



Shropshire Community Safety Partnership Strategy 2025-2026



Introduction



Crime and Disorder Act 1998

The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 requires partners to work together to develop and implement strategies to reduce crime and disorder in their local area. Fundamentally, there is no one agency that can tackle the causes and impact of crime on their own; multi-agency working is the only way to effectively reduce crime and ensure communities are safer.



Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022

The Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 amended this duty to include the requirement for local strategies to include a priority to prevent people from becoming involved in serious violence and to reduce incidences of serious violence.

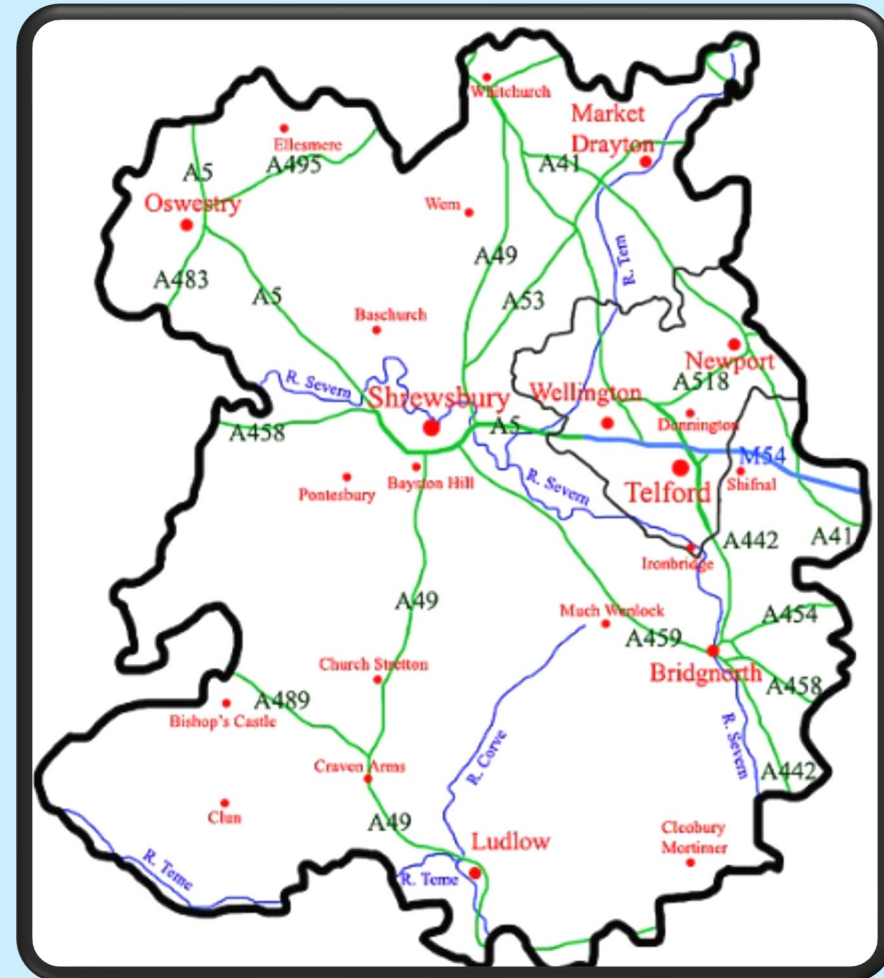
Shropshire's Community Safety Partnership recognises that successful implementation is dependent on robust and effective partnership working. Membership of the Community Safety Partnership Board therefore consists of the five statutory agencies:

- ☐ West Mercia Police
- ☐ Shropshire Council
- ☐ Shropshire and Telford and Wrekin Integrated Care Board
- ☐ The Probation Service
- ☐ Shropshire Fire and Rescue

Wider collaboration with other local agencies such as West Mercia Youth Justice Service, the Police and Crime Commissioner, health providers and education services is also paramount and there is a commitment to working together to make Shropshire a safe place to live, work and visit.

Vision

The Community Safety Partnership is committed to tackling crime and disorder in Shropshire, whilst increasing safety and resilience of our more vulnerable communities.



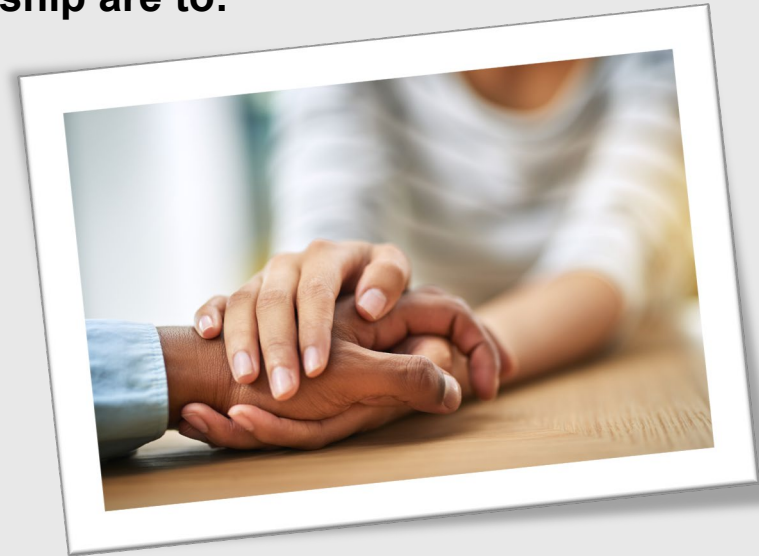
Aims

The aims of the Community Safety Partnership are to:

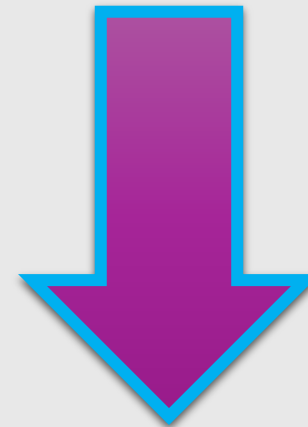
Reduce crime and disorder in Shropshire
(including Anti-social behaviour)



Community engagement and
communication



Protect victims



Reduce
reoffending

What has been achieved in
the last three years



Domestic Abuse



Domestic Abuse Act 2021

Following the Domestic Abuse Act receiving Royal Assent in 2021 a strategic Needs Assessment was undertaken; this explored not just the need for support within safe accommodation in Shropshire but also addressed any identified gaps, its scope is broader. To create a comprehensive understanding of domestic abuse in Shropshire, the assessment examined the overall need, demand for services, service provision, and the responses of all partners, both individually and collaboratively.

Shropshire Council

Shropshire Safe
Accommodation
Strategy 2022



An all-risk Perpetrator Programme was rolled out across West Mercia, with Shropshire starting both Drive (for high-risk perpetrators) and Men & Masculinity (for standard/medium risk perpetrators) in September 2023.

Both programmes started well with good agency attendance at the Drive Panel and referrals coming through for the Men & Masculinity programme.



A child and adolescent to parent violence and abuse policy and Safer Accommodation Strategy were developed

Reducing Offending



There was a review of the Anti-Social Behaviour Case Review process which included a public consultation.

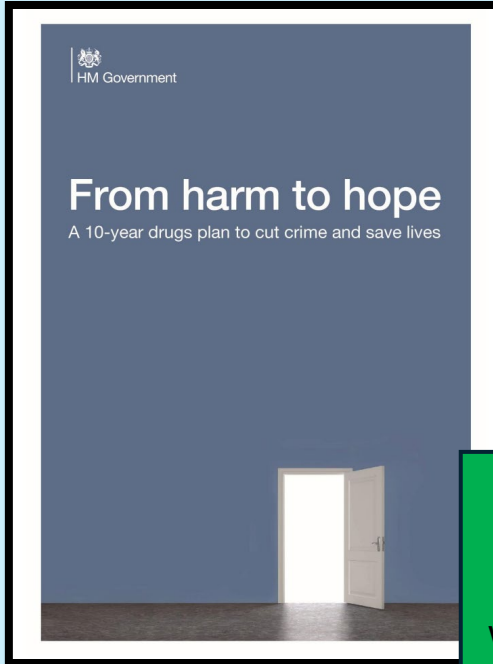


There was progress made in working with those offenders who have mental health needs, this was through the employment of Integrated Offender Management Mental Health Nurses which assisted offenders to meet their mental health needs. Mental Health Clinical Psychologist for court were commissioned, which improved the appropriate sentencing of those whose offending behaviour was linked to their poor mental health. This saw a marked increase in Mental Health Treatment Requirements from courts.



There were multi-agency case file audits conducted on the continuity of care for prison leavers who use substances and domestic abuse offenders. The learning from these audits was shared with agencies to improve their practice in recognising risk and supporting offenders to reduce their offending.

Drugs and Alcohol



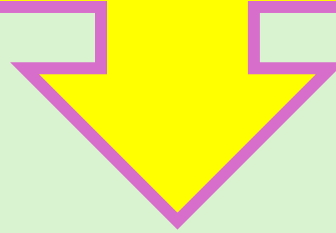
A Joint Strategic Needs Assessment was undertaken, and this supported the revision of the local strategy which was aligned to the National Strategy "From to Hope".



Funding was secured to develop a multidisciplinary team to work with people who are homeless, rough sleeping, or are at risk of homelessness with drug and alcohol needs. This team has supported this community of people with their daily challenges and continue to do so.

Adult Statutory Case Review Group

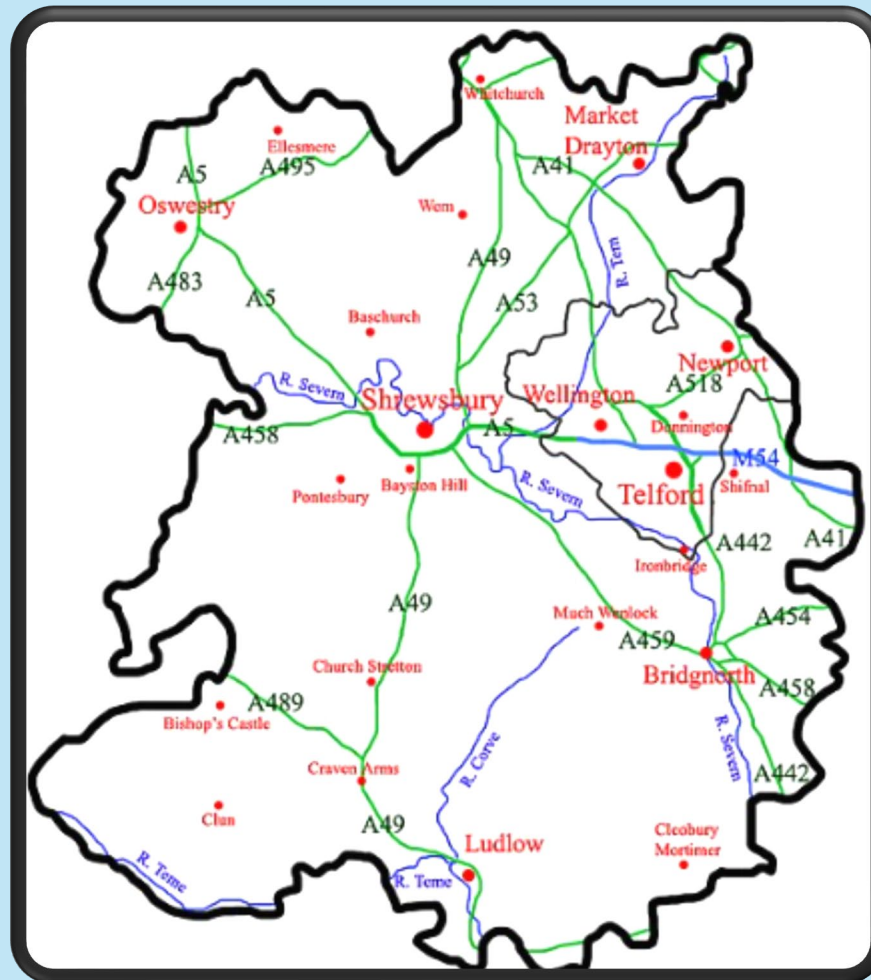
This group have overseen the publication of one Domestic Homicide Review and shared the learning from three others. They have also responded to referrals received and highlighted learning regarding domestic abuse which has culminated in multi-agency webinars being developed on intra-familial domestic abuse, male victims and domestic abuse related suicides.



Shropshire Facts

Shropshire is a large rural county in the centre of the country in the West Midlands, sharing a border with Wales to the west. Shropshire is the second largest inland local authority behind Wiltshire, covering 319,730 hectares.

This means that the provision of services can be more challenging, and so delivery can be more expensive than in more urban locations and that for much of the population, access to employment and services can be time-consuming and costly.



It has a population of 327,200 (2022 ONS Mid-Year Estimates) and is sparsely populated, with just over one person per hectare (4.3 persons per hectare in England). 97.5% of Shropshire's land mass is rural – the 2.5% of land mass that is classified as urban accommodates approximately 43% of the population. Shropshire's population is spread across the entire county, with hardly any unpopulated land area. While the county town of Shrewsbury and key market towns are more densely populated, many parts of Shropshire contain less than 0.5 persons per hectare.

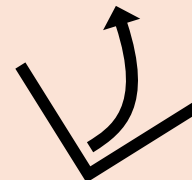
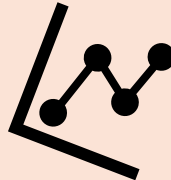
Strategic Assessment and Data

When developing the priorities areas for the partnership, several different forms of consultation along with data analysis and needs assessments were carried out. Consideration was also given to CSP statutory duties, current legislation, and strategies and plans, both local and national.

The most recent Needs Assessment for Domestic Abuse was undertaken in 2024 by Shropshire Councils Domestic Abuse Prevention Team. Whilst it focused on evaluating the need for support within safe accommodation in Shropshire and addressing any identified gaps it also broadened its scope to ensure a comprehensive understanding of the overall need relating to domestic abuse in Shropshire. This needs assessment can be read in full here [Shropshire Domestic Abuse Needs Assessment](#).

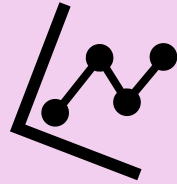


Data indicates that the highest volume of domestic abuse offences recorded in Q3 of 2024/25 were violence without injury. Other sexual offences and robbery-personal offences were highlighted in Q1 and Q3 2024/25 as having the greatest increases when compared to the same periods in the previous year. This suggests possible increases in offence harm due to the nature of these types of offending. It is also important to note that there has been a significant increase in the volume of Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme Applications being made, a 124% increase in Q3 (2024/25) compared to the previous year. Domestic abuse is not only a statutory duty for the partnership but also a priority.



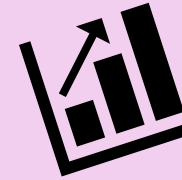
Strategic Assessment and Data

Data from 2024 identified that there had been a 11% reduction in all crimes compared to the previous year. Throughout 2024 crimes remained steady however there was a spike in August when crimes increased to 1,558 from 1,350 the previous month (a 15% increase). The crimes driving this were public fear, criminal damage, shoplifting and violence with injury.

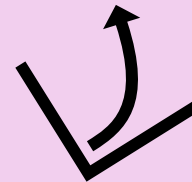


Whilst incidences of anti-social behaviour have steadily reduced over the last four years, we know from our communities that the impact of such behaviour can have long term implications on large numbers of residents, this is why it will remain a priority area for the partnership.

Following the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 receiving Royal Assent it was decided that there would be a needs assessment conducted across the West Mercia geography to understand the scale of serious violence. Based on this needs assessment there is a strategy which lays out how the duty will be delivered across the West Mercia footprint. You can read the full strategy here [Serious Violence Duty Strategy](#).



In December 2021 the Government published From harm to hope: a 10-year drugs plan to cut crime and save lives, recognising that there was no short-term fix for a deeply ingrained societal issue. There needed to be a long term, multi-faceted and joined up approach to tackling an issue that blights the lives of so many. Shropshire are utilising this plan to support their work in this area.



Road safety data identified that there were 19 fatalities and 141 serious injuries on Shropshire Roads in year 2024/25

Strategic Priorities

In February 2025 there was a review of the Community Safety Partnership and future priorities were determined based on the evidence available. In addition to the statutory functions of the Community Safety Partnership it was decided that the following activities would be priorities for 2025-2028:

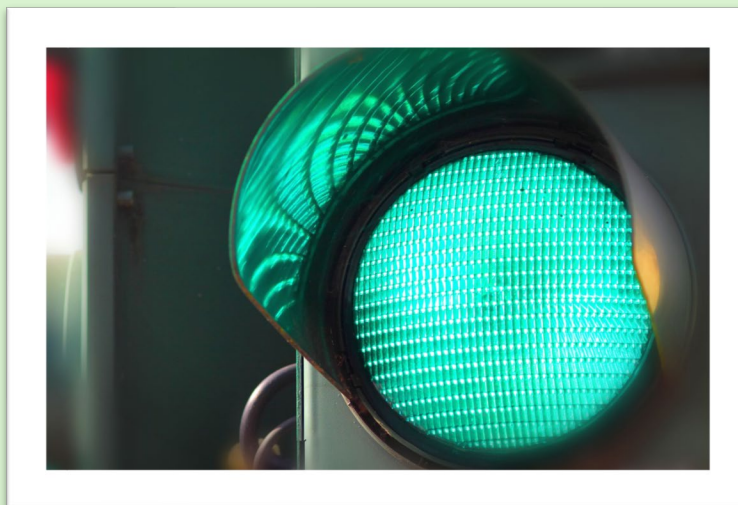
Domestic Abuse



Anti- social behaviour



Road Safety



Prevent



Prevent Strategy

Reducing Reoffending



Drugs and Alcohol



Delivery Model

Achieving success in the Community Safety Partnership requires a balanced approach that not only addresses priority areas of work but also fulfils statutory duties, such as:

- ☐ Conducting Domestic Homicide Reviews (soon to be renamed Domestic Abuse Related Death Reviews under updated statutory guidance)
- ☐ The Domestic Abuse Act and Safe Accommodation Duty
- ☐ Serious Violence Duty
- ☐ Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015 and Prevent Duty.
- ☐ Drug and Alcohol Partnership Board



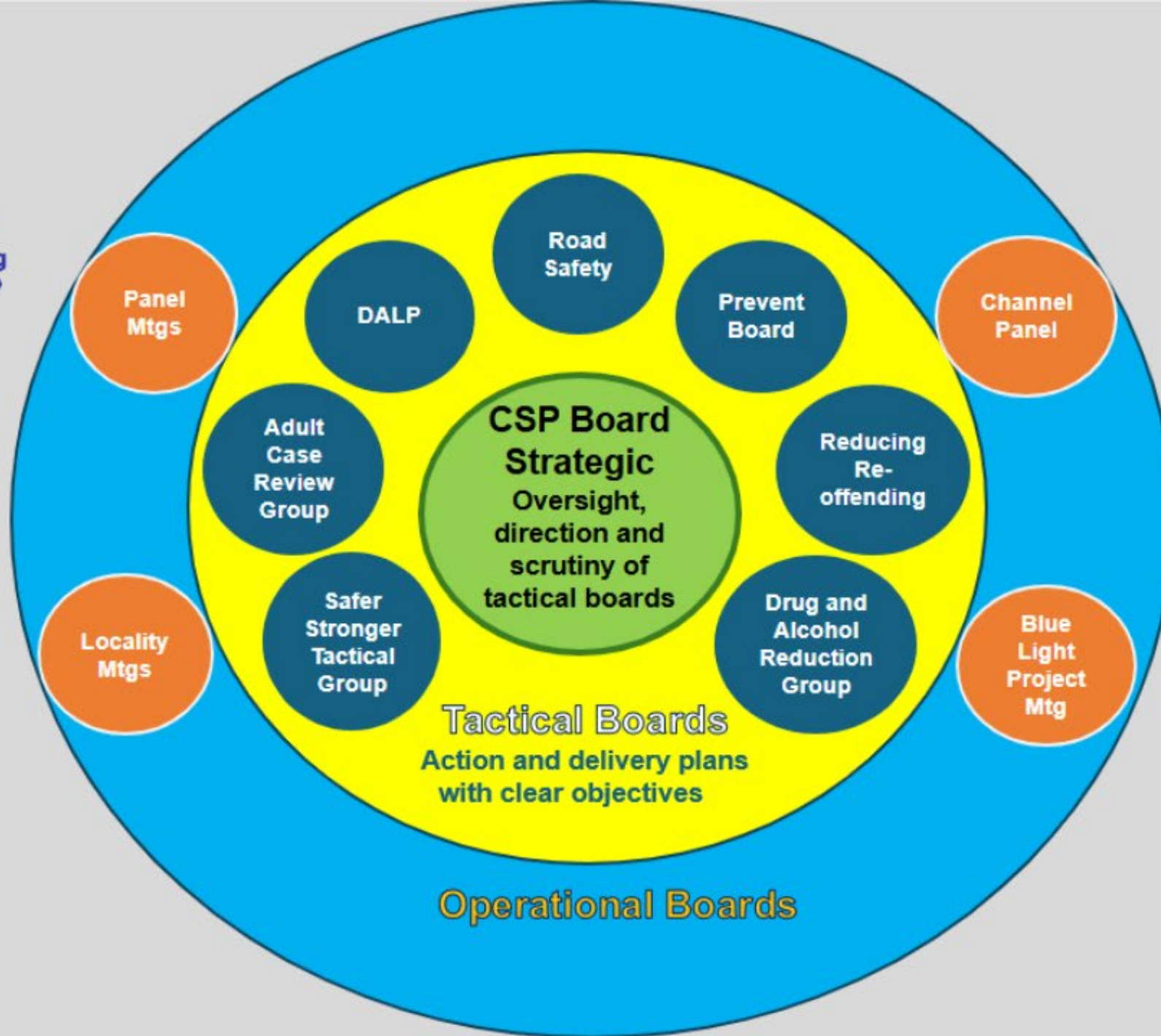
ACCOUNTABILITY

Shropshire's delivery identifies how we have aligned our priorities with statutory obligations for maximum impact. The Community Safety Partnership is a strategic Board that provides direction and holds responsibility and accountability for all activity that is undertaken. The Board will meet (as a minimum) quarterly and will monitor the progress of delivery plans from the partnership Tactical Boards.

The following diagram shows the delivery by which the Community safety activity in Shropshire will be delivered.



Shropshire Safeguarding
Community Partnership



Delivery Model cont:

Each Tactical Board will be responsible for the operational delivery of the strategic priorities that have been agreed by the Community Safety Partnership Board. The Tactical Boards will be multi-agency and meet bi-monthly, the delivery plans for each board will detail the strategic aims that need to be achieved and the activity that will be undertaken to accomplish this.

In addition to the priority areas detailed above the other Tactical Boards within the delivery model relate to statutory duties of the Community Safety Partnership:

Safer Stronger Communities Board – This group will be made up of multi-agency professionals, led by the police and will examine Anti-social Behaviour, Serious Violence, Nighttime Economy, Hate Crime and Community Cohesion. There are currently three locality meetings already set up in towns in Shropshire, which are aimed at tackling these problems and gathering information about the issues within those communities. The Safer Stronger Communities Group Board will develop a delivery plan, focused on targeting hot spot areas and working with communities to become safer places to live, work and visit; delivery will be through the locality meetings.

Prevent Board – The group aims to stop people from becoming violent extremists or supporting terrorism. The group also oversees the Channel Panel which is the process that supports people at risk of being drawn towards terrorism or violent extremism

Adult Statutory Case Review Group – This group is responsible for the oversight of Domestic Homicide Reviews (soon to be renamed Domestic Abuse Related Death Reviews) in Shropshire. It oversees the implementation of learning from reviews and will provide assurance to the CSP Board around the themes and issues identified, ensuring appropriate mitigating action has been taken.



Links to other strategies and plans

This strategy is aligned to the following strategies and plans and will support their delivery:

Shropshire Councils
Shropshire Plan

Shropshire Safeguarding
Community Partnership's
Adult Safeguarding Board
Strategy

Police and Crime
Commissioners Police and
Crime Plan

West Mercia Serious
Violence Strategy

Shropshire Safeguarding
Community Partnership's
Children's Safeguarding
Board Strategy

Joint Health and
Wellbeing Strategy

Conclusion

The Community Safety Partnership is committed to reducing crime and disorder in Shropshire; it is recognised that there is a lot of work to do, to become a proactive and effective partnership. Our focus will be on:

Implementing early intervention approaches to prevent people from becoming involved in crime through taking a trauma informed approach and utilising targeted interventions

Overseeing and implementing any changes in legislation/new statutory duties (including the Duty to Collaborate)

Developing a more proactive approach to our engagement with communities, so we can react to their specific local issues and needs as they occur, so improving feelings of safety across Shropshire

Continue to implement learning from Statutory Case Review.

Using data effectively to drive our approach

Building strong Delivery Plans which support the strategic vision