



Runnymede Community Safety Strategy 2011-2014



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Executive Summary

Influencing Factors for this Strategy

This strategy is prepared at a time of financial uncertainty. The information provided is correct and the recommendations are made regardless of funding availability. The yearly action plan formulated from this strategy will however reflect the financial cuts and reduced resources.

Summary of Key Findings

- Public confidence remains strong in the borough evidenced through Surrey Police customer survey data (SP survey) and the Geoff Berry Community Safety Survey (CS survey).
- Antisocial use of motor vehicles is the public's main concern. Traffic Congestion and speeding being the two highest rated problems on the SP survey and speeding and parking on the CS survey
- Crime in Runnymede continues to run at comparatively low levels.
- There has been an increase in referrals for Domestic Abuse support.
- Anti Social Behaviour (ASB) reports are decreasing and the amount of repeat reports has dropped considerably which is indicative of established clearance processes and positive multi agency working.
- Flytipping, Graffiti and Litter/ Rubbish figures dominate the reported ASB. A high percentage of litter & rubbish reports are discarded alcohol vessels in public areas.
- Of the 11 Boroughs Runnymede now sits in the lower part of the County's table for NEET's (not in education, employment or training)
- There is a slight increase in the category of "Increasing Risk" drinkers (formally Hazardous drinkers) and Runnymede remains top of the table for the South East as a whole. There has also been a 10% increase in the category of Binge drinkers.
- 35% of all road casualties (191 out of a total of 542) were on the motorway network which runs through Runnymede and over which the Partnership has no influence or control..

Recommendations

- To address antisocial driving.
- Continue to deal with Anti Social Behaviour in a robust manner
- To focus on alcohol misuse in public places.
- Promote good citizenship.
- Provide and encourage use of support services for victims of crime.
- Support inclusion activities.

Introduction

Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) are required to produce a three yearly full strategic assessment with annual refreshers, as part of their intelligence-led business process. The Community Safety Action Plan is a live document and is updated and refreshed as necessary.

Despite impending financial cuts to most partner agencies and with the continued commitment of Surrey agencies to place Surrey's public at the heart of service delivery, Runnymede CSP have produced this joint partnership strategic assessment. The CSP currently uses the Community Incident Action Group (CIAG) and Joint Action Group (JAG) processes to deliver the action plan, both of these groups are multi agency.

Purpose

This strategic assessment identifies current and possible future crime, disorder and substance misuse issues from sound evidence and robust analysis. Through assessing such community safety problems the partners should be able to:

- Understand the patterns, trends and shifts relating to crime and disorder and substance misuse;
- Set clear and robust priorities for their partnership;
- Develop activity that is driven by reliable intelligence and meets the needs of the local community;
- Deploy resources effectively and present value for money;
- Undertake annual reviews and plan activity based on a clear understanding of the issues and priorities.

Methodology

Each partner shares a common objective in reducing crime and disorder. They each deliver services in pursuit of this, and respond to calls for service from the public. In doing so, partners collect data in regard to the person making the request, the specific nature of the request, and the response made. Delivering community safety is a collective responsibility, however, as each partner provides a different service they each have a unique – yet partial – view of the nature of community safety in their area.

This CSP has decided to combine strategic information¹ from each partner and to use specialists from each agency to provide a collective interpretation of the data and what it means for the residents and agencies. This widely informed picture will be used to build the partnership Strategy and Information Requirement, which identify shared priorities, a joint approach for tackling these priorities and how resources will be deployed to do so.

Collectively, the partnership holds vast quantities of information, so an initial scanning process was used to identify highest level trends. Agencies were asked to submit annual quantitative data to highlight headline issues with initial interpretation of the nature of key changes over time.

These collective issues were then jointly assessed according to the risk each posed according the following variables:

- Community Concern
- Volume
- Trend
- Level of risk or harm to individuals/community
- Link to drugs misuse
- Link to alcohol misuse
- Other factors, including Political, Economic, Social, Technological, Environmental, Legal, Organisational, Media, Demographics.

¹ Strategic information is that which describes aggregated information. It focuses upon themes and patterns evident through combining data, rather than sharing information of individuals or specific private locations.

This scanning and initial assessment process was used to identify and prioritise areas for further analysis, and to identify which agencies had information relevant to that issue.

Finally, each of these sections was brought together for an overall review and assessment to propose the key priorities for the Borough. This includes the identification of opportunities for further information collection and/or analysis; preventative measures, and areas for focused intervention.

Findings

- Public confidence remains strong in the borough evidenced through Surrey Police customer survey data (SP survey) and the Geoff Berry Community Safety Survey (CS survey).
- Antisocial use of motor vehicles is the public's main concern. Traffic Congestion and speeding being the two highest rated problems on the SP survey and speeding and parking on the CS survey
- Crime in Runnymede continues to run at comparatively low levels.
- Serious acquisitive and serious violent crime incidents have reduced slightly.
- There has been an increase in referrals for Domestic Abuse support.
- Anti Social Behaviour (ASB) reports are decreasing and the amount of repeat reports has dropped considerably which is indicative of established clearance processes and positive multi agency working.
- Flytipping, Graffiti and Litter/ Rubbish figures dominate the reported ASB. A high percentage of litter & rubbish reports are discarded alcohol vessels in public areas.
- Of the 11 Boroughs Runnymede now sits in the lower part of the County's table for NEET's (not in education, employment or training)
- Drugs still have a relatively low profile in the Borough although Runnymede could have an emerging problem with ketamine, which will be monitored closely
- There have been 2 crack house closures on the Borough over the 2010/11 period.
- The number of reported incidents of sales of alcohol to underage persons has decreased which is reflected in the trading standards testing of off licensed premises which only gave one positive result out of 24.
- There is a small decrease in the number of people receiving treatment for drug and alcohol issues, of those in treatment in Runnymede the split is 56% for drug dependency and 44% for alcohol. The main age group in treatment are the 25-44 year olds with 67% being male.
- There is a slight increase in the category of "Increasing Risk" drinkers (formally Hazardous drinkers) and Runnymede remains top of the table for the South East as a whole. There has also been a 10% increase in the category of Binge drinkers.

- Truancy in the Borough has decreased with Runnymede now sitting mid table in the Counties figures 6th out of 11 Boroughs as apposed to 2nd highest last year.
- Borough level performance data was not available from the Drive Smart project.
- 35% of all road casualties (191 out of a total of 542) were on the motorway network which runs through Runnymede and over which the Partnership has no influence or control..

Recommendations

The findings have been prioritised and listed below with recommendations however it must be stressed that **this strategy is prepared at a time of financial uncertainty. The information provided is correct and the recommendations are made regardless of funding availability. The yearly action plan formulated from this strategy will however reflect the financial cuts and reduced resources.** There are six sections however it should be noted that many sections are interlinked. For example Alcohol misuse is reflected in the Alcohol & Drug Misuse Category as well as Local Anti-social behaviour and disorder, Anti social driving and road safety and Citizenship.

Anti Social Driving

- The partnership will support the Drive SMART campaign and encourage partner involvement in associated events.
- Develop and use opportunities to educate young people about driving, road use and appropriate behaviour e.g. "Safe Drive Stay Alive" campaign, Motorcycle projects and D of E related schemes.
- The Partnership shall support any actions which can be taken locally to reduce the number of people killed or seriously injured on roads within the Borough

Local Anti-Social Behaviour and Disorder

- Partners will encourage involvement of appropriate staff at JAG & CIAG
- Partners will encourage the reporting of all crime & disorder either directly online or through any of the partners who will ensure details are passed to Safer Runnymede. Members of the community will not differentiate between recorded crime and quality of life issues but partners will be responsible for recording incidents separately and providing the information to the appropriate organisations. Anti-social behaviour will be reported on line using the categories recommended by the Home Office. Quarterly statistics will be available for the Partnership
- The Partnership will receive quarterly reports from the JAG to ensure that Communities are supported and actions coordinated to address the concerns of local people.
- The Partnership will receive quarterly reports from the CIAG to ensure that partners are working together to identify individuals.
- The Partnership will support both the CIAG & JAG in order to resolve on going problems which are causing delays in delivering an appropriate service.
- The Partnership will support and promote inclusion projects across the Borough to encourage young people to stay in education.

Alcohol & Drug Misuse

Partners need to work together further to develop data to improve future planning, and maximise enforcement opportunities.

- Work with A & E to produce statistics regarding alcohol related admissions.
- Strict management of licensed premises – Police & Borough licensing Officers to continue the good practices already established to make best use of the information from partners to manage licences, working alongside Trading Standards who undertake test purchasing.

- Encourage membership of “Pubwatch” schemes and encourage Licencees to promote campaigns which reduce anti social behaviour from their clientele. The Partnership will continue to work in consultation with communities around drug related issues and potential solutions. Ensuring there is a joined up, visible, local response to tackle & prevent drug problems in Neighbourhoods.

Promote Good Citizenship

- The Partners will promote good citizenship via the Partnership website by providing & sharing data and ensuring the residents of Runnymede have access to information.
- The Partnership will support and promote the Junior Citizen scheme throughout the Borough
- The Partnership will act through the processes of CIAG & JAG to deal with individuals and areas causing an impact on the residents and visitors to the Borough.
- The Partners will promote the Partnership at events and within 3rd sector activity, to encourage balanced, co-ordinated, appropriate and proportionate responses to problems.
- The Partners will use the tools available to them to work for the benefit of the community in Runnymede
- The Partnership will educate all frontline staff on their responsibilities to report unusual or suspicious activity in respect of terrorist and extremist activities.

Provide and Encourage Use of Support Services for Victims of Crime

- The Partnership will continue to be represented at Multi Agency meetings to ensure that Victims of Crime are given a voice.
- The Partnership shall ensure that all Partners share information particularly in relation to Serious Violence, Offences involving Weapons, Domestic Abuse, Hate crime & Serious Sexual Offences.
- The CIAG and JAG processes will consider the impact on victims and witnesses of both the perpetrator and any Agency activity and ensure appropriate measures and support services are available if required.
- The Partnership will continue to support victims of Domestic Abuse by sharing information (through the MARAC process) and supporting an outreach service.
- The Partnership will continue to develop and promote appropriate responses to hate crime.
- Partners will promote the SMS text messaging system as an easy method of reporting concerns.

Support Inclusion Activities

- The Partners will support and promote inclusion activities across the Borough.
- The Partners will look at ways of giving access to such activities to all the young people of Runnymede.

Data

Key data sets used*:

- The CSP's Runnymede Policing Forum public meeting.
- Geoff Berry Associates borough-wide survey and analysis.
- Surrey Police:
 - Panel meetings that are held 5 weekly in 8 out of 9 neighbourhoods
 - Surgeries that are held weekly on one neighbourhood and less frequently on others.
 - Street-a-week that are undertaken weekly on all neighbourhoods.
 - Surrey Police Force Strategic Assessment (nov 10)
 - PPO & MARAC reoffending data
- Safer Runnymede
 - BIM data and CCTV activity records.
 - ASB data.
 - JAG reports and other Public consultations
 - CIAG reports
 - CCTV activity.
- Surrey County Council – Commentary on data sets for County, Runnymede, Spelthorne, Elmbridge (most split down to individual Boroughs).
 - Casualty Reduction Data (upto end 09)
 - Connexions data (Nov 10)
 - Trading Standards test purchase & rogue trader information
 - Deliberate Fires and false alarms
 - School exclusions data
 - Truancy patrol data
 - Drive Smart campaign
 - Domestic Abuse Profile for Surrey
- Your Sanctuary (Formally Surrey Women's Aid) quarterly reports
- Surrey Fire & Rescue Data
 - Smoke alarm data – unactivated/ none fitted / activated
 - Malicious false alarms
 - Number of deliberate primary fires (excluding those in vehicles)
 - Number of deliberate primary fires in vehicles
 - Number of deliberate secondary fires (excl vehicles)
 - Number of deliberate secondary fires in vehicles
- DAAT Drug and Alcohol Treatment profile (Nov 2010) (PCT)
- Surrey Alcohol Strategy (10/11)

*Consideration must be given to gaps in information, accuracy of data collection and recording, non comparable data sets, data collected over varying time scales, changes in way data has been recorded. data sharing and data protection protocols.