



# Northampton Community Safety Strategy

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## 1. FOREWORD

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Northampton Community Safety Partnership (Community Safety Partnership) believes that crime, disorder, anti-social behaviour and reducing the fear of crime can only be tackled effectively through partnership working. We have seen a decrease in several crime types, including, anti-social behaviour over the past 12 months in Northampton and this strategy aims to build on the great work that is already being delivered by partners.

We are pleased to report that following the last partnership plan we have had some very successful outcomes and achievements. Including establishing an educational community safety conference for our primary and secondary schools, a partnership case management approach to tackling cuckooing and increasing the provision of services for young people involved in youth violence and gangs.

The Community Safety Partnership will continue to strengthen its links with both safeguarding boards and the health and wellbeing board to maximise the impact of partnership working and review its current structures and delivery model as we move into the new unitary structure of West Northants.

*Asking*

Signed by Chair – Cllr Anna King, Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Engagement and Chair of the Community Safety Partnership Board



## 2. INTRODUCTION

Northampton Community Safety Partnership brings together a number of agencies and organisations concerned with tackling and reducing crime and anti-social behaviour in the Town. Northampton Borough Council, Northamptonshire County Council, Northants Police, Northants Fire and Rescue, Health and Probation, are all statutory partners, but community and voluntary organisations are also represented within the partnership and play an essential role in the delivery of the plan.

Northampton Community Safety Partnership has statutory responsibilities established under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998. The partnership has a legal responsibility to produce this plan, which describes how it will tackle crime, anti-social behaviour, drug and alcohol misuse and re-offending.

Although there are several main priorities, the partnership monitors a wide range of crime and community safety issues to ensure any emerging challenges are tackled effectively.

The overall picture for the partnership is positive with decreases from the 2018/19 year-end figures in most crime categories. Violent offences are the notable exception and remain a priority for the partnership.

Public disorder offences rose from 1,064 to 1,378: looking more closely there are peaks related to anti-social behaviour or the night-time economy, but these indicate nothing of concern. Violence and Domestic Violence accounted for 37.2% of the crime recorded in the town, making it the most significant category: recorded violent offences for the year rose by 15.1% for the partnership. While recorded crime continued to

rise, the partnership's crime rate remained below the average for our Most Similar Group, although the trend was towards that average.

Violent crime breaks down as 45.5% without injury, 33.6% with injury and 20.9% stalking and harassment. Stalking and harassment was a significant factor in the rise in recorded crime: without injury offences were up by 14.3% and with injury offences were up 5.1%, but offences of stalking and harassment rose by 38.9%. It is worthwhile examining the offences of violence with injury more closely: the majority, 2,950 offences, were assault with injury; of the more serious offences there were 173 assault with intent to cause serious harm, 1 attempt murder and 18 of endangering life.

Domestic violence accounts for 33.3% of all violent offences reported in the past 12 months. Offences with a domestic flag rose by 14.5% in the year to the end of March, while the figures for other violent offences increased by 15.4%.

Anti-social behaviour incidents recorded by Northamptonshire Police fell by 18.8% during the year. The reduction was seen in many of the wards across the town: only three wards showed any increase in reported incidents, with none of these being significant. It is worth noting that Police are recording breaches of the COVID regulations as anti-social behaviour offences and we should expect to see a significant increase in anti-social behaviour reports in 2020/21.

A secondary measure for anti-social behaviour is criminal damage: figures for the partnership decreased by 2.1% compared with 2018/19.

**DAY OF ACTION**  
Tuesday 16 April From 9am till 7pm

**Blackburn Community Centre**  
Come and see what activities and support are available for young people including these exciting new projects:

- TREATED RELATIONSHIPS - See rear of flyer
- FOOTBALL COACHING - Starting 22nd April
- CRV - COMMUNITY INITIATIVE TO REDUCE VIOLENCE - Need help to get out of a gang? CRV can help.

**What's it all about?**  
Days of action are being held across the town in 2019 by the Community Safety Partnership giving you opportunities to engage with local services and tackle issues in your communities. Partners will be working together to find solutions and make a difference in your local community but need your involvement.

**Activities**  
Something for all ages

**Backburn Community Centre**  
3 - 5pm  
Activities for young people from 5pm including art and music. Come and speak to a youth worker and join in with the activities.

**Come and try Boccia at 4.30pm** courtesy of Age UK Northamptonshire

**MUGA**  
6.30 - 7pm  
Street sports courtesy of Northampton Leisure Trust

**Have YOUR Say**  
Come and tell us what you think about your area and get updates on what you notice in February.

**FREE** site security marking  
**FREE** security resources  
**FREE** refreshments

**Information stands include**

- Community Safety
- Crime
- Veolia from 3 - 5pm
- Northampton Energy Saving Service bus from 3 - 5pm
- Northampton Partnership Homes from 3 - 5pm
- Northamptonshire Police - meet your local PCSO

Logos: VEOLIA, Northampton Community Safety Partnership, CrimeStoppers, Blackless

**COMMUNITea**  
**EVENT**  
St David's Church Rooms  
Thursday 30 May

Come and learn about the anonymous reporting methods CrimeStoppers and Fearless.

**10am - 1pm** During Community Café - drop in sessions with Officers from Police, Fire Service, Northampton Borough Council and Northampton Partnership Homes

**1pm - 2pm** Play as you feel lunch

**2pm - 5pm** Fun & games! Something for everyone including reptiles, soft play and information stands

Refreshments  
Complete a survey and get a FREE ice cream!

**5.30pm-7pm** Street Sports at the MUGA

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**SUPPORTING SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC ABUSE AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE**  
#16daysofactivism Support Surgeries

Find out more about local support organisations at our drop-in surgeries. Information and advice will be available from:

- Serenity
- Northampton Domestic Abuse Service
- Eve
- Northamptonshire Rape Crisis
- Voice
- Sunflower Centre

Private rooms are also available should you wish to speak to someone in confidence.

Support surgeries will be running at:

Avon	20 November, 10pm to 2pm	Reception
NIS Foundation Trust	27 November, 10am to 6pm	Community House
Northampton	28 November, 10pm to 2pm	Venue
Northampton Borough Council	3 December, 10am to 5pm	The Guildhall
St Andrew's Hospital	4 December, 1pm to 5pm	Venue
Northampton General Hospital	5 December, 12pm to 2pm	Venue

Logos: Northampton Community Safety Partnership, Serenity, Eve, Rape Crisis, Sunflower Centre

**INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES**  
Monday 3 December 2018, 11am till 3pm  
The Guildhall, Northampton, NN1 1DE

Come and celebrate the different abilities of people with disabilities!

- Information on services, training, advice to work as well as leisure and sporting activities available locally
- Interactive experiences
- Performances
- 11 Shows - Singing for Smiling
- 100% The Oaks Disability Arts Academy
- 100min - Discussion session with Richard
- Quiet room with refreshments

Come and meet our special guest, Derrick Bailey, Great Britain's wheelchair tennis athlete.

Also - at 3.00pm Northampton Film House have a special screening of 'Shakespeare for the Stars' of how a young man, portrayed by Philip, managed to help change the world. A very moving film. Booked and booked - [www.northamptonfilmhouse.com/whats-on/](http://www.northamptonfilmhouse.com/whats-on/)

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### 3. MEASURING SUCCESS

#### What Did We Do To Deliver The 2017-20 Plan

The principle aim of the Community Safety Partnership; 'deliver a safe, confident Northampton by working together to improve the quality of life for local people'. Over the last three years the partnership has focused on the following community safety priorities, the issues that affect people daily, that are working, visiting or living in the Town.

#### Priority

#### Action taken

##### Reduce Crime

Reduce property crime, specifically residential burglary and vehicle crime and support those at risk of becoming victims of crime.

- Community Safety focussed Weeks of Action delivered across the Town, focused on Knife Crime, Burglary and Hate Crime.
- Several bike marking events delivered, in high footfall areas including; outside McDonald's, Northampton General Hospital, University of Northampton and Midsummer Meadow.
- Target hardening of vulnerable victims' properties continues – in the last three years 35 homes have received improved security measures.

##### Reduce Anti-Social Behaviour & Hate Crime

Prevent & tackle incidents of anti-social behaviour, utilising enforcement and working with partners to provide positive interventions. Deliver targeted interventions to raise awareness of anti-social behaviour and hate crime and encourage reporting.

- Our Anti-Social Behaviour Officers are working in partnership with the local policing team, in tackling anti-social behaviour, serious organised crime, and begging and youth violence, they have achieved the following over the last 3 years:
  - 63 CPW's (community protection warnings) issued for threatening behaviour, neighbour disputes, harassment, begging, street drinking and youth nuisance.
  - 49 CPN's (community protection notices)
  - 24 CBO's (criminal behaviour orders) issued for anti-social behaviour, threatening behaviour, neighbour disputes and street drinking.
  - 3 Cuckooing Injunctions for offenders who are targeting vulnerable people and their properties to deal drugs
  - Our Environmental Protection Team and Neighbourhood Wardens have issued 1,110 CPWs and 85 CPNs for environmental anti-social behaviour. This has included a range of issues, including domestic noise and accumulations of refuse.
- Street Sports targeted in hot spot locations.
- School Pastors continue to operate at Northampton Academy and Weston Favell Academy, with regular patrols taking place on Thursday's and Friday's with pastoral support being provided as and when required.



### 3. MEASURING SUCCESS CONTINUED

#### Priority

#### Action taken

- Public Spaces Protection Order in place to prohibit a number of anti-social behaviours.
- I'm Still Me conference ran annually – education conference provided teachers and other school staff with the skills, confidence and information to support LGBTQ students in primary and secondary schools in the county.
- Hate Crime Week of Action delivered to coincide with the national week, ran in October, multi-agency approach to promote what hate crime is, how to and where to report hate crime.





## 4. MEASURING SUCCESS CONTINUED

### Priority

### Action taken

#### Support Vulnerable People

Co-ordinate partnership activity to reduce incidents of domestic and sexual abuse, work with partners to tackle serious organised crime including; child sexual exploitation, human trafficking and modern day slavery. Reduce harm caused by alcohol and substance misuse and use national days and weeks of celebration and commemoration to bring partners, including the community and voluntary sector together, to raise awareness and offer support to the most vulnerable people in our communities.

- Several personal safety events held in key locations across the Borough, including; Parks and Open Spaces, Weston Favell shopping Centre, University of Northampton, the Grosvenor Centre and Wellingborough Road
- Six primary school community safety events held at the The Old Savoy theatre, we have engaged 16 of our priority primary schools, more than 1,000 year 6 students, attended the event to learn more from our experts, through workshops, theatre performances and films about important issues such as knife crime, gangs, online safety, child sexual exploitation, railway safety, hate crime and anti-social behaviour
- Held our first secondary school's community safety awareness raising event held at the The Old Savoy theatre. 540 year 8 and 9 students attended from Weston Favell Academy to hear key community safety messages. Expert speakers, performers and presenters covered topics such as healthy relationships, knife and gang crime, personal safety, online safety, grooming, cyber bullying and hate crime.
- Through the funding secured from the Home Office's Trusted Relationships Fund, Free2Talk continue to deliver youth services in four of our priority neighbourhood areas, increasing the support available to the town's most vulnerable young people. Delivering interventions and mentoring to young people most at risk of getting involved in knife crime and anti-social behaviour. 193 episodes of mentoring have been delivered throughout the project. Of those who engaged and completed mentoring, 94% either reduced or remained at the same level of risk to exploitation.
- 16 Days of Activism – working with the domestic abuse and sexual violence charities in the Borough to provide pop up, support cafes across businesses and organisations in the Town. Posters, baubles and leaflets handed out to businesses, including restaurants, cafes, and shops across the Borough.





## 5. MEASURING SUCCESS CONTINUED

### Priority

### Action taken

#### Build Stronger & resilient Communities

Improve community confidence and resilience using different forms of engagement, including weeks of action and community forums, identify opportunities for undertaking restorative justice methods, continue to utilise community payback, volunteers and community and voluntary organisations to address environmental issues in priority areas.

- Delivered and supported several community engagement events each year, bringing our communities together, including: Holocaust Memorial Day, LGBTQ History month, International Women's Day, Northampton Pride, IDAHOBIT (International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia), Refugee Week, International Youth Day, Love Parks Week, Srebrenica, International Men's Day and International Day of People with Disabilities.
- Over 3 million pounds administered through the Cllrs Community Fund, Small Grants Fund and the Partnership Grant distributed to the community and voluntary organisations across the Borough who are delivering positive outcomes to improve the quality of life of our residents living in the Town, many of which have an impact on reducing crime and improving community safety.
- Several Community Days of Action held, 15 within the last 12 months, focused on environmental improvements, clear ups, community engagement, recycling, fly tipping, drop ins and surgeries held in Blackthorn, St David's, Bellinge, Southfields Bouverie, Semilong, Town Centre, Briar Hill, Rye Hill and Kings Heath.

#### Safety in the Night-Time Economy

Reducing violent incidents, alcohol and drug misuse and other negative behaviour that is linked to the night-time economy.

- Street Pastor Scheme operated in the Town Centre, on bank holidays and pay weekends.
- Taxi Marshal Scheme launched, two taxi marshals providing cover 11pm-5am, Friday and Saturday evenings, pay weekends and bank holidays.
- Purple Flag accreditation for the Town Centre achieved.
- Media campaign focusing on the night time economy, 'Nights Out Northampton' continues. Key messages of the campaign focusing on personal safety, alcohol awareness and 'safer routes home' working closely with University of Northampton.
- Jeyes Jetty Public Spaces Protection Order approved.





## 6. PRIORITIES FOR 2020-22

The partnership has used the Police's annual Strategic Assessment to help determine the priorities for the partnership. The Assessment collates considerable information and data, detailing levels of crime and anti-social behaviour that enables the Community Safety Partnership to consider the current position and any changing circumstances or emerging issues that could necessitate different approaches or interventions.

Certain other considerations have been considered in addition to recorded figures and that have helped to identify those areas of work that now form the priorities contained in this new Community Safety Strategy 2020-2022. Including; volume of crime, level of harm and community concern, the impact on our communities and victims and how much added value can the partnership give.

In addition, existing and emerging national priorities, policing priorities included in both Northamptonshire Police's Control Strategy and the Police and Fire Crime Commissioner's Policing and Crime Plan, are also considered.

Northampton Community Safety Partnership has established a strong Community Engagement Network. The need for local people to be given an opportunity to voice their views and opinions is important in achieving longer-term change and improving community safety.

The partnership regularly asks the community to identify what their greatest community safety concern is in their neighbourhood. These results are analysed every three months and used to set the locally identified priorities. These have been reflected in the priorities going forward.

**From the analysis undertaken, the feedback from our communities and understanding the current risks, harm and threats the following community safety priorities have been identified for 2020-22.**

1. **Serious Organised Crime** – including gangs, knife crime, youth violence and modern slavery
2. **Interpersonal Violence** – including domestic abuse and sexual violence
3. **Anti-Social Behaviour, Hate Crime and Town Centre Disorder** – including community cohesion, alcohol related violence and prevent duty
4. **Serious Acquisitive Crime** – Burglary, robbery, vehicle crime

## OUTCOMES

### 1. SERIOUS ORGANISED CRIME – INCLUDING GANGS, KNIFE CRIME, YOUTH VIOLENCE AND MODERN SLAVERY

- **Raise awareness of the dangers and consequences of carrying knives**
- **Reduce victims of knife crime**
- **Helping reduce exposure of young people to gangs and violence**
- **Improve awareness, understanding and identification of modern slavery**

### 2. INTERPERSONAL VIOLENCE – INCLUDING DOMESTIC ABUSE & SEXUAL VIOLENCE

- **Reduce and prevent domestic abuse incidents and increase awareness of reporting and access to services**
- **Community Safety Partnership to gain an increased understanding of the sexual violence issues in the Town**



## 7. PRIORITIES FOR 2020-22

### 3. Anti-Social Behaviour, HATE CRIME & TOWN CENTRE DISORDER

- Monitor and promote social integration and provide an environment where people of all backgrounds come together regularly as one community
- Reduce Anti-Social Behaviour incidents
- Increase in hate crime reporting and reduce the gap between reported hate crime and British Crime Survey
- Reduction in Town Centre disorder
- Increase in trust and confidence of victims
- Meet statutory responsibilities of carrying out Prevent duty

### 4. ACQUISITIVE CRIME

- Reduction in residential and commercial burglary
- Reduction in shoplifting
- Reduction in vehicle crime
- Reduction in robbery

An action plan has been developed, which provides further details several SMART actions, detailing how the Partnership Strategy will be delivered.

The action plan is an evolving document, which will be updated bi-monthly.

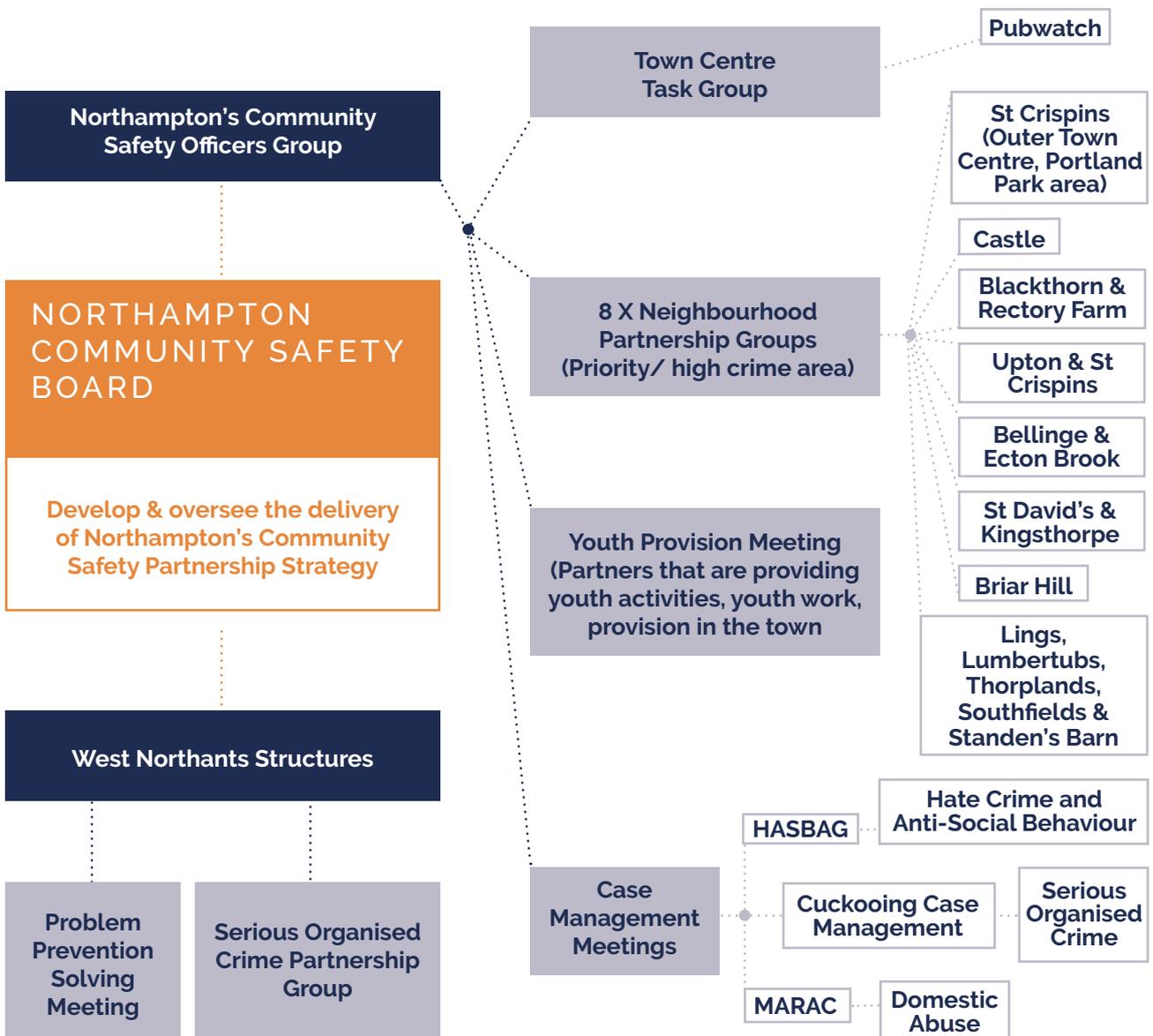




## 8. DELIVERING THE PLAN

The governance arrangements for ensuring the delivery of the plan are highlighted in the below diagram. The diagram provides details of the group that sit at both a strategic and operational level. Some of the groups are geographically based, which lend themselves to a place-based approach, whilst others are thematic and will focus on Borough-wide issues. This is purposeful, and the partnership recognises the need for both approaches and flexibility as over the next 12 months the Community Safety Partnership will evolve, as we work towards unitary and the West Northants structure.

The Community Safety Partnership Strategy will be delivered through the development of a robust action plan, which will deliver the priorities set out in the community safety strategy. There will be a performance framework in place to ensure delivery of the outcomes, monitoring will include bi-monthly refreshment of the action plan and report updates to the Community Safety Partnership Board.





## 8. DELIVERING THE PLAN

**Northampton Community Safety Partnership Strategy is supported by several specific multi-agency strategies, plans and task and finish partnership groups.**

**These include:**

- Northamptonshire Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy
- Northamptonshire Hate Crime Strategy
- Northamptonshire Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Strategy 2019-2022
- County-wide strategy focuses on reducing the criminal exploitation of children and vulnerable people by drugs gangs and county lines, following the 4 'P' framework

Northampton's Community Safety Partnership is one of several statutory partnerships operating across the Borough. These include; the Health and Wellbeing Board, Local Safeguarding Children's Partnership and the Adult Safeguarding Board. Issues impacting on community safety cut across these groups, including safeguarding and underlying social and health issues that impact on the level of crime, such as substance misuse and poor mental health. The partnership will therefore work with these to ensure a joined-up approach.

Partner agencies have been working together to address the wider social impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. The early stages of lockdown resulted in significant increases in environmental ASB with large increases in complaints about neighbour noise, fly tipping and bonfires. Communications were issued encouraging responsible and considerate behaviour. Patrols in parks and open spaces provided guidance on appropriate social distancing. Environmental health and licensing team members engaged with businesses to explain legal requirements around business closures adopting an engage, explain and encourage approach to achieve compliance with legal requirements in the majority of cases. Enforcement powers have been in the small number of cases where repeated breaches occurred.

Leading up to the re-opening of pubs and clubs on 4 July a significant amount of engagement work was carried out to ensure that businesses understood the measures required to manage social distancing and operate in the "new normal" night time economy. Infrastructure and signage works have been carried out to facilitate the safe re-opening of the town centre. Floor stickers have been put in place to mark out safe queuing location and signage erected to remind passengers to wear face coverings and maintain social distancing. Plans are being progressed to develop highway schemes to improve safety for cyclists and pedestrians in the town centre as part of the safer town centres programme. In the coming months new

licensing arrangements will be implemented to enable the use of outdoor seating areas around cafes and restaurant.

The coronavirus pandemic has created huge and immediate challenges across the country. Many organisations have had to adapt swiftly to continue supporting the people who need them.

Over the past few months, with the support of a network of key officers, partners and the community and voluntary sector we have been providing support and coordinating requests to support those most vulnerable in our communities.

As a result of the COVID19 pandemic, the landscape has changed significantly, and the Community Safety and Engagement Team have been redeployed over the past few months coordinating the requests that have been coming into Northampton's community resilience hub.

More than 6000 volunteers have signed up to support vulnerable residents in Northampton –these volunteers have been and continue to be matched up with the existing community groups (126 that have registered) in the Town. The hub has been working with the volunteers to ensure that support is in place for each resident that has requested help through the central support line. More than 1060 vulnerable people in Northampton have requested help and been supported with emergency food deliveries, food collection, shopping, furniture collection, prescription collections, emotional and mental health issues, loneliness and social isolation and financial support.

Recovery planning continues with partners and a plan has been developed, focusing on mental health and exploring a place-based pilot with Voluntary Impact Northamptonshire and health partners, the areas being looked at will include those that have been identified with the highest unmet need, these will also be areas where we experience the highest crime levels.



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## 8. DELIVERING THE PLAN

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We are working with more than 100 organisations -we recognise the importance in continuing these relationships and providing support to these groups at neighbourhood level post COVID19 – we are looking to do this through the community safety and engagement team and our existing multi-agency neighbourhood working groups.

We will work with our local infrastructure organisations, to ensure we support new and existing groups and volunteers and identify emerging issues around health inequalities, community cohesion and mental health, all of which have a significant impact on the delivery of our Community Safety Strategy as they are causal factors towards crime and anti-social behaviour.

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