

Lancashire Community Safety Agreement 2025 – 2028

"Working together across Lancashire to protect the vulnerable, protect our communities from harm and empower our communities to feel safe".

The Lancashire Community Safety Agreement (CSA) sets out how we will work together to address the key community safety issues for the communities of Lancashire. It is owned by the Lancashire Community Safety Partnership Board, as the County Strategy Group. This brings together representatives from the responsible authorities (all local authorities; police; fire and rescue service; probation service and integrated care board) to set the strategic direction and coordinate partnership activity to help people to feel safer by tackling crime and disorder. Partnership plans are tailored to local need and are developed and delivered by local Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs). A number of related Lancashire partnerships and strategies are also integral to addressing our key community safety issues.

The Evidence

The [Lancashire Strategic Assessment 2025 - 2028](#) (SA) identifies significant crime and anti-social behaviour threats and issues across Lancashire. Blackburn with Darwen, and Blackpool.

It is produced on a 3-year cycle with an annual evaluation of key priorities and forms the key evidence base that underpins the *Community Safety Agreement* and development of local partnership plans.

District and unitary profiles, partnership intelligence assessments, joint strategic needs assessments (JSNA) and survey data have provided supporting evidence through consultation with key stakeholders, partner organisations and local community groups.

Community Engagement: Community feedback has been obtained using Lancashire Constabulary's community survey tool 'Lancashire Talking'. The survey asks the residents for their top 5 community issues. The results have been taken from an 18-month period from April 2023 to September 2024. The key community issues include: Road safety (speed, nuisance motorbikes, parking, highways obstruction); Anti-social behaviour; Drug dealing and drug taking; Environmental (rubbish/litter, dog fouling); Burglary.

*Our Key Issues

The SA identifies the top crime and anti-social behaviour issues across Lancashire as:

- **Domestic Abuse**
- **Violence Against Women and Girls**
- **Serious Violence (including gun and gang crime, and knife crime)**
- **Exploitation – criminal and sexual**
- **Serious Organised Crime**
- **Road Safety**
- **Anti-Social Behaviour**
- **Cyber Crime**

These are interlinked and require a partnership approach to address them effectively.

Health and wellbeing issues have become more and more apparent as factors relating to community safety. A public health and trauma informed approach is needed to tackle the main 'causes of the causes' including: **childhood experiences; education; unemployment; health care; housing; income; communities.**

Cross cutting themes linked to addressing the key issues include: reducing vulnerability and building resilience; prevention and early intervention; reducing reoffending; public health approach; improving mental health; tackling drug and alcohol abuse; data, information sharing and community feedback; drawing on community and lived experience to plan and develop our services.

The SA district and unitary profiles provide a breakdown of local threats and issues, demonstrating geographic and demographic diversity of Lancashire. Local variations must, therefore, be considered in all approaches tackling crime and anti-social behaviour.

Our Approach

We will continue to build on the strong history of partnership working between Blackburn with Darwen, Blackpool and Lancashire. Our local Community Safety Partnerships take a pragmatic and flexible approach to joint working on shared priorities on a thematic and geographical footprint. Our approach will include:

- Collaboration with other strategic partnerships, in addressing shared priorities, particularly the contributory factors and determinants, such as mental health, that influence offending and vulnerability.
- Working in partnership to continue the review of governance and partnership arrangements across the CSP landscape to ensure that key issues are addressed effectively, including new key issues of violence against women and girls (VAWG) and cyber crime.
- Continually developing and improving links and activities with all local authorities to support local residents and better understand the geographic and demographic diversity of Lancashire.
- Working with the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) to deliver community safety activity that supports the aims and priorities of the Police and Crime Plan.
- A commitment to taking a preventative and 'early help' approach; to recognising the effect of Adverse Childhood Experience; to taking a trauma informed approach to working; and to building on strengths and community assets, at a neighbourhood level, to prevent the development of issues that can often become more significant challenges.
- Undertaking more research to better understand the issues which are affecting the communities of Lancashire. Further work is planned for the coming 3 year period which includes: domestic abuse; VAWG; rape and serious sexual offending; serious organised crime profiles.
- Supporting the appropriate and effective sharing of information between partner organisations, through the continued use of [Multi Agency Data Exchange \(MADE\)](#) platform and working with the Pan Lancs Data Group.
- Working together to engage and communicate with our local communities to increase community confidence, strengthen local assets and build community resilience.

Our Activity

The CSA is anchored in the LCSPB, however the key issues are owned and delivered across a wide range of partnerships and agencies. Local partnership and thematic plans identify key actions that address the priorities to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour.

Dashboards are available, for officers to access through MADE, that monitor issues and significant threats relating to community safety; these are available to those who have access [here](#)

Statutory, Strategic Partnerships with links to Community Safety

- Health and Wellbeing Board
- Children's Safeguarding Assurance Partnership/Adult Safeguarding Boards
- Lancashire Criminal Justice Board / Youth Justice Boards
- Violence Reduction Network
- Lancashire Domestic Abuse Partnership Board
- Contest (Counter Terrorism) Board
- Lancashire Drug and Alcohol Partnership

Boards/Partnerships with links to Community Safety

- Lancashire Road Safety Partnership
- GENGA /Serious Organised Crime
- Pan Lancashire Contextual Safeguarding Board
- Pan Lancashire Domestic Abuse Steering Group
- Lancashire Strategic Hate Crime and Cohesion Group
- Pan Lancashire Anti-Slavery Partnership

* Terrorism is also a key issue that is referenced in the CSA – however it is dealt with by a specialist unit within the Police; Counter Terrorism (Prevent) is a specified authority responsibility as set out in the Prevent Duty (Counter Terrorism Security Act 2015- section 26). (June 2025 v1)