

SCRUTINY REPORT

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SUBJECT: Bury Community Safety Partnership update

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1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Bury Community Safety Partnership (CSP) is a statutory, multi-agency partnership that brings partners together to prevent harm, reduce and mitigate criminality, and promote measures to increase the safety and resilience of local communities.
- 1.2 This paper is the latest update on the delivery of activities against the six priorities of the CSP, which collectively support the wider delivery of Bury's *LET'S Do It!* ambitions.
- 1.3 The priorities within the CSP Plan, which were developed with partners and our communities, are:
 - Reducing drug related offending
 - Supporting victims and tackling the causes of domestic abuse
 - Strengthening community cohesion
 - Creating and maintaining safe spaces
 - Tackling crime and anti-social behaviour
 - Reducing Reoffending.
- 1.4 For each of these priorities the update from Section 3 onwards highlights partnership delivery activity and the latest data in relation to these, including maximising emerging opportunities - be that funding, new ways to work together or tools to increase engagement with local neighbourhoods.
- 1.5 The report also outlines recent activity to refresh the Community Safety Strategy, detailing the approaches being used to undertake this refresh, with a draft framework and high level areas of focus for the Committee to input on as part of further shaping the Plan for 2025-2028.

2. DELIVERY OF THE CURRENT CSP PLAN

- 2.1 Bury Community Safety Partnership is chaired by the Chief Superintendent of Greater Manchester Police (GMP) as District Commander, and Executive Director of Strategy and Transformation at Bury Council. In October 2024, Chief Superintendent Kirsty Oliver took up the role as new District Commander for the Bury District.
- 2.2 Bury CSP meets every two months and combines standing items on funding, communications, data and links to the safeguarding ecosystem – alongside deep dives across the priorities and any specific matters arising.
- 2.3 Each priority of the CSP has a priority lead drawn from across the partnership, as set out in the table below, and a respective subgroup which the priority lead chairs.

CSP Priority	CSP Priority Lead	CSP Subgroup
Reducing drug related offending	Director of Public Health, Bury Council	Bury Drug and Alcohol Partnership
Supporting victims and tackling the causes of domestic abuse	Director of Children’s Services, Bury Council	Domestic Abuse Partnership Board
Strengthening community cohesion	Chief Officer, Bury Voluntary and Community Faith Alliance	Community Cohesion Group
Creating and maintaining safe spaces	Group Watch Manager, Greater Manchester Fire & Rescue Service	Creating and Maintaining Safe Spaces Steering Group
Tackling crime and anti social behaviour	Superintendent, Greater Manchester Police	Serious Violence Steering Group
Reducing Reoffending	Assistant Chief Officer, Probation Service Bury & Rochdale	Reducing Reoffending Board

- 2.4 The delivery of community safety activity is a key component of *Let’s Do It!* and Bury’s Public Service Reform agenda. This report outlines examples of community safety colleagues across public and voluntary sector partners working together following the LETS principles of targeting collective resources, working in collaboration and focusing on prevention.

3. PRIORITY ONE: REDUCING DRUG RELATED OFFENDING

Measure	23/24 Q1	23/24 Q2	23/24 Q3	23/24 Q4	24/25 Q1	24/25 Q2	Trend
Number of drug related stop searches	432	374	477	519	398	320	↓
Number of crimes linked to drugs (L17 GMP Code)	322	314	314	317	211	217	↑
Number of crimes linked to alcohol (L15 GMP Code)	516	448	541	420	420	393	↓
Early Break - Number of Successful Discharges (Drug Free)	18	19	10	33	41	39	↓

Percentage of young people open to Early Break reporting a reduction in substance use	72%	82%	82%	100%	75%	77%	↑
Early Break - Number of Outreach Sessions undertaken	14	15	12	21	18	37	↑
Percentage of individuals in Criminal Justice system having completed substance misuse treatments (%)	15.7%	14.9%	16.0%	14.0%	13.0%	Q1 most recent data available	↓
Number of reports of drug paraphernalia to Bury Council	6	9	9	8	8	6	↓

3.1 Bury Drug & Alcohol partnership is led by Public Health, with input from GMP, commissioned and wider community partners. The group have established six core themes of focus:

- Reduce overall drug use (including prevention and early intervention) – led by Early Break¹
- Reduce drug related deaths and harm – led by Achieve²
- Improve recovery outcomes – led by Bury Council (Public Health)
- Reduce drug-related crime – led by GMP
- Reduce the levels of drug supply – led by GMP
- Increase engagement in treatment – led by Achieve (as Big Life Group).

3.2 Just over a third of drug related criminality falls within the Moorside and East wards (the latter of which includes Bury Town Centre); three quarters of this within the last twelve months related to the possession, and/or importation of cannabis or Class B controlled drugs.

3.3 Significant enforcement activity against drug related criminality has included Operation REVOKE which has seen over 50 warrants/searches executed, generating in 100 arrests and the seizure of drugs worth over £1m. The predominant focus of this work has focused in the Moorside ward, but enforcement activity has seen the execution of warrants and seizures across the Borough including three major cannabis farms. Drug-related stop searches increased during March and April in 2024 as part of co-ordinated work to address serious youth violence, including the implementation of Section 60 powers (see section 7). Searches have routinely taken place as part of wider days of action, such as Operation AVRO and within the town centre through Operation HEARTBEAT (detailed in section 7)

3.4 Of particular note in relation to tackling drug supply, earlier this year, seven men were sentenced to a combined total of 53 years due to their involvement in the supply of class A drug as part of covert, intelligence-led approach named Operation TAGULA.

3.5 Further partnership enforcement activity has seen GMP and Bury Council Trading Standard officials investigate concerns, including those based on community

¹ Early Break – Voluntary sector organisation providing substance misuse, advocacy and wider family support services within Bury for young people and their families (<https://earlybreak.co.uk>)

² Achieve - Achieve is the name of the substance misuse treatment and recovery service for Bury, of which Greater Manchester Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust are the lead provider. Achieve Recovery Services - services for drug and alcohol recovery in Bolton, Salford and Trafford | Greater Manchester Mental Health NHS FT (gmmh.nhs.uk)

insight, over the sale of illegal and illicit activities. Through a ongoing programme of action over the past 12 months, 28,000 illicit cigarette sleeves; 22,477 packets of illicit cigarettes; 7.8kg of hand rolling tobacco and 2,968 illegal vapes have been seized with a street value of over £42,000. The removal of such items safeguards the public directly from the products themselves and indirectly from the potential sales of such items funding broader criminal activity. Illegal tobacco is often linked to organised criminality and this action is part of our collective action to reduce the risk of exploitation in our communities. The focus on vapes builds the agreed implementation of a motion of Youth Cabinet to target illicit vapes and underage sales.

- 3.6 In addition to the direct enforcement activity, work has continued to provide prevention and early intervention support, in particular through Early Break and Achieve and their respective assertive outreach. This has involved partners joining multi-agency patrols and engagement activity, targeted to areas where reports of drug use have been received. Recent examples including work around Manchester Road Park in Bury, St. Thomas estate in Radcliffe and within the vicinity of Bowker Vale Metrolink station in Prestwich.
- 3.7 Early Break are a core component of Bury's Family Safeguarding Model and have three practitioners co-located within the multiagency model alongside Children's social care. The practitioners offer weekly one-to-one interventions to parents around their substance use. This also includes a comprehensive assessment, harm reduction plans, relapse prevention, care planning and also collaborative working with Achieve where there are prescribing needs or more clinical intervention. This offer supplements the Achieve offer by ensuring Early Break Practitioners are meeting with parents who use substances on a weekly basis and increases the boroughs response to Hidden Harm.
- 3.8 Activity through Achieve has included the introduction of the Individual Placement Support scheme, rolled out from Bolton and Salford, which has seen Intuitive Thinking Skills staff place join Achieve sessions to support individuals through their recovery journey to gain and maintain employment. There has also been activity to extend Achieve community inputs through Huntley Mount GP practice.
- 3.9 In May 2024 the Bury Recovery Forum held their second session, with 80 participants attending Radcliffe Football Club, supported through the Achieve Bury Recovery Fund. The Forum had input from providers and projects including: One Step, Narcotics Anonymous, Alcoholics Anonymous, Calico, Acorn, Recovery Homes, CGL, Forest Bank, Project Free, Bigger Picture. The programme for the day featured speakers that shared their respective lived experiences of substance use, the criminal justice system, services and recovery. More information on this is available through the Achieve Community Development newsletter : [achieve-community-development-newsletter-summer-q1-2425pdf.pdf](#)
- 3.10 Awareness and training on drug related harm has over the past year has included:
 - Input through Early Break input into primary and secondary schools (insight driven based on reports into the GMP Partnerships Team and from Children's Services
 - Lunchtime learning to sessions to multi-agency practitioners including on ketamine usage as part of work with Michael Linnell and Rob Ralphs at Manchester Metropolitan University

- Communities in Charge of Alcohol training being embedded into Bury Adult Learning Service
- Awareness of local groups and national support showcases on the Bury Directory: <https://theburydirectory.co.uk/categories/addiction-substance-misuse-treatment-wellbeing>
- Promotion of activity funded through the Achieve Bury Recovery Fund including Care for Carers for those supporting people caring for those in recovery; social substance free evenings through Rammy Men and theatre production and stage management workshops to support people in recovery through performing arts.

3.11 In a previous update reference was made to activity to embed lived experience within the work of the partnership and one such recent example in through the Young Adults Young Voices Engagement activity with Early Break. The Voice-to-Voice project focuses on the lived experience of those with experience of substance use and the criminal justice system, to understand better opportunities for how people could be supported better in the prevention of offending. 44 participants took part in the project and through the CSP connectivity has been made into the Children’s Strategic Partnership Board, and the Children and Young People Voluntary Sector forum to inform projects, outreach and policy development. Key areas being explored as a result are around increase professional curiosity around root causes of behaviours; increased education on risks of substances and the potential for a young person’s version of Alcoholic/ Narcotics Anonymous.

4. PRIORITY TWO: SUPPORTING VICTIMS AND TACKLING THE CAUSES OF DOMESTIC ABUSE

Measure	23/24 Q1	23/24 Q2	23/24 Q3	23/24 Q4	24/25 Q1	24/25 Q2	Trend	GM Average
Rate of DV in Bury	5.2	4.2	4.9	4.4	4.5	4.1	↓	4.6
Number of DVA Incidents (GMP)	918	845	1,363	958	1,062	1,394	↑	Local metric
Percentage of Domestic Abuse victims that are repeat victims	20.7%	15.7%	17.5%	13.4%	13.9%	13.7%	↓	N/A
MARAC* Cases	120	138	104	147	108	166	↑	Local metric
MARAC* Repeats	45	52	35	50	40	58	↑	Local metric
Number of Referrals to TLC^	15	10	11	11	9	17	↑	Local metric
Referrals to IDVA who completed programme of support	42.3%	38.5%	37.7%	41.3%	47.3%	27.9%	↓	Local metric
*MARAC – Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference ^TLC – Talk Listen Change								

4.1 The Domestic Abuse Partnership Board, a statutory partnership under the Domestic Abuse Bill 2021, has continued to lead this agenda, focusing on the following priorities:

- Ensuring victims can access timely and effective support with appropriate risk management through MARAC, including evolving processes in line with the Family Safeguarding model

- Improved partnership working with a focus on prevention so that individuals and communities recognise the signs of domestic abuse and the promotion of healthy relationships, and
 - Working with perpetrators to identify and stop harmful behaviours.
- 4.2 The Risk Management of cases includes a daily priorities meeting to discuss all high-risk cases with representation from GMP, Social Care (adults and children), commissioned support including Safenet³, Achieve, Probation, Criminal Justice Mental Health. Any cases including young people are automatically screened through the MASH (Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub) and there is a fortnightly MARAC meeting, co-chaired between GMP and the Council.
- 4.3 Work has taken place through the partnership to further evolve the 'decision tree' to ensure the total system capacity of support is appropriate and used most effectively, including efficient triage via the MASH and to increase system understanding of connectivity into specialist support, either through the Family Safeguarding Model or specialist IDVAs where appropriate.
- 4.4 In terms of volumes of activity, Bury has seen a fairly consistent rate of domestic abuse over the past 12 months, and this has typically been the third lowest rate across the 10 GM authorities behind Stockport and Trafford. There was an increase in quarter 3 last year following a sustained piece of promotional work including the Cut It Out campaign to raise awareness with those training in the beauty and haircare industry and through the White Ribbon Campaign.
- 4.5 Of Domestic Abuse crimes recorded by GMP on the Bury district the prominent nature of crimes included common assault, stalking and harassment, and controlling/ coercive control. This latter category has seen an increase focus last year to emphasise that abuse isn't always (or not always limited to) physical abuse, but can include emotional, psychological and financial.
- 4.6 The highest prevalence of domestic abuse reports in the Borough are concentrated within the Bury East, Moorside and Radcliffe West wards – with these wards also having the highest levels for repeat cases. Attention is being given to focus awareness and support offers into these areas, including prioritisation for training, opportunities to locate staffing and awareness sessions in these areas and to provide a focus for public service leaderships teams in these locations.
- 4.7 Of the individuals being supported through Safenet Independent Domestic Violence Advisors (IDVAs), just under 90% of these are female (there was a slight increase in males in the most recent quarter); two-thirds are from within the 20-40 age group; 52% of cases have children within the household. This IDVA provision is also supplemented by a Children & Young Peoples IDVA through a successful bid by Safenet to the Ministry of Justice; a primary Care IDVA which with which there has been extensive engagement with NHS GM Bury and local GPs; and access to a GM based BAME IDVA who provides specialist culturally sensitive support. The Primary Care IDVA has worked with 24 individuals, with a higher-than-average prominence of cases relating to coercive control.

³ Safenet are a commissioned provider in relation to Domestic Abuse Services, including Independent Domestic Violence Advisors; community outreach support; and safe accommodation refuge <https://safenet.org.uk/our-services/bury-services-bury-idva-bury-outreach-bury-refuges/>

- 4.8 In relation to repeat victims and offenders, Bury has been consistently below the Greater Manchester average. Of note, where the victim is a repeat victim, this is higher for those in the 18-25 age bracket than the average for all ages.
- 4.9 Building on the launch of the Bury Refuge Service to support women and children escaping from domestic abuse, a total of 27 bed units have been supported as Safe Accommodation Provision locally, in addition to collaborative work across the region for joint access to a male refuge hosted by Tameside Council. Work is currently underway to refresh the Domestic Violence Safe Accommodation Needs Assessment to shape future provision and associated support, including determining a more blended model inclusive of dispersed accommodation and wider collaborative opportunities both within the district on safe accommodation and regionally to build on the male refuge model. This will inform commissioning intentions for 2025 onwards.
- 4.10 In relation to addressing perpetrator behaviour, Bury is a pilot site for the introduction of Domestic Abuse Protection Orders (DAPO), with this due to commence in late November for an initial 8 week period ahead of Wigan and Manchester also going online.
- 4.11 The Domestic Abuse Protection Order (DAPO) is a joint policy between the Home Office and Ministry of Justice. The aim of the DAPO is to bring together the strongest elements of the existing protective order regime into a single comprehensive, flexible order to afford longer-term protection for victims of all domestic abuse. The Domestic Abuse Protection Notice (DAPN) and Domestic Abuse Protection Order (DAPO) were introduced in the Domestic Abuse Act 2021 (the Act). Like the existing Domestic Violence Protection Notice (DVPN), the DAPN is a police-issued notice that will provide victims with immediate protection following an incident by imposing requirements, such as prohibiting the alleged perpetrator from coming within a specified distance of the victim's home. On average four Domestic Abuse Protection Notices are issued by GMP Bury per month, however this figure has decreased slightly as Bury has had the highest conviction and charge rate in the region, reducing the need for Protection Orders.
- 4.12 Positive requirements can be imposed under a DAPO, mandating the subject to take a positive action such as attendance on a perpetrator behaviour change programme. Any positive requirement under the DAPO will be monitored by a single entity, the DRIVE Partnership have been appointed by the Home Office to undertake this role, we have a very good working relationship with them around DAPO implementation.
- 4.13 Existing perpetrator behaviour change programmes include that of Talk Listen Change Perpetrator programmes locally namely Bridging to Change programme which is provision in relation to medium risk adult perpetrators; the Respect Young People programme which focuses on addressing adolescent to parent violence; and Encouraging Healthy Relationships programme which targets support to those who have harmed through intimate relationships. TLC have seen a 56% engagement rate, up one percent from the last quarter and above the GM average (49%) and national benchmark (40%). 93% of perpetrators in the scheme are male and outcomes for the last quarter indicate participants recording a 100% decrease in emotional abusive behaviours; 100% increase in empathy; 75% decrease in psychological abuse and 75% decrease in physical violence.

For TLC support to young people specifically headlines include an increase in engagement of young people identifying as non-binary or gender fluid; an increase in referrals of individuals having a learning, access or behavioural need; 84% increase in wellness scores by the young person themselves; parental reporting of an 84% reduction in the young person's psychological distress and 74% decrease in conduct problems.

- 4.14 A key component of the work of the Domestic Abuse Partnership Board continues to be the ongoing raising awareness and training on domestic abuse provision. This has included a rolling programme of lunchtime learning and teaching Tuesdays with social work staff as part of embedding a community of practice approach; targeted inputs as part of the Hoyles Family Funday in August 2024; the Bury Council Landlord Forum in March 2024 and further roll out of the Domestic Abuse in Later Life in conjunction with the Staying Well Team and Bury Voluntary and Community Faith Alliance. *Safer at Home* workshops were delivered in Bury and Prestwich focusing on honour based violence, forced marriage and dowry abuse. 60 attendees have undertaken this activity to date and those attending reflected on their learning and wrote poems and explained how they would use their learning to expand their knowledge in the future and share this within their networks and communities. There has also been additional promotion of the Domestic Abuse practitioners involved in the Bury Family Safeguarding Model including recent workshops held at Radcliffe Football Club on 11th November 2024.
- 4.15 Learning sessions have also taken place as part of ongoing Domestic Homicide Reviews and as part of the implementation of a tracker to embed such learning a refreshed series of seven-minute briefings on these is being developed with safeguarding colleagues. These will in particular look at the cross-over between domestic abuse and wider vulnerability to harm including radicalisation and substance misuse specifically, in addition to raising the awareness of child-to-parent domestic abuse.
- 4.16 Learning has also been shared as part of collaborative work in the region with Manchester Airport and Border Force colleagues. Colleagues visited the airport in May to increase mutual awareness of safeguarding approaches and practices to identify and disrupt those involved in abusive and coercive behaviours.

5. PRIORITY THREE: STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY COHESION

Measure	23/24 Q1	23/24 Q2	23/24 Q3	23/24 Q4	24/25 Q1	24/25 Q2	Trend	GM Average
GMCA Survey: % of people who feel their community is a place where people from multiple backgrounds get along	79%	78%	77%	74%	75%	79%	↑	76
GMCA Survey: My local area is a place where people look out for each other	74%	76%	78%	78%	71%	78%	↑	74
Number of Hate Crimes	156	145	172	0	168	194	↑	Local metric
Percentage of Hate Crimes where	85.3%	87.6%	78.5%	76.9%	76.8%	78.0%	↑	Local metric

outcome no further action								
PREVENT – Workshop Attendees	21	94	27	70	135	127	↓	<i>Local metric</i>
How confident are you that you could get help from Greater Manchester Police in an emergency?	57%	62%	60%	67%	65%	62%	↓	61

- 5.1 Community Cohesion has been an existing priority of the Community Safety Partnership in order to celebrate the different cultures and heritage we have within and across our communities; of promoting integration and awareness of such communities of interest; and to safeguard against hateful extremism (and hate of all forms). This has been brought to particular focus over the past twelve months given local and regional tensions relating to nation and international events.
- 5.2 Following the 7th October 2023 Hamas attack in Israel, the CSP has scaled up partnership work with community safety colleagues under Operation WILDFLOWER to manage local community tensions with respect to the international conflict. Initially daily partnership meetings with colleagues in Salford and Manchester were stood up working alongside GMP, the Community Security Trust, Shomrim, Bury Faith Forum and Bury Voluntary and Community Faith Alliance.
- 5.3 These meetings focused on sharing community level concerns, tensions and reports of incidents. It allowed for the two-way flow of updates in relation to these between statutory agencies and partners the cross-referencing of any reported incidents between agencies; co-ordination of work together to protect and maintain community cohesion including linkages to and learning from activity elsewhere across the region (with Bury inputting into regional WILDFLOWER governance); and shared intelligence on any risks to cohesion, such as demonstration or acts of hate.
- 5.4 Through the above partnership working mitigations were able to be put in place including
- Dedicated patrol plans of key locations including schools, transport hubs, places of worship and iconic sites
 - The use of rapid deploy CCTV coverage onto the King’s Road vicinity of Prestwich
 - Engagement with local faith and community leads to ascertain tensions and opportunities to promote cohesion across faiths, the recognition of key cultural dates of significance
 - ‘Check ins’ by Locality Early Years Advisors into school and childcare settings within Whitefield and Prestwich
 - Promotion of hate crime awareness information, including the means to report and support available
- 5.5 WILDFLOWER meetings have continued through the year and whilst the frequency has reduced this still provides a means to respond quickly to any potential point of tension, eg identification and removal of hateful graffiti. This

also allowed the overseeing of arrangements around Ramadan, Eid and the Jewish High Holy Days and there will be an increased partnership focus around Purim next year to further mitigate any tensions celebration of this might cause to broader local communities.

- 5.6 During late July and early August, the country experienced significant unrest and public disorder, particularly after the tragic incident in Southport on 29th July 2024. Whilst there was thankfully no public disorder in Bury, the impact of broader regional and national activity was felt acutely within the Borough by particularly communities of identity. The Community Safety Partnership worked collaboratively both locally and with regional/ national colleagues as part of established emergency planning procedures, which included a Strategic Co-ordination Group and Community Engagement Cell. This informed local activity which included tailored briefings to the Bury Council of Mosques, a special session of the Team Bury Partnership; bespoke engagement with community organisations including Eagles Wing, Africab and BRAC (Bury and Rochdale African Community Network).
- 5.7 As part of the immediate response, Bury Council worked with mosque leads to successfully apply for surge security through the Protective Security Scheme for Places of Worship, to provide community reassurance. Whilst there was no specific threat against Bury venues, these bids recognised concerns given proximity of disorder in the wider region.
- 5.8 On 6th September a cohesion roundtable event took place at the Mosses Centre. This had already been scheduled prior to the unrest in 5.6 as part of exploring refreshing the inputs and focus of the Cohesion subgroup of the CSP. The session brought together representatives including the Bury African and Caribbean Women's Network; Jewel Foundation; BAME Project; Jewish Leadership Council; Citizens Advice Bury & Bolton; Khizra Mosque; Jinnah Centre; ADAB; Bury Older People's Network; Early Break; local Veterans leads; Organic Soul (member of Bury Muslim Christian Network); and community representative from Bury on the GM Race Equality Panel and We Lead for Legacy Civic Leadership programme. This session focused on developing a common understanding of the term cohesion; the principle drivers of this as being around trust, understanding, respect and tolerance; and areas for further exploration as a collective – such as inclusive messaging; safe spaces for discussions and to ask questions; opportunities to identify and connect community enablers and role models. A further roundtable is taking place on 21st November.
- 5.9 Also in September, the meeting of the Full Council endorsed a notice of motion on cohesion, against which a tracker is being developed to report back on progress against the recommendations within this. Some of these actions are more immediate, some are longer term pieces of work which inform the refresh of the CSP strategy going forward (as per section 10 of this report).
- 5.10 The activities in the tracker build on existing cohesion activity which has already been taking place through the CSP. On 24th July 2024 Collabor8 returned to Bury for the first time since the Covid-19 pandemic. Collabor8 is a family event that celebrates Bury's diverse communities, with a range of stalls and events run by various cultural, community and faith groups from the Borough. The purpose of the event was to bring people together from the communities of Bury; creating an opportunity for attendees to develop their own cultural awareness and understanding, to ask questions and learn in a respectful and fun manner, enabling us to break down stereotypes, eradicate

prejudice and allow a platform to tackle hate crime and to raise awareness. More than 700 attendees and 40 partners took part in the event at the Fire Training Centre.

- 5.11 Collabor8 is one of the events during the year which help raise the awareness of groups funded through Standing Together and Hate Crime Awareness grants. Some of the recent recipients and their activities have included:
- Speakeasy who have developed aphasia accessible resources and delivered sessions on hate crime and its effect on disabled people
 - Fair Futures have worked with young people and families to promote learning and reducing barriers to education , coproducing multilingual and easily understood training and advice on recognising and reporting hate crime.
 - 289 people have benefited from Caritas Red Door being able to deliver provision to keep people who may be at risk of being victimised to come together, share meals and activity
 - Bury People First have delivered Hate/Mate crime workshops with 78 attendees
 - 140 people engaged through the Eagles Wing, 'Come As Strangers and Stay As Friends' programme from across 20 countries including linking into Household Support Fund, DWP and the GM Immigration Aid Unit.
 - Youth led scheme put forward by three pupils of Elton High School.
- 5.12 Tackling hate has also been the focus on refreshed training on hate crime awareness and reporting. Planning is underway for the next Greater Manchester Hate Crime Awareness Week which takes place in February, for which funding for community activity has been made available. During GM Hate Crime Awareness Week in 2024 and surrounding weeks, local activity included:
- Bury LGBTQI+ Forum hosted a session on challenging hate against LGBT Disabled People at The Met
 - Stop Hate Crime showcase with MAD Theatre and Liv's Trust
 - Hate Crime Awareness Webinar with SAFE - in collaboration with the Greater Manchester Combined Authority and Salford Council
 - Hate Crime Awareness promotion through Radcliffe Football Club at their home fixture
 - Joint session with GM Victim Support to 24 local Hate Crime Ambassadors and Reporting Centres and direct in put in Fair Futures and Women of Worth
 - Joint session with Street Reds to engage young people and parents in Whitefield and Prestwich
 - Hate crime surgery with GMP and BAME Project in the Millgate Centre
- 5.13 Safeguarding Against Hateful extremism also remains an area of focus for the CSP through the local delivery of activity under CONTEST counter-terrorism legislation. Building on a strong outcome in local benchmarking of Prevent Duty delivery through the Home Office, where benchmarking standards were met in all categories and exceeded in two-thirds of standards) there is a new tiered training approach, enhanced work on reducing permissive environments and further iterations of a Prevent newsletter.
- 5.14 In 2024 to date WRAP (Workshop to Raise Awareness of Prevent) has been delivered to 520 people across 11 schools, public service teams and community leads. IN addition Odd Arts delivered input to 2,400 pupils at Holy Cross following positive feedback to a session held with partners earlier in the year.

5.15 To further promote safeguarding against hateful extremism, the CSP has worked with SAFE (Security Advice for Everyone) via the Community Security Trust who are delivered a session on awareness in relation to The Far Right in August alongside promotion of training on Incels and the upcoming Martyn's Law (Protect Duty).

6 PRIORITY FOUR: CREATING AND MAINTAINING SAFE SPACES

Measure	23/24 Q1	23/24 Q2	23/24 Q3	23/24 Q4	24/25 Q1	24/25 Q2	Trend	GM Average
VAWG - Violence Against Women (Female victims of any age)	1,678	1,393	1,758	1,818	2,006	1,254	↓	<i>Local metric</i>
Percentage of women who feel unsafe in their local area	9%	9%	10%	14%	13%	7%	↓	13%
Number of incidents on transport network by Under 18's	56	81	142	150	106	Q1 latest data available	↓	<i>Data due</i>
GMFRS reports of deliberate fires	New measure for 24/25				73	Data due	New	<i>Local metric</i>

6.1 Within the last twelve months Bury Council has successfully gained White Ribbon accreditation recognising the ongoing progress to strengthen systems and awareness of engaging with men and boys to prevent gender-based abuse through changing behaviours and cultures.

6.2 White Ribbon activity has included a specific all-staff live leadership briefing; White Ribbon content within the staff organisational development 'LET's Do It Challenge'; White Ribbon coffee mornings including at Fishpool Goshen Redvales and Springs Community Hub, Supporting Sisters, Women of Worth and as part of International Women's Day, awareness event at the Mosses Centre and in conjunction with GM colleagues at Stenecourt Synagogue; Bury Football Club players signing the White Ribbon promise; a Street Reds football tournament with gender based violence messaging; and information stalls at College induction and freshers week activities. There has also been engage with Natalie Lewis, a pro boxing coach on input to raise awareness in a traditionally male dominated environment.

6.3 Whilst there has been positive White Ribbon related activity it is noticeable that Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) reports had increased earlier in the year, and whilst some of this maybe down to increased awareness, it shows further work is required in this area, and is central to why the notion of 16 days of action which follow White Ribbon Day is referred to in Bury as the need for 365 days of action. Current activity to address this includes a renewed focus as part of the recent B-Safe session with Year 8 pupils across the Borough and focus within Circles of Influence activities to embed healthy relationships and respect principles within young men and boys; and the ongoing development of a suite of VAWG Upstanding training. With funding through the Home Office Safer Streets scheme this will provide a series of train-the-trainer interventions

aimed at public services, community leads, and specific communities of interest, from which a hybrid Bury product will be developed, alongside a suite of support guides and resources to encourage the prevention of harmful behaviours, and whether they do occur the confidence and awareness to report (including for bystanders to become upstanders and call out such behaviour). This will also provide a focus on the emotional wellbeing impact of micro-aggressions and coercive control and include joint work with Catch 22 as GM Victim Services

- 6.4 This will accompany the latest chapter of Greater Manchester's *#Isitok? Campaign* aimed at men and boys to challenging their behaviours to tackle sexual harassment of women and girls in public spaces. Bury has been actively involved in further developing this through the Gender Based Violence Steering Group to shape content that challenges misogyny and bias with further content due for release in December 2024.
- 6.5 VAWG training is one of a number of interventions which Bury was successful for in applying into Round 5 of the Home Office Safer Streets fund. In conjunction with the Greater Manchester Combined Authority as respective Police & Crime Commissioners office, Bury's proposal focused on initiatives driven by local insight to reduce anti social behaviour and promote safe spaces. The funding has enabled the provision of 32 new CCTV cameras within Bury Town Centre, particularly around Kay Gardens, Market Street, Kay Gardens and The Rock to support community safety and security colleagues to better respond to incidents, in conjunction with improved radio connectivity, which has already brought offenders to justice.
- 6.6 Within the Town Centre there has been an increased presence of public guardians, with the funding providing capacity through Street Stewards through the Street Pastors, to be an additional presence in the town centre, as eyes and ears for statutory services which also being able to engage with residents and visitors to the town centre to provide support and work to deter poor behaviours, such as action to tackle cyclists causing a nuisance or danger in centre. The stewards are averaging 2,500 interactions per quarter presently.
- 6.7 Public guardianship has also increased on the public transport network through dedicated youth workers operating around transport stations and on the Metrolink. Joint patrols target hotspot activities to reduce youth related anti-social behaviour and seek to develop positive relationships with young adults including providing information on diversionary activities. TravelSafe colleagues provide a weekly summary of ASB and criminality on the transport network with which joint work is then undertaken with the GMP Prevention Hub, youth detached outreach team, housing and homelessness services and local schools/ colleges. The transport network has also seen physical deterrents added to prevent access to station roof structures which has been being used to commit ASB which had been putting the offender and others in danger
- 6.8 Transport and broader road related safety has included partnership activity between GMP, TfGM, Bury Council and GMFRS as part of the region's Vision Zero Strategy which aims to eliminate road death and life changing injuries by 2040 with a target of a 50% reduction by 2030. There has been targeted promotion of partnership resources on road safety including *Sharing the Road; Fatal 4* and *Winter Road Safety* guidance from GMFRS; promotion of DriveSafe through the Bee Network and *Safe Drive Stay Alive* in conjunction with the Northern Care Alliance and GM colleagues/ youth groups. Further work is taking place to review hotspot locations for partnership engagement, including

with GMP over speeding operations or considerations to design out any vulnerabilities, alongside use of virtual reality and live extraction from vehicle demonstrations

- 6.9 During Operation AVRO in March 2024 there were 127 traffic enforcements exercised including 71 traffic offences, 56 speeding offences, six prohibition notices, three vehicle seizures and one arrest. 30 traders were stopped and spoken to by Bury Trading Standards, of which 10 were advised in relation to their activities.
- 6.10 Activity through the CSP continues to promote water safety messaging, in particular through local schools and youth settings, in conjunction with the Bury Resilience Forum. Earlier in the year, prior to the June half term and summer holidays key advice was shared on the dangers of (non-organised) open water swimming, including the dangers of cold water shock. All school leads were engaged with through the *Safe for Summer* campaign, including the sharing of resources to enable students to deliver content to fellow pupils in assemblies as a peer-to-peer educational approach. The content included *Stay Wise* content to challenge behaviours and guidance on *Float to Live* should people get into danger. Information was also shared through housing services colleagues and will continue into the winter months to warn of dangers of open water and ice, in conjunction with the Greater Manchester Water Safety Partnership.
- 6.11 Phase 1 of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (ROSPA) report recommendations on open water in Bury have been completed and the Department for Operations are updating the water safety policy and website information with respect to this. Phase 1 focused on the sites of highest profile, footfall and most accessible to the public and/or there had been previous incidents. Attention will now move to phase 2 sites.
- 6.12 Greater Manchester Fire & Rescue Service [GMFRS] have provided inputs on fire safety data into the Safe Spaces subgroup and Public Service Reform Steering Group. Bury routinely has the lowest total number of incidents requiring attendance across the region by GMFRS and so focus is on targeting repeat locations and exploring opportunities for partnership prevention. Within the last year locations for repeat deliberate primary fires includes Moorside and streets within Besses and for secondary fire is predominately locations in Sedgley, Holyrood and Radcliffe West. For each of the 3 GMFRS stations in the Borough there is a station place based plan, setting out local priorities covering training, community engagement, infrastructure and the built environment.
- 6.13 GMFRS have also been working to increase their Safer Communities and Intervention offer which includes:
- Universal offer – overall fire safety campaigns and promotion of Firestoppers, introduced in February 2024 where anonymous reports can be made to support the identification of deliberate fire setting to enable joint work with GMP on criminal investigative action.
 - Community offer – Targeting risk cohorts such as through The Atlas Project (support and education for convicted fire setters); the Achilles Project (intervention for individuals involved in the criminal justice system to change behaviour and develop personal resilience)
 - Individual offer - features Home Fire Safety Assessments (HFSA) by GMFRS, involving home visits to assess and reduce fire risk. The assessments are person-centred, offering advice and signposting based on risks related to the person, environment, or behaviour.

7 PRIORITY FIVE: TACKLING CRIME AND ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

Measure	23/24 Q1	23/24 Q2	23/24 Q3	23/24 Q4	24/25 Q1	24/25 Q2	Trend	GM Average
Rate of all crimes (per 1,000 residents)	31.7	26.2	26	24.7	26.8	26.2	↓	30.5
Rate of Violent Crimes (per 1,000 residents)	12.5	10.6	10.2	9.9	10.9	Data due	↑	11.9
Rate of neighbourhood crimes (per 1,000 residents)	3.0	2.9	2.7	2.4	2.4	Data due	↔	4.8
A&E Attendances due to assault	101	112	118	133	125	122	↓	Local metric
Number of Residential Burglaries	173	206	198	178	159	165	↑	Local metric
Number of ASB Offences (GMP)	3,013	2,663	1,973	1,737	2,116	Data due	↑	Local metric
Bury Council ASB Reports	115	147	75	82	145	120	↓	Local metric
Bury Council ASB Closed Cases (within period)	66	90	35	52	89	88	↓	Local metric

- 7.1 Bury, as a Borough, is one of the safest districts in Greater Manchester. The Borough's rate of all crime and of violence crime remains below regional average. This is something that the CSP is not complacent about and works hard to maintain, whilst also being fully aware that as a result when incidents do happen locally they are more noticeable and concerning to local communities.
- 7.2 CSP partners work together to seek to prevent criminality occurring, and where it does to mitigate the impact of this and address through a problem-solving approach to support any victim(s) of crime; identify and bring offenders to justice; and address any underlying vulnerabilities that allow or enable criminality to occur.
- 7.3 Crime, including violent crime, is not evenly distributed across the Borough, meaning that impact is felt more acutely in certain locations. Bury Town Centre has the highest volume of criminality and anti-social behaviour in the Borough as a whole. As a result of this there have been a number of targeted interventions focusing on this area including:
- Operation HEARTBEAT – a dedicated operation to addressing youth related crime anti social behaviour and criminality in the town centre in which GMP have been working in conjunction with Council ASB colleagues, TravelSafe, Millgate and The Rock security and Safer Street Stewards, alongside sharing intelligence and engagement with the youth detached outreach team and complex safeguarding colleagues. During 2024 HEARTBEAT has responded to 222 logs, with 86 arrests and gathered an additional 49 pieces of intelligence. Incident numbers have decreased quarter-by-quarter in the year to date due to

targeted high visibility activity at peak times; increased partnership working including positive referrals for mentoring through Bury Defence Academy

- Operations LYNX and EXPEDITE – there is a renewed focus on safety within Bury’s Night Time Economy, working in conjunction across licensing colleagues, licenced premises (including Pubwatch), Street Pastors and Bury Business Improvement District. This work has been building on a strong base of being a Purple Flag accredited town centre, an accolade the Borough is rightly proud of but there is a strong recognition of the need to go further to ensure this is retained and built upon. Additional patrols have been secured including the extension of the hours of operation into the early hours of Saturday and Sunday mornings as a data-led response to the time and locations of incidents. Work is continuing to refresh a ‘4P’ plan for the night time economy – to *prevent* criminality; *prepare* for predictable peaks of risks of crime; *protect* and safeguarding people, and pursue offenders. The Safer Streets expansion of CCTV focuses within this area is being supplemented by joint work with the Bury BID on digital crime reporting and intelligence system to improve connectivity and sharing of information between organisations; and ongoing learning through engagement with the Co-operative Council Innovation Network including sharing practices with broader licensing teams
- The Public Guardianship through Street Pastors between the Safer Streets funded daytime patrols (6.5-6.7) and existing night time activity has allowed an presence into the twilight period to ensure a continuity of presence into the evening economy.

7.4 In March 2024 there was a linked series of targeted incidents which predominantly took place in the Whitefield area. There was a robust partnership response which included daily multiagency meetings including GMP Bury, Force teams, Social care, Complex Safeguarding Team, Bury College, Council community safety colleagues; in addition to increased hi-visibility and covert policing and patrolling including Violence Reduction Unit officers; detached youth outreach; TravelSafe and GMP Transport Unit Officers; tactical aid unit; and mounted officers.

7.5 As a partnership opportunities were determined for multi-agency intervention and disruption across key individuals of note, including housing, education and learning provision, anti-social behaviour, detached youth outreach to ensure collective system intelligence to support policing investigative action, in addition to partners providing a visible presence in the local area to provide community reassurance.

7.6 A series of approaches were deployed to mitigate harm including the granting of Section 60 notices which provided additional search and dispersal powers. As a whole in the first half of the year there were a total of 1,152 stop searches carried out in the Borough, from which there were 255 positive results – a positive result doesn’t necessarily mean a weapon or illicit substance was found, it includes the detaining of wanted individuals, or completion of a bail check.

7.7 Work through the Serious Violence Duty subgroup has had a triple focus of a/ routine targeted enforcement and engagement activity in the Borough; b/the development of a Clear Hold Build approach; and c/ focus on prevention and early intervention to deter and divert people from criminality.

7.7.1 Routine activity builds upon regular days of action, such as Operation SCEPTRE – a Force week of action to raise the awareness of the dangers of knife crime and reduce it by targeting those carrying weapons, disrupting the supply of knives, and providing young people with positive alternatives to crime. Locally this has included the deployment of knife arches including at Bury College and Metrolink stations across the Borough network; warrants connected to violence and knife-enabled crime and visits to habitual knife carriers; joint activity with Operation CONCEPT (illegally imported weapons) visits; knife crime awareness workshops with schools and colleges on the dangers of carrying weapons.

7.7.2 Clear Hold Build is an approach to tackling organised crime groups or associated criminal activity acting in the neighbourhood to make the area a safer place to live and build community resilience. The partnership approach involves an initial 'Clear' phase with targeted enforcement activity (arrests/ disruptions) to target identified individuals and their networks including business interests. 'Hold' focuses on consolidating this by ensuring any underlying place-based vulnerabilities are reviewed to seek to prevent alternative offenders moving into any gaps left by removal of key actors in the clear phase. 'Build', which starts alongside the hold stage takes a whole-system approach to developing and delivering community-empowered interventions to tackle the drivers of crime and exploitation. This approach has been delivered to date within the Moorside Ward in Bury through Operation REVOKE and the intention over late 2024 is to roll this approach out into Whitefield.

7.7.3 A key focus of Bury CSP and the regional Greater Than Violence approach is on the prevention of individuals being drawn into criminality, or more serious offences if already in the criminal justice system. Work with the Violence Reduction Unit involves a series of approaches and interventions that aims to better identify, engage and change behaviours of such individuals and their connections. Examples of work undertaken include:

- A deep dive into young people entering the youth justice system to audit support and contact by professionals previous to their entrance to review if opportunities were missed and undercover gaps in support.
- 91 sessions of Outreach/ Detached activity undertaken within the last quarter, amounting to contact with 1,400 young people.
- Partnership activity with GMFRS using their training centre to create a session for young people identified by colleagues to experience this as a diversionary activity. The project is multi agency and touches on the impact of different offences and offers better understanding. This has occurred as a pilot twice to hone the offer. It will be rolled out monthly for an identified cohort and supported by the project worker and the teams funded through VRU.
- Mentoring through 1-1 and group session, with 20 people directly supported in the last quarter and group sessions have included young people at risk of Child Criminal/ Child Sexual Exploitation to come together for a day of team building and drama workshops to better understand their disengagement from positive activities and realise their own strengths to support positive skill development and further inclusion. This builds on a community led pilot in Bury East, led by an alliance of voluntary sector partners including Bury Defence Academy, Enterprising Youth and Early Break.
- Provision of an 'older' young people youth offer following consultation with year 11 pupils and trialled as part of the summer suppression offer.
- Linked universal youth club sessions were accessed by 255 young people

- Street self defence and street first aid project is being co-produced with you people following their suggestion

7.8 With regards to neighbourhood crime, also known as acquisitive crime:

- Residential Burglary has shown year on year reductions with average weekly levels in 2024 to date approximately half the levels of two years ago. Whilst there are occasional pockets of activity in particular police beats, there are not persistent hotspots with pulse patrolling of both overt and covert officers deployed to target any peaks, and local areas provided with crime prevention advice to reduce any local vulnerabilities.
- Personal Robbery has seen a reduction through there has been greater variation with a spike in late June and early August. These were lower than spikes in previous years and outside of these levels have remained low. The spikes related to linked series of robberies in Nuttall Park. Burys' Neighbourhood Crime Team investigated the matter. After an extensive CCTV trawl and effective partnership working with the local colleagues, two suspects were identified and promptly arrested.
- Vehicle crime (vehicle interference; theft from motor vehicles and theft of motor vehicles) has seen a significant decrease in 2024 to date from 2023. This has included targeted work with the trades on safety advice in relation to their vehicles; proactive patrols through the Roads Policing Team and practical advice through Bee in the Loop messaging service.

7.9 The CSP has continued to work collaboratively to tackle Anti Social Behaviour in the Borough. Bury ranks second lowest at a district level in of GMP recorded ASB incidents. Where ASB does occur the predominant categories are of rowdy or inconsiderate behaviour, which is nearly three times higher than the next categories of vehicle nuisance, neighbour disputes and noise concerns. It is noted that almost a third of rowdy and inconsiderate behaviour incidents are within 250 metres of the Metrolink network. For vehicle nuisance the predominant themes are off-road bikes and anti-social parking.

7.10 A district ASB Problem Profile has been developed from which there will be a series of strategic and tactical recommendations, which will inform the refreshed CSP strategy and consider place based partnership responses to tackling the causes and mitigating the effects of ASB across the Borough. This will build on existing partnership activity which has included:

- Ongoing joint patrols in hotspot locations examples including work with the Radcliffe Neighbourhood Policing Team regarding off road bikes and motorbike nuisance through joint visits to petrol stations to issue letters in regards to the sale of petrol in jerry cans to people potentially using it to ride non-insured motorbikes, requesting the petrol stations to report any suspicious activity and intelligence submitted regarding any instances of ASB Riding
- Ongoing joint visits between police and Council ASB colleagues to properties where both organisations have received complaints to help resolve any issues that have been raised.
- Mediation between residents at Baguley Crescent with landlord present to try and mitigate instances of verbal abuse and noise levels from above property. Mediation was a success and complaints have reduced.
- Partnership enforcement on Peter Street in response to a vehicle nuisance complaint of multiple vans being parked along the street, with people also

sleeping in them. This was having a detrimental effect on the surrounding businesses and so joint work including GMP and the DVLA, meant that all these vehicles were seized and the area cleaned up accordingly.

7.11 ASB and tackling youth crime is also the focus on the B.Safe initiative in which more than 2,000 pupils at the Borough's secondary schools take part in an immersive learning day on how to keep themselves and others safe. The sessions focus on prevention and early intervention to raise awareness of and divert people from knife crime, the dangers of vaping, drug misuse, a focus on healthy relationships, anti-social behaviour (particularly in relation to Halloween, Fireworks night and on public transport) and fire safety. A day of workshops was held at each school, following a performance by second-year drama students from Bury College to reinforce key messaging and this approach is being reviewed to ensure it is most appropriately targeting the right messaging to the right age-groups.

8 PRIORITY SIX: REDUCING REOFFENDING

Measure	23/24 Q1	23/24 Q2	23/24 Q3	23/24 Q4	24/25 Q1	24/25 Q2	Trend	GM Average
% of all crimes committed by re-offenders	29%	27%	24%	23%	25%	26%	↑	27
% of crimes committed by re-offenders - crimes by under 18's	26%	29%	19%	27%	33%	28%	↓	26
Number of young people who are first time entrants to the youth justice system	17	13	12	9	10	12	↑	<i>Local metric</i>
Percentage of young offenders engagement in suitable education, employment or training	41%	57%	50%	44%	60%	40%	↓	<i>N/A</i>

8.1 The Reducing Reoffending Board brings together colleagues from prisons, probation and youth justice agencies, including the voluntary sector, to develop relationships and joint approaches to offer real opportunities for change in individuals who have previously committed offences.

8.2 To deliver this Bury's Reducing Reoffending Delivery Plan has been refreshed in line with the regional Probation planning approach. This includes a current focus on:

- Delivering rehabilitative interventions through the Greater Manchester Integrated Rehabilitative Services and Offender Management, supporting individuals to re-integrate into the community by addressing a range of needs.
- Developing tailored approach to employment, training and education for both young adults in probation and those whose careers to date have been one of criminality.

- Providing People on Probation in Bury with safe, stable accommodation and to protect the public through robust monitoring
- 8.3 The integrated offender management (IOM) approach has seen greater partnership working to co-ordinate oversight and support to offenders to reduce their risk of reoffending, including increasing connectivity in line with probation being a specified authority within the Serious Violence Duty. Referrals are screened for eligible custody releases with an increased volume of Integrated Offender Management cases receiving vigilance visits to review the progress being made of integrating back into local communities. Compliance with all IOM appointments offered is at 92.6% with an average number of appointments offered being 13.5 across a 4 week period . Across Greater Manchester, alongside Rochdale, Bury has the highest fixed cohort on IOM; conducts the most amount of vigilance visit (pro-rata of caseload) and has the highest level of compliance.
 - 8.4 Work between probation and the youth justice service has continued to embed a trauma responsive approach to support the transition of individuals in the 18-25 age bracket. For individuals a workbook is completed to prepare all young adults in lead up to transition with seconded probation staff supporting this. For professionals this has included specific e-learning of trauma-informed practice and adverse childhood experience training and access to specialist material in relation to care leavers.
 - 8.5 GM Integrated Rehabilitative Service 'Achieve' are co-located at probation and working on 1-1 with individuals to identify and address barriers to engagement with employment training and education (ETE). Interventions include support on CV completion, assistance with application forms and coaching on job interview skills. Additional technology has been in place allowing people on probation to be able to more readily access online learning platforms to supplement the Job Club running through Welfare Hub.
 - 8.6 In relation to accommodation, there is a rolling average of 93-97% occupancy rate for Community Accommodation Service Tier 3 (CAS3) accommodation, which provides temporary accommodation for homeless prison leavers and those moving on from Approved Premises to support move into settled accommodation. Partnership prison leaver meetings are well attended by partnership meetings to review priority duty and identification of People on Probation without accommodation to ensure a joined up approach. From the latest available date over 90% individuals accommodated upon release, with three-quarters in settled and stable accommodation three months post release.
 - 8.7 In July, The Criminal Justice Act (2003) Requisite and Minimum Custodial Periods Order (2024) was debated and subsequently introduced to modify the automatic release point for Standard Determinate Sentences (SDS) from 50% to 40% of sentence to ease prison overcrowding. An SDS is the most common type of custodial sentence issued by the courts. It requires offenders to serve part of their sentence in custody and the rest on licence in the community. Certain offences excluded, including serious violent offences with a sentence of four years or more and sexual offences, offences linked to domestic violence, and national security offences irrespective of sentence length. There has been significant multi-agency liaison prior to the release of the first tranche and audits have continued to take place on all cases released to date to review probation activity which will include any recalls to custody.
 - 8.8 Developments are continuing to embed a Probation Notification and Actioning Project (PNAP) as part of a substance misuse treatment and recovery pathway

for prisoners. Prisoners who have a history of drug and alcohol use have an increased risk of relapse, death and reoffending in the period directly following their release from custody. PNAP aims to reduce this risk and simplify how probation staff are told about a prison leaver's ongoing drug and alcohol treatment needs through the creation of a central administrative team to support the Probation Service to provide a process for prison treatment providers in England and Wales to communicate referrals to probation via a new 'single national gateway' which has been developed and agreed with NHS and HMPPS colleagues; and enable probation to record and manage information more effectively. The PNAP notification will enable probation staff to consistently support and encourage engagement in community services, and therefore directly contribute to improving continuity of care for drug and alcohol treatment for prison leavers. In the coming months this will see greater collaborative discussions between probation and the drug and alcohol workstream of the CSP.

9 WIDER COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTIVITY

9.1 The last twelve months has seen an increased focus on collaboration between the CSP and the broader Bury Safeguarding Partnership system. This has centred around sharing opportunities for learning, training, awareness and co-ordinated activity. Some examples of this include:

- Joint delivery of a Child Protection AVRO day of action which saw the execution of warrants and searches with Serious Organised Crime colleagues alongside Complex Safeguarding partners; Prevention Hub inputs into care homes to deliver training to residents and staff; neighbourhood based colleagues attending a Crucial Crew event with Bury FC with input to over 150 children on safety and exploitation; 500 children engaged in schools on healthy relationships and internet safety; and a joint session with Foundation 92 and TfGM on exploitation awareness at Bury Interchange
- Complex Safeguarding Week of Action with workshops and interventions in conjunction with the Youth Justice Prevention Team
- Child Criminal Exploitation 'Take Over' event focusing on a case study to walk young people through a child's experience of CCE at Bury Fire Training Centre with GMFRS, CHALLENGER [Organised Crime] district and Force colleagues; GMCA; Early Break; Bury Youth Service; VRU and Catch 22 [Victim Support]
- Complex Safeguarding colleagues joint sessions with Northern Care Alliance to deliver training and interventions at Fairfield A&E
- Breaking Barriers training through 'Crossing the Line' production for primary schools covering the themes of county lines and misogyny

9.2 In addition to responding to the strategic priorities of the Community Safety Partnership, multi-agency colleagues have continued to provide emergency response and support to issues as they have arisen, notably working together during major accidents and incidents, such as responding to the Nelson Street gas explosion in March.

9.3 Of note, over the past year there has been recognition of particular contributions to Community Safety in Bury and by those working locally. This includes through the GM Chief Constables Awards I which the Bury Voluntary Police Cadet Unit won unit of the year; the volunteer of the year was Dorothy Stoddard from Bury Neighbourhood Watch; GMFRS District lead Jason Rain was

awarded a certificate of outstanding performance for leadership on a project to improve capacity and capability to respond to a marauding terrorist attack and there has been Mayoral recognition of the Bury Special Constables who within the last year have performed 5,561 operational duty hours, been involved in 108 arrests and taken 75 vehicles at risk of causing harm off Bury’s roads.

10 COMMUNITY SAFETY PLAN REFRESH

- 10.1 Work has taken place in recent months to commence the co-production of a revised Community Safety Plan for the Borough to run from April 2025 until March 2028.
- 10.2 The CSP Strategy refresh is informed by changes to national legislation and policy; ongoing work to refresh the Greater Manchester Police and Crime Plan – also known as *Standing Together* – and local insight (both qualitative and quantitative). The Plan seeks to prepare for prospective legislative changes as much as reflect updated statutory guidance since the last plan.
- 10.3 Insight to inform the strategy has been shaped through community (including victim voice) from the respective subgroups and broader dialogue. Whilst much of this has been as part of ongoing community safety engagement there has been specific conversations and survey taking place in recent weeks to shape the content of the strategy – both in terms of priorities and principles.
- 10.4 This engagement has included a survey which has been available online and in-person; street-level engagement across the Borough; and focus group style groups across communities of interest and experience including a Community Cohesion roundtable; engagement through Bury People First; Bury Older Peoples Network; Circles of Influence with young people in the Borough and the Persona Your Voice Forum.
- 10.5 As of 14th November 2024 there had been 629 survey responses in addition to engagement outlined in 10.4. To data key priorities which have emerged are as follows:

CSP survey feedback to date	<p>Topics identified of greater importance by local communities being child exploitation; domestic and sexual abuse; anti-social behaviour and hateful abuse.</p> <p>Feedback on approaches to prioritise have focused on a greater emphasis on education to prevent people getting drawn into and involved in crime, and responsiveness to incidents when they occur</p> <p>“Neighbours” a key factor in making people feel safe, in terms of their connections to them, with communication and increased community based events identified as means for greater opportunities to work together as communities and public services to make places (and people feel) safer</p>
Key topics raised in wider engagement to date	Priority topics identified relate to public safety on transport including specifically Bury Interchange and opportunities to bring different communities together to develop mutual togetherness
CSP partner	Priority topics identified are Offences Against Children; youth

data areas of focus	Serious (weapon enabled) Violence; Violence Against Women and Girls; and tackling organised crime including drug related criminality
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- 10.6 Appendix A provides draft content of the emerging Bury Community Safety Partnership Strategy for discussion, with the caveat that there is ongoing engagement taking place across the Team Bury system and with communities.
- 10.7 Work is continuing to further develop the strategy including shaping an outcomes framework and initial delivery plan. This will continue to be informed by ongoing co-production, engagement and insight analysis.
- 10.8 The further drafted strategy will be presented to the Bury Community Safety Partnership in January 2025 for endorsement and it is intended that the strategy is approved at Bury Council’s Cabinet meeting in March 2025, for delivery commencing 1st April 2025.

11 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 11.1 This report provides an overview of the recent, current and planned activities taking place across the priorities of Bury’s Community Safety Partnership. The Committee is asked to note the report and outline any areas of further interest.
- 11.2 The Committee is asked to provide any specific comment to shape the Bury Community Safety Strategy for 2025-2028

ACRONYMS

ASB – Anti Social Behaviour
CAS3 – Community Accommodation Service Tier 3
CSP – Community Safety Partnership
CST – Community Security Trust
DAPO – Domestic Abuse Protection Orders
DVA – Domestic Violence/ Abuse
GMCA – Greater Manchester Combined Authority
GMFRS – Greater Manchester Fire & Rescue Service
GMP – Greater Manchester Police
IOM – Integrated Offender Management
IDVA – Independent Domestic Violence Advisor
MARAC – Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference
MAPPAs – Multi Agency Public Protection Arrangements
SVD – Serious Violence Duty
VAWG – Violence Against Women & Girls

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