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Local Police & Crime Plan



The Wolverhampton Local Police and Crime Plan sets out the priorities for the Police and it's key partners to help make Wolverhampton an even safer place to live, work and visit in 2016-2017. Our work to keep you safe is crucial to our vision. Much has been achieved over recent years, demonstrating the positive impact of strong and effective relationships with local people and partners. Whilst we recognise the challenging financial times within which we live and work, we know that by working together we can achieve even more and we look ahead to the future with optimism.

As per last year, this plan takes account of a range of programmes and strategies that impact on the Policing of the City. Specifically, the Wolverhampton City Strategy for 2014-2026, the Wolverhampton Crime Reduction, Community Safety and Drugs Strategy for 2014-2017 and the West Midlands Police and Crime Plan as determined by the Police & Crime Commissioner. Ultimately, they all seek to ensure that there is a safe and secure environment to enable key outcomes for the communities of Wolverhampton to be achieved.

The priorities outlined in this plan are identified from consultation with local people, stakeholders and partners and, although priorities are identified as areas for particular focus, please be reassured that we will continue to address all issues affecting crime and community safety.

Delivery of this plan will continue to be overseen by the Safer Wolverhampton Partnership (operating as the Local Police and Crime Board). This board is made up of senior leaders from the Police, Local Authority, Health, Fire, National Probation Service, Prisons and Community Rehabilitation Company (CRC), but also importantly representatives from the local community, the business community, the voluntary and third sector.

We have continued to work hard with partners to deliver on our current objectives and over the course of the last year in Wolverhampton we have made significant progress across all areas of business. With this in mind we should have confidence in our ability to achieve the outcomes within this plan.

We continue to see improved levels of reporting of crime from vulnerable victims such as those subject to domestic abuse, hate crime and sexual assault. We have also maintained our high levels of confidence in policing and satisfaction with services related to crime and anti-social behaviour. We are not complacent however, and we will need to continue to focus, particularly upon violent crime and reducing harm and vulnerability.

This plan will be achieved through effective partnership working, particularly in terms of prevention and early intervention, which is a strong focus for us all in these times of significant reductions in public sector resources. We are determined to actively work with partners and communities to ensure that our collective resources are targeted effectively to where it matters most. Through this joint effort, together, we will continue to make Wolverhampton a safer place to live, work and visit.



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West Midlands Police and Crime Plan

The Police and Crime Commissioner set out his plan in 2015 and this identified the police and crime objectives that the West Midlands Police strive to achieve. These are grouped into six themes:

- **Pride in our Police** – this theme is primarily concerned with increasing public confidence in West Midlands Police, both generally and in relation to specific issues of concern such as the use of stop and search or complaints.
- **Stronger, safer, more prosperous communities** – this theme sets out the part West Midlands Police plays in the wider economy, community and network of partnerships.
- **Protecting people from harm** – which covers how West Midlands Police will reduce the threat, risk and harm caused by criminality.
- **Making better use of people and resources** – this theme is about financial planning during austerity and preparing the workforce for future challenges.
- **Creating a new era in policing** – this theme is about how the existing change programme and the WMP2020 partnership with Accenture will make West Midlands Police ready for the future, equipped with new technology and using the most effective processes.
- **Playing our part in responding to national threats** – this theme covers how West Midlands Police will fulfil its obligations under the national Strategic Policing Requirement.

Safer Wolverhampton Partnership - Crime Reduction, Community Safety and Drugs Strategy 2014-2017

The Safer Wolverhampton Partnership Local Police and Crime Board has set out its long term key strategic priorities for Wolverhampton following consultation across the city with local communities, partners and the third sector. The four strategic priorities are:

- **Violence against Women and Girls** – these types of crimes, which include crimes such as domestic abuse, sexual assaults and exploitation, forced marriage and honour based violence, are under reported to both the police and partners and are often referred to as ‘hidden crimes’. These crimes also include those instances where men and boys are victims too. We continue to raise awareness and build confidence in victims to come forward and so it is welcome therefore that we have continued to see improvements in the reporting and recording of these crimes. We must now maintain our efforts to ensure that we effectively protect victims, reduce reoffending and bring offenders to justice whilst at the same time undertaking intervention and prevention activity to change behaviour.
- **Gangs, Youth Crime & Youth Violence** – gang issues affect a small number of areas in the city. Multi-agency action continues in relation to prevention, enforcement and interventions to assist individuals to exit from a gang lifestyle. Engagement of young people at an earlier point to divert them away from criminal activity and stem the recruitment to gangs remains central to our strategy, which has just been refreshed subsequent to consultation. There will be an increased focus in relation to preventing and reducing incidents of youth violence more broadly and youth crime in general.
- **Reducing Reoffending** – we know that a high number of offences are committed by a very small group of repeat offenders. By continuing to robustly target and manage these offenders, working with a range of agencies, we aim to break the cycle of offending and significantly reduce victims of crime.
- **Substance Misuse** – substance misuse is a major contributory factor to criminal activity. Commissioned services to support prevention and recovery provide not only a wider community capability but also an integrated drug and alcohol offender pathway working alongside Police, Probation and Community Rehabilitation Company. A case management approach is used to offer treatment and support to offenders from the point of arrest through to beyond sentencing and re-settlement in the community.



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Wolverhampton Neighbourhood Policing Unit

Across the West Midlands, all Local Policing Units will be renamed as “Neighbourhood Policing Units” (NPU) and will be responsible for preventing harm through early intervention and problem solving. Local commanders will be responsible for local deployment and prioritisation decisions linked to a clear local plan focused on preventing harm, overall performance on their area and closer partnership working.

With this in mind, the Wolverhampton Local Police and Crime Plan 2016-2017 continues to simplify our approach and brings all of the elements outlined in this document together into the following three key objectives:

1. Prevent and Reduce Crime

We will continue to strive to have our lowest ever crime levels with a particular focus on the prevention of violence across Wolverhampton. We will also continue to reduce acquisitive crime that you would expect us to focus on, such as burglaries and robberies. In line with the Wolverhampton City Strategy for 2014-2026 we want to support the prosperity of the City and will reduce business crime and strengthen our relationships with business. With partners we will tackle the locations and people that contribute the highest crime levels and achieve continued low rates of reoffending.

2. Prevent and Reduce Harm and Vulnerability

So called ‘hidden crimes’, such as domestic abuse, sexual assault, exploitation and hate crime causes significant harm to individuals and the broader community. With this in mind we will work with partners to encourage the reporting of crimes from those vulnerable victims. We will ensure that through our Public Protection functions we are more effective in tackling issues of child abuse, child sexual exploitation, sexual offences, vulnerable adult, domestic abuse and other forms of violence against women and girls. We will work with partners to continue do more to intervene and prevent those crimes, to protect victims and to pursue offenders.

3. Understanding and responding to Community Concerns

Listening to what the people of Wolverhampton want and need is important to us but equally important is that we respond and deliver a service that the community needs. We will seek to improve the levels of trust in the local police; improve satisfaction with service in relation to crime and anti-social behaviour and reduce the number of police complaints and quality of service issues.

Through a range of consultation, face to face engagement and ‘Partners and Communities Together’ (PACT) meetings we can determine what neighbourhood-based issues affect you. These are not necessarily strategic or complex problems, but they can impact on your quality of life and so we focus our local teams, working with partners to tackle these things that cause you concern.

The themes this year are the same as last year and they will probably continue to be an area of focus for us in Wolverhampton based on community feedback at a neighbourhood level.

• Speeding and Inconsiderate Parking –

We continue to work with partners and the community to reduce the harm caused by criminal and anti-social road users. Our recently obtained Black-Country wide injunction to tackle ‘Boy Racers’ is the first of its kind Nationally and we now regularly see joint enforcement continue to reduce the impact of this behaviour in Wolverhampton and beyond.

- **Drug Dealing and Use** – Criminal drug activity pervades society at all levels and locally, our Neighbourhood Teams are responding to community intelligence and executing many warrants under the Misuse of Drugs Act. Working with commissioned services to improve the numbers of referrals and quality of intervention is also key to the broader prevention and intervention approach.

- **Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)** – ASB covers a range of activity such as young people hanging around causing fear, drunkenness, neighbour disputes and the use of off-road motorbikes/mini mopeds. The new ASB Bill has given us an opportunity to work even smarter with partners and importantly, gives the community more influence to compel a joined up and effective response.



West Midlands Police - 2020

West Midlands Police and the Police and Crime Commissioner intend to refresh our strategy for the delivery of policing services in the West Midlands in the coming years. This will involve substantial change to both our technology and ways of working, which we will need new capabilities to deliver. To this end, West Midlands Police are currently working with Accenture, who have embedded a team to work alongside the Police. Accenture are one of the world's largest independent technology service providers and have a proven track record of delivering complex transformational projects across the public and private sectors.

The process has begun by developing a Blueprint for how the organisation will operate in 2020. The Blueprint sets out our future 'direction of travel' and will form the start of a lengthy and complex five year programme of work which will shape how West Midlands Police will look and feel in 2020. The Blueprint looks at how our culture and values, our leadership, our technology, our services and our systems and processes all need to function as we move forward. The Blueprint sets out a new operating model based around four key inter-connected themes. Each theme is dependent on each other for the new model to work.

These themes are:

Designed to listen and reassure – embracing the digital age to get better at understanding what our communities want from us and identifying their priorities

Geared to prevent harm – preventing crime and offending before people can be harmed

Prepared to respond at pace – adopting a more agile, mobile and effective response to problems in our communities

Ready to learn and adapt – becoming a more active learning organisation that designs and commissions new services.

Ultimately, our goals are to work together to become more proactive and predictive as a force, focusing on reducing crime and better managing the demand for our services. We must continue to maintain and improve the service we provide to the public, whilst reducing our costs.

If you would like to know more about the work that we are doing on a daily basis in your area, visit your local Police website at wolverhamptonpolice.org.uk. You can also contact us on Facebook at facebook.com/wolverhamptonpolice and follow us on twitter [@wolvespolice](https://twitter.com/wolvespolice).

