



# **SAFER NORTH TYNESIDE PARTNERSHIP BOARD**

**Safer North Tyneside Strategy  
2019 – 2024**

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## Foreword

As Chair of the Safer North Tyneside Partnership Board I am pleased to introduce North Tyneside's Community Safety Strategy 2019-2024. Reducing crime and disorder and protecting vulnerable people are extremely important factors in improving the lives of people in North Tyneside. The Safer North Tyneside Partnership brings together all partners with responsibilities for keeping people safe. Everyone plays their part.

We enjoy living in one of the safest metropolitan boroughs in the UK. We are proud of all we have achieved but we know that more needs to be done.

We, as individuals, can do more too. There is a lot of crime prevention advice available to our residents and businesses to reduce the opportunities for criminals. We should look after the places that we live in, work in and visit, report crimes and anti social behaviour and take responsibility for our own actions in our neighbourhoods.

Welfare reforms, reductions in public resources and change in Police recording practices have all produced challenges for our Partnerships. However, the Safer North Tyneside Partnership remains committed to finding new ways of working together for the greater good.

Councillor Carole Burdis

Chair of the Safer North Tyneside Board

# Introduction

## Background

The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 placed a duty on local authorities and the police to work together with key partners and organisations to develop and implement local crime reduction strategies as a community safety partnership. Before developing such strategies, they must identify key local crime-and-disorder priorities through consultation, and by analysing crime-and-disorder levels and patterns in the area.

Our established Community Safety Partnership, Safer North Tyneside (SNT) oversees this statutory responsibility.

## Our Local Priorities

Following her re-election in 2016, the Police and Crime Commissioner Dame Vera Baird QC published the Northumbria Police and Crime Plan 2017 – 2021 setting out her priorities with the theme of Building Safer Communities and Effective Justice.

The Elected Mayor of North Tyneside, Norma Redfearn CBE has published the Our North Tyneside Plan which sets out the ambition to make North Tyneside an even greater place to live, work and visit. Included within that are the priorities to ensure that:

- **Our people** will be cared for, protected and supported
- **Our places** will provide a clean, green, healthy, attractive, safe and sustainable environment.

In order to meet these local priorities, we must work in partnership to create and maintain safe and resilient communities. The SNT Partnership is committed to work together with local partners to ensure that the most vulnerable people in our communities are protected and supported while improving community life overall for our residents, businesses and visitors.

## Developing a Strategy

A key requirement of the Partnership is the production of a Community Safety Strategy (the Strategy). Since the last Strategy was approved in 2014, there have been some significant changes in the community safety landscape where issues

such as child sexual exploitation, modern day slavery, delivery of the Government's CONTEST agenda and dealing with cyber crime demand attention. These issues provide new challenges for the Northumbria Police, the Council and its partners.

This new Strategy will cover the five year period from 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2024.

It was developed following a public consultation exercise which received positive feedback. At the beginning of its development the priorities were shaped by discussions that took place at the State of the Area event which was lead by our young people.

## **Governance and Reporting**

Performance will be reported to the Safer North Tyneside Partnership Board who has primary accountability for delivery of the Strategy. The Board then reports to the North Tyneside Strategic Partnership on a quarterly basis.

An annual report will be presented to Cabinet which will provide an update on progress made against the Strategy work plan. An annual report will also be provided to the Housing Sub Committee who maintain a scrutiny role on community safety matters.

## Our Priorities for 2019-2024

The Strategy covers the period from 1 April 2019 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 and identifies four key multi agency priorities.

The priorities set out here aim to build on some of the successes of the Safer North Tyneside Partnership (SNT Partnership) and the work of all its members. In setting the new priorities, the Board reflected on the previous Strategy and also considered new emerging crime patterns and trends.

In order to keep an eye on emerging issues, the Board will agree an annual work plan with activities designed to support the delivery of the Strategy priorities. We will conduct a Strategic Needs Assessment every year to help us identify specific areas for focus in line with the priorities set out which were strongly supported by a public consultation exercise undertaken during 2018.

## Safeguarding

The SNT Partnership will coordinate and support work to safeguard people in our communities. This includes:

- domestic abuse and sexual violence
- child sexual exploitation
- modern day slavery
- hate crime
- cyber crimes (including online bullying and stalking)

We will maintain links with the North Tyneside Safeguarding Adults Board and the North Tyneside Local Safeguarding Children's Board in order to coordinate progress on these cross cutting issues.

## Public Protection

The SNT Partnership will coordinate and support work to ensure that our communities are as safe as possible. This includes:

- community resilience before, during and after emergencies
- Overseeing the production of emergency plans and response arrangements
- Delivery of the government's 'CONTEST' Strategy.

We will support a multi agency approach to tackling environmental issues such as dog fouling and fly tipping.

## Alcohol and Drugs

The SNT Partnership will explore the relationship between the misuse of alcohol and drugs in relation to certain types of crime and disorder. This includes:

- domestic violence
- domestic homicide
- crimes which cause harm and distress to our communities

We will maintain links with the North Tyneside Health and Wellbeing Board in order to develop work which will support the Alcohol and Drugs Strategy.

## Crime and Disorder

The SNT Partnership will support partners to reduce crime and disorder in the borough. This includes:

- acquisitive crime
- crime and disorder associated with the night time economy
- crimes against persons which cause harm, especially anti social behaviour.

We will also engage partners and support campaigns and activities to promote feelings of safety amongst our communities.

## Links to other strategies

This Community Safety Strategy 2019 – 2024 links and complements the following strategies and plans:

[Northumbria Police and Crime Plan 2017-2021](#)

[Our North Tyneside Plan 2016-2019](#)

[Domestic Abuse Partnership](#)

[CONTEST Strategy](#)

[Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Plan 2018-19](#)

[Local Safeguarding Children Board Annual Plan](#)