

### **Safer Leeds Partnership - Our Priorities 2013/14**

The strengths of Leeds' current approach to reducing crime and protecting communities, is driven by strong and effective local leadership and partnership work. The citizens of Leeds want to live in communities that are safe and free from crime. However to achieve this, the Safer Leeds Partnership recognises that many of the issues that matter most to local people, cannot be dealt with by the police in isolation. It has therefore invested in a range of multi- agency initiatives which it considers critical to achieving its ambition that,

**'People in Leeds are safe and feel safe in their homes, in the streets, and the places they go'.**

### **1. Reducing crime levels and its impact across Leeds**

#### **Burglary Reduction Programme**

Established in September 2011, the Leeds Burglary Taskforce consists of Officers from the Council and Police, Probation, Youth Offending and other key partners. Its focus, is to deal with prolific offenders in the city's localities of concern, and to work closely with individuals who are considered likely to enter the criminal system with burglary as their first offence. Since the initiative commenced, domestic burglary has reduced by 33% in the city (01/09/2011 to 31/07/2012).

**This project is currently funded through the Community Safety Fund, which will become part of the PCC pooled budget from 2013/14.**

#### **Integrated Offender Management (IOM)**

The Leeds Integrated Offender Management Service (The Hub) provides offenders with the opportunity to access a broad range of services such as housing, employment, substance misuse and debt management to support their re-integration back into the community and help reduce re-offending. Delivered through a multi agency approach involving Police, Probation, HM Prison Leeds, Foundation Housing and a range of other partners, it provides a vital lifeline to those wishing to change and improve their lives and break the cycle of re-offending prevalent in some sections of our community.

Effective drug treatment has a clear role in preventing crime. The Leeds Drug Intervention programme plays an essential role in engaging offenders in treatment services with approximately 20% of people coming into treatment services through this route

**Elements of this service is currently funded through the Drugs Intervention Programme (DIP), which becomes part of the PCC pooled budget from 2013/14.**

### **2. Effectively tackle and reduce anti-social behaviour in our communities**

#### **Leeds Anti Social Behaviour Team (LASBT)**

Three multi-agency teams, consisting of officers from the Council, Police, the three Leeds ALMO's and Victim Support, operate across the city to effectively deal with all types of anti social behaviour. Since it began delivery, the LASBT has dealt with **1937** reports of ASB, reduced the amount of time it takes to deal with individual cases by **106 days** and improved overall satisfaction with the service provided by **24.3%**.

**West Yorkshire Police currently provide dedicated resources to work as part of the LASBT.**

#### **Police Community Support Officer's (PCSO's)**

Nothing illustrates more the Partnership's determination to prioritise Community Safety than the decision by partners – in the face of massive budgetary cut-backs - to support PCSOs in Leeds. PCSOs play a vital role in supporting crime reduction and community safety in Leeds. The value placed on PCSOs by LCC is demonstrated by our commitment to jointly fund 5 PCSO's for each Ward of the city, over the last 7/8 years at a cost of over £1.5million per annum. Over the past 12 months, work has taken place to develop more joined up delivery between local services delivered by the Council , ALMO's and Neighbourhood Policing Teams (NPT's) to more effectively address crime and grimes related issue.

**The City Council match funds 30% of 165 PCSO's costs, with the remainder coming from the Home Office via West Yorkshire Police Authority. This match funding contribution will become part of the PCC pooled budget from 2013/14.**

### **3. Improving safeguarding and reducing vulnerability or individuals, families and communities**

#### **Domestic Abuse Scheme Safer Leeds (DASSL)**

The DASSL project works with the perpetrators of domestic violence to lessen the risk of harm within families and to reduce repeat victimisation. At present referrals are almost exclusively from childrens social work, where child protection plans are in place. A key focus for 2013/14, will be to extend the reach of this scheme to include police referrals from custody suites, self referrals and group work. Recently, HMP Leeds has seconded an officer to work as part of the DASSL team, to work with male offenders with a history of domestic abuse, supporting them to re-settle within the community, thereby reducing the risk of harm within the family environment.

**West Yorkshire Police currently supports processes to help reduce domestic violence via the Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference process (MARAC).**