

SaferMK Strategy 2015-2017



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1. Introduction:

No single agency can deliver on the complexities of keeping communities safe and the SaferMK Partnership brings agencies together in the Borough of Milton Keynes to facilitate a joined up approach.

The SaferMK Partnership is the statutory Community Safety Partnership required to work together in formulating and implementing a strategy to tackle local crime and community safety issues in the area and to have in place a partnership action plan to deliver the strategy.

This strategy has regard for the objectives set out in the Police and Crime Commissioners (PCC) Police and Crime Plan 2013/17 and will be shared with the PCC for Thames Valley.

This strategy builds on the partnerships strategic assessment which identifies the crime and community safety issues that in partnership we will focus on and address. It will be refreshed annually to keep in line with our changing priorities and the needs of the communities in Milton Keynes.

2. Vision and Priorities:

Our vision is to: **“Keep residents, businesses and visitors to Milton Keynes safe”**

3. The Strategic Priorities 2015/17:

i) The 5 main objectives for 2015-17 are:

- Improving road safety by reducing the number of accidents and the severity of the collisions to individuals.
- Reducing the number of violent incidences
- Tackling and enforcing substance misuse
- Enhance community engagement to reduce fear of crime
- Reduction in Domestic and Sexual Abuse

ii) SaferMK also has the responsibility to lead and coordinate key support activities:

- Maintain a mechanism for positive action around Anti-Social Behavior
- Support and monitor a plan to reduce reoffending.
- CCTV – Lead and maintain a suitable public place CCTV service in Milton Keynes.
- Safer Neighbourhoods – Working with Neighbourhood Action Groups and other community groups to empower them to help deliver safer places to live and work.
- Supporting the Governments Prevent agenda and leading on Channel locally.
- Crime Prevention and Designing out crime in the planning system.
- Public Place Safety – To coordinate and communicate safety activities including road and water safety.
- Communicating and engaging with communities to ensure we meet the needs of communities in Milton Keynes
- Research and exploring innovative ways of delivering best possible value activities to achieve partnership priorities.
- Ensuring oversight of action plans to reduce crime and the fear of crime.

iii) The Strategic Assessment 2014 highlighted work streams to be delivered in 2015:

- To support the transition of the Transformation Rehabilitation Programme
- To establish robust data sharing collaboration with Milton Keynes Hospital A&E department
- Develop a preventative strategy to monitor peer groups
- Scope New Psychoactive Substances impact in Milton Keynes
- Impact of cybercrime in Milton Keynes
- Improved collaboration between Mental Health service delivery and SaferMK partners
- Support the establishment of partnership intelligence sharing mechanisms regarding exploitation of vulnerable communities
- Scope the changing demography of Milton Keynes and potential affects to crime and community safety issues.

4. Statutory areas of work:

The primary statutory function of the Partnership is to work together to reduce crime and address community safety issues and coordinate crime reduction strategies in partnership with other relevant organisations to make Milton Keynes a safer place. Additionally there are a number of core functions the Partnership need to deliver:

i) Domestic Homicide Reviews

Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHRs) were established on a statutory basis under Section 9 of the Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act (2004). The statutory requirements for initiating and undertaking a DHR have been transferred to the SaferMK Partnership in which the 'victim was normally resident' or where 'the victim was last known to have frequented'. Statutory guidance has been issued regarding the implementation of a DHR and when a domestic homicide occurs, Thames Valley Police will inform SaferMK in writing of the incident. Overall responsibility for establishing a review rests with the Chair of the SaferMK Partnership.

ii) Strategic Assessment:

The purpose of this strategic assessment is to inform the partners of SaferMK about the scale and scope of crime, disorder and community safety issues within Milton Keynes.

This community safety strategic assessment is a legal requirement and is to be reviewed and refreshed annually.

iii) Working with the PCC and other partners

SaferMK works within a wider network of partners, which includes organisations and other statutory partnerships including the Health and Wellbeing Board, Milton Keynes Safeguarding Children Board and the Adult Safeguarding Board.

The Police and Crime Commissioners (PCC) were elected in November 2012 and SaferMK Partnership has a duty to work alongside the Thames Valley PCC and have regard for their Police and Crime Plan 2013/17 which outlines their Priorities and strategic objectives:

The Police and Crime Commissioner has highlighted the following as key priorities:

- Rural Crime
- Household Burglary
- Protecting Vulnerable People

Additionally the PCC has six strategic objectives:

- Cut crimes that are of most concern to the public and to protect the most vulnerable members of our communities
- Protect the visible presence of the police and partners to cut crime and the fear of crime and reassure communities
- Protect the public from harm arising from serious organised crime and terrorism
- Communicate and engage with the public in order to cut crime and the fear of crime, and build trust and confidence with our communities
- Work with criminal justice partners to reduce crime and support victims and witnesses
- Ensure policing, community safety and criminal justice services are delivered efficiently and effectively.

5. Delivery of Priorities:

In response to changes in legislation and to address the issues and concerns raised by local residents, SaferMK will develop and publish annual action plans, adjusting focus where appropriate.

The action plans, will be developed year-on-year, but reviewed by the SaferMK Business Management Group throughout the year and will underpin the delivery of the priorities identified in this strategy. The action plans will set out how local agencies will work together to stimulate activity across the Borough of Milton Keynes, focusing on those activities that add value as a result of being delivered in partnership.

Strategic leads are identified from within local agencies for each strategic priority and assume responsibility for the development, progression and reporting on the individual action plans to the Business Management Group. This Group will oversee performance of the Strategy and work streams and coordinate task and finish groups to emerging issues.



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