASB/Noise	WLC	Number of resolved antisocial behaviour cases within the agreed 3 month Target	Monthly	HQS083_9b cssp2ASBHC07	Active
ASB/Noise	WLC	Percentage of antisocial behaviour cases recorded which were resolved within locally agreed targets of 3 months	Monthly	cssp3ASBHC04	Active

Priority 2 - Antisocial Behaviour

Action Plan

Action	Description	Planned Outcome	Owner	Start	End	Status (Planned, Active, Complete)
Deliberate /Malicious Fireraising	To deliver the Firesetters / Cooldown Crew / FireSkills programmes in West Lothian	To reduce the number of deliberate secondary fires	Scottish Fire and Rescue Service	Ongoing	March 2021	Active
Deliberate /Malicious Fireraising	Provide education to young people within West Lothian	To reduce the number of deliberate secondary fires	Scottish Fire and Rescue Service	Ongoing	March 2021	Active
Repeat Community Disorder	Community Safety Partnership ASB interventions	To reduce the number of (repeat) victims of ASB	Police Scotland WLC	January 2019	March 2021	Planned
Hate Crime	National awareness raising events	To raise awareness of Hate Crimes	Police Scotland	Ongoing	March 2021	Active
ASB/Noise	Promote external communication regarding the SNT service provision	To raise awareness of the SNT service and increase service delivery across all function areas	WLC	Ongoing	March 2021	Active
ASB/Noise	Review and develop current SNT and youth intervention work and processes maximising all possible use of resources	To maximise positive outcomes for communities	WLC	Ongoing	March 2021	Active

Action	Description	Planned Outcome	Owner	Start	End	Status (Planned, Active, Complete)
ASB/Noise	Partnership joint work and interventions	To actively pursue perpetrators of ASB and prevent repeat incidents from occurring	WLC	January 2019	March 2021	Planned

Priority 3 - Violence

Purpose

Domestic abuse is rooted in gender based violence and it is estimated that at least 1 in 4 women in Scotland will experience domestic abuse in their lifetime and a domestic abuse incident is recorded every 10 minutes in Scotland. In West Lothian, 58,810 incidents were recorded in the past year. It is also widely recognised that most incidents of violence and abuse go unreported. Therefore these figures, stark as they are, represent only the tip of the iceberg.

In West Lothian we are committed to ensuring our communities are safe places, offering improved life chances for all and a better quality of life. We know however that domestic abuse is a major issue and that it has a significant impact on the wellbeing and potential of those affected. We are clear therefore that to improve outcomes for people in West Lothian we need to continue to take action to prevent and reduce the impact of domestic abuse on families and their communities.

Violence against Women Partnerships (VAW Partnerships) is the multi-agency mechanism to deliver on 'Equally Safe' which is Scotland's strategy for preventing and eradicating violence against women and girls at a local strategic level. No single partner alone has the resource, skills or reach to achieve the aims of Equally Safe. West Lothian Community Safety Partnership agrees that it is only by working together that we will successfully achieve this shared aim.

West Lothian Domestic and Sexual Assault Team (DASAT) offer a unique integrated public service, housed within local government, working in close partnership with key partners Police Scotland, Crown Office Procurator Fiscal Service (COPFS), Social Work, Housing and Education, NHS Lothian, West Lothian Women's Aid and other third sector partners. It is the only service in Scotland that integrates services for domestic abuse and sexual assault. The DASAT is a responsive, evidence-based public service that intervenes early, reduces violence, increases resilience, and promotes recovery.

West Lothian's DASAT have supported over 1600 women and children during the last year through the various parts of their service including emotional and practical support, housing options, counselling and support for children and young people. Customer feedback has consistently shown that women and children have improved wellbeing and feel safer as a result of the service received.

Activities

The main activities that will be undertaken in 2019/22 to achieve this priority are:

Prevention activities:

- **Training** - In 2018 DASAT launched the West Lothian domestic abuse training strategy with a 3 tiered approach including an online learning module, front line training for staff and an input for supervisors and managers.
- **Education** - There is now a sexual violence prevention worker funded through Rape Crisis who will be working across secondary schools in West Lothian.

- **16 Days of Action** - 16 days of action is a multi-agency event to raise awareness and campaign against gender based violence in West Lothian. The event includes a yearly march or rally along with information stalls within the Livingston Designer Outlet Shopping Centre for members of the public to promote resilient, cohesive and safe communities highlighting that people most at risk are protected and supported to achieve improved life chances. There is often a community based input from local services and the Violence Reduction Unit.
- **Partnership Working** - Local Community Safety Partners work together with Women's Aid colleagues to deliver inputs to health professionals that would help them to identify potential victims of domestic abuse to keep them safe from further harm.
- **Festive Initiative** - During December West Lothian Police run a Festive initiative aimed at reducing acquisitive crime and violence whilst providing relevant safety advice through social media and engagement activities. The initiative traditionally runs over a few weeks, the details of which are tailored to address the relevant issues within West Lothian and delivered through high-visibility enforcement and prevention activities.
- **Fearless** - Fearless is a Web Application designed by Crime Stoppers and is aimed at younger people, aged 11 to 19 years. It provides individuals with a resource whereby they can look at crime definitions, to better understand what is right and what is wrong. More importantly, it provides individuals with a platform where they can anonymously report anything. The information received to Fearless can be interpreted from 147 languages and can be disseminated to Police within 6 hours. When the individual leaves the Web Application the browser history is automatically deleted – ensuring the anonymity of the information received. The Fearless programme is designed to empower individuals, mainly kids, to do the right thing, but without fear of being labelled a "grass".
- **Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC)** - Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) is a victim focused information sharing and risk management meeting attended by key agencies, where high risk cases of domestic abuse are discussed. The role of the MARAC is to facilitate and evaluate effective information sharing thus enabling appropriate actions to be identified to reduce the risk to a victim and increase public safety. In a single meeting, MARAC combines up to date risk information with a timely assessment of a victim's needs and links those directly to the provision of appropriate services for all those involved in a domestic abuse case: victim, children and perpetrator.

Early Intervention activities:

- **No Knives Better Lives (NKBL)**
The Violence Prevention Officer has trained approximately 15 police officers in NKBL as well as 10 West Lothian partners, from Social Work & other areas. Inputs in schools have been delivered and work has continued to develop training to staff at HMP Addiewell.
- **Formally, Multi Agency Tasking and Coordination (MATAC)** aims to identify those perpetrators of domestic abuse who present the greatest risk of harm to victims and actively pursue them.

- **Domestic Scheme for Domestic Abuse Scotland (DSDAS)** is known as a mechanism for the better management of risk through the sharing of relevant information about one person's history of domestic abuse with another who is in a relationship with the former, or to a third party deemed the best placed to safeguard that person.
- What this means for people in West Lothian is that it is proposed that through the sharing of relevant information those who may be at risk of domestic abuse are better able to make an informed decision on whether to continue the relationship.
- **West Lothian Health and Social Care Partnership - Risk Assessment and Management** - The Criminal & Youth Justice Service assesses various areas of risk:
 - Risk of Re-offending (both in general and specific types of offending)
 - Risk of Harm (behaviour that is likely to prove directly harmful to another person). This includes emotional harm as well as physical harm
- An accurate risk assessment allows Partners to focus services on the people who most need to change aspects of their behaviour and the Criminal & Youth Justice Service make sure they offer the best support to individuals to reduce their re-offending and their risk of harmful behaviour.

Priority 3 – Violence

Performance

The following performance indicators will be used to monitor progress in the priority for the life span of the strategic plan:

Focus	Lead Partner Agency	Performance Indicator	Frequency	Current PI	Status (Planned, Active)
Domestic Abuse	Police Scotland	Number of domestic abuse incidents	Quarterly	SOA1304_39 Cssp3DA03	Active
Domestic Abuse	Police Scotland	Number of domestic abuse crimes	Quarterly	cssp3DA01	Planned
Domestic Abuse	WLC	Number of referrals received by the Domestic and Sexual Assault Team	Monthly	SPPPVAWG_009 Cssp3DA02	Active
Domestic Abuse	WLC	Percentage of women who report that they feel safer as a result of intervention by the Domestic and Sexual Assault Team	Monthly	SOA1305_04 Cssp3DA04	Active
Sexual Crimes	Police Scotland	Number of sexual crimes – crime rate per 10,000 population	Quarterly	SOA1305_19 Cssp3SC01	Active

Priority 3 - Violence

Action Plan

Action	Description	Planned Outcome	Owner	Start	End	Status (Planned, Active, Complete)
Service Delivery	Providing a robust and timely response to people in West Lothian who have experienced or are experiencing domestic or sexual assault	To continue to respond, prevent and reduce the impact of domestic abuse on families and their communities.	WLC	Ongoing	March 2021	Active
VAWG Training	Targeted training at key staff working within VAWG agenda	3 tiered domestic abuse training strategy in place alongside CSE	WLC	Ongoing	March 2021	Active
Primary Prevention	Increase the level of preventative education within all primary settings within West Lothian	Focussed work on 'healthy and unhealthy relationships ' from P4	WLC	Ongoing	March 2021	Active
Perpetrator Programme	Funding options for dedicated 1:1 domestic abuse perpetrator programme to be explored	Funding secured and indicator illustrating engagement and impact	WLC	April 2019	March 2021	Planned
Policy development	Develop and implement a robust Commercial Sexual Exploitation process	Policy in place	WLC	Ongoing	March 2021	Active

Priority 4 - Serious and Organised Crime

Purpose

Serious and Organised Crime is defined as 'crime which is organised by a group of individuals, which has a significant detrimental impact on communities, and leads to significant financial or other benefit to those individuals involved in this form of crime'. Police Scotland, in conjunction with the West Lothian Council and other Law Enforcement and Regulatory bodies, are committed to keeping people safe and disrupting organised crime groups within our community.

Both Police Scotland and West Lothian Council agree that Serious and Organised Crime Groups (SOCGs) pose a threat to the safety and wellbeing of citizens and communities in West Lothian, and are all committed to addressing these threats through concerted partnership action. Partnership action will be carried out in accordance with the Serious Organised Crime Multi-Agency Action Plan. Local Partnership working in the prevention of community safety related serious organised crime within West Lothian is detailed below and within the action plan listed in this section.

- Divert - divert individuals from becoming involved in/using the products of serious organised crime
- Deter - deter Serious Organised Crime Groups by supporting private, public and third sector organisations to protect themselves and each other
- Detect - disrupt Serious Organised Crime Groups
- Disrupt - identify, detect and prosecute those involved in serious organised crime

Activities

The main activities that will be undertaken in 2019/22 to achieve this priority are:

Prevention activities:

- Multi-agency disruption of Serious Organised Crime Groups - Partners will continue to develop local working practise with partner agencies and regulatory bodies to share intelligence around those involved in Serious Organised Crime.
- Partners in West Lothian work together in order to Identify and share information on possible money-laundering outlets and the processes by which they can take enforcement action.

Early Intervention activities:

Police Scotland will focus on Car Crime in West Lothian relating to Serious Organised Crime activity. This includes intercepting small local groups using motor vehicles to carry out criminal activity. This may relate to the dealing of drugs and associated money illicitly obtained. As well as intercepting drug dealing, often enquiries can lead to Police Scotland seizing motor vehicles and other associated items linked to the proceeds of crime. Additional outcomes often achieved relate to associated road traffic offences. As well as carrying out work in this field within local roads and communities, police Scotland will also cover such activities on main trunk roads such as the M8 and the M9.

Priority 4 - Serious and Organised Crime

Performance

The following performance indicators will be used to monitor progress in the priority for the life span of the strategic plan:

Focus	Lead Partner Agency	Performance Indicator	Frequency	Current PI	Status (Planned, Active)
Cybercrime	WLC	The number of cybercrime prevention Inputs from Education, Trading Standards, Housing and to WLC staff	Quarterly	cssp4CC01	Planned
Procurement	WLC	Percentage of contracts within the annual procurement plan where Serious and Organised Crime scrutiny is undertaken.	Annually	cssp5SOCCT02	Active
Acquisitive Crime	Police Scotland	The number of acquisitive housebreaking crimes (including attempts) from domestic and non-domestic premises	Quarterly	cssp4AC01	Planned
Drug Supply	Police Scotland	The number of detections for drug supply offences, drugs productions and drugs cultivation	Quarterly	April 2019 (cssp4DS01)	Planned

Priority 4 - Serious and Organised Crime

Action Plan

Action	Description	Planned Outcome	Owner	Start	End	Status (Planned, Active, Complete)
Provide diversionary programmes to promote positive destinations, employment and training.	Identify programmes in further and higher education / youth programmes <i>Young people identified in criminality</i> <i>Young offenders</i>	Diverting People on the cusp of Serious Organised Crime	WLC	April 2019	March 2021	Planned
Effective links are in place with GIRFEC, Youth Justice and other services to make safe vulnerable young people	Sharing of information with WLC to enable 'Data wash' of specific nominals – to enable focus into particular education establishments <i>Identifying vulnerable young people through effective use of VPD, IRD and intelligence sharing</i>	Diverting People on the cusp of Serious Organised Crime	Police Scotland WLC	April 2019	March 2021	Planned
Enhance information sharing and intelligence from different sources/agencies	Close liaison with WLC and enhanced intelligence/information sharing across all sectors/arenas to better inform the SOC Landscape within West Lothian including	Collection, analysis and use of shared information and intelligence	Police Scotland	April 2019	March 2021	Planned

Action	Description	Planned Outcome	Owner	Start	End	Status (Planned, Active, Complete)
	<p>the provision of details on Police National programmes.</p> <p><i>Partnership briefings, information shared re SOC related activity (e.g housing officers re cannabis cultivations)</i></p> <p><i>Close Liaison with WLC</i></p> <p><i>Community engagement via leaflet drops following targeted operations against SOC members in the community</i></p> <p><i>Close liaison with SPS Addiewell</i></p>					
Information and intelligence is provided by and shared across more organisations	<p>Development of a framework for effective information sharing across all agencies and partners (where appropriate)</p> <p><i>Close Liaison with WLC Counter Fraud team re information / intelligence around crime and SOC related activity</i></p> <p><i>Partner agencies agree that where appropriate relevant information will be shared relating to SOC related activity</i></p>	Collection, analysis and use of shared information and intelligence	Police Scotland	April 2019	March 2021	Planned

Action	Description	Planned Outcome	Owner	Start	End	Status (Planned, Active, Complete)
	<i>Two way sharing for intelligence gathering to be enhanced</i>					
Money laundering inhibited	<p>Identify and share information on possible money-laundering outlets and processes taking enforcement action.</p> <p><i>Identify vulnerable premises within WLC area which could be exploited for money laundering and current trends</i></p> <p><i>WLC to be aware that large cash transactions may be linked to money laundering or SOC, consider use of Suspicious Activity Reports (SARS) as a process to flag this up.</i></p>	Multi-agency disruption of Serious Organised Crime Groups	Police Scotland	April 2019	March 2021	Planned
Money laundering inhibited	<p>Dedicated Police Scotland Financial Investigators to investigate all reports of money laundering with WLC area in partnership with WLC.</p> <p><i>Develop a WLC Money Laundering Policy</i></p> <p><i>POCA (Proceeds of Crime Act) seizures seized including cash assets, to be reported at</i></p>	Multi-agency disruption of Serious Organised Crime Groups	Police Scotland	April 2019	March 2021	Planned

Action	Description	Planned Outcome	Owner	Start	End	Status (Planned, Active, Complete)
	<i>quarterly meetings</i> <i>Utilise non-involvement declaration</i>					
Effective use of financial investigation and legislation to disrupt Serious Organised Crime Groups	<p>Maximise all potential opportunities to disrupt various revenue streams or money laundering schemes used by SOC groups.</p> <p><i>Ensure all opportunities for cash seizure, assets seizure or restraining orders are thoroughly investigated and exploited by dedicated Financial Investigators</i></p> <p><i>Consider use of Police Scotland Forensic Accountant where appropriate.</i></p> <p><i>WLC to consider use of Suspicious Activity Reports re large cash transactions and identify potential revenue streams through business licensing after data wash.</i></p> <p><i>'Cash back for Communities' to be explored</i></p>	Recovery of Proceeds of Crime	Police Scotland	April 2019	March 2021	Planned

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Purpose

Scotland, and the rest of the UK, faces threats from an increasingly complex range of violent extremist and terrorist ideologies, groups and individuals. The UK Government's counter terrorism strategy, CONTEST, has recently been revised and sets out how the UK Government will continue to reduce the risk to the UK and its citizens and interests overseas from terrorism, so that people can go about their lives freely and with confidence.

This new strategy sets out the changing terrorist threat that we now face and how our counter-terrorism approach is evolving to meet that threat. The strategy continues to address all forms of terrorism, and its overarching aim remains largely unchanged from the previous strategy published in 2011.

The revised strategy continues with the tried and tested strategic framework of four work strands: Prevent, Pursue, Protect and Prepare:

- Pursue: to stop terrorist attacks
- Prepare: to mitigate the impact of a terrorist attack
- Protect: to strengthen our protection against a terrorist attack; and
- Prevent: to stop people becoming terrorists or support terrorism

The purpose of Pursue and Prevent is to reduce the threats we face; the purpose of Prepare and Protect work is to reduce our vulnerabilities; together these four areas of work seek to reduce the risk to the UK and its interests overseas from terrorism.

Section 26 of the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 (the Act) places a duty on certain bodies, listed in Schedule 6 to the Act, to have, in the exercise of their functions, "due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism". Scottish Local Authorities are listed under Schedule 6 of the Act.

A multi-agency approach has led to the development of a West Lothian Counter Terrorism Governance Group drawing representation from West Lothian Council, Police Scotland, West Lothian College and Addiewell Prison. The council and partners are also members of the Police Scotland 'J' Division Multi Agency CONTEST Group.

The group is responsible for the strategic direction and delivery of a local action plan to which the community safety activities and planning in this Plan relate to. This West Lothian local action plan is aligned to the four work strands of Prevent, Pursue, Protect and Prepare identified in the 'J' Division Counter Terrorism Implementation Plan.

Activities

The main activities that will be undertaken in 2019/22 to achieve this priority are:

Prevention activities:

The purpose of Prevent is at its heart to safeguard and support vulnerable people to stop them from becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism. Prevent work also extends to supporting the rehabilitation and disengagement of those already involved in terrorism.

The objectives of Prevent are to:

- Tackle the causes of radicalisation and respond to the ideological challenge of terrorism.
- Safeguard and support those most at risk of radicalisation through early intervention, identifying them and offering support.
- Enable those who have already engaged in terrorism to disengage and rehabilitate.

Prevent works in a similar way to programmes designed to safeguard people from gangs, drug abuse, and physical and sexual abuse. Success means an enhanced response to tackle the causes of radicalisation, in communities and online; continued effective support to those who are vulnerable to radicalisation; and disengagement from terrorist activities by those already engaged in or supporters of terrorism.

Early Intervention activities:

- Prevent work depends on effective partnership working and existing mechanisms should be used where practicable in establishing the risk of radicalisation and ensuring staff capabilities to deal with it. This includes having in place arrangements to effectively monitor local Prevent activity.
- Individuals who are at risk of becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism and who are known to Police are managed through Prevent Case Management an outcome of which is a multi agency or Prevent Professional Concerns Case Conference. It is West Lothian Council's responsibility to arrange and chair such meetings where necessary and Single Points of Contact (SPOC) have been appointed for both the council and NHS Lothian

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Performance

The following performance indicators will be used to monitor progress in the priority for the life span of the strategic plan:

Focus	Lead Partner Agency	Performance Indicator	Frequency	Current PI	Status (Planned, Active)
Prevent Awareness	All Partners	Number of employees in each partner agency that have completed Prevent training	Annual	cssp5PA01	Planned
Protect Awareness	All Partners	Number of employees in each partner agency that have completed Stay Safe training	Annual	cssp5PA02	Planned

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Action	Description	Planned Outcome	Owner	Start	End	Status (Planned, Active, Complete)
Partners to provide guidance and training on Prevent	Ensure that intelligence and high quality products are available to each local partner and can be delivered as required in a local context.	Provide a response to the ideological challenge of terrorism and the extreme narrative that may facilitate radicalisation.	All Partners	April 2019	March 2021	Planned
Enhance clear effective communications so that Prevent messages can be cascaded appropriately through partner organisations	Partners to identify the communication process across their organisations, to ensure Prevent key messages are included and that guidance is up to date and tackles all forms of terrorist ideology without provoking vulnerable communities.	Provide a response to the ideological challenge of terrorism and the extreme narrative that may facilitate radicalisation.	All Partners	April 2019	March 2021	Planned
Individuals who are vulnerable to terrorism and violent extremism are supported through the Prevent Professional	Ensure the relevant staff within receive the appropriate training on Prevent, including how to refer vulnerable individuals.	Preventing individuals from becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism	WLC	April 2019	March 2021	Planned

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Concerns (PPC) process.						
Ensure that all key partners are supported in developing safe and appropriate guidance	Ensure effective Information Sharing Protocols (ISPs) with key institutions are in place in order to enable effective delivery of Prevent	Partners who are vulnerable to terrorist and violent extremist ideologies and ideologues are supported and enabled to challenge these ideologies and ideologues	WLC Police Scotland	April 2019	March 2021	Planned
Increase the awareness of significant Infrastructure and engage with sector assets to enhance the resilience / protective security capability at these sites	Partners to identify locally relevant significant infrastructure assets and any existing gaps in security / resilience. Collaborate with partners in order to overcome identified gaps.	To enhance physical, personnel and cyber protective security across all sectors to protect against terrorism and other malicious threats.	All Partners	April 2019	March 2021	Planned

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