

Safer Portsmouth Partnership Plan 2010-13



Long term priorities

What are the long term priorities for the next three years?

The priorities for 2010/11 have been agreed based on the findings of the Safer Portsmouth Partnership's (SPP) strategic assessment (September 2009). This annual assessment analyses local community concerns about crime, anti-social behaviour and substance misuse. The assessment informs our priorities and highlights new areas of concern that need tackling.

Health issues (changing patterns of drug use)
 Violence in the night time economy (increasingly associated with cocaine)
 Violence and personal robbery

This diagram shows how the four long term priorities overlap and how they can contribute to a number of other issues and crimes. (The examples used here are for illustrative purposes only). This is why tackling these long term priorities is so important.

Drugs

Acquisitive crime - especially domestic burglary and shop theft
 High percentage of offenders with drug needs

Adult re-offending

Violent crime (particular domestic violence)
 Acquisitive crime

Changing patterns of drug use, for example less use of ecstasy and increasing use of cocaine
 Parental substance misuse

Shop theft
 Violence against the person
 Criminal damage
 Young people at higher risk of being victims if crime

Young people at risk

Shop theft (of alcohol)
 Health (more likely to drink than national average)
 57% of crimes committed by young people were alcohol related

High percentage of offenders with alcohol needs
 Domestic abuse – alcohol used by survivors

Alcohol

Violence - in the night time economy, domestic violence (victim & offender)
 Personal robbery (victims leaving NTE)
 Perception of anti-social behaviour – drunk and rowdy behaviour
 Anti-social behaviour - general nuisance and criminal damage
 Health issues - high number of alcohol related hospital admissions

Public confidence



The Safer Portsmouth Partnership brings together local organisations such as the council, police, NHS, fire service, probation service, university and voluntary groups to work to reduce crime, fear of crime, substance misuse and re-offending.

Our aim is to make Portsmouth a safer place to live, work and visit.

Portsmouth has its share of problems, like similar cities. But we're confident we can make a difference by focusing on our priorities.

Here's what we've been doing to tackle the issues you told us are important.



Alcohol

You said: Reduce drunken and rowdy behaviour.

The evidence: Portsmouth has significant problems linked to alcohol misuse, for example we have the highest rate of alcohol related hospital admissions in the South East. Approximately half of violent crime is linked to alcohol use.

What we did:

- › We produced a strategy to reduce alcohol-related hospital admissions and crime.
- › Offered alcohol advice and support to over 500 alcohol-related offenders in police cells.
- › We gave funding to street pastors and taxi marshals.
- › We ran more than 100 undercover operations to tackle illegal sales of alcohol.
- › We launched campaigns such as Best Bar None and We Serve Drinks Not Drunks to encourage responsible alcohol sales.
- › We ran Operation Born to reduce youth drinking in public places.



Drugs

You said: Whilst perceptions of drug use and drug dealing remain a problem it is not as great as previously thought.

The evidence: We estimate there are about 1200 problem drug users in the city (those using heroin and/or crack cocaine), of these 680 attended drug treatment programmes in 2008/9. Portsmouth recorded the highest rate of drug related hospital admissions in the South East.

What we did:

- › Increased the number in drug treatment by 13%.
- › Delivered parenting skills programmes for drug using parents.
- › Increased support for family and friends of drug users with 2 support groups and a 24/7 support phone line.
- › Increased the number of people moving from drug treatment in to voluntary or paid work.
- › Arrested drug dealers who travelled to Portsmouth to sell drugs.



Young people at risk

You said: Put on more activities for young people so there are not so many teenagers on the streets.

The evidence: Anti-social behaviour is still at about the national average, but has dropped by almost 20% in the last four years. Residents, including young people themselves, are most concerned about "young people hanging around".

What we did:

- › We talked to parents and young people about what activities they wanted available.
- › We put on more youth outreach activities on Friday and Saturday nights.
- › We invested in an outreach bus, which provides youth activities where there aren't enough.
- › We produced a summer activities booklet for young people.
- › We laid on activities such as horse-riding, fishing and golf days.

Re-offending

You said: Reduce burglaries.

The evidence: After a rise in domestic burglary in 2008/09, action by the police and other partners saw a fall of 29% in 2009/10.

What we did:

- › We got funds to extend work with the most persistent offenders.
- › We arranged for more homes to get SmartWater protection against burglars.
- › We ran a safer Christmas campaign giving tips on how to beat crime. Burglaries dropped by a third during the festive season, compared to the previous year.
- › Delivered drug advice and referral to 511 people in police cells to encourage them to access treatment.
- › Dealt with 57 drug users on court ordered drug treatment.
- › Delivered alcohol advice to 515 people in police cells.

Violence

You said: You were worried about being mugged or assaulted.

The evidence: Domestic abuse accounts for 25% of all violence in Portsmouth and almost half those attacked are repeat victims. Violence in general reduced by 8% in 2008/09 compared to the previous year but violence in the main city centre late-night drinking area has increased slightly. Young people under 18 account for nearly a fifth of all victims of assault.

What we did:

- › We extended our support to more domestic abuse survivors.
- › We provided 'vest cams' for police attending domestic abuse incidents to improve evidence collection.
- › We invested in an extra medical examination room at the sexual abuse referral centre at Treetops.
- › We helped more than 1,000 people get alcohol advice.

What are we going to do?



Drugs

1. Reduce the harm caused by drugs by focusing on:

Prevention, health needs and treatment services and ensuring these reflect the changing pattern of drug use. This is because there has been increased drug related hospital admissions for mental and behavioural disturbances and drug related violence in the night time economy.

Drug use related to crime, focusing on the drug misuse needs of offenders.

Alcohol

2. Reduce the harm caused by alcohol by focusing on:

Providing alcohol education to young people and their parents, advice and support services for those that drink too much and to take action against people and retailers that cause problems.

Alcohol harm reduction work will also prevent violent crime and anti-social behaviour.

Young people

3. Focus on prevention and early intervention to make sure that our resources are allocated in areas that deliver improvements to the lives of children and young people at risk.

Make sure all work with children and young people is appropriately targeted, taking into account the needs of young women as well as young men.

Work to reduce young people entering the criminal justice system through providing support alongside challenge of unacceptable behaviour.

More work to understand the broader family context in households where offending and/or anti-social behaviour is prevalent.

Continue to develop work to reduce reoffending by young people.

Adult re-offending

4. Reduce levels of adult re-offending in order to reduce acquisitive crime, violence and anti-social behaviour.

Use further research and analysis to focus on:

Offenders with drug and alcohol needs

Develop an integrated offender management programme to include priority and other prolific offenders. This will ensure focus on identified partnership priorities

Work with the many offenders that have a history of perpetrating domestic abuse.

In 2009/10... crime fell by 8% in Portsmouth.

700 alcohol test purchases undertaken.

857 people supported through domestic abuse service (EIP).

1,200 people helped with their alcohol problem.

742 people received effective drug treatment (that's 13% more than 2008/09).

Community wardens responded to 3,776 calls.

6,719 crimes solved.

98 families supported through our Preventing Youth Offending team (that's more than double than last year).

1049 less anti-social behaviour incidents than last year.

3,300 pupils saw the Be Safe Stay Safe roadshow.



We're making Portsmouth safer together

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