



Safer Sutton Partnership Community Safety Strategy 2021-24

London Borough of Sutton

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Introduction

Crime prevention and community safety is a substantial quality of life issue which impacts all of society, individually and collectively. Good community safety is multifaceted and is not just about tackling crime and disorder. It is also about ensuring good health and wellbeing, suitable housing, safe and strong neighbourhoods and positive economic and social regeneration. It is about social cohesion, and requires all in Sutton to work towards shared objectives.

This cannot be achieved alone. The Safer Sutton Partnership Service (SSPS) has since its launch in 2005 played a major role in responding to an evolving community safety landscape, and has forged dynamic partnerships with a range of agencies and community groups bringing together local knowledge and expertise to target resources and respond to need. Our vision and our goals are shared across the partnership and have been co-constructed through engagement, consultation and analysis. Understanding what partners are already doing is imperative and this strategy aims to recognise and support the delivery of relevant partner strategies and plans including Sutton Council's Helping Early Strategy, the Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults in Sutton Strategy, the VAWG/DA Strategy and the London Fire Brigade's Togetherness Strategy and Community Safety Plan.

In July 2020 the Sutton Community Safety Partnership Needs Assessment 2020-21 was published. This was the output of a process that utilised a range of data from a variety of multi-agency partners to understand current levels of reported crime and disorder and to help decision makers set strategic priorities for the future. As part of this work a Community Safety Survey was run to ask residents their views about community safety issues, help identify their highest priorities, and ascertain what makes them feel safe. The results highlighted that an increased police presence would increase our residents' perception of safety, as does a close knit community that looks out for each other, facilitated through schemes such as our hugely successful Neighbourhood Watch. In light of the Covid-19 Pandemic the strategy recognises that issues may emerge and that behaviour may change as Government restrictions on movement continue to change. The most significant impacts may occur in the event of a return to normal which may pose significant challenges for community safety partners.

Communicating

Communication and engagement is key to understanding resident's concerns and offering reassurance and information to keep residents safe and feeling safe. A consistent message across all agencies maximises reach and clarity. We will communicate publicly, utilising Sutton police communication channels and working closely with Sutton council communications team to develop and deliver key messages that will support the delivery of all facets of the strategy. We will monitor and be responsive to local needs including those of specific communities and we will consult and engage with partners and the public to identify new and changing priorities. We will more and more monitor and use mainstream open source social media as a key delivery component specifically but not exclusively in relation to propaganda material linked with the Far Right.

Help and Support for Vulnerable Victims of Crime

Improving support for vulnerable victims of crime is a high priority for both our Community Safety Partnership and for the Metropolitan Police Service. Vulnerable and high risk victims of crime are more likely to need integrated specialist support and services from a number of agencies, to help them to cope and recover from their experiences. We will make it easier to report crime to the Police and third party services and work harder to identify those in need so they can be offered this support.

Working with Offenders and Reducing Reoffending

To reduce the overall level of offending in Sutton we will be targeting and pursuing the small number of individuals who are responsible for much of the harm, acquisitive offending and domestic abuse crimes committed in the borough. We will provide an incentive to change, with offers of help and support but ensuring that offenders face due sanction and justice when necessary.

Operational Action Plan

The following strategic priorities will be underpinned by a comprehensive action plan that will include partner agencies and that will deliver the strategic objectives.

1. Safe from Crime and its Consequences (Safe in Ourselves)

Sutton is one of the safest boroughs in London with a proactive multi-agency partnership in place with which to target and tackle crime and its consequences at a local level.

Our overall aim for Sutton is to make it one of the most difficult boroughs in London in which to commit crime or behave anti-socially. By focusing our attention and resources on the most vulnerable and priority issues in the borough, we believe that we can over time reduce the repeat offending and victimisation locally. We will maintain tactical oversight of the Reducing Reoffending agenda including management of the Reducing Reoffending Board and will support the reunification of probation services.

1. Strategic Actions

- 1.1. Manage a partnership problem solving approach to crime and community safety through our Problem Solving Meeting, Community Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) and Integrated Offender Management (IOM) Panel.
- 1.2. Support the Basic Command Unit (BCU) policing structure and work with colleagues in Croydon and Bromley to ensure community safety across the BCU.
- 1.3. Tackle business crime in Sutton Town Centre by working closely with and supporting Successful Sutton and the Business Crime Partnership
- 1.4. Manage the impact of drugs and alcohol on crime and anti-social behaviour.
- 1.5. Ensuring the safety of our community in the face of COVID-19, by working closely and in collaboration with licensing, highways, police and partners.
- 1.6. Support the Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) Unit to respond to ASB and to work with victims and offenders.
- 1.7. Ensure public space Closed-circuit television (CCTV) is being used effectively to prevent crime and increase the likelihood of successful prosecution.

Safe from Crime and its Consequences (Safe in Ourselves) Outcomes and Outputs

Outcome(s)	Output(s)
Increased crime reporting	Total criminal offences per 1,000 population
Reduction in the volume of calls to Police about anti-social behaviour.	Number of ASB Calls to Police.
<u>IOM</u> Reduction in the overall level of offending.	<u>IOM</u> Number of offences per individual on IOM cohort (1.4 per individual).
Reduction in property crime offences.	Number of property offences per eligible individual on IOM cohort (1.2 per individual).
Reduction in violence offences.	Number of violence offences per eligible individual on IOM cohort (0.8 per individual).
Percentage retention rate in substance misuse treatment for 12 weeks or more for those on the IOM cohort.	Percentage of IOM cohort known to Inspire retained in treatment for 12 weeks or longer (44%).
Reduction of Risk and Harm to communities.	Number of interventions completed and goals achieved.
Identification and inclusion of additional appropriate statutory, voluntary and community sector organisations' co-location and access to the services to address the identified need and gap in the services available.	Number of services co-located at the Women's Hub.
Improvement in living skills and self-care through engagement with activities and external agencies within the hub space.	Percentage goals completed or in progress for clients at Women's Hub.

2. Safe on Our Streets and Neighbourhoods

We will continue to actively target and deal with anti-social behaviour swiftly, when and where it occurs, recognising the nuisance and distress that it causes to people's lives.

We will continue to target and deal with harm and impact from our day and night time economies, recognising that while Sutton's economy provides tremendous benefits and prosperity to the borough, it can be a source of nuisance and distress for some. Will we support any initiatives increasing access to restorative justice. We will continue prioritise local and London priority neighbourhood crimes including residential burglary, theft of motor vehicle and theft from motor vehicle, paying particular attention to catalytic converter theft.

2. Strategic Actions

- 2.1. Tackle environmental crime and disorder to reduce the fear of crime and reduce opportunities for crime to occur.
- 2.2. Support neighbourhood watch to prevent crime and help local communities protect themselves and their properties.
- 2.3. To provide a targeted youth engagement and diversion programme in partnership with the Riverside Centre Association.
- 2.4. To commission Street Pastors to support our communities and our emergency services.
- 2.5. Support the Safer Neighbourhood Board to set local policing priorities and hold police to account and improve the Stop and Search process.
- 2.6. Support Sutton's Fire Brigade in reducing road traffic collisions and improving building fire safety.
- 2.7. Support Economic Renewal's local placed based regeneration programme.

Safe on Our Streets and Neighbourhoods Outcomes and Outputs

Outcome(s)	Output(s)
Engaging with young people in various locations and noted “hotspot” across the borough.	Number of interventions delivered by the On the Street Assertive Outreach and Diversion Service.
Supporting diffusement and dispersal by providing diversion through positive activities	Number of young people engaged by the On the Street Assertive Outreach and Diversion Service at Problem Solving locations.
Increased support for victims of crime.	Number of young people referred to positive activities by the On the Street Assertive Outreach and Diversion Service.
Awareness raised of services available for victims of crime.	Number of reported Burglary in Dwelling Offences (per 1,000 residents).
	Number of reported Theft of Motor Vehicle Offences (per 1,000 residents).
	Number of reported Theft from Motor Vehicle Offences (per 1,000 residents).

3. Safe from Harm and Exploitation

We will protect our children and young people, and those who may be vulnerable from undue influence, harm and exploitation, acknowledging the impact and the role that modern technology may have in this. We will support the public health approach to violence prevention particularly in relation to Contextual Safeguarding that seeks to improve the health and safety of young people by addressing underlying risk factors that increase the likelihood that an individual will become a victim or a perpetrator of violence.

3. Strategic Actions

- 3.1. Tackle criminal exploitation, especially among young people.
- 3.2. Manage and support female offenders.
- 3.3. Support Sutton's Youth Justice Board and Integrated Youth Service.
- 3.4. Provide safety training and advice to young people.
- 3.5. Work with Licensing and Trading Standards to prevent the sale of prohibited goods to young people, incl. disrupting the potential supply of weapons to under 18s.
- 3.6. Monitor human trafficking/modern slavery, and be ready to take collaborative action should concerns arise.
- 3.7. To develop and embed a contextual safeguarding approach.
- 3.8. Tackle serious violence and organised crime e.g. county lines.
- 3.9. Protect vulnerable residents from rogue traders, distraction burglary and online crime.

Safe from Harm and Exploitation Outcomes and Outputs

Outcome(s)	Output(s)
<p><u>Violence Reduction Unit (VRU)</u> Young people moving from Not in Education, Employment, or Training (NEET) to in Education, Employment and Training (EET).</p>	<p><u>VRU</u> Number of young people currently in EET or NEET.</p>
<p>Reduced re-offending carried out by young person/s.</p>	<p>Number of young people referred to the project.</p>
<p>Intervention leads to young people at risk of county lines being kept safe.</p>	<p>Number of young people completed three or more sessions.</p>
<p>The 'outcome star' will be used to measure where the young person is subjectively at the beginning of the work and then at the end.</p>	<p>Number of stars completed and cumulative difference.</p>
<p><u>Women's Hub</u> Align the work of local criminal justice agencies and their partners more effectively, expanding or improving on partnerships that already exist at the local, area and regional level.</p>	<p><u>Women's Hub</u> Number of clients engaged at the Women's Hub.</p>

4. Safe from Domestic Violence and Abuse

We will maintain a strong commitment to supporting women and girls, and all victims of domestic and sexual abuse, helping them to break free and recover from abusive relationships.

4. Strategic Actions

- 4.1. Ensure effective strategic governance of Domestic Violence and Abuse (DVA) through the Safer Sutton Partnership Board (SSPB).
- 4.2. Provide leadership for the DV MARAC.
- 4.3. Contribute to the Coordinated Community Response (CCR) to DVA.
- 4.4. Ensure the effective management of DVA offenders.
- 4.5. Where available direct the Mayor's Office for Policing And Crime (MOPAC) and other Community Safety Funding to DVA services and initiatives.

Safe from Domestic Violence and Abuse Outcomes and Outputs

Outcome(s)	Output(s)
Increased reporting of Domestic Violence Offences.	Number of reported Domestic Violence Offences.
Reduction in the level of repeat victimisation. This is measured using the SafeLives definition of repeat victimisation.	Percentage repeat victims at DV MARAC (target 25.3%).
Increase in the number of total MARAC referrals.	Number MARAC referrals (target 209).
Increase in the non-police referrals to the MARAC.	Percentage non-police referrals to DV MARAC (target 52.2%).
Number of Independent Domestic Violence Advisor (IDVA) referrals each quarter, by risk level, gender and by the source of referrals.	Number IDVA referrals by risk, gender and source of referral.
Number of victims engaging with recovery programmes or other therapeutic services.	Number of victims engaging with recovery programmes or other therapeutic services.

5. Safe from Serious Violence

We will be taking a collaborative approach to tackling violent crime and the underlying causes of violent crime sharing in the Mayor of London's goal to stabilise and reduce violence across London.

5. Strategic Actions

- 5.1. Support the work of the Violence Suppression Unit.
- 5.2. Tackle serious crime and violence through the Sutton Violence Reduction Plan.
- 5.3. To work with MOPAC's VRU.
- 5.4. Identify and leverage appropriate funding and commissioning opportunities.
- 5.5. Identify and manage high harm offenders, those at risk of offending, and new entrants to the Criminal Justice System.

Safe from Serious Violence Outcomes and Outputs

Outcome(s)	Output(s)
Reduction in serious violence incidents.	Number of reported Sexual Offences (per 10,000 residents).
	Number of reported Knife Crime Offences per 10,000 residents.
	Number of reported Gun Crime Offences per 10,000 residents.
	Number of reported Non-DA Violence with Injury Offences (per 1,000 residents).

6. Safe from Extremism, Hate and Racism

As a borough, we stand together with all London areas, in our vigilance and readiness to repel major terrorist incidents and to combat terror and extremism.

We will stand vigilant in the face of threats from hate and extremism, ensuring that Sutton remains a safe and welcoming place in which to live, work and socialise.

We are committed to ensuring that everyone in our Borough - of every faith and none - is able to live their lives in peace and safety.

6. Strategic Actions

- 6.1. Develop and deliver an appropriate action plan against hate and extremism.
- 6.2. Operate an effective Channel Panel and lead a collective approach to Prevent.
- 6.3. Respond effectively to and manage community tensions.
- 6.4. Educate and support front line workers against hate and extremism.
- 6.5. Prepare and protect against terrorist incidents.
- 6.6. Plan for and respond to critical incidents.

Safe from Extremism, Hate and Racism Outcomes and Outputs

Outcome(s)

Output(s)

Improve the level of hate crime reports to the Police, Council and Third Parties.

Hate Crime

Number of reported hate crime incidents to police, council and third party organisations (2017/18 target 230 crimes).

Increase in understanding of Hate Crime, Prevent and Extremism by raising awareness through direct training, presentations, information campaign, and direct community network and social media.

Percentage participants in hate crime training reporting increased understanding of hate crime following training (70% of participants in training sessions).

Increase in reports of community concerns and tensions through Facebook and Twitter.

Number of people reached through various awareness raising campaigns (10,000 people).

Number of community concerns and tension reports received (30 reports).

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Number of calls or contacts to the council regarding Emergency Planning.

Number of Emergency Planning callouts during the period.

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