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Safer and Stronger Together **Bury Community Safety Partnership Strategy 2025-2028**

1. Foreword

Keeping people safe is at the very heart of public service life and so we're pleased to present Bury's latest Community Safety Partnership Strategy which is at the very core of this. *Safer and Stronger Together*, has been born through working with Bury's biggest strength, our local communities. It sets out how the Bury Community Safety Partnership will work together, as statutory agencies with partners, and crucially, with communities across Borough, to keep people safe from harm, to reduce risk and vulnerability, to collaborate on opportunities to make people feel more resilient and able to thrive, and to provide an united front to those seeking to cause harm to others.

The Community Safety Partnership is committed to working together to make Bury the very place to call home, to study and work in, to socialise and visit. By tailoring and targeting activity, this strategy sets out to tackle hotspots of crime and harm, to embed prevention and early intervention interventions in partnership with local places, to support communities to be increasingly resilient and to go further than that, to thrive.

We are, and always will be, safer and stronger together, and call upon all partners and communities to join us in delivering this strategy.

Councillor Sandra Walmsley, Cabinet Member for Communities and Inclusion

Chief Superintendent Kirsty Oliver, District Commander, Greater Manchester Police and Co-Chair of Bury Community Safety Partnership

2. Executive Summary

Bury Community Safety Partnership is committed to continuing to make the Borough of Bury one of the safest places to live, work, study and visit. The vision of the partnership is for strong and resilient communities, where all are able to thrive, safe from harm. This includes working collaboratively, as a statutory agencies with local communities to target prevention to safeguard, particularly those affect the most by trauma or susceptible to harm or being drawn into harm – and robustly challenge those who engage in criminality or (seek to) cause harm to local communities.

Community Safety isn't the responsibility of any one agency and community safety matters don't exist in isolation from wider social factors. As such this strategy sets out the approach and collective interventions that the partnership will come together around, to provide an increasingly collaborative approach to safety. This approach is central to Bury's *LET'S Do It!* approach and this plan is guided by those principles.

The Partnership will maximise the connectivity of Bury into wider Greater Manchester region whilst ensuring activity is tailored to the specific insight, risks and opportunity of the Borough, and moreover targeted, focused and reflective of characteristics of particular neighbourhoods and specific locations.

Through dialogue with local partners and communities across Bury and review of evidence on threat, harm and risks to the Borough, a set of strategic priorities have been identified, against which the CSP will have a relentless focus on over the next three years. Initial areas of focus are detailed against each priority to provide the framework upon which the partnership will focus; though the CSP will continue to assess insight (data, knowledge, community intelligence, and research) in order to ensure any emerging risks, or opportunities, are responded to in a timely and cohesive manner.

Collectively this strategy sets out to ensure the vision can be achieved that together we are greater than violence, as communities we stand together and Bury is a place that looks out for each other.

3. Introduction to Bury CSP

Community Safety Partnerships were introduced by Section 6 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 to bring together local partners to work together in creating and delivering on strategies to tackle crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour in their communities.

Whilst additional statute and bills have address specific elements of community safety, the role of CSPs has not substantially altered despite broader legislative changes. Within the last twelve months there have been national reviews and consultations into Police and Crime Commissioners and part two of the Police and Crime Commissioner Review, recommended that the Home Office undertake a full review of Community Safety Partnerships across England and Wales. This review commenced in November 2023 and undertook wide-reaching engagement and evidence gathering to assess the role and remit of CSPs in the wider partnership landscape, noting the significant contextual changes that have taken place since they were first established. As a result of the review, the Home Office will be developing new guidance for CSPs, which will reflect the context CSPs currently work within and set out recommended minimum standards, as well as suggestions for good practice. Whilst this is not yet in place, Bury CSP will continue to work proactively with the Deputy Mayor's Office in

Greater Manchester and be responsive to changes to statutory guidance as this becomes available, should this progress given the change in national government.

Bury's Community Safety Partnership (CSP) includes statutory agencies set out in the Act, alongside key local partners with representation including:

- Bury Council (including Public Health and Children's Services)
- NHS Greater Manchester (Bury)
- Greater Manchester Police
- Greater Manchester Fire & Rescue
- Bury Voluntary & Community Faith Alliance (local infrastructure organisation)
- Probation and Justice Services
- Representative from Bury Safeguarding Partnership

As set out in the priorities later in this strategy, membership and representation of the CSP will remain under review during the course of the strategy, to ensure the most appropriate collection of decision makers, influencers and voices are present to reflect the Borough and the community safety priorities of Bury.

Bury CSP meets every two months, a frequency which has increased over the past 18 month to allow for further partnership focus, as is co-chaired by the District Commander of Greater Manchester Police for Bury; and Executive Director of Strategy & Transformation within Bury Council.

The meetings include standing items on resourcing, data, updates from Greater Manchester Combined Authority, and communications, with rotating deep dives on priority topics in addition to collectively addressing key matters (risks/opportunities) which have arisen or changed since the previous meeting.

The table below outlines the connectivity of the CSP into the wider 'Team Bury' ecosystem and details the connectivity down into neighbourhoods and place based working, as well as up into regional and national landscape, with Appendix 1 setting out national and regional policy drivers.

Neighbourhoods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practitioners at place (in the neighbourhoods) are increasingly coming together to work in a co-ordinated and collaborative way. In doing so, they are able to collectively identify opportunities for prevention and early intervention, to problem solve as a partnership, and to tailor solutions that best address the specific needs of the local communities in that place. This is led by a series of Public Service Leadership Teams (PSLTs) made up of representatives from across the CSP specified authorities– including GMP Neighbourhood Sergeants; Greater Manchester Fire & Rescue officers; local Health and Care Integrated Neighbourhood Team Leads; neighbourhood leads from Housing ; the locality Early Help lead in Children's Services, and social prescribers • Fortnightly neighbourhood priorities meeting chaired by GMP to review partnership opportunities to address hotspot and repeat victim, offender and crime location details • Police and Communities Together meetings – routine community meetings to share the latest information on community safety activity and seek place based insight on concerns
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<p>District</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bury CSP is a statutory Borough wide partnership. As with other such partnerships, eg Childrens Strategic Partnership Board, this is overseen through quarterly Team Bury Partnership meetings, where Chairs and Lead Officers of statutory, business and voluntary sector networks meet to drive the LETS approach. Through this local connectivity to overlapping workstreams including on Health Inequalities and Bury Council’s Inclusion Strategy • Mutual representation and update reports for collaborative learning with Bury Safeguarding ecosystem, including Children’s Board, Adult’s Board, Learning and Development group and Complex Safeguarding Partnership • Annual report to Bury Council’s Overview & Scrutiny Committee by lead Cabinet Member for Community Safety; updates provided into Cabinet Member through fortnightly Portfolio meetings • Borough wide thematic groups including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Subgroups of existing CSP priorities including Drug & Alcohol Group; Community Cohesion; Domestic Abuse Partnership Board; Serious Violence Duty Steering Group; Safe Spaces Steering Group; Reducing Reoffending Partnership ○ Multi agency partnership meetings including Challenger Partnership and Youth Justice Partnership
<p>Greater Manchester</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bury CSP is actively involved with the work of the Greater Manchester Combined Authority through the GM Police and Crime Board and is a core delivery partner for the GM Police and Crime Plan “Standing Together” • Respective community safety colleagues are fully engaged with regional activity include the Greater than Violence, Too Great for Hate and #ititok? Approaches and campaigns. • The partnership is also actively participating in the GM devolution agenda and broader social change approaches, including the GM Live Wel model and activity to tackle multiple disadvantage • Partnership connectivity occurs at a sub-regional level, be that to collaborate on cross-border risks such as connected series of crimes where offenders have travelled between Boroughs, and to join forces to combat common risks which spread across communities not confined to individual districts, such as joint work with Salford and Manchester around Jewish High Holy Days.
<p>North West</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bury CSP colleagues are actively involved in wider regional networks to share best practice and explore joint approaches to identifying risk and reducing harm, especially against threats which exist across geographical boundaries. Examples including the North West Regional Organised Crime Unit and North West Prevent Leads Network
<p>National</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bury CSP is alert to changes in national policy, guidance, legislation and funding opportunities; liaising as appropriate with the Home Office and Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government

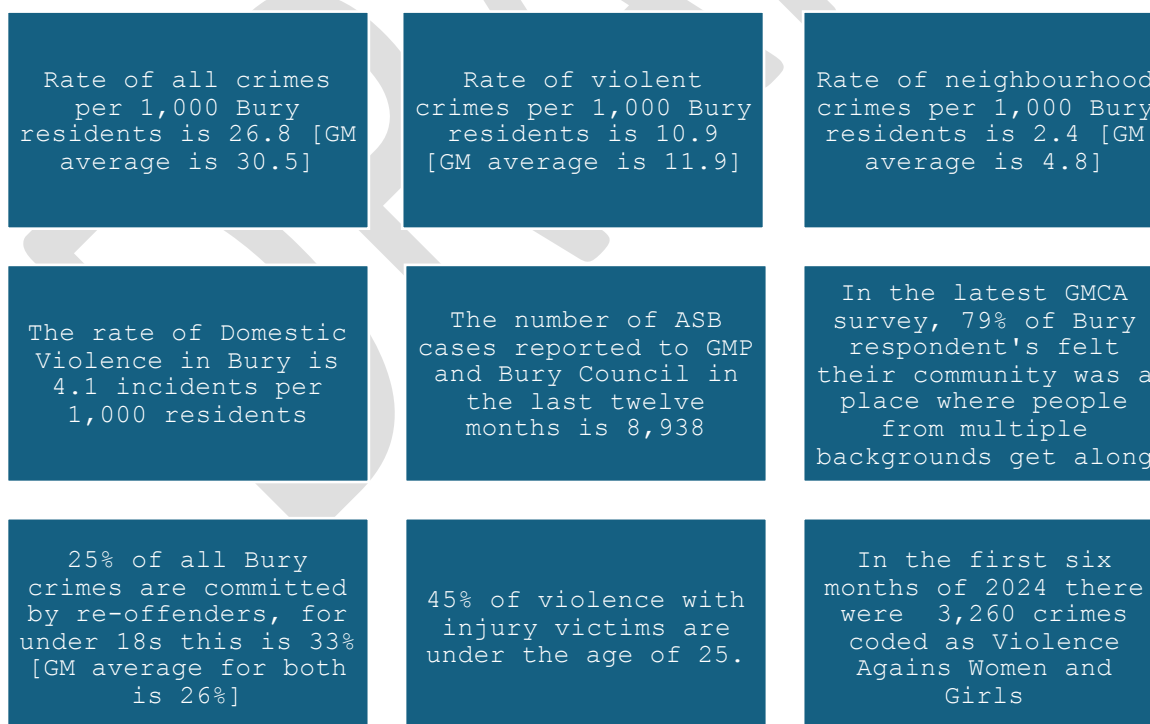
4. Community Safety in Bury

Bury is home to c. 193,800 people in the north of the Greater Manchester region. Bordering Lancashire to the north and the cities of Manchester and Salford to the south, Bury is a bustling Borough of six towns, each with its own character. Of particular note, the Borough of Bury is home to:

- The third highest retail footfall area within Greater Manchester
- The northern terminus of the Metrolink network which runs north to south through the Borough with 6 stations within the Borough
- Two significant Levelling Up investment projects including Bury Market Flexihall and Radcliffe Hub,
- Significant variation in income and deprivation levels within the Borough, with particular entrenched pockets of deprivation within the Moorside and Radcliffe West wards
- Large Jewish communities within the south of the Borough and into Broughton and Salford, and large Muslim and South East Asian heritage communities within East Bury.

For more information on the demographics of the Borough, including at a neighbourhood level please visit: <https://theburydirectory.co.uk/neighbourhood-profiles>

In relation to safety, the image below provides a snapshot of key measures of community safety in Bury.



Bury is overall one of the safest Borough's in Greater Manchester and the CSP has worked hard to ensure this remains the case, with examples of successful activity detailed below. That said, unfortunately criminality and harm do still occur in the Borough. In recent years there have been most notably a series of linked youth violence incidents, including in March 2024 in Whitefield and Bury Town Centre; disorder within Moorside and Redvales in the summer of 2023 following the positive removal of a drug supply line, and incidents on Silver Street of public disorder and violence. This strategy aims to focus on preventing further such incidents, by removing and mitigating risks and vulnerabilities that may cause harm.

Criminality and harm is not experienced equally by all communities. Bury is generally safe but the strategy recognised inequality and disproportionality from a victim, offender and location perspective.

- Whilst Borough wide figures are favourable across Greater Manchester, particular police beats or other geographical comparative areas demonstrate concentration of activity:
 - ASB – Bury East including Interchange, Moorside,
 - Serious Violence – Bury East including Silver Street
 - Youth Crime – Bury East; Moorside; Radcliffe East; Radcliffe West (but variance in areas when ranked for volume and harm, eg St. Mary's has higher volume of lower-harm offences; Elton is the opposite of this)
- Disproportionality across protected characteristics.
 - Young people - the volume of youth victims and offenders of knife-enabled crime and robbery are disproportionate to Bury demographics.
 - Community tensions following national summer disorder have been more acutely reported in South East Asian heritage and Muslim communities
 - Young males are at high risk of Child Criminal Exploitation where as for females the risk is more of Child Sexual Exploitation
 - The rate of black males being the victim or offender of violence is disproportionately higher than the resident demographics

In delivering on this strategy there are targeted interventions and activities identified. That is not to say activity will only be taking place in these locations, rather given existing knowledge and input, including from community conversations, tailored and targeted activity will be prioritised in certain communities to respond to the latest insight and to seek to proactively address disproportionality.

The work of the Community Safety Partnership is not within a vacuum, rather in keeping with this model tackling improving safety and the differing risks of harm is part of the Borough's wider collective focus, which locally is through *LET's Do It!* approach. LETS sets out a vision for Bury, built upon conversations with communities, to stand out as a place that is achieving *faster economic growth than the national average, with lower than national average levels of deprivation*.

To realise this vision, the *Let's Do It!* strategy has been co-produced with local communities and partners as our overarching Borough strategy. Our approach is to:

- Let's... All play our part in local communities; with enterprising spirit; working together in a way that recognises and celebrates the assets and strengths of our communities and our residents.
- Do it... by connecting everyone to the plans for economic growth and public service improvement across every township.

In the context of community safety, the LETS approach can be seen as follows:

<p>Local neighbourhoods</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focusing on geospatial trends and insights - recognising differences within communities of place, identity and experience; tackling inequality and disproportionality • Bringing and build on collective talents, energies, and community power in our neighbourhoods • Engaging with people where and how they live • Working together across public services as one team in each neighbourhood <p><i>Examples: Violence Reduction Unit community led pilot in Bury East; crime data at beat and Lower Super Output Area spatial levels</i></p>
<p>Enterprising spirit</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removing barriers that that prevent people from getting on and connecting local people to opportunities through their skills, confidence, and relationships • Supporting people to demonstrate pride in places where we live • Harnessing and nurturing all talents to allow equal life chances • Looking for innovative ways to improve outcomes; to do things differently but to also learn from what works, eg building on the College of Policing approach • Maximising opportunities of Greater Manchester whilst being distinctly Bury <p><i>Examples: linking apprenticeship opportunities and technical/vocational skills provisions through diversionary activity, e.g. DJ workshops leading to music skill development sessions</i></p>
<p>Delivering Together</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognising that no one team or organisation is responsible for making Bury safe (as recognised by the Crime & Disorder Act)– everyone can play their part • Developing a new relationship between public services, communities and businesses based on co-design • Doing ‘with’ and not ‘to’ by bringing a greater focus on wellbeing, prevention, and early intervention • Building on approach that safeguarding is everyone’s business • Growing relationships and new connections within and across boundaries to develop partnerships for change <p><i>Examples: Team Bury partnership problem solving on Kay Gardens; Public Service Leadership Teams including Neighbourhood Inspectors, Health & Care leads, housing, and social prescribers; Joint patrols with TravelSafe and Street Pastors</i></p>
<p>Strengths-based approach</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bury being a place where people are helped to make the best of themselves by recognising and building on the strengths - not deficits - of all our children, families and our communities and taking an evidence-led understanding of risk and impact to ensure the right intervention at the right time • Recognising and embracing cultural diversity • Utilising and maximising local strengths and what makes people feel safe to support prevention activity <p><i>Examples: Alliance approach to develop sustainable and innovative approaches to collaboration building from and on local community assets</i></p>

These LET'S principles are strongly aligned with World Health Organisation (WHO) approaches to tackling serious violence and the region's own approach. WHO refer to a *"a comprehensive and coordinated response for preventing and responding to violence requires partnership and collective action with multiple public sectors such as health, education, employment, justice, housing, social development, and other relevant sectors, as well as civil society organisations, faith-based organisations, academia, and the private sector, as appropriate to the country's situation"* (WHO VRU 22-26)". It goes on to note that, *"partnerships with our communities and other organisations is essential so that we develop and implement a whole-system, whole-community response"*.

Meanwhile, the Greater Manchester Serious Violence Strategic Needs Assessment also recognises the importance that, *"through partnership working we take an asset-based approach, recognising all the strengths and resources – natural, human, educational, economic, and environmental – available to a community to improve its security and health"*.

Building on a strong foundation

Bury has a strong record of working together on community safety initiatives, whether this be multi-agency collaborations to enforcement, or joint engagement activity to on crime and hate prevention. Within recent years examples of such joint work and achievements include:

- ✓ The Bury Alliance - a community led Violence Reduction Programme in Moorside
- ✓ Successful Safer Streets Round 5 bid with investment in new CCTV cameras and provision; public guardianship scheme in Bury Town Centre and environmental improvements
- ✓ Establishment of Multi Agency Walkabouts including Housing Services, TravelSafe, Bury College, Early Break, Achieve Assertive Outreach and GMP.
- ✓ Secured Domestic Abuse refuge provision in the Borough
- ✓ Bury Council received White Ribbon accreditation on tackling gender-based violence
- ✓ Over £250k of Standing Together investment into community initiatives
- ✓ Purple Flag reaccreditation and Best Bar None introduced into Night Time Economy
- ✓ Safe delivery of community events including Bury Mela
- ✓ Introduction of the Family Safeguarding Model into Bury
- ✓ Engagement with Community Security Trust to bring Safety Advice for Everyone in person training into Bury
- ✓ Return of Collabor8 – celebrating Bury's communities to further cohesion
- ✓ Partnership activity through Bury Business Improvement District, local schools, Bury Art Museum and TravelSafe in hosting the Knife Angel in Bury to increase awareness of the dangers of knife crime, particularly promoting prevention amongst young people
- ✓ Seizure of hundreds of thousands of pounds of illicit tobacco, vapes and millions of pounds worth of drugs taken off/ prevented from reaching the streets of Bury.
- ✓ First *Clear Hold Build* initiative in the region outside of the City of Manchester through Operation REVOKE

But more to be done...forging our future priorities

Bury CSP is committed to furthering safety for all. In developing the new strategy for the partnership insight and input has been sourced through a combination of structured and organic means - from continuous dialogue with partners and embedding input from community conversations, to linking through feedback to broader engagement activity.

During the summer and autumn of 2024 this has included specific dialogue with and through local partnerships, networks and with local residents, to shape and refine local priorities, by bringing together this insight alongside partnership data and knowledge.

Conversations have taken place with communities of place, identity and experience, including engagement at Hoyles Park family fun day to street-level engagement outside supermarkets in Whitefield and Prestwich; from discussions at Circles of Influence with young residents in the Borough to inputs through the Older People's Network; from Cohesion Roundtables to over 600 individuals completing an online/printed survey.

It is through this work that a series of core principles and key priorities have been shaped for delivery through this strategy.

5. Bury CSP Principles

The following principles have been developed out of dialogue with partners and communities to shape the means by which the CSP should operate and further develop the 'how' and way in which the partnership conducts business.

- **Trauma informed prevention and earlier 'early intervention'**
People who are exposed to violence are at increased risk of a wide range of immediate and lifelong behavioural, physical and mental health problems, including being a victim and/or perpetrator of further violence. This principle challenges all community safety partners to maximise the opportunities to engage and act upon activity of individuals that could predicate an escalation to behaviours or actions of increase harm to themselves or others.
- **Evidence and insight driven** To maximise the resources available across the partnership, the CSP seeks to make the most of all available intelligence and to use this in a co-ordinated, and increasingly collaborative way, to put the most appropriate interventions into place.
- **Ensure support to victims including focus around disproportionately**
Whilst the focus is to prevent individuals and communities becoming a victim of crime or hate, there is a renewed effort to support any victims to further protect them from harm. In particular, where there is disproportionately within victims of a particular crime or community to further tailor such support and ensure it is appropriate, timely and evaluated on effectiveness. This includes overseeing the implementation of the Victim and Prisoners Act 2024, in particular awareness of the revised Victims' Code and specifically overarching principles of this.
- **Rehabilitation and restoration** Changing behaviours is not always a quick process, but providing examples, role models to demonstrate behaviours and providing partnerships for change best allows those at risk of perpetual offending to change their life course. For individuals, this requires a trauma-based approach to understand what has caused past behaviours and recognises that offenders can be victims in their own right. Through coaching, mentoring and life skills a focus on giving something back to communities and playing a more positive role in society can generate future role models. For communities, this principle is about increasing mutual tolerance and respect through learning, opportunities for safe conversations and to come together for good.

- **Responsiveness of, and collaboration, between services to embed a ‘Team Around’ approach**

Preventing violence is broader than focusing on the criminality alone. It is about ensuring that there is good emotional wellbeing, resilient communities, engagement and cohesion, as well as good employment, good education and supportive and nurturing environments to flourish. This includes taking a more consistent and complete partnership Problem solving [including victim and community input] to fully understand root causal factors – on an individual and place footprint

- **Effective and equitable engagement and communication**

Communication and engagement were two of the key themes raised in the street engagement and community survey when developing this strategy. This included an acknowledgement of the many different channels by which people engage on different matters (ie not one size fits all), that there can be differing levels of formality to the engagement; and the importance of who is telling the message. It was also noted that in many occasions people were unaware of the existing activities or support mechanisms already in place locally. A clear, co-ordinated partnership communication plan will be developed to run alongside this strategy.

- **Apply learning from lived experience and reviews – a college of community safety approach**

The Partnership is committed to learning and embracing best practice. This includes from trends and commonalities in local and regional learning reviews; sharing learning and improvement opportunities from benchmarking opportunities and increasing system knowledge of ‘what works’. This takes the approach from the College of Policing and seeks to expand this across all community safety partners.

6. Bury CSP Priorities for 2025-2028

Through partnership consideration of qualitative and quantitative insight, including community conversations, a set of strategic priorities have been identified to be the focus for Bury CSP over the coming three year period.

These priorities are set out below including initial commitments of the partnership. For each priority a lead will be identified from across Bury CSP to oversee the delivery of activity, in line with the principles of the previous section, including the shaping of 4P plans* for each priority, and development of a suite of metrics to measure the impact of the partnership on related safety and harm reduction outcomes.

*4P plans consider different aspects of addressing community safety risks, namely:

- *Prevent* people from becoming involved in or engaging in criminality
- *Pursue* offenders including relentless disruption opportunities
- *Protect* individuals and communities from the effects of crime, reducing the vulnerability against specific threats
- *Prepare* for incidents and mitigate the impact that these might have, ensuring necessary capabilities in place to tackle offender

Addressing Youth Harm and Offending Youth (Serious) Violence

Protecting young people from harm is at the heart of Bury CSP activity. That harm includes not only being a victim of crime or harmful behaviour, but also protection from exploitation and being drawn into offending, recognising individuals can be both victims and offenders. National legislation has increased the focus on children being victims in their own right (DA Bill 2021) and the need for partners to increasingly collectively safeguard (Working Together 2023).

Data tells us this is a priority through a GMP Force level Child Sexual Exploitation Profile (September 2024) which has highlighted Bury as one of the highest offending districts for volume, rate of offence and harm per this crime type. Moorside, Radcliffe East and Bury East beats were identified as particular hotspots for such activity. The local and force Serious Violence Duty outlines a high proportion of offences are committed by youths, who are also disproportionately likely to be a victim of such crime, and there have been linked youth related serious violence incidents in the Borough over the past 12 months.

Bury CSP will:

- Commission an Offences Against Children Problem Profile to better understand the route cause and drivers of Child Sexual Exploitation, specifically targeting high volume beats and repeat victims.
- Continue the mapping of known individuals and associates within street-groups and any connections to organised crime; from which to audit partner disruption and engagement activities to increase system awareness of individuals and effectiveness of interventions.
- Collaborate with the Bury Safeguarding Children Partnership to co-produce a revised Complex Safeguarding Strategy for the Borough to run for the duration of this CSP strategy.
- Actively liaise with the GM Violence Reduction Unit (VRU) and their involvement on an expert panel to shape Prevention Partnerships with the Home Office which are being proposed to identify and intervene with children and young people at risk of being drawn into violence, and to shape these in light of the Young Futures and existing VRU led approaches.
- Review and refresh community safety inputs into schools, including reviewing the content and scope of B.Safe – to reflect more ongoing dialogue (eg more regular 'drop-down days', develop relationships to increase trust in professionals and provide earlier inputs (B.Safe currently an input into year 8 pupils so to explore potential for a structured year 6 input)
- Increasingly collaborate with Bury Safeguarding Partnership on delivery of their priorities on protecting young people from sexual abuse and Implementing Working Together
- Work with Greater Manchester Violence Reduction Unit to provide targeted interventions, including mentoring and coaching to those on the cusp of criminality.
- Work with young people across the Borough to increase awareness of Fearless, the young person channel of Crimestoppers which includes crime prevention and safety advice
- Request input from young people to hold an annual Circles of Safety session, building on outputs from the Circles of Influence approach
- Cascade learning from the Youth Justice Partnership audit of First Time Entrants into the criminal justice system to amplify partnership prevention opportunities.
- Establish a Youth Independent Advisory Group to increase youth voice into policing practices as part of GMP's Child Centred Policing approach
- Work with Bury Family Hubs and Family Safeguarding Model to explore a campaign to tackle peer pressure amongst young people.

- Increase connectivity between the newly established Youth Justice Board subgroup on Serious Violence and existing prevention and enforcement activity in the wider CSP.
- Work with broader youth service provision on opportunities to maximise school settings out-of-hours to increase safe spaces for young people to go to.
- Engage with Early Break and partners to facilitate the development of a young person's offer to the equivalent of Alcoholics/Narcotics Anonymous and Andy's Man Club, based in Voice-to-Voice input into Bury CSP sessions.
- Increase awareness of Youth Led Standing Together grants building on the 2023/24 pilot.
- Liaise with Bury Cultural Organisations Group to identify cultural diversionary activity, building on DJ workshops with Liv's Trust
- Work with Greater Manchester Fire & Rescue Service's Prevention Offer to maximise connectivity of young people into the Achilles and Athena projects; youth mentoring and FireSmart programmes

Resilient and thriving Communities - People

Bury's communities are without doubt one of the Borough's greatest strengths; the tapestry of communities that make Bury the place that it is. However, Bury is not immune to socio-economic pressures, nor local sentiment and feeling resulting from national or international disorder or conflict.

Bury CSP is committed to every person of the Borough and each of the communities we serve to be afforded the conditions with which to thrive, to play a full and active part in Bury life, and to do so without fear or prejudice, without barrier or harm. Whilst there was no direct disorder in Bury during the 2024 summer disorder, local communities have, to differing degrees, experienced tensions and it is vital that the Borough stands united, actively calling out and addressing hate, against any and all characteristics of a person's identity or experience. This priority focuses on celebrating our communities, tackling hate and relentlessly championing that we are Stronger Together.

Bury CSP will:

- Lead on the delivery and assurance of the recommendations of the Community Cohesion agreed at Full Council in September 2024, building on this to include:
 - Developing a revised Bury Hate Crime Plan championing upstanding, in conjunction with local hate crime ambassadors and local communities, building on the newly refreshed Greater Manchester Plan whose 2025 theme is that of Community .
 - Collaborate with communities to identify areas/ communities where hate crime under-reported and work with these communities to build trust and new reporting approaches.
 - Work with the Belong Collective, through further Community Cohesion Roundtable events, to develop more opportunities for communities to come together around mutual interests, to develop understanding and opportunities to collaborate
 - Review approaches to community tension monitoring inputs/ outputs to maximise awareness of community sentiment.
 - Co-produce and collectively share educational and informative messages on key cultural and inclusion dates of particular note to Bury's communities; to celebrate and encourage participation in associated local activities to increase collective/ mutual understanding and respect. As part of this to share a Cohesion Calendar with key dates of local significance and events

- celebrating Bury's communities, eg Bury Pride, Bury Mela, Community Iftars, Collabor8 and community Chanukah events
 - Work with the Asylum and Migration Partnership to increase awareness of new and emerging communities; and for those communities to be aware of community safety advice, support and guidance.
 - Review arrangements for engaging with Bury's diverse faith groups in line with the Greater Manchester Faith Covenant
- Strengthen partnership approaches to Violence Against Women & Girls (VAWG), building upon Bury Council's White Ribbon Accreditation to:
 - Develop a portal of advice, support, and rolling training programme on gender based violence
 - Develop bespoke VAWG training product as the legacy of Safer Streets funding
 - Increase awareness and uptake of the #walksafe tool adopted by Manchester City Council to enhance Women & Girls Safety in Bury.
 - Develop targeted pursue disruptions for Operation RELENTLESS offenders.
 - Amplify the #isthisok? regional campaign on Gender Based Violence
- Oversee the implementation of the Victim and Prisoners Act 2024, in particular awareness of the revised Victims' Code including promotion of the Catch 22 Victim Services Offer, starting with community café settings in high repeat locations.
- Increase partnership collaboration and public awareness on cuckooing and Modern Slavery, including an audit of Modern Slavery Statements and awareness refresh of National Referral Mechanism.

Resilient and thriving Communities - Places

For individuals and communities to thrive it is important that any place-based vulnerabilities are tackled and that the Borough is a safe and welcoming place. This means that when positive enforcement action against offenders that there is lasting change, rather than a new group of offenders filling this space, and that the very built environment and fabric of our communities enables and supports people to be safe, rather than be a causal factor of harm.

Whilst the Borough enjoys Green Flag recognition for the Borough's parks and green spaces, and a Purple Flag accreditation for Bury town centre's evening and night time economy, such locations are hotspots for community concern in feedback and for crime reporting. Bury CSP is committed to protecting such accreditations which represent the hard work of public, private and voluntary sector organisations in the Borough to maintain and promote attractive places to live, visit, and spend time in.

Bury CSP will:

- Undertake partnership problem solving, including the Crime Prevention and individuals/ networks of lived experience at sites of concern and criminality. To specifically focus on Bury Interchange as a site of survey concern and repeat location for VAWG related offences in Force risk assessment.
- Hardwire Security by Design approaches and expertise into regeneration activity across the Borough, particularly town centre redevelopments and future transport hub given above action in relation to Bury Interchange.
- Roll out the *Clear, Hold, Build* approach of removing the threats of organised crime and supporting communities to thrive, with an initial focus on Whitefield
- Deliver on a specific 4P plan for Bury's Night Time Economy in conjunction with the Crime Prevention Team, Pubwatch, wider licensing infrastructure (including

licensing officers and Public Health), Street Pastors, building on Operation EXPEDITE

- Increase partnership activity including trading standards, corporate fraud, business teams to maximise opportunities to disrupt organised crime groups
- Work with local 'Friends of' groups and community environment networks to promote safety through increased public guardianship of parks and green spaces, building on activity with Cateaton Street Gardens in Moorside and Redbank Lodges in Radcliffe.
- Liaise with Bee Network on frequency and safety into evening of public transport (particularly buses) and hubs given prominence of topic in engagement with local residents
- Work in conjunction with Bury Resilience Forum, strengthening connectivity on areas of mutual concern including:
 - Delivery of recommendations in Greater Manchester Fire & Rescue Service Fire Plan for the three stations in the Borough including the Atlas Project for convicted adult deliberate fire-starters and the redevelopment of the Whitefield Fire Station site
 - Water safety including delivery of the next stage of ROSPA surveys
 - Introduction of the Protect Duty [Martyn's Law]
 - Partnership mitigations of major events on the Borough in conjunction with Bury Event Safety Advisory Group, eg events at Heaton Park including Oasis (July 2025)
- Develop specific sessions with Bury Safeguarding Partnership to consider online safety and risks of online harm – from deliberate misinformation to deepfake profiles and approach to Artificial Intelligence
- Implemented tiered training programme, including on reducing permissive environments in line with CONTEST benchmarking to safeguard against hateful extremism.
- Conduct further research, and targeted input from Neighbourhood Crime Team into Bury East and Moorside beats in relation to residential burglary as identified as beat cluster in Force Strategic Assessment 2024.
- Work together through BID, Town Centre Board and GM Taskforce to reduce shoplifting, including through increased businesses engagement and awareness through digital tools to share knowledge and reporting
- Map, and joint promotion of different 'Safe Spaces' schemes in operation across different networks for central awareness and hyper-local promotion.
- Joint prevention and enforcement activity with Public Protection and Environmental Health colleagues to address flytipping and graffiti in the Borough, including targeting campaigns in hotspot areas.

Domestic Violence and Abuse as part of trio of vulnerability

Domestic Violence and Abuse (DVA) has a devastating impact on too many people locally. Abuse can take many forms as is not limited to physical abuse, nor is DVA limited to partners in a relationship; it can take place across generations, with the impacts felt across wider family network.

Increasingly apparently from recent learning reviews, including Safeguarding Adults and Domestic Homicide Reviews is the complexity of livelihoods in which Domestic Violence takes place demonstrates that addressing DA should not be considered in isolation. This is, in part, the rationale behind the family safeguarding model, but also why this priority has brought DA together with substance misuse and mental wellbeing concerns, as this trio of vulnerability (also known as toxic trio) are the most common co-experienced

circumstances in such reviews, and as such by bringing together under this priority is to provide a concerted approach, and visible leadership on seeking to reduce, remove and mitigate common causes and better co-ordinate responses and support to victims.

The focus of the CSP is to strengthen partnership approaches to raise awareness of support available and to seek to change perpetrator behaviour to reduce the risk of repeat offending. In particular this is to be focused with Bury East, Moorside and Radcliffe West due to these locations having the highest frequency of DVA and substance misuse related crimes

Bury CSP will:

- Review risk management governance of new and repeat cases including within Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) and daily police led risk and demand meetings (including opportunities for external cases to be reviewed at the latter)
- Re-commission accommodation for those fleeing from domestic abuse through an updated Safe Accommodation Needs Assessment and associated strategy, focusing on but looking beyond just DVA provision.
- Review victim support and advocate capacity and provision, in line with the embedding of the family safeguarding model and in collaboration with the Greater Manchester DA steering group in terms of local access to joint provision. To conduct gap analysis based on need and commission/ re-commission IDVA and equivalent support as necessary.
- Fully engage with Big Life Group forum on co-existing conditions
- Conduct targeted review of repeat victim/ location data to explore partnership disruption opportunities, in manner of serious violence disruptions
- Include domestic abuse lead(s) within fortnightly neighbourhood priorities meeting to improve partnership problem solving and system awareness
- Share learning from Bury being the Greater Manchester pilot site for Domestic Abuse Protection Orders (DAPO) and work with GM colleagues to support the wider roll out of the model to place positive requirements on offenders to partake in behaviour change arrangements.
- Support increasing the awareness of the Family Safeguarding Model, building on sessions at Radcliffe Football Club in November 2024, and seek opportunities to further increase connectivity between substance misuse and domestic violence professionals.
- Increase system awareness of management of high risk circumstances through the Multi Agency Risk Management Strategic Risk Panel and embed learning of this into practice.
- Hold combined learning events and an annual conference with the Domestic Abuse Partnership Board, Safeguarding Adults Case Review Group and Children's Safeguarding Board on the trio of vulnerability
- Determine more opportunities for partnership assertive outreach amongst DVA, substance misuse and mental health practitioners and community organisations that support individuals and families experiencing these.
- Increase targeted awareness to place-based practitioners on So called Honour Based Violence, and work with local community needs to ensure information is available to communities in alternative formats to maximise reach of the information and support available.
- Establish a DVA Community of Practice with which to increase co-operation and best practice sharing across professionals in Bury on prevention and risk management approaches, in particular to increase professional curiosity provision, awareness around coercive control and child-to-parent abuse

- Review arrangements for Operation Encompass to ensure clear and robust pathways in place and followed regarding DVA disclosures to educational settings.

Tackling Anti Social Behaviour (ASB)

The Force Strategic Assessment 2024 recommended that ASB should be prioritised at a district level. Whilst the Borough's ASB rate is third lowest across Greater Manchester, a recent Problem Profile conducted by GMP Bury indicated specific areas of more intense activity, particularly within the surrounds of the Metrolink network, which echoed conversations with local communities. The nature of ASB varies across the district, though common and most frequent features include rowdy and inconsiderate Behaviour; vehicle nuisance and anti social driving/ inappropriate use of the highway.

Bury CSP will:

- Review learning from trailblazer sites on delivering the national ASB action plan, in particular on immediate justice; streamlining ASB reporting; and revitalising empty shops and green spaces to increase civic pride
- Review and co-ordinate all compliance and enforcement powers available, including civil orders, to tackle disputes, nuisance and ASB in public places. This is to include benchmarking data with Greater Manchester neighbours to share best practice, such as current collaborative reviews of the Community Trigger process.
- Refine and expand joint patrols between ASB, substance misuse services, housing services, Bury College and TravelSafe to include broader place based partners and improve data sharing when repeat offenders and locations identified.
- Building on the above, hold specific problem solving workshops with Transport for Greater Manchester, TravelSafe, Education Leads, Detached Youth Outreach and GMP to determine further approaches to address ASB on the transport network, with a specific focus on the Interchange at school start/finish times and on buses running through the Borough.
- Review recommendations from the GMP commissioned Borough Wide ASB Problem Profile to deliver these at ward level through Public Service Leadership Teams, Ward Councillors and local communities.
- Develop a tenancy/tenure neutral approach to responding to reports of Anti Social Behaviour to increase consistency in responding to neighbour disputes.
- Take a concerted approach to tackling anti social driving through
 - Fully engaging and promoting the work of Project Vision Zero
 - Joint work on road traffic collision hotspots warning of the driving dangers through GM Fire and Rescue
 - Working with Roads Policing Unit and Council's Highways/ Parking Teams to support awareness and enforcement on dangerous driving and parking
 - Refine partnership activity to tackling the inappropriate use of bikes (Bury Town Centre) and off-road bikes esp in Radcliffe, Whitefield and Prestwich

7. Measuring and Monitoring Impact

An outcomes framework is to be developed in line with 4P Plans against each CSP priority area. This will focus on tracking impact that supports the delivery of the overall LET's Do It! whilst metrics will be developed to include sufficient granularity to seek to track the proportionate impact across specific communities, in order to ensure delivery is in line with the principles of this strategy.

The outcomes framework and metrics are to be a standing item at Bury CSP meetings and will be reported upon annually as part of the Team Bury *State of the Borough* and to the Council's Overview & Scrutiny Committee as part of annual update on activity of the partnership. Through constructive challenge and discussion at these meetings future actions will be determined to further shape delivery plans against the priorities to ensure focus and resource is directed to address any change in risk and threat, and to learn from what has worked well to explore opportunities for scaling such approaches up.

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Appendix 1: National policy drivers [blue] and regional strategy alignment [pink]

Victim and Prisoners Bill 2024:

The bill will introduce measures to better serve victims and the public through improving victims' experiences of the Criminal Justice System, establishing an Independent Advocate to support victims of major incidents, strengthening the parole system and restricting marriage in prisons for those under whole life orders to ensure that the public and victims are better protected and can have greater confidence in the criminal justice system.

[Find out more here](#)

Anti Social Behaviour Action Plan 2023

The Anti-social Behaviour Action Plan sets out the government's approach to stamping out anti-social behaviour and restoring the right of people to feel safe in, and proud of, their local area. The plan is an ambitious and wide-reaching new approach that will give Police and Crime Commissioners, local authorities, and other agencies the tools to tackle the blight of anti-social behaviour facing communities across England and Wales.

[Find out more here](#)

Serious Violence Duty 2022:

To ensure that preventing and reducing serious violence is a priority for Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs). National guidance, produced December 2022, sets out effective partnership working, advice on data sharing, information on monitoring and inspection and advice on working with the voluntary and community sector and young people.

[Find our more here.](#)

Domestic Abuse Act 2021:

To reduce the amount of domestic abuse and related crime by stopping people from becoming perpetrators and helping all victims and survivors who have escaped from domestic abuse get back to life as normal. The act also focuses on reducing the amount of people who are repeat offenders, and improving the systems and processes that underpin the response to domestic abuse across society.

[Find our more here.](#)

Serious Violence Strategy 2018:

To break the deadly cycle of violence that devastates the lives of individuals, families, and communities. Sets out how the Government will respond to serious violence. Consolidates the range of important work already being taken forward and renews government's ambition to go further. Focus is not solely on law enforcement but also partnerships across a range of sectors including our communities.

[Find out more here.](#)

Violence Against Women and Girls' Strategy:

To increase support for victims and survivors, ensuring they have access to quality support appropriate to their needs. The Government's long-term fundamental ambition must be nothing less than to reduce the prevalence of violence against women and girls.

[Find out more here.](#)

Greater Manchester Strategy:

The Greater Manchester Strategy sets out a route to deliver a vision for a greener, fairer, and more prosperous region with better wellbeing, homes, jobs, and transport for its 2.8m residents.

Find out more here.

GM Standing Together Police and Crime Plan:

'Standing Together' is a partnership plan that brings forth a focus on people-centred policing, criminal justice, and community safety across the region. The plan focuses on keeping people safe, supporting victims, reducing offending, and strengthening communities.

Find out more here.

GM Serious Violence Strategic Needs Assessment:

The Greater Manchester Violence Reduction Unit's Strategic Needs Assessment sets out the broader serious violence picture across the region, establishing a baseline for the strategy.

Find out more here.

GM Health and Justice Strategy:

The strategy informs and enhances our understanding of the way in which we understand and address the health, social care and criminal justice factors that lead to life-long poor health and reduced life expectancy for those in the criminal justice system (offenders and victims).

Find out more here.

GM Gender-Based Violence Strategy:

Addresses the disproportionality of issues affecting women and girls, including abuse, subconscious bias, and harassment.

Find out more here.

GM Drug and Alcohol Strategy:

Outlines the new, resident-shaped strategy to tackling substance misuse across the city-region.

Find out more here.

GM Fire Plan 2025-2029

The Plan is Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service's (GMFRS) overarching four-year strategy.

- The Plan will identify the priorities for GMFRS and make a series of commitments to our communities