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INTRODUCTION

Welcome: Dynnargh

Welcome to **year two** of our Partnership Plan, which renews our vision that **communities feel safe and are safe for everyone** who lives, works and visits Cornwall.

Year Two is about **building on strong foundations**, enhancing our partnerships and making a bigger difference for Cornwall.

This update reflects what you've told us **matters most** to you, the **concerns** you've raised, and the **changes** we are seeing across Cornwall.

Our priorities remain firmly focused on tackling both the **visible anti-social behaviour** that affects safety in our public spaces and the more **hidden but most harmful issues**, such as domestic abuse, sexual abuse and exploitation.

Working together with communities and partners to value and care for our local areas, we can **create environments where crime cannot thrive** and everyone plays a part in keeping Cornwall **clean, welcoming and safe**.

We will continue to make sure there are **trusted, straightforward ways to report** concerns. Residents can feel confident action will be taken, with a balance of support and enforcement.

Early prevention remains at the heart of our approach. We know that early action **stops harm from escalating** into crisis.

This year, we are **giving greater attention** to two specific areas:

Community cohesion - valuing the unique strengths of Cornwall's communities and working to promote cohesion. Addressing **hate-related behaviours** and celebrating pride in place to help communities feel more united and thrive.

Digital resilience — challenging the social media **misinformation and disinformation** that can be so powerful in shaping perceptions and behaviours; and increasing our **digital awareness** to tackle online harms, especially to support young people.

Education in schools plays a vital role but these messages also need to **reach people wherever they** are in our communities. Our **strong voluntary and community sector** network will help us make that happen.

True safety is achieved not only by responding to crime and disorder as it happens, but by working together to address the **vulnerabilities that lead to harm** in the first place.



Simon Mould, Chair
Head of Resilient Communities,
Cornwall Council



Safer Cornwall: our community safety partnership

Community safety partnerships work together to **protect local communities** from crime and disorder and **help people feel safer**. Working in **partnership is important**, recognising that no single organisation could achieve this by themselves.

Community Safety Partnerships were first brought in under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998. **Five 'responsible authorities'** are required by law to be members. These are the police, council, fire and rescue service, the integrated care board and probation service.

Safer Cornwall **works closely with the two safeguarding partnerships** for adults and children, recognising the cross-cutting nature of our work. We have **tri-partnership strategies** to tackle exploitation, domestic abuse, sexual violence and Violence Against Women and Girls.

The partnership also has members from **other organisations**, including the ambulance service, local councils and the voluntary and community sector.

Together we have a **shared responsibility** to prevent and reduce crime, anti-social behaviour and other issues that have an impact on community safety.

We do this through our **Partnership Plan**.

Every year we **review all of the information** that we have about the issues in Cornwall. We look at what **services and projects** we have in place to address these issues and how successful they are. We also **ask people about the issues that matter** in local communities and what we could do about them.

This is used to help inform what we **commit to delivering together**, ensuring that we make **best use of all the resources** that we have.

The responsible authorities along with town and parish councils must also ensure that they **consider the impact of their decisions on crime and disorder** and take reasonable steps to prevent it in their area¹.

You'll find information on our [structure and governance](#) at the end of the plan.



¹ [Crime and Disorder Act 1998 - Section 17](#)

Our People: Key Information

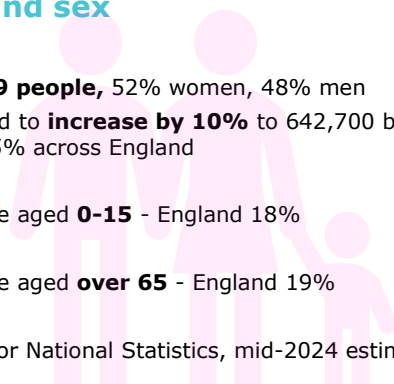
Age and sex

583,289 people, 52% women, 48% men
projected to **increase by 10%** to 642,700 by
2036 - 5% across England

16% are aged **0-15** - England 18%

26% are aged **over 65** - England 19%

(Office for National Statistics, mid-2024 estimates)



Other protected characteristics

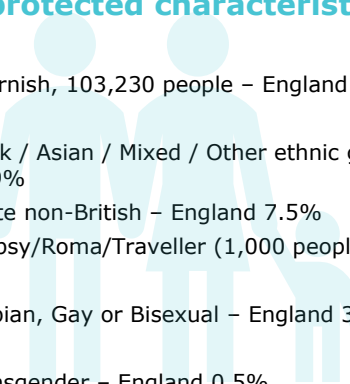
18.1% Cornish, 103,230 people – England 0.2%

3.2% Black / Asian / Mixed / Other ethnic groups -
England 19%

3.2% White non-British – England 7.5%
- 0.2% Gypsy/Roma/Traveller (1,000 people)

3.2% Lesbian, Gay or Bisexual – England 3.2%

0.3% Transgender – England 0.5%

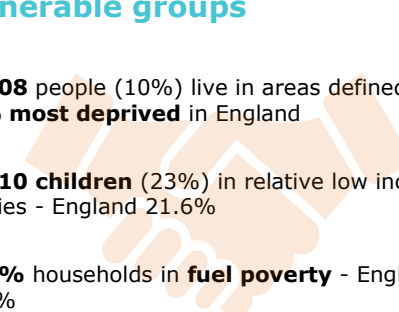


Vulnerable groups

58,608 people (10%) live in areas defined as the
20% most deprived in England

27,110 children (23%) in relative low income
families - England 21.6%

12.2% households in **fuel poverty** - England
11.4%



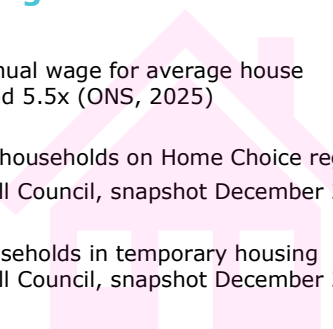
Housing

6.3x annual wage for average house
– England 5.5x (ONS, 2025)

23,842 households on Home Choice register
(Cornwall Council, snapshot December 2025)

846 households in temporary housing
(Cornwall Council, snapshot December 2025)

77 rough sleepers (Rough Sleeping Framework,
average monthly estimate, Oct 2024 - Dec 2025)



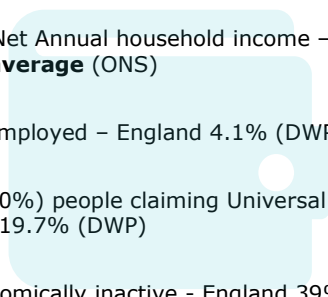
Economy

£32,694 Net Annual household income – **94%**
England average (ONS)

3.3% unemployed – England 4.1% (DWP)

67,898 (20%) people claiming Universal Credit
– England 19.7% (DWP)

44% economically inactive - England 39%

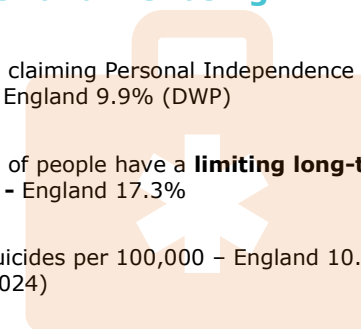


Health and wellbeing

11.6% claiming Personal Independence Payment
(PIP) – England 9.9% (DWP)

21.1% of people have a **limiting long-term
illness** - England 17.3%

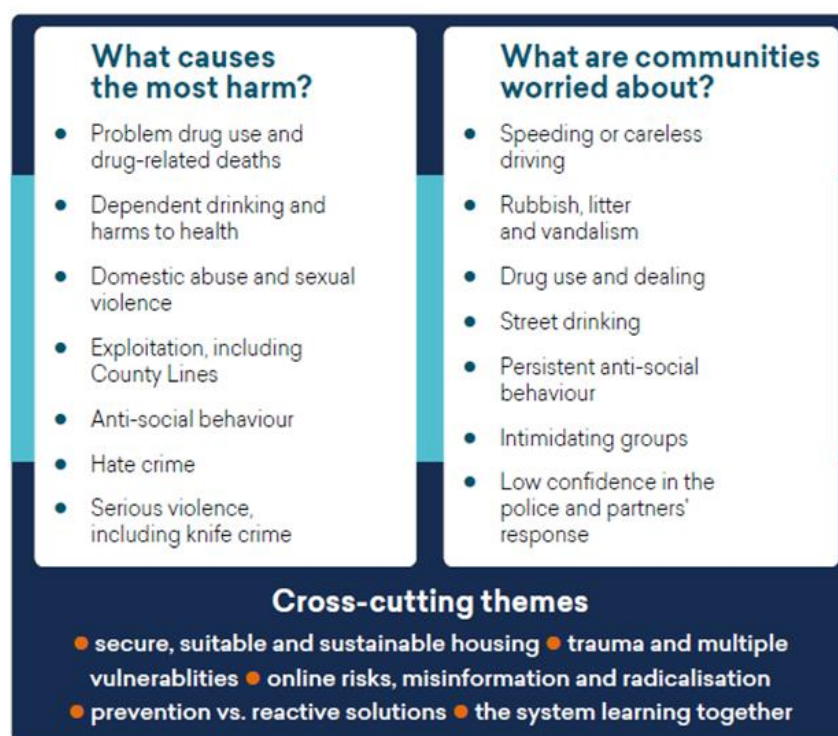
15.0 suicides per 100,000 – England 10.9 (ONS,
2022-2024)



All figures from the latest Census (2021) unless otherwise stated. Download Cornwall's [Local Insights](#) for more key statistics.

To meet the needs of our communities, we must target our efforts to the **people and places that need it most** and do the work that will have the **most impact**.

Our communities feel safe and are safe for everyone who lives, works and visits here



The Plan is developed from a sound evidence base that is **updated every year** based on the latest data, research and feedback from partners, communities and other stakeholders. Using this approach, we identify the **priorities** for Safer Cornwall to address.

What do we want to achieve?



How will we do it?

- Collaboration with communities
- Involving people with lived experience
- Trauma-informed and shame-sensitive approaches
- A focus on prevention and addressing underlying drivers of harm
- Identifying and addressing barriers to support
- Targeting our resources to the people and places that need us most
- Working with all people affected including families and the community.

What have we achieved so far?



One of the **lowest burglary rates** in England & Wales

More lower level crimes reported due to **improved 101 call wait times** and police call handling response



Joint high visibility patrols by police and partners in 'hotspot' areas



Dedicated ASB Caseworkers in Truro, Camborne and Penzance

6% reduction in violence with injury



Award-winning **Domestic Abuse Training** for Cornwall Council staff



77% of young people and **63%** of adults **did not come to attention for further ASB** following engagement with the Council's ASB Team

7,000 adults and **1,400** children supported through our **Domestic Abuse & Sexual Violence** agency partnership



3,327 children received **Healthy Relationships Education** in schools

4,023 adults and **148** young people supported in **drug and alcohol** treatment services



84% of people in drug and alcohol treatment living in stable and **suitable accommodation**

64% of prison leavers with drug/alcohol related needs went straight into **community treatment services**

Reoffending rates below national rates – 24% for adults and 19% for young people

23% of people in drug and alcohol treatment engaging in **paid work** – Cornwall Council recognised as an IPS* employer

5 Safe & Well Hubs established



122 children with a parent in prison supported to improve their health and well-being, engage in education and prevent exclusion



Launch of **Compassionate Cornwall All-Age Framework** and My Team Around Me approach



No Hate Partnership conference and "We Say No To Hate" community campaign

Women in the Criminal Justice System subgroup set up to focus on women's needs

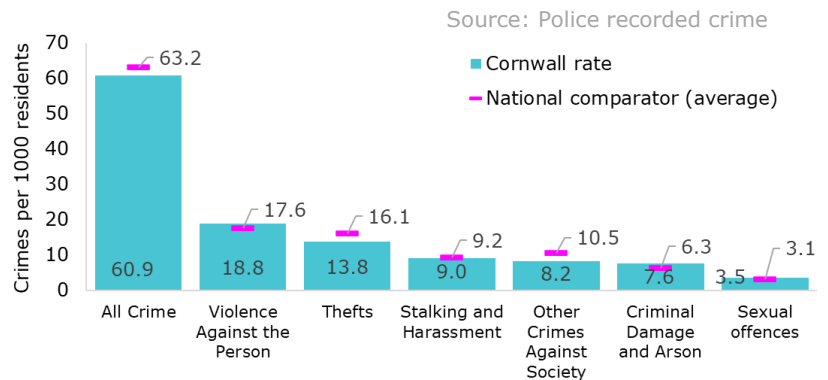
*Individual Placement and Support (IPS) schemes provide employment support alongside clinical treatment

Crime in Cornwall: the headlines

35,000 crimes were recorded by police in Cornwall in the last 12 months, a rate of **61 crimes per 1,000 residents**.

Cornwall's crime rate is **2% lower than the national average²** for similar areas. This primarily reflects **very low rates of burglary** and other thefts.

Recorded crime is up by 3% on last year, with two thirds of the rise accounted for by continued growth in **stalking and harassment** offences.



Other types of crime that have **increased** over the last year include violence without injury, public order offences and criminal damage.

A large part of the rise in recorded crime reflects **changes made by Devon and Cornwall Police** to improve recording and investigation standards, alongside improved call handling and response.

Some of the **most harmful types of crime are under-reported**. This includes domestic abuse, sexual violence, exploitation and hate crime. We continue to promote the support available and **encourage more reporting** so that further harm can be prevented.

After a long period of reduction, we have seen a **rising trend in anti-social behaviour (ASB)** reported to the police over the last year or so. **7,750 incidents** were recorded in the last 12 months, **up by 3%** on last year.

Our Have Your Say Survey 2025 indicates that **most residents feel safe** in the area where they live – 78%

during the day and 46% after dark. **Women feel less safe than men**, particularly after dark. Seeing **drug-related activity** and ASB are the most common reasons for feeling unsafe.

Around **10% more crimes and 16% more ASB incidents** are reported to police in the **summer months** in Cornwall. This increased demand is more prevalent in **coastal towns and tourist hotspots** and is predictable and planned for each year.

Consistent with elsewhere in the UK, crime rates are **highest in our main towns** and concerns about community safety are high on the public agenda. In the last year **54% of all crime and 60% of anti-social behaviour** were reported in our town centres.

Although rural areas see less crime than our towns, the **same issues cause the most harm** – domestic abuse, sexual violence, drugs and alcohol – on a smaller scale. There may be **added barriers to seeking help** in rural areas, such as being more isolated and away from services, and fewer opportunities to tell someone safely.

² All crime and incident figures quoted in this plan are or the 12 months to September 2025, compared with the previous year. The Home Office provides national

comparators for 'most similar areas' for CSPs. These areas share similar socio-economic and demographic characteristics.

Find out more about what we're doing

The **Partnership Plan brings together all of the work that we deliver** together to prevent and reduce harm and create safe, healthy and resilient communities. Follow the links below to find out more about each topic and the work that we're doing.

[Safer Towns](#)



[Anti-social behaviour](#)



[Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence](#)



[Drugs and Alcohol](#)



[Hate Crime](#)



[Violence Against Women and Girls](#)



[Complex Needs and Multiple Vulnerabilities](#)



[Reoffending](#)



[Exploitation](#)



[Serious Violence](#)



[Extremism and terrorism](#)



[Road casualty reduction and Vision Zero Partnership](#)



Other useful reading

- [Suicide Prevention](#) Strategy 2022-2027
- [Health and Wellbeing](#) Strategy
- [Gypsy, Roma and Traveller](#) Strategy
- [Homelessness and Rough Sleeping](#) Strategy
- Fire and Rescue Service [Community Risk Management Plan](#)
- [Police and Crime Plan](#) 2025-2029
- Cornwall & Isles of Scilly Leadership Board [Cornwall 2020-2050 Plan](#) "Together We Can"
- [Cornwall Local Plan 2050](#) – updated plan in development

OUR AIM: safer communities and public spaces

– take positive action to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour and improve the local environment

Problems in our town centres are complex

54% of all recorded crime takes place in our larger towns. Some towns experience persistent **anti-social behaviour**, shoplifting, **drug use** and visible **vulnerability**. Seeing **anti-social behaviour** and **drug use/dealing** on the street are mentioned most often by residents as reasons for feeling unsafe.

Each of our towns has its own challenges but to get the best results, we work together to **balance enforcement with the right support**. High **visibility patrols** in key areas help to address local concerns and provide public reassurance.

Shoplifting has increased UK-wide and continues to rise in Cornwall. We are **working proactively with shops** in the most affected areas and making it easier for them to report.

Find out more at www.safercornwall.co.uk

- Visit our [Safer Towns](#) pages to find out what we are doing in a town near you.
- Find out more about working together to tackle [Anti-Social Behaviour](#). Look out for our new strategy in 2026.
- Need more help? Our [Safer Communities Toolkit](#) provides a wide range of support and advice to help tackle community safety issues in any community, big or small.

OUR ACTIONS: Safer Towns Programme

- **Intensive partnership support** for the 10 Safer Towns¹, delivering local action plans that respond to the needs of the whole community.
- **Bring partners together to find solutions** that meet the needs of people with the most **complex needs**, ensuring a balanced response.
- Raise awareness about key topics through **campaigns and events** and support local conversations about concerns.
- Support local businesses and community groups to **take an active role** in making communities safer for all.

OUR ACTIONS: Anti-social Behaviour (ASB)

- **Enhance collaboration** between agencies and within communities to deliver a **coordinated response**.
- Focus on **addressing issues early** to prevent escalation.
- Tackle **root causes and environmental factors** through targeted, evidence-based interventions.
- Ensure that the **needs and experiences of victims** are central to our responses.
- Work with communities to create **cleaner, greener spaces**, and promote **pride in place** to help prevent ASB.
- Promote **transparency, trust, and active involvement** from communities.

In Cornwall, in the last year:

- **35,039 crimes** were reported to police, **54%** in urban areas (towns)
- **7,749 ASB** incidents were reported, **60%** in urban areas (towns)
- **20%** of people agree that the Council and Police **are tackling the ASB and crime issues that matter** in their local area (Have Your Say Survey 2025)

¹ Our ten Safer Towns are: Bodmin, Camborne, Falmouth, Liskeard, Newquay, Penzance, Redruth, Saltash, St Austell and Truro

Your voice matters: report, feedback, find out more

In 2026 we will pilot a new **Have Your Say** mini-survey for 16-24 year olds, co-designed with young people

If you see something tell us about it

The [Support and Report](#) page on our website provides **trusted advice and information** on how to **report concerns**, all in one place.

Report it:

- Anti-social behaviour
- Crime
- Hate crime
- Drug litter, rubbish and graffiti
- Noise nuisance or licensing complaints
- Safeguarding concerns about a child or adult
- Rough sleeping – tell us if someone needs help

Download our [pocket guide](#) for quick reference on the go!

If you or someone you know needs **help or support** with...

- Domestic abuse
- Rape or sexual assault
- Drug or alcohol issues
- Suicidal thoughts

If there is an **immediate risk of harm** always dial 999



Have Your Say

We use our [annual on-line survey](#) to understand **what affects communities most** day-to-day and what residents think we could do to help. This helps us **prioritise what we need to do** to improve our services and responses for all.

In 2025, 13,000 school-age children took part in the bi-annual **Right On Survey** and told us about their health, school and community. This information is helping us to shape our plans to meet the needs of **children and young people** so they can feel and be safe in communities.

Valuing young people's voices

Our **Youth Participation Framework** *[add link]* engaged with over 300 young people, nearly half with **lived experience** of violence. We will explore how we can use this work more effectively across our partners in 2026. The framework they created sets out how we can **involve young people meaningfully** in designing and improving services, including trusted ways to **share their experiences** and **value their input**.

SPEAK...

prevent violence

Want to talk to us **in person**? Follow our socials for info on our **pop-up and drop-in** events



Worried about drugs in your local area? Your information could save lives!

If you have any information about drugs that may be **contaminated** or you notice **stronger or different effects**, it's important that we know about this as soon as possible. Our [Local Drug Information System Reporting Form](#) goes straight to health and treatment services so we can act quickly to reduce the risk of harm.

OUR AIM: Domestic abuse and sexual abuse are not tolerated

– Cornwall is a place where domestic abuse and sexual abuse are not tolerated and people can live free of fear

Domestic abuse and sexual violence

Violence against women and girls has been declared 'a national emergency' due to **epidemic levels** of stalking, harassment, sexual assault and domestic abuse.

Domestic abuse and sexual abuse cause the most harm in our communities, affecting women and girls but also some men and boys across Cornwall every day.

As well as affecting many people's lives in the here and now, the trauma of domestic and sexual abuse continues to have an impact **long term**, particularly for **children** who experience abuse at home.

The number of **people seeking help is growing** year on year and reporting of this type of crime also continues to increase. In the last year, **stalking and harassment** and **sexual offences** saw the biggest rises.

Public campaigns, **education** about healthy relationships and **more accessible and flexible services** are helping people to access support earlier.

In Cornwall, in the last year:

- An estimated **23,200** people aged 16+ experienced **domestic abuse** and **10,500** people experienced **a sexual assault** (Crime Survey for England and Wales)
- **6,733 people** were supported by our domestic abuse and sexual violence service
- **11,180** domestic abuse incidents were reported to police (66% were crimes)
- **2,018** sexual offences were reported to the police, **42%** involved a child victim
- Since March 2020, **27 deaths** have been formally recorded as domestic abuse related

OUR ACTIONS: Domestic abuse and sexual violence; Violence Against Women and Girls

- Through our **Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Partnership Board** ensure effective delivery of our strategies to tackle domestic abuse, sexual violence and violence against women and girls.
- Focus on **prevention**, children and young people, training, **early intervention** and **behaviour change** models for people engaging in abusive behaviour.
- Ensure support is provided within **safe accommodation services**, which is required of us by law.
- **Jointly commission sustainable services** that meet the needs of adults and children across Cornwall.
- Develop the **Healthy Relationships Alliance** to increase delivery of Healthy Relationships education across Cornwall.
- **Train more people** to deliver Healthy Relationships and Bystander interventions, using a 'Train the Trainer' approach.
- **Prioritise a learning approach** by bringing partners, experts by experience and practitioners together to improve the system for those who use it.

Find out more at www.safercornwall.co.uk

- You can find out more about [domestic abuse and sexual violence](#) and [our strategies](#) showing how we are working together to tackle it in Cornwall.
- You will also find **information about services** in Cornwall and how to access support.

OUR AIM: Reduce the harms linked to drugs and alcohol

– Our Community Drugs Partnership reduces the harms linked to drugs and alcohol by delivering the Government’s 10-year drugs strategy, focused on local priorities

Drug and alcohol use

There is a **complex relationship** between drugs, crime, health outcomes, trauma and deprivation.

The **most harmful drugs** are crack cocaine and heroin, synthetic drugs, high strength benzodiazepines and alcohol. We are seeing more **ketamine use**, particularly amongst young people, with impacts on physical and mental health.

Drug-related deaths continue to climb, both locally and nationally. **Synthetic drugs** are a significant concern due to the increased **risk of overdose**. Getting people who need it into **treatment prevents harm and reduces deaths**.

Our local treatment system is **effective** with high levels of engagement and **evidenced progress** in treatment. **Secure housing and employment** whilst in treatment are critical to successful recovery and priorities to improve.

The number of **people coming out of prison** and straight into treatment has improved but remains a priority. This is challenging for Cornwall, with **no local prisons** and residents returning from some distance away.

In Cornwall, in the last year:

- **58** drug-related deaths were recorded (2024)
- **3,868 people** were supported by our community treatment services
- An estimated **2,562 people** are dependent on **heroin and crack cocaine**; of which **58%** are in treatment
- An estimated **6,635 dependent drinkers**; of which **32%** are in treatment

OUR ACTIONS: Reducing harms linked to drugs

- Reduce **drug-related deaths**.
- Increase **evidence-based prevention** approaches.
- Engage **people leaving prison** with a drug related need into treatment quickly.
- Increase **positive outcomes** within treatment and help more people to **leave treatment successfully**.
- Provide a **co-ordinated response** to reduce the harms of **County Lines** and Dangerous Drug Networks.
- Increase availability of **Peer-led Recovery Communities**.

OUR ACTIONS: Reducing harms linked to alcohol

- Focus on identifying and supporting chronic **dependent drinkers with multiple vulnerabilities**. Especially those who are **not in treatment**.
- Continue to **improve outcomes** for people in treatment.
- Reduce **demands on acute health services**, including hospitals.
- Use health data to improve safety in **licensed premises**.

Find out more at www.safercornwall.co.uk

- Find out more about [drugs and alcohol](#) and how to **access support** in Cornwall.
- Read our [latest report](#) showcasing the work done locally in support of the national strategy and understand more about **drug-related deaths** from our comprehensive [annual report](#).

OUR AIM: Support people at risk of exploitation and violence

– we proactively identify people at risk of exploitation and violence and put support in place to prevent further harm

Exploitation

Exploitation takes different forms but can involve **violence** or threats of violence, **weapons**, coercion and control.

Examples in Cornwall include exploitation and trafficking for the purposes of **labour, sexual exploitation and drug supply** – all of these issues are types of Modern Slavery.

People who are exploited are often **too afraid to tell anyone** and sometimes do not recognise they are being exploited. It is a **largely hidden area** of criminality and harm and needs a **proactive approach** to uncover.

The most **vulnerable people are targeted** for exploitation. We have a **robust response in place for children** but we are concerned about exploited **adults** who may be harder to identify and may 'fall through the gaps' in support.

Factors that affect vulnerability include adverse early-life experiences, poverty, and harmful social or community influences. Our approach centres on **early identification and support** to help prevent exploitation and violence in our communities over the long term.

In Cornwall, in the last year:

- **2,942** violent crimes resulting in injury (excluding domestic abuse offences); **811** knife crimes (18% possession, 82% use of a knife)
- **300** Child Sexual Exploitation crimes; **44** Modern Slavery incidents
- **315 children** each quarter identified by Children's Services as experiencing/ at risk of exploitation; **1 in 4 children** are referred for targeted safeguarding and disruption interventions

OUR ACTIONS: Exploitation

- Provide a **rapid and effective local response** when exploitation occurs, including co-ordinating help for victims.
- Provide **training and campaigns** to raise awareness about the signs and symptoms of exploitation and how to get help.
- **Train our workforce** to help them identify and respond to exploitation in their role.
- **Support schools and parents** to promote inclusion and a sense of safety and belonging in school.
- Promote **ethical employment and supply chains**.

OUR ACTIONS: Serious Violence

- Offer **support** to young people and their families **at the earliest opportunity**, targeted to those most at risk.
- Train a **compassionate workforce** and embed trauma and adversity informed practice.
- Promote a **whole family approach** that routinely considers **parental trauma** and adversity.
- Support schools to provide a protective environment for young people at risk and help to **prevent exclusions**.
- **Improve our understanding** of serious violence and what works to prevent it; involve and support **people with lived experience of violence**.

Find out more at www.safercornwall.co.uk

- Read about our [Serious Violence Prevention Programme](#), including an **independent evaluation** of the first two years of our work together.
- Our [tri-partnership Exploitation strategy](#) tells you more about exploitation in Cornwall and what we are doing together to identify and support people at risk of being exploited.

Did you know...?

The Council's Trading Standards Team offer a **text alert system** about the latest scams and provides [information and advice](#)

Tackling on-line harms together

Why it's important

Risks in the online space affect us all. The pandemic pushed our work, education and social interactions on-line and, whilst this has provided opportunities **for greener, more flexible lifestyles** it also brings increased risks of isolation and exposure to **exploitation, harassment and abuse on-line**.

Social media misinformation and disinformation is a powerful force in **shaping perceptions and behaviours** – influencing real world events. Online **radicalisation** is a real and present threat and targets the most vulnerable people.

Generative AI is being used in online child sexual abuse and exploitation. It has also been linked to **blackmail and bullying**.

Online drug supply routes have increased and are a feature in increased availability for a broad range of illicit drugs.

Online scams are constantly evolving and trick people into giving money or access to personal information that results in significant financial loss and distress.

Risks are dynamic and **criminal use of technology** moves at pace. Practitioners need **strong digital awareness** and tools, especially when supporting young people. We recognise that this needs **expertise and joint working** to address effectively.

The **Online Safety Act** is a set of laws that aims to better protect children and adults by holding online platforms accountable for the safety of their users and the content shared on their platforms.

Education around online harms

Education plays a vital role in keeping everyone safer online. This can be accessed in many places and we **have incorporated online elements** into some of the community programmes that we deliver.

Healthy Relationships Education in schools tackles online harms as part of its programme. Awareness sessions are provided via our lead officer for **preventing terrorism and radicalisation** on gaming and conspiracy sites, methodologies used online and parental control software and monitoring.

Over the next year we will work across our wider network of partners to improve access to **education and training**, both for staff and within the community, ensuring that it provides **consistent and up-to-date** information. We will support staff to build their digital knowledge and **share information about risks and concerns**.

Tackling misinformation and disinformation

We all want to feel **confident** that we are getting **information from trusted and reliable sources**. Safer Cornwall and our partner agencies provide **trusted websites and social media platforms**.

We can help communities **navigate complex information** and have a role to play in **'debunking'** misinformation.

In 2026/27 we will explore ways to do this more effectively. We will work together to join up our communications and provide **simple, clear and consistent messages**.

OUR AIM: Foster compassionate communities

– we work together to improve the lives of our most vulnerable residents and foster compassionate communities

Supporting people with multiple vulnerabilities

Many people seeking help from services face **complex and multiple challenges**. This can include poor mental and physical health, homelessness, poverty, debt and involvement in crime. They often have a history of **multiple trauma** and adversity and **sexual abuse** in childhood is a common factor.

Due to these challenges, some of **our most vulnerable residents** present with behaviours that are a **risk to themselves and others**, like drug use, drinking and violence. This can prevent them **from accessing critical services**, such as housing and mental health support.

Positive outcomes are increased when people are treated with **empathy and understanding** and helped to access support for their needs in a **holistic, co-ordinated way**.

In Cornwall, in the last year:

- An estimated **3,800 children** live with an adult with multiple vulnerabilities (domestic abuse, mental ill health, drug/alcohol dependency)
- **36%** of people at risk/experiencing homeless have 3 or more support needs
- **61 people** died by suicide in 2024; 15.0 per 100,000 population (2022-24)
- Of **2,384** adult offenders, **24.4% reoffended** within 12 months
- Of **127** young people who offended, **18.9% reoffended** within 12 months

OUR ACTIONS: Complex Needs, Multiple Vulnerabilities

- Services work together to **support people in a more co-ordinated way** (*My Team Around Me – Creative Solutions*).
- People providing those services are **confident and competent** to work with all of the issues being experienced, including mental health needs and suicide prevention.
- **Safe and Well Hubs** bring together locally based services to work together more effectively.
- The system is enabled to **deliver intensive support** and creative solutions.
- **Compassionate communities** - everyone understands what being trauma-informed means and how to recognise and respond to the impacts of multiple trauma and adversity.

OUR ACTIONS: Reducing Reoffending

- **People affected by offending** are listened to and supported
- Prison leavers and people that offend **have successful lives**
- **Alternatives to custody are increased** – especially for women, and those with mental health needs

Find out more at www.safercornwall.co.uk

- Learn more about trauma awareness and what we are doing together to help create [Compassionate Communities](#).
- Read about the work we're doing together to [support people affected by offending](#) and our collaborative approach to provide 'pathways out of offending.'

OUR AIM: Stand together against hate – we stand together against hate crime and extremist views to promote safe and inclusive communities for everyone

Hate crime and community cohesion

Nationally, we have seen **protest activity** become faster, more decentralised and more disruptive. Combined with public comments, both online and in person, there has been a significant rise in **community tensions**, in some cases leading to **targeted intimidation and hate**.

Like other parts of the UK, we have seen an **intensification of hostilities** towards refugees and asylum seekers; this is a **significant risk** for their safe placement as part of the national resettlement programme. We have also seen increased hostility towards the trans community.

Although **more hate crime is being reported**, fear of repercussions acts as a barrier to reporting, alongside a lack of confidence in public services to respond.

Alongside **strengthening our response**, we are taking **positive action** to build community connections, such as the new [Faith Covenant](#), multi-cultural activities in **Cornwall Libraries** and the We Say No To Hate campaign.

Find out more at www.safercornwall.co.uk

- You can find out more about **hate crime** and how the [No Hate Partnership](#) is working together to tackle it in Cornwall. You will also find **information about services** in Cornwall and how to [access support and make a report](#) to the police.
- Read about our [Prevent Strategy](#) and what we are doing locally to counter **violent extremism**.

OUR ACTIONS: Build resilience and unity

- Support residents, businesses and partners to **stand together and act** against intolerance, violence and hate.
- Embrace our role in eliminating discrimination and harassment, **leading by example and challenging** unacceptable language and behaviour.
- Raise awareness** about the signs of radicalisation and extremist views through training and education.

OUR ACTIONS: Respond to Community Tensions

- Collect and share more information** about community risks so that we understand them better.
- Ensure we are prepared to take **co-ordinated and swift action** if community tensions escalate, working jointly with local partners and the Peninsula [Local Resilience Forum](#).
- Help venues to implement **measures that strengthen public safety** and protect people from harm.

OUR ACTIONS: Provide the right support

- Work with community partners to expand the choice of **trusted routes to report** hate incidents and **get support**.
- Support people at risk** of being radicalised through appropriate and effective interventions.

In Cornwall, in the last year:

- 561** hate crimes reported to the police: 50% race/ethnicity, 21% sexual orientation, 19% disability, 7% religion, 6% transgender
- 18%** of residents have seen or experienced a **hate incident** (Have Your Say Survey 2025)

APPENDICES

A: Partnership structure and governance

Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) were first mandated under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998.³ Each CSP is made up of **five responsible authorities** – Police, Local Authority, Fire and Rescue Service, NHS Integrated Care Board and Probation Service – working with a **broad range of other partners**.

A full list of members is provided in our [Constitution and Terms of Reference](#), published on our website.

CSPs have 6 main **statutory duties**:

1. **Annual strategic assessment** - to identify priorities based on evidence of risk and need, and set objectives to address them
2. **Three year Partnership Plan**, refreshed annually, to co-ordinate activities to address the priorities
3. Monitor delivery against our objectives and **drive good performance**
4. Develop and deliver a strategy to **reduce reoffending**
5. Commission reviews of **domestic abuse related deaths**, and share and act on the learning
6. **Consult and engage with our communities** and use this to inform our strategies and plans

New legislation and national guidance came to local areas in 2021, 2022 and 2023, each **requiring robust governance and multi-agency arrangements** to deliver.

In Cornwall, all of these requirements are **delivered through Safer Cornwall** and specialist sub-groups.

- Ensure the provision of statutory **domestic abuse support within safe accommodation services**⁴ through a Domestic Abuse Local Partnership Board - to support local needs assessments, strategies and oversee effective delivery.
- Provide robust governance for the **Serious Violence Duty**⁵ and ensure that tackling **serious violence is an explicit priority**⁶ for the CSP; undertake a strategic needs assessment and develop a strategy to address local priorities.
- Ensure effective **delivery of the government's 10-year drugs strategy**⁷ through a local Combating Drugs Partnership; agree priorities through a strategic needs assessment, develop and deliver a **local drug strategy and action plan** (for which the Safer Cornwall Chair is the Senior Responsible Officer).

Safer Cornwall is **accountable to the Home Office**. Local scrutiny is provided by the Cornwall Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee.⁸

Under current legislation CSPs and **Police and Crime Commissioners** must demonstrate that they **act in co-operation** with each other and should have **regard for each other's priorities** within their respective plans. The [Police and Crime Plan](#) is published here.

³ Crime and Disorder Act 1998, amended by Police Reform Act 2002, Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005, Police and Justice Act 2006 and Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011.

⁴ Introduced by the [Domestic Abuse Act 2021](#).

⁵ Introduced in 2023 by the [Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts \(PCSC\) Act 2022](#)

⁶ CDA 1998 amended by the PCSC Act 2022

⁷ [From Harm to Hope](#), HM Government 2021

⁸ Police and Justice Act 2006. [Neighbourhoods Overview and Scrutiny Committee](#) is the designated crime and disorder committee

Working with other partnerships

Alongside **working closely with the two safeguarding partnerships** for adults and children in Cornwall, we also share a **key aim**⁹ with both the **Health and Wellbeing Board** and the **Integrated Care Partnership** to reduce health inequalities, by tackling underlying harms like drug and alcohol use, domestic abuse and violence.

Safer Cornwall works with all the **neighbouring community safety partnerships in Devon and the Isles of Scilly**.¹⁰ Together we produce a Peninsula Strategic Assessment, with the aim of identifying the areas where **co-ordinating our resources** would be most effective.

This work supports the Office of the **Police and Crime Commissioner** and other partners that cover Devon

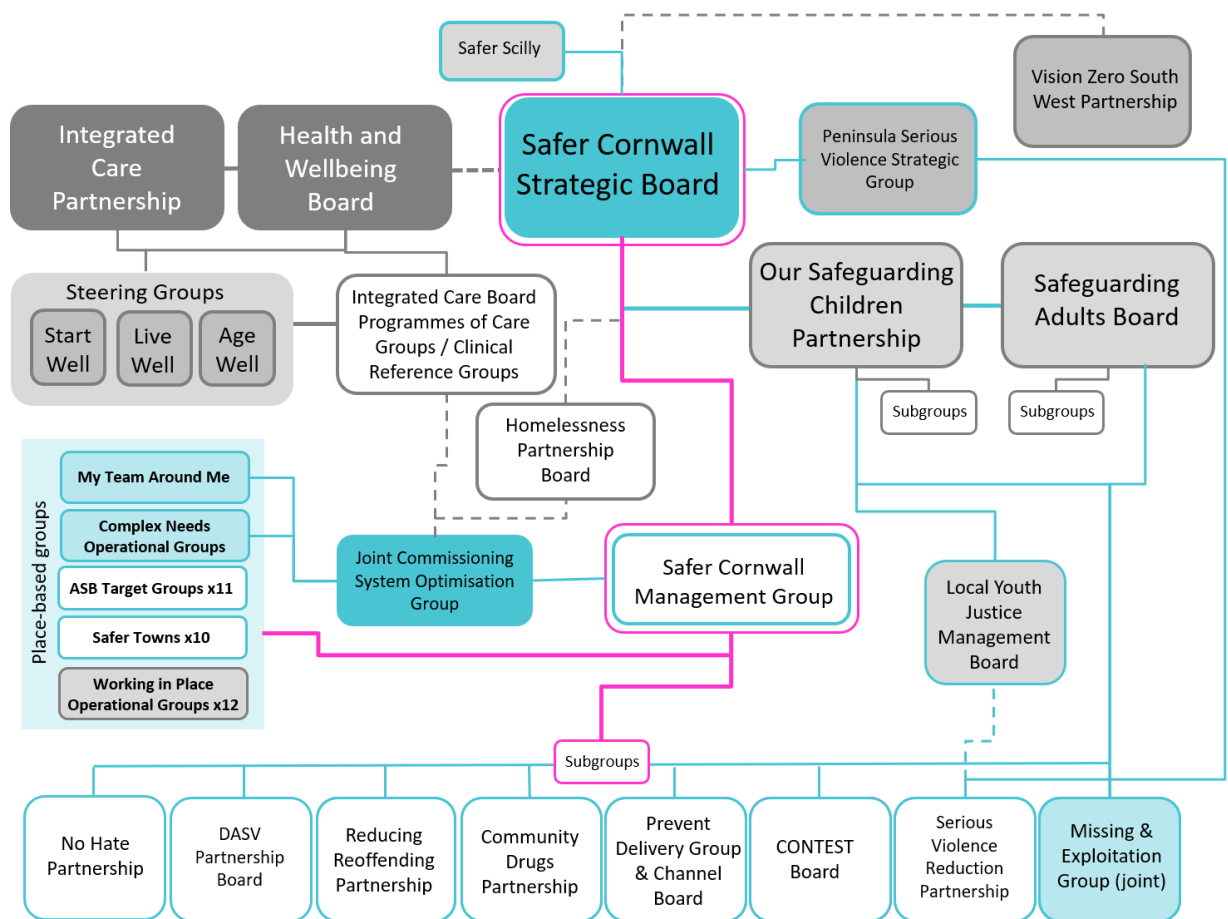
as well as Cornwall (and beyond) such as the probation service and police.

Partnership Structure

Safer Cornwall's structure has 3 tiers:

- The **Strategic Board** sets the priorities and is ultimately responsible for the Partnership delivering against its duties.
- The **Management Group** provides overall co-ordination and problem-solving, manages performance and ensures that any issues are referred to the Board for action.
- **Thematic sub-groups** co-ordinate and deliver action plans under the key themes, reporting to Management Group and the Board on performance and risk.

Our structure is shown in the diagram below.



⁹ [Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy](#), Vision for 2030

¹⁰ Plymouth, Torbay and Devon's 8 partnerships at district level with an overarching Devon County strategic partnership

B: Glossary

Term	Description
Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)	Trauma experienced in childhood that has life changing impact. Includes sexual, physical and emotional abuse and neglect, witnessing or experiencing violence or abuse, poor mental health of a parent, parental use of alcohol and other drugs, a parent dying or in prison
ASB	Anti-Social Behaviour
Co-design/co-production	A way of working that involves community members in the design and delivery of public policies and services
County Lines	County Lines is a form of dangerous drug network, where drugs are exported, mainly from major metropolitan areas, into other locations through the use of mobile phones or other 'deal lines'
CSA/E	Child Sexual Abuse/Exploitation
CSEW	Crime Survey for England and Wales
CSP	Community Safety Partnership. Statutory partnership between Council, Police, Fire, Health and Probation to tackle crime and disorder issues
DASV	Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence
Domestic abuse crime	Any crime recorded with a domestic abuse flag by police – this can relate to any type of crime. The domestic abuse flag is also used to identify non-crime incidents in a similar way
Night Time Economy (NTE)	A collective term for the economic environment operating in the evening and at night, including pubs, entertainment venues, late night food outlets and night clubs
Hate incident/crime	Any incident where the victim or a witness feels that they were targeted because of disability, race, religion, gender reassignment or sexual orientation; if the behaviour constitutes a criminal offence, it becomes a hate crime
(C)IoS	(Cornwall and) the Isles of Scilly
KSI	Killed or Seriously Injured (used to describe road traffic collisions)
LGB(TQi)	Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual (Trans, Questioning and Intersex)
Non-crime incident	An incident recorded by the police that does not constitute a criminal offence; recorded for risk assessment and intelligence purposes particularly in domestic abuse, hate crime and incidents involving children or vulnerable adults
ONS	Office for National Statistics
RTC	Road Traffic Collision
Trauma-informed	A trauma informed approach recognises trauma symptoms, acknowledges the impact of trauma on behaviour and choices and responds appropriately to avoid re-traumatisation and support recovery
VCSE	Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (sector)
Youth Offending Service (YJS)	In Cornwall, the function of the YJS is part of the Gweres Tus Yowynk Adolescent Service within Cornwall Council's Children and Family Services. Gweres Tus Yowynk is Cornish for 'helping young people' and was chosen as a name in collaboration with young people

C: Further reading and references

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- Devon and Cornwall Police recorded crime and incident data, 12 months to September 2025
- Commissioned community services case management data, as recorded in Halo, Safer Cornwall
- Have Your Say Survey 2025, Safer Cornwall
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- Drug Related Deaths 2024, Drug and Alcohol Action Team
- [Suicides in England and Wales by local authority](#), 2002 to 2022, rate 2022-2024, Office for National Statistics
- [Statutory Homelessness data](#) 2024/25, Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government
- [Estimating the prevalence of the 'toxic trio'](#), Children's Commissioner's Office 2018
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- [Proven Reoffending Statistics](#), Geographical Data Tool, Ministry of Justice, October 2025.

Local reference documents

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- The [Drugs Needs Assessment](#) 2025/26 to direct local delivery of the national 10-year plan to combat illegal drugs.¹² This is accompanied by an [Alcohol Needs Assessment](#) and [Young People's Substance Use Needs Assessment](#), Safer Cornwall
- A comprehensive [Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Needs Assessment](#) to support new tri-partnership strategies, Safer Cornwall, incorporating the statutory Safe Accommodation Needs Assessment¹³ to support the commissioning of local services, Safer Cornwall
- [Joint Strategic Needs Assessment](#) briefing papers and specialist needs assessments, Public Health, Cornwall Council

¹¹ The [Serious Violence Duty](#) requires specified authorities to work together to understand and tackle serious violence through a shared strategic assessment and strategy.

¹² [From harm to hope](#): A 10-year drugs plan to cut crime and save lives, HM Government 2022

¹³ The [Domestic Abuse Act 2021](#) introduced specific duties on local authorities to provide safe accommodation, including a local needs assessment and a strategy.



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