

For the fourth year running, in 2012/13, North Tyneside was the safest metropolitan borough in England. Our new 2014-2019 Community Safety Strategy will help Safer North Tyneside to maintain this achievement.

Every year a number of surveys are carried out in our borough to ask residents about their community safety concerns. Two of these surveys are North Tyneside Councils Residents' Survey and the Northumbria Community Safety Survey – this survey is conducted by telephone.

The results of these surveys have been used, along with crime and disorder information provided by our Partners (Northumbria Police, North Tyneside Council, Northumbria Probation Trust, Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service and Northumbria Health Care Trust), to help Safer North Tyneside identify local community safety priorities.

This strategy covers the big things that we need to do to improve community safety. The following priorities have been identified to help us reduce crime, disorder and offending and to tackle our communities concerns.

To make sure that Safer North Tyneside is focusing on the priorities that matter most to our communities, the Partnership shared their proposals with residents and listened to what they were saying. What you told us has helped to shape our final proposals.

Alongside this strategy our Partners will continue to deliver high quality, value for money services. Cuts in government funding over the next five years will mean that partners need to prioritise what they will do. This strategy will help us all to do that.

The SNT Board will look after 4 priority themes;

- Crime
- Offending
- Disorder
- Community Concerns and Confidence

However, I know that there is a lot that we can do and that together we can keep Our North Tyneside safe.

Councillor Carole Burdis
Chair, Safer North Tyneside Safer North Tyneside Partnership

THEME ONE CRIME

Aims

We will:

- be the safest metropolitan borough in England;
- coordinate and monitor activity to help safeguard vulnerable residents;
- prevent, protect and prepare our borough against radicalisation and terrorism;
- seek ways to reduce all crime in the borough through multi agency working; and
- Help victims of hate crimes.

Objectives

We will do this by:

- Using intelligence from the Strategic Assessment and anecdotal evidence gathered from community based work to monitor the borough's crime levels;
- From this, we will identify problem areas and underlying issues and trends;
- We will use the Solutions Matrix within a multi agency setting to help identify potential solutions;
- Working with other partnerships to ensure we are jointly doing all we can to safeguard vulnerable residents;
- We will link with Resilience and Safeguarding Services to prevent, protect and prepare the borough and its business and residents to make them more resilient to risks and threats; and
- Recording, monitoring and resolving hate crimes through signposting to support mechanisms, escalating offences with partners and listening to the victims of hate crime.

THEME TWO OFFENDING

Aims

We will:

- Support justice colleagues to achieve a reduction in offending;
- Monitor links between drugs and alcohol and offending; and
- Seek opportunities to support a reduction in young offenders

Objectives

We will do this by:

- Seeking intelligence from Justice colleagues about progress on national initiatives;
- Support local initiatives to get young offenders into education, training and employment;

- Targeting schools and learning environments to deter young people from offending; and
- Monitor and support public health initiatives to reduce harm caused by alcohol and drug misuse.

THEME THREE DISORDER

Aims

We will:

- Seek ways to support victims of anti social behaviour;
- Work together with partners to reduce anti social behaviour, criminal damage and deliberate fires; and
- Seek support for vulnerable and repeat victims of ASB.

Objectives

We will do this by:

- Recording, tracking and monitoring levels of incidents to identify underlying issues and trends in offences;
- Using the Solutions Matrix within a multi agency setting to help identify potential solutions;
- Support local and national initiatives to help victims post incident; and
- Engage with local community groups that support vulnerable people to raise awareness of reporting mechanisms and support available.

THEME FOUR COMMUNITY CONCERNS AND CONFIDENCE

Aims

We will:

- Help to make residents feel safe in the borough; and
- Use intelligence and gather evidence directly from communities about the local issues that matter to them.

Objectives

We will do this by:

- Engaging directly with community representatives and groups to listen to our residents;
- Improving how we tell people about our successes in achieving a reduction in crime and disorder;
- Raising awareness of reporting mechanisms and seeking solutions to local issues