
PCC Grant to the SNB – 2020-2021 Overview

Anthony May
Chair of the Safer Nottinghamshire Board

The purpose of the SNB



The Crime and Disorder (Formation and Implementation of Strategy) Regulations 2007 require that in two-tier areas a county-level group be established. This is referred to in the legislation as a 'County Strategy Group'. The Safer Nottinghamshire Board meets this requirement.

Within regulations it is the Board's responsibility to prepare and implement a Community Safety Agreement. The regulations state that the Agreement must identify:

- The county-wide community safety priorities that arise from the strategic assessment and that require escalating to the county level.
- Ways of co-ordinating activity across the county to address priorities.
- How the responsible authorities might otherwise contribute to reducing crime, disorder and substance misuse through closer joint working across the county.

The Nottinghamshire Community Safety Agreement (CSA) 2020-2023



In March 2020 the Board agreed a new CSA for Nottinghamshire. This sets out the:

- Membership
- Roles, function, principles and vision for the Board
- Terms of reference
- Governance
- SNB Priorities

SNB Membership includes:



- **Chair** – CEX, County Council,
- **Vice Chair** – CEX, Mansfield District Council
- Police and Crime Commissioner
- Vice Chair of the County Council Communities and Place Committee
- Chief Constable, Nottinghamshire Police
- All District and Borough Council CEXs
- Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service, Chief Fire Officer
- Director of Public Health
- Regional Manager, DLNR Community Rehabilitation Company
- Senior representation from: County Council Children's and Families Dept, Place Dept, and the National Probation Service

CSA Priorities



Informed by the Police and Crime Needs Assessment, the priorities on the following slide were confirmed at the December 2021 Board when undertaking the annual CSA refresh.

The priorities, grouped under three themes, are each lead by a Board member.

A high-level community safety action plan is currently being produced for the June Board meeting setting out for each priority the objectives, targets, approach and key linkages with other groups and partnerships including the Health and Wellbeing Board and the CSPs.

SNB STRATEGIC THEMES AND PRIORITIES	PRIORITY LEAD BOARD MEMBER
Strategic Theme: Vulnerability	
Priority 1 – Modern Slavery	Mike Hill, Gedling BC CEX
Priority 2 – Domestic Abuse	Jonathan Gribbin, Director of PH
Strategic Theme: Cohesion	
Priority 3 – Hate Crime	Ruth Hyde, Broxtowe BC CEX
Priority 4 - Prevent	Laurence Jones, NCC Service Director, Commissioning & Resources C&FS
Strategic Theme: Crime and Harm Prevention	
Priority 5 – Reducing Reoffending	Kevin Dennis, OPCC CEX
Priority 6 – Serious and Acquisitive Crime	Craig Guildford, Chief Constable
Priority 7 – Substance Misuse	Jonathan Gribbin, Director of PH
Priority 8 – Antisocial Behaviour	Neil Taylor, Bassetlaw DC CEX
Priority 9 – Serious Violence	Dave Wakelin, VRU Director
Priority 10 – Young People at risk of offending and/or criminal exploitation	Rachel Miller, NCC Group Manager, Early Help and Youth Justice
Priority 11 – Preventable Deaths	Craig Parkin, Deputy Chief Fire Officer

CSA – Resourcing principle



The focus of the Board in relation to resourcing is to ensure that across the system collective mainstream resources are collaborating effectively to deliver the CSA intentions.

The commissioning monies, provided through the PCC grant to the SNB, are intended to support additional new work. This enables an evidence base to be gathered to potentially influence mainstream provision.

Grant amount 2020-21



The grant funding amount remained consistent with previous years. The grant was awarded specifically to take forward the below services and initiatives:

Services and Initiatives	£
IOM IDVA	19,544
Redthread	35,000
Project Officer	50,000
SNB Analyst	48,000
Slavery and Exploitation Assessment Case Worker	40,500
Youth Crime Reduction	109,000
SNB/OPCC Joint Commissioning Budget	52,324
Neighbourhood Working Problem Solving	Up to 270,750
Total	625,118

Covid 19



- As would be expected the pandemic did impact on expenditure both through the availability of resources to deliver some work and also the type of services that could be delivered with the restrictions in place.
 - Although there had been flexibility for CSP and Priority Leads in revising their plans accordingly during the year, in December 2020 the then PCC made the decision not to further reallocate underspends.
 - During 2020-2021 the Board held additional meetings to provide a platform to discuss specific Covid 19 related community safety issues including the rise in Domestic Abuse.
-

Neighbourhood Working Problem Solving fund



This element of the grant, up to £270,750, is allocated to the CSP to support their work in localities.

For 2020-2021 this was allocated based on a formula that considered crime severity as well as volume. This resulted in an allocation as shown below:

Mansfield and Ashfield - £111.6k

Bassetlaw, Newark and Sherwood - £77.9k

Rushcliffe, Gedling and Broxtowe - £81.1k

How this amount was then divided to each district was a local decision, but all areas adopted an equal share approach.

Locality Work Supported

The following slides outline some of the work supported through the grant funding.

Redthread – Youth Violence Intervention Programme



- Programme places Youth Workers in A&E Depts to work with young people who are victims of violence or exploitation.
- Contribution made to the work at QMC from the overall grant.
- Plus contributions from Ashfield, Mansfield and Newark allocations to set up and deliver the programme at Kings Mill hospital.
- After work to embed the programme in KMH, referrals started to be taken in February 2021.
- In the period Feb to the end of March 2021 there were 11 referrals, predominantly due to injuries sustained during assaults, mental health was an issue in 55% of referrals, 64% were female and 36% under 18 – this is a different profile to QMC.
- Referrals all accepted support, delivered in partnership with the NCC Youth Service, and remained in the programme.

Grant funded work: Ashfield



- 4 mobile CCTV cameras purchased. These are deployed in hotspot locations identified through multi-agency tasking meetings to address antisocial behaviour issues.
- Mental Health Nurse funded within the Complex Case Team completing 42 Interventions, working holistically with both victims and perpetrators of ASB, crime and disorder to address underlying causes of problematic behaviour.

Grant funded work: Mansfield



- Youth intervention – 10 young people engaged in low level criminality, ASB and exploitation received one-to-one mentoring support. All remain engaged and have seen improvements in their offending behaviour and school engagement.
- Town Centre Ambassadors – patrols in hotspot locations provided reassurance to communities during lockdown.
- CCTV deployments – including at the Ladybrook estate play park that had sustained significant criminal damage.
- Domestic Abuse education booklets produced for children aged 7-11 who are living with domestic abuse. 6 teachers received awareness raising training, all feedback a better understanding of the impact of domestic abuse on children and the barriers they face in disclosing.

Grant funded work: BN&S



- Purchase and deployment of mobile CCTV cameras that saw a reduction in fly-tipping and secondary fires in the Bircotes area.
- Purchase of drug swabs that were used in town centre premises leading to an increase in detected drug offences.
- Community engagement with GRT communities at Tolney Lane to raise awareness of domestic abuse and hate crime reporting.

Grant funded work: South Notts



- 25 digital radios purchased for Shopwatch and Pubwatch to tackle shop theft and alcohol related ASB.
- Crimestoppers campaign that led to an increase in intel reports about burglary, knife crime and drugs resulting in arrests and drug seizures.
- More than 15 teachers received domestic abuse awareness training, all provided positive feedback.
- 19 domestic abuse survivors received sanctuary scheme installations at their homes.

Other grant funded activity:



- Following the murder of George Floyd the SNB held a special meeting in August 2020 to focus on the BLM agenda. This led to the development of the Equality and Justice for Black People and Ethnic Minorities Action Plan.
- This plan included the grant funded Breaking the Cycle behaviour change online programme. This involves educating young people aged 9-17 that have been the perpetrators of Hate Crimes and Incidents to understand the impact on their victims. 10 sessions were funded with 6 groups per session.

Other grant funded activity:



- In addition to funding a case worker for the Serious Exploitation Risk Assessment Conferences (SERAC) that meet to discuss ongoing Modern Slavery casework the grant was used for Modern Slavery training.
- 130 frontline workers from a range of public sector organisations attended training aimed at developing an understanding of what modern slavery and human trafficking are, how to recognise these offences and how to refer into the National Referral Mechanism.

Other grant funded activity:



- 10 women had their cases managed by the IOM IDVA, also involving 9 children, that saw a significant reduction in their domestic abuse risk.
- 175 young people referred to the Youth Justice Service received interventions to reduce their risk of entering the criminal justice system. The grant monies part fund this County Council service.

Other grant funded activity:



During 2020-2021 the grant was used to fund a Researcher and Analyst to facilitate a new performance management approach for the Board, developed by the SNB Performance Group.

These roles are based in the Neighbourhood Policing Hub at Nottinghamshire Police.

SNB Performance Management

Creating a more useable and impactful data and performance management approach.

Purpose of the Boards Performance Management Approach:



- To enable an understanding of crime and antisocial behaviour trends, risk and high harm in Nottinghamshire
- To identify countywide priorities that require escalating to the Board
- To inform decision making around appropriate, evidence-based responses and resource allocation
- To forge closer links with the CSP so there is a golden tread between the SNB and the CSP, and;
- To establish if any subsequent improvements on the ground are convincingly linked to the actions of the SNB and the CSPs by focussing in measuring outcomes rather than just counting activity

Features of the Boards revised performance management approach



- A core dataset which gives an indication of performance across the eleven priorities, channelling the Boards focus to issues requiring attention.
- Use of the annual Police and Crime Needs Assessment, developed to inform the Police and Crime Plan, for the SNB priority setting to ensure there is 'one version of the truth'.
- A quarterly Performance, Risk and Harm Management Product to enable the SNB Performance Group to fulfil its role.
- Quarterly narratives from the CSP to escalate emerging risks and issues at locality level that need countywide consideration.

Summary



- The grant monies have enabled key initiatives to be delivered during an unprecedented year, impacting on issues such as domestic abuse, youth crime reduction and antisocial behaviour.
- The expenditure has also enabled the Board to further develop its approach to be in a strong position to deliver the commitments in the Nottinghamshire Community Safety Agreement 2020-2023.