

Braintree District Community Safety Partnership (CSP) Action Plan 2025 - 2026

Priorities:

- 1. Protect the vulnerable**
- 2. Promote healthy relationships**
- 3. Promote online safety**
- 4. Build community resilience**
- 5. Promote safety in our communities**

These priorities, together with the core responsibilities of the CSP - to reduce crime and disorder, reduce re-offending and combat misuse of alcohol and use of drugs – will form the basis of this year's Action Plan.

The CSP Action Plan supports the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for Essex [Police and Crime Plan 2024-2028](#) and [Fire and Rescue Plan 2024 – 2028](#) which sets out the priorities and aims for keeping Essex safe using a partnership approach to prevent and reduce the harm caused by crime whilst targeting prevention and early intervention.

The plan also supports other key programmes of work including the *Essex Joint Health & Wellbeing Strategy*, the government's *Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) strategy*, and *Serious Violence Duty*, among others.



Key theme / Project	Action	Desired Outcome	Accountable agencies	CSP Funding Required
Child Criminal Exploitation & Child Sexual Exploitation	Expand the Spot It Stop It scheme to improve knowledge and awareness and safeguard potential victims of child exploitation.	Increased awareness amongst staff and members of the public.	Braintree District Council	N/A
	Take part in Operation Henderson awareness week and days of action to educate and engage our community on the importance of child exploitation.	Increased awareness amongst members of the public and staff.	Essex County Council	N/A
Domestic Abuse	Deliver ' J9 ' Domestic Abuse campaign to provide partners (statutory and voluntary) with training and skills to safely respond to victims by providing a safe space to access specialist support.	Increased awareness and confidence to help victims access support.	Braintree District Council Safer Places	Yes
	Support victims through the multi-agency Sanctuary Scheme .	Victims feel safer and can remain in their own homes.	Braintree District Council Essex Police Housing Providers	N/A

Domestic Abuse	Participate in 16 Days of Action awareness campaign to support promotion of the countywide Compass Domestic Abuse Helpline, and Next Chapter services.	Increased awareness and signposting of support.	All partners	Yes
Violence Against Women and Girls	Continue to deliver the Safer Streets programme in Halstead focusing on reducing Violence against Women and Girls (VAWG), neighbourhood crime and anti-social behaviour.	Deliver activities and projects to help tackle crime and disorder; and improve people's perception of safety.	Braintree District Council	PFCC Funded
	Deliver the Safer Streets programme in Braintree with a focus on reducing Violence against Women and Girls (VAWG), Anti-Social Behaviour and tackling crime trends in the Town Centre.	Facilitate the delivery of activities and projects to help tackle crime and disorder as well as improve peoples perception of safety with the identified Braintree Town Centre area.	Braintree District Council	PFCC Funded

	Deliver phase 2 of Project Minerva preventative work to help protect women and girls.	Tackle the causes of violence against women and girls, and increase perceptions of safety.	Braintree District Council Essex Police	N/A
	Conduct monthly 'nights of action' around the night-time economy focusing on taxis and licensed premises.	The night-time economy remains a safe place for people to enjoy and travel to/from.	Braintree District Council	Yes
Violence Against Women and Girls	Offer Self Defence/Street Safety - Resurgence Project	To tackle Violence Against Women and Girls by providing education on personal safety, confidence building, self-awareness and empowerment. Aim to promote the reporting of online abuse.	Essex Youth Service Next Chapter Essex Police Schools – Behaviour and Attendance Partnership CARA	Yes
Young People & schools	Deliver 'Crucial Crew' to Year 6 pupils across the district on key topics such as healthy relationships, exploitation, drug and alcohol, road safety.	To promote community safety and awareness by addressing topics like anti-social behaviour, gang awareness and healthy relationships.	Braintree District Council	Yes
	Deliver multi-agency educational inputs to primary and secondary schools that address both home safety and crime prevention topics in carefully designed and approved lessons.	Young people are better informed and more risk averse.	Essex County Fire & Rescue Service	N/A

Young People & schools	Deliver two '999 Football Tournaments' for Year 7/8 school children in Halstead, identified as vulnerable or at risk.	Young people have improved confidence and awareness of the range of multi-agency support available.	Essex Police	Yes
Young People & schools	Engagement with Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) school programmes in secondary schools within the district.	To raise awareness of the importance of this education in schools as it equips students with essential life skills, promotes their well-being, and prepares them to navigate the complexities of modern society responsibly and confidently.	Schools – Behaviour and Attendance Partnership	N/A
Young People & schools	Reducing low level crime in Schools through improvements in co-ordination with parents/guardians as well as work around unnecessarily criminalising young persons, incorporating illegal vapes and drugs.	Raising awareness that criminalising young persons in schools for low-level crimes can hinder their development. Through engagement with parents/guardians and a supportive environment, this would help to reduce such behaviour and promote positive change.	Schools – Behaviour and Attendance Partnership Essex Police Braintree District Council	N/A
Young People & schools	Implementing 'Knife Arch' days at identified schools across the District.	Knife arches at schools enhances safety and security. Their presence acts as a deterrent, discouraging students from bringing weapons to school and enables the discovery and confiscation of any weapons, preventing potential incidents from occurring.	Essex Police	N/A

Young People & schools	Detached Youth Bus outreach Team engagement	Outreach service to provide support, intervention and positive engagement to young persons. Disruption work to tackle new crime trends associated with young persons at identified hot sport areas.	Essex Youth Service Braintree District Council Town Councils Libraries Essex Police Food Outlets	Yes
Personal safety	Safe and Well Visits to offer residents personal safety advice and signpost them to appropriate support services.	Residents receive useful information and advice and can access relevant support services.	Essex County Fire & Rescue Service Essex Police	N/A
Personal safety	To implement a safeguarding referrals process for relevant CSP partners to utilise enabling them to protect potentially vulnerable people from harm.	Implementing safeguarding measures allows Essex County Fire and Rescue Service to provide a secure environment, promote trust within the community, and ensure that all individuals receive the necessary support during emergencies.	Essex County Fire and Rescue Service	N/A
Fraud & Cyber crime	Deliver a series of awareness events to offer residents advice.	Residents receive useful information and advice and their vulnerabilities are reduced.	Essex Police	Yes

People experiencing homelessness, or sleeping rough	Mental Health Navigator post – to deliver interventions that support rough sleepers to improve their health and wellbeing and move towards securing accommodation.	Rough sleepers and people experiencing homelessness are given wraparound health and social care support to help and address their needs.	Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust (EPUT) Braintree District Council	NHS Funded
	Next Steps Accommodation Programme – Government funding for rough sleepers or those at risk of homelessness.	Homelessness is reduced and vulnerable people are better supported through more secure, long-term accommodation.	Braintree District Council	N/A
	Drug & Alcohol Street Support service.	Vulnerable individuals who are experiencing homelessness, or at risk of homelessness are better supported and can access mainstream treatment services.	Phoenix Futures	N/A
People experiencing homelessness, or sleeping rough	Facilitate the implementation of a “Registered Provider Forum” related to Housing within the District	Collaborative working with Registered Providers (RPs) is essential for addressing Housing challenges and ensuring tenancy sustainability. Strong partnerships between RP’s and Braintree District Council can mean the better sharing of resources, expertise, and best practices to support tenants effectively. An RP forum would lead to positive outcomes like improved tenant support, reduced evictions, and enhanced community well-being.	Braintree District Council – Housing Department	N/A

People experiencing homelessness, or sleeping rough	Implement a Rough Sleeper Partnership and Multi-Agency Patrols	Multi-agency patrols offer significant benefits in addressing issues like homelessness, street drinking, and fostering positive community engagement. By bringing together various stakeholders, such as police, social services, healthcare providers, and local charities, these patrols can provide comprehensive support to vulnerable individuals in areas such as housing, addiction services, or mental health support.	Braintree District Council – Housing	N/A
People experiencing homelessness, or sleeping rough	Provide 'Free Hot Meals' to the Homeless and Vulnerable	Providing free hot meals at a drop in centre (Hope House) who will support homeless and vulnerable persons as well as signpost relevant individuals to other support services that can deal with drug/addiction issues.	Hope House CHESS Open Road Essex Police	Yes

Anti-Social Behaviour	Participate with 'Operation Grip' which aims to reduce violent crimes that take place during the night time economy in places such as Town Centres within the District.	This Operation aims to prevent crimes such as assaults, robberies, and disorderly conduct by increasing Police presence, conducting regular patrols, and collaborating with local businesses across identified areas in the Braintree District. Proactively addressing these issues helps create a safer environment for residents and visitors and reduces the risk of violence while promoting a sense of security in communities.	Essex Police	N/A
Anti-Social Behaviour	Facilitate an educational Anti-Social Behaviour workshop for relevant partners such as the Police and Housing Associations/Providers	Facilitating an educational Anti-Social Behaviour workshop for key partners such as the Police and Housing Associations is a proactive step toward improving community safety. By bringing these stakeholders together, the workshop builds a shared understanding of challenges, encourages consistent responses, and enhances collaborative efforts to prevent and manage disruptive behaviours.	Braintree District Council	Yes
Road Safety	Deliver regular 'Speed 100' checks in conjunction with Speed Watch at identified areas within the Braintree District	Enhance road safety by targeting speeding drivers. The checks aim to reduce speeding, prevent accidents, and promote safer driving habits. The initiative helps to ensure that roads are safer for	Essex Police	Possible CSP part funding

		all users, ultimately contributing to the reduction/elimination of all traffic fatalities and severe injuries.		
Road Safety	Safer Roads Car Meet	This initiative run by Essex Police aims to address anti-social driving and illegal car meets by promoting responsible behaviour among car enthusiasts. This program focuses on educating drivers about the dangers of reckless driving such as speeding and encourages safe practices through community engagement.	Essex Police	Yes
Road Safety	Essex Police to deliver Automatic Number Plate Recognition programmes throughout the Braintree District	Initiative run by Essex Police to provide real-time monitoring of vehicle movements, aiding in the swift identification of stolen vehicles, uninsured drivers, and suspects involved in criminal activity. These setups support proactive policing by providing actionable intelligence, improving response times, and facilitating targeted interventions.	Essex Police	Yes – UKSPF £10,000
Road Safety	Community Speedwatch	Enhance road safety by empowering volunteers to monitor and report speeding vehicles in their communities by seeking to improve driver behaviour through high-visibility roadside operations and educational efforts aiming to	Essex County Fire and Rescue Essex Police	N/A

		reduce road fatalities through safer driving.		
Community engagement & perceptions of community safety	Deliver Community Safety Engagement Days aimed at engaging residents and raising awareness of local issues.	These community days aim for residents and organisations to come together to improve engagement with members of the public and awareness of services available. The aim is to foster a sense of community pride, encourage responsible behaviour and reduce incidents of Anti-Social Behaviour, littering etc. Involving residents directly will create a safer, cleaner, and more cohesive environment for everyone	Essex Police Braintree District Council	Yes
Community engagement & perceptions of community safety	Community Engagement Essex Police (Schools, nurseries, youth groups)	Engagement at schools, nurseries, and youth groups aims to build trust and foster positive relationships between young people and Essex Police. Interacting with children and teenagers in educational and informal settings, Officers from the Police aim to provide valuable safety education, address concerns, and promote a sense of security.	Essex Police Safer Essex Roads Partnership (SERP) Essex County Fire and Rescue	Yes
Partner Engagement	Implementation of a “Tactical Community Safety Partnership Group”.	To ensure more engagement, support and accountability from	Braintree District Council	Yes

		CSP members when implementing CSP action plan.		
Partner Engagement	First Stop Centre providing education to residents on online safety, promoting safer relationships, confidence workshops, counselling services and a community fridge.	The aims of First Stop are to foster a more resilient and empowered community, improving life skills, protecting vulnerable people and providing food and services to those in need.	First Stop	Yes
Partner Engagement	Implementation of a Community Safety Partnership Directory	Promoting better communication between partner organisations ensures that resources and expertise are effectively shared to address community needs. This enhanced co-operation leads to more co-ordinated and efficient services, ultimately improving outcomes for residents and strengthening community resilience.	Braintree District Council	N/A