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A photograph of several police officers in high-visibility yellow vests and dark jackets, seen from behind, standing in a crowd at night. The background is blurred with lights.

South Tyneside's Community Safety Partnership Plan 2024-27

Making Communities Safer

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Foreword

We are pleased to present Making Communities Safer, Safer South Tyneside Partnership Plan 2024-27.

The Crime and Disorder Act 1998, requires responsible authorities, commonly referred to as a Community Safety Partnership (CSP) in a local government area, to “work together in formulating and implementing strategies to tackle local crime and disorder in the area”.

Our plan explains our priorities for next three years, and the work that will be undertaken to address them.

We would like to acknowledge all the hard work and efforts of partner agencies and Council services who contribute significantly to keeping South Tyneside safe and we look forward to replicating further successes throughout 2024-27

Our priorities are based on the evidence provided by our partner agencies and, just as importantly, what our residents have told us. As a partnership the CSP will continue to work collectively to ensure South Tyneside continues to be a very safe place to live, work and visit and compares very well with its statistical neighbours.

It is our aim to ensure that, through partnership working, we continue to tackle the issues identified by our partner agencies and the local community.

We pledge to take appropriate and proportionate action in our partnership response to those crimes which have the highest impact on our residents.

As part of that approach, we will:

- Utilise our resources effectively.
- Make full use of the tools and powers at our disposal.
- Seek to take innovative approaches to challenging issues.
- Provide support to, and encourage the empowerment of, our residents.

We want residents, businesses, and visitors to know that we are doing everything we can in South Tyneside to maintain low levels of crime and ensure that you continue to feel safe living in the Borough.

CLlr Jim Foreman, Chair of the Safer South Tyneside Partnership Board

Hello and welcome to the updated Safer South Tyneside Community Safety Plan. This partnership plan outlines our key strategic community safety priorities for South Tyneside. We will review these priorities annually to ensure they reflect the needs of our residents and our communities.

By working with residents and partners our approach in South Tyneside is one of prevention and early intervention. Through shared knowledge, expertise, and intelligence we can prevent issues or address them immediately to ensure they do not escalate to wider community safety issues. South Tyneside residents deserve to live, work and study in safe communities that they are proud of. We will continue to build on the existing strength of the partnership and improve the quality of life for those who live, work, study or visit South Tyneside and I’m determined to ensure the council and its partners work tirelessly to deliver this.



Cllr Jim Foreman, Chair of the Safer South Tyneside Partnership



Our Safer South Tyneside Vision:

South Tyneside will be a place where people feel safe because crime and ASB is the exception rather than the rule.

It will also be a place where everyone can feel involved and included in a way that suits them, where people understand and respect each other, and communities are actively engaged in decisions that may affect them.

We will also work to reach out directly to even more residents and businesses to understand and respond to the issues that are most important to them. Our priorities – reducing crime, addressing domestic and sexual abuse, putting victims first, dealing with anti-

social behaviour, and delivering community confidence - focus on commitments that we will deliver on and are focused on delivering for people right across the Borough.

What is the Community Safety Partnership?

Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs), formerly known as Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships, were established under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 to help tackle crime and reduce reoffending. In South Tyneside the CSP is called the Safer South Tyneside Partnership.

CSP's are made up of 'responsible authorities which are: police, probation service, local authorities, health, fire and rescue authorities who are responsible for developing strategies for reducing crime and disorder, combatting the misuse of drugs, alcohol and other substances, and reducing reoffending in their areas. There has also been a mutual duty on Police and Crime Commissioners and CSP's to cooperate on reducing crime and offending since the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011.

The responsible authorities have a statutory duty to work together to: reduce re-offending; tackle crime and disorder, tackle anti-social behaviour; tackle alcohol and substance misuse; tackle serious violence, tackle violent extremism, radicalisation, and terrorism, and

tackle any other behaviour which has a negative effect on the local environment. CSP's may also work with other local partners they wish to, including business representatives and the voluntary and community sector.

In carrying out their statutory duties, CSP's also have further obligations including: setting up a strategic group to direct the work of the Safer South Tyneside Partnership; to regularly engage and consult with the community about their priorities and progress achieving them; set up protocols and arrangements for sharing information; analyse a wide range of data, including recorded crime levels and patterns, in order to identify priorities in an annual strategic assessment, set out a partnership plan and monitor progress, produce a strategy to

reduce reoffending; commission domestic violence homicide reviews.

Our partnership, 'Safer South Tyneside', comprises of representatives from the following responsible authorities:

- South Tyneside Council
- Northumbria Police
- Tyne & Wear Fire and Rescue Service
- South Tyneside Homes
- National Probation Service (Northumbria)
- North-East and North Cumberland Integrated Care Board
- Northumbria Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner
- South Tyneside College

How do we engage with the community?

South Tyneside Community Safety Partnership will embrace diversity to create an inclusive culture where everyone is valued.

As strategic partners in South Tyneside we understand the diversity and differences found within our vibrant Borough. We recognise that as a partnership we have a key role in terms of enhancing and promoting diversity, equality and inclusion in ensuring South Tyneside remains an inclusive place to live, work and visit.

To deliver safer communities in a sustainable and effective way, it is critical that partners, communities, and Elected Members are working together in an integrated way to solve shared problems. Stakeholder and communities need to be fully

engaged and actively involved in delivering this plan if we are able to achieve our aim of developing South Tyneside as a better place to live, work, visit and study.

Through closer working arrangements, improved community engagement and effective use of current, relevant information, we will strive to identify and safeguard those most at risk of harm and understand and eliminate any disparity in the joint services we deliver. This shared knowledge will assist in providing equal opportunities for everyone and service delivery that meets the needs of our communities.

We engage with our communities in a range of ways. South Tyneside Elected Members play a vital role in that process, in their role as 'Community Leaders' and provide an invaluable link to the communities they represent.

The five geographical Community Area Forums, at which CSP agencies are represented, provide an opportunity to ensure that community concerns are considered and that the work of the CSP is communicated to residents. The annual Northumbria Police Insight report provides a summary of results from the Safer Communities Survey. Residents living in the Northumbria Force area are contacted by telephone and asked about their perceptions of the local neighbourhood, police visibility and the services delivered by police and council.

How are we governed?

The CSP reports to the South Tyneside Partnership Board. The South Tyneside Partnership has a South Tyneside Vision, which sets out its long-term ambitions for the economic, social and environmental wellbeing of South Tyneside.

Our ambitions

We have five 'Ambitions' – the things we want to achieve over the next 20 years to help deliver our Vision. These five Ambitions will guide everything we do.

We want all people in South Tyneside to be:

The infographic consists of five horizontal bars, each with a unique icon on the left, a title in the middle, and a descriptive sentence on the right. The bars are colored as follows: teal, purple, red, orange, and yellow.

- Financially secure**: Represented by an umbrella and a pound symbol (£). Residents will have what they need for a good standard of living.
- Healthy and well**: Represented by a person holding a heart. Residents will enjoy good mental and physical health throughout their lives. They will have the best start in life and be able to age well.
- Connected to jobs**: Represented by a magnifying glass over a person. Residents have access to jobs, skills and learning. They will have the skills and confidence to apply for a wide range of local jobs. These jobs will be in key and growing areas of employment and benefit all of our borough.
- Part of strong communities**: Represented by a group of people. Residents will live in clean, green and connected communities where they feel safe.
- Targeting support to make things faire**: Represented by an equals sign (=). And we want these things for every resident, so we are committed to: We will target support at the residents and parts of our borough that need it the most, reducing inequalities and making things fairer.

How do we work?

While this plan is ultimately owned by the Safer South Tyneside Partnership Board, it is the Board and its constituent groups, that ensure that priorities are delivered, as well as responding to any emerging trends or changes in crime and disorder patterns. The Safer South Tyneside Plan plays a key role in achieving the outcome of less crime and safer communities, but also cuts across most other outcomes such as better housing and neighbourhoods, and a clean and green environment.

The Safer South Tyneside Board has governance duties and provides oversight of strategic direction and

this plan. The Safer Neighbourhood Team group sits underneath the Safer South Tyneside Board (CSP) and provides tactical coordination, challenge and support for the delivery of the strategic priorities - including identifying resources for thematic areas in the Partnership Plan, bringing success and/or challenges to the attention of the Board as required. The fortnightly CSP Tasking Group provides a platform for multi-agency problem solving to take place, using the strong partnership we have in South Tyneside to tackle complex issues that cannot be resolved by one single agency and seeks to deliver operational multiagency solutions

and local delivery of CSP priorities. Additional public oversight of the plan comes through the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Cross border partnerships with neighbouring authorities and partners help us to do our job better and keep people in South Tyneside safer. Joining up resources and funding where appropriate, to tackle our common issues, that do not stop or start at our boundaries is an essential part of the work of the Safer South Tyneside Partnership.





How we identify our Priorities?

The Safer South Tyneside Partnership identifies the strategic community safety priorities with a range of statutory partners (including the Council and its Elected Members, Police, Fire and Rescue Authority and Probation Services). Whilst our priorities provide a focus for the work of the Safer South Tyneside Partnership there is a wide range of other issues that we have an active interest and involvement in.

The priorities within this plan are informed by an in-depth analysis of data from a range of sources which are detailed in a partnership Strategic Needs Assessment (SNA) for South Tyneside.

The Partnership SNA brings together a wide range of data sources relating to crime, anti-social behaviour, environmental issues, and substance misuse alongside insight into public confidence and perceptions of safety, inequality, Elected Member engagement and community feedback. In some areas of our work the complexities of people's lives and experiences can make the victim and perpetrator relationship fluid, we are exploring how a trauma informed approach can improve outcomes in complex cases. Drawing on good practice from across the region and our local expertise in contextual safeguarding we intend to develop new ways of

working to apply to stop anti-social behaviour that affects people's quality of life.

Domestic Abuse is positioned within the Violence Against the Person priority, however the CSP recognises that it is not only limited to physical violence and that it can include emotional, psychological, financial and sexual abuse, along with stalking, harassment, and coercive and controlling behaviour.



Summary of the Strategic Needs Assessment (SNA)

The SNA highlights how levels of reported crime which had reduced significantly during the Covid 19 pandemic have now increased sharply, with increased reports of acquisitive crime, anti-social behaviour, deliberate fires, domestic abuse.

South Tyneside had a 6.7% increase in crime compared to an increase in Northumbria of 5.5%. Theft from shop more than doubled year on year and vehicle crime and other types of theft also saw substantial increases, potentially linked to the 'Cost of Living' crisis. In contrast environmental health complaints and tenancy enforcement action have decreased.

Levels of reported ASB increased by 7.7% and serious violence increased by 8.4% in 2023, compared with a 7% increase in Northumbria. Domestic abuse incidents reported to Northumbria Police increased by 7.1% in 2022. South Tyneside's rate of domestic violence incidents per 100,000 population was 40.5, which is significantly higher than the Northumbria Force figure of 32.6.

Public Health Outcomes framework appears to highlight that there are

issues in South Tyneside relating to admissions for alcohol specific conditions and admissions due to self-harm.

South Tyneside residents who responded to the Insights Survey, advised that their main priorities for policing and anti-social behaviour were the use of off-road motorbikes and quads and young people being 'rowdy' or a nuisance and people using or dealing drugs.

Having considered the findings of the Strategic Assessment, the priorities identified by the partnership for 2024 -27 are:

Reducing Crime (Inc. Reducing Re-offending), the Safer South Tyneside Board will:

- Disrupt Organised Crime Groups (OCGs) and use enforcement against those that exploit individuals, including our children and young people.
- We will see a reduction in first time entrants into the Criminal Justice System.
- Work with Northumbria VRU to reduce serious violence, and give sharp focus to those involving weapons, working upstream to tackle the causes that can draw people into violence.
- Increase intelligence reporting to help us tackle Modern Slavery.
- Work with our regional partners aligned to the Northumbria Police and Crime Plan 2022-25 to use our resources most effectively.
- Work closely with Pub Watch South Tyneside to develop a vibrant night-time economy free from violence and fear.
- Develop more effective collaborative work with specialist services that can help us deal with underlying issues (such as mental health, unemployed and substance misuse) that present challenges to our success in a range of areas including ASB, Domestic Abuse, Neighbourhood Crime and Reducing Re-offending.
- Ensure the development of a South Tyneside Drugs and Alcohol Strategy, acknowledging the impact Drugs and Alcohol can have upon Community Safety issues, addressing prevention, early help and treatment as well as enforcement.
- Working with education settings and providers to reduce school exclusions and the vulnerabilities this creates for our children and young people.

Addressing Domestic and Sexual Abuse, the Safer South Tyneside Board will:

- Children and adults who have experienced or are at risk of Domestic or Sexual Abuse will be identified, supported and safeguarded at the earliest opportunity.
- Stop violence against women and girls by working together to change attitudes and behaviours that undermine safety.
- Develop a clear approach to reducing domestic abuse with an additional focus on work with perpetrators and children and young people.
- Children and adults will be more likely to recognise domestic abuse in their own relationships and be aware of what support is available.
- The local community will be more aware of the exploitation of children and adults and know what support is available and where to report incidents or concerns.
- Teaching establishments will be able to recognise, and support people involved in Domestic Abuse.

Putting Victims First, the Safer South Tyneside Board will:

- Victims of crime and anti-social behaviour will receive appropriate support to help them recover and reduce the risk of re-victimisation.
- We will continue to demonstrate high satisfaction levels from victims of antisocial behaviour who have been supported by the Anti-social Behaviour Unit
- Embed a trauma-informed approach across our work to ensure services are sensitive, empathetic and understand the impact of lived experiences.
- Deliver services that meet the needs of victims and survivors, getting the initial response right first time, every time.
- Work with our third sector partners and local communities to deliver locally developed solutions to local priorities.
- Safeguard children, young people and vulnerable adults who are being exploited, breaking down barriers that exist to prevent, identify, and report crimes.

Dealing with Anti-social Behaviour, the Safer South Tyneside Board will:

- Work with partners to review our ASB process through a trauma informed lens, to improve outcomes for local people and explore better options for neighbour disputes.
- Improve our approach to ASB Case Reviews to make sure the victims of anti-social behaviour (ASB) receive a high quality, consistent problem-solving approach.
- Use our full range of partnership tools and powers to enforce and hold perpetrators of crime and anti-social behaviour to account.
- Work with local people to increase a sense of belonging and pride in local areas and build resilience to crime, working with community groups, Neighbourhood Watch and Elected Members.
- Work in partnership to develop innovative approaches to tackle off-road motorbike nuisance.
- Design out crime at the earliest opportunity adopting specialist advice where necessary, using physical measures to keep our communities safe. i.e. Environmental Visual Audits, target hardening.
- Work in partnership to protect those most vulnerable to Cyber-crime including fraud, online abuse and exploitation.
- Using a combination of prevention/early intervention and use enforcement tools, create places that are clean, free from fly-tipping, of which communities can be proud of.
- Work with local people to keep their homes, cars and neighbourhoods resistant to crime.

Delivering Community Confidence, the Safer South Tyneside Board will:

- Reduce hate crime by inclusive communities, whilst holding perpetrators to account and raising the awareness of hate crime.
- Ensure communication, engagement, and collaborative working with Elected Members, aligned with our Place based approaches, to develop effective neighbourhood solutions, harnessing local knowledge and community connections.
- Listen to and work with local communities in neighbourhoods to build trust and confidence to report issues at the earliest opportunity.
- Work with communities to build transparency and strong partnerships in our delivery of Prevent, reducing the threat of extremism in South Tyneside and safeguarding those most vulnerable and/or susceptible to radicalisation.
- Enable effective support and integration of new and emerging communities, including Asylum Seekers and refugees.
- Reduction in the number of repeat Domestic Abuse incidents reported to Northumbria Police
- Increase in reports of Modern-Day Slavery to the National Referral Mechanism (NRM).
- Celebrate and promote diversity of communities and faiths across South Tyneside with a programme of positive communications, events, commemorations, and celebrations.
- Deliver services that meet the needs of victims and survivors.

Northumbria Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, Police and Crime Plan - Fighting Poverty Fighting Crime 2022 -2025

There is a reciprocal duty for CSPs and the local Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner (OPCC) to have due regard for each other's priorities.

The refreshed OPCC Police and Crime Plan 2022-25 reflects the wider priorities across the whole Northumbria Police Force area. This plan covers the key areas of focus Northumbria Police will be expected to deliver on, alongside other national policing requirements. It was put together after a region-wide consultation process in which thousands of residents and organisations had their say on what those priorities should be.

The OPCC plan commits our wider Northumbria region to continue to work together with community safety organisations, victim support, criminal justice services and others to ensure our streets are safer.

The Police and Crime Plan sets several priorities around 3 key themes, fighting crime, preventing crime and improving lives. OPCC and policing priorities listed below are consistent with those identified by the Safer South Tyneside Partnership.

- Anti-social behaviour
- Reducing crime
- Preventing violent crime
- Neighbourhood policing
- Support for victims
- Tackling Domestic abuse and Sexual Violence

[Police-Crime-Plan-2022-Refreshed-Version.pdf](#)
[\(northumbria-pcc.gov.uk\)](http://northumbria-pcc.gov.uk)

Tackling Crime and Serious Organised Crime

Safer South Tyneside partners work collectively to suppress and tackle crime and serious organised crime. Taking a partnership approach to reduce the harm of illicit drug misuse, including County Lines. Information and intelligence development in preventing and detection of crime and serious organised crime is a priority.

Northumbria Police are the first point of contact for reporting and dealing with crime and serious organised crime. The Crime and Disorder Act 1998, requires the Safer South Tyneside Partnership to work collectively to make communities a better place to live, work and visit and the partnership works to that objective across South Tyneside. Local initiatives are undertaken and targeted to address the harm crime can cause and we will continue to do so. The partnership approach is critical to this and delivered through arrangements such as CSP Tasking, Safer Neighbourhood Team and Operation Sentinel and working closely with the Northumbria Police and Crime Commissioner.

Serious Violence Duty - Preventing and Reducing Serious Violence

Serious violence impacts the lives of individuals and communities with long lasting consequences and widespread public concern. In April 2018, the Government published its Serious Violence Strategy setting out an ambitious programme of work to respond to increases in knife crime, gun crime and homicide. The Government Strategy placed strong emphasis on a 'whole systems approach' to preventing serious violence by focusing on early intervention and prevention to tackle the root causes of violence and prevent young people getting involved in crime. The Violence Reduction Unit, established in 2019, takes a public health approach and has been able to bring much needed funding to the region to support this agenda, alongside Police Operational GRIP funding, forging strong partnerships to tackle serious violence.

Since then, the Government introduced the Serious Violence Duty through the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022, alongside Serious Violence Reduction Orders and Homicide Reviews. This amends the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 to include a requirement for Community Safety Partnerships to formulate and implement a strategy, making Serious Violence a statutory priority. The Duty requires specified authorities to work together to prevent and reduce serious violence within their local areas.

The Violence Reduction Unit have worked closely with the Safer South Tyneside Partnership to develop a Strategic Needs Assessment for Violence that was used to inform a Northumbria wide Response Strategy. The document below outlines our work to date in relation to serious violence, the challenges ahead, and how the CSP and partners will work to overcome these. The VRU and Safer South Tyneside Partnership have used evidence led approach to produce a local area action plan to specifically tackle violence in the Borough.

[Response Strategy - Northumbria PCC \(northumbria-pcc.gov.uk\).](https://www.northumbria-pcc.gov.uk)

Domestic Abuse

Domestic abuse is extremely common and has a devastating impact on physical and mental health, emotional wellbeing, housing, finances, work and, where children are impacted, their schooling and educational attainment. It can also result in victims and families moving away from their own homes, local community and support networks, in order for them to feel and be safe. Sadly, domestic abuse can also result in death, leaving a devastating impact on the families and friends of victims.

A local Domestic Abuse Partnership Board is responsible for supporting South Tyneside to fulfil the duties outlined in the Domestic Abuse Bill 2021. The Board will work together to understand needs of the local area and neighbouring authorities, ensure the voice of the victim and children are central to the overall strategy, commissioning services and making decision on behalf of the whole system, improving outcomes.

We will work together to ensure that service provision is improved and deliver on the key priorities and themes included within this strategy. This is an ambitious ask and will no doubt be challenging, however we will all strive towards improving the lives of those affected by domestic abuse. For more information about domestic abuse provision across South Tyneside you can visit; [South Tyneside Council | South Tyneside Domestic Abuse Strategy 2022-2025](#)

Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHRs)

Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHRs) were established under the Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004, as a means of conducting a multi-agency review of the circumstances in which the death of a person aged 16 or over has, or appears to have resulted from violence, abuse, neglect by a person to whom they were related or with whom they were in, or had been in an intimate personal relationship with, or a member of the same household. Also, where a victim took their own life (suicide) and the circumstances give rise to concern, for example it emerges that there was coercive controlling behaviour in the relationship, a review should be undertaken.

The DHR is held with a view to identifying the lessons to be learnt from the death. The multi-agency guidance published by the Home Office in December 2016, provides information on the purpose of a domestic homicide review, conducting a review, involving families and friends and the importance of having a representative review panel. [Domestic homicide reviews: statutory guidance - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/562222/20161206-DHRC-Guidance.pdf)

Recent Safer South Tyneside Partnership reviews are available to read by visiting; [Domestic Homicide Reviews - South Tyneside Council](#)

Reducing the Impact of Substance Misuse

Agencies work in partnership with both our commissioned service and other external statutory and non-statutory agencies. Having this interface ensures that we are all working towards the same aims in reducing the harm to individuals and the impact on family, friends and wider society. Specialist substance misuse services are represented well across the system, having a place on all relevant strategic partnerships. For more information visit; [Health and Wellbeing Strategy Vision - South Tyneside Council](#)

Prevent Exploitation of the Vulnerable and Modern-Day Slavery in South Tyneside

The Safer South Tyneside Partnership (CSP) work in conjunction with the South Tyneside Children Partnership (STSCP) and Safeguarding Adults Board to develop strategic work in relation to all aspects of exploitation, including but not limited to; Sexual Exploitation, Criminal Exploitation, Modern Day Slavery and Trafficking, Female Genital Mutilation and Missing. To see more on this and the work of the STSCAP, visit [South Tyneside Safeguarding Children and Adults Partnership \(STSCAP\) - South Tyneside Council](#)

In 2019, recognising the value of taking a comprehensive, organisational-wide approach to the risks of slavery, the Council published its first Modern Slavery Strategy, and established a Modern Slavery Steering Group led by the Director for Business and Resources and made up of representatives from across different services. This new, refreshed Strategy for the 2022-2024 period, developed by the Modern Slavery Steering Group, recognises, and builds on this prior work.

[Modern_Slavery_Strategy_2022_to_2024.pdf](#)
(southtyneside.gov.uk)

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)

You should never have to endure behaviour which causes alarm, harassment, or distress. We know ASB can have a big impact on your quality of life and we are committed in delivering the firm message that this behaviour will be tackled and not tolerated. ASB covers a lot of different types of behaviour and can affect people in many ways. ASB means behaviour causing or likely to cause nuisance, annoyance, harassment, alarm, or distress to any member of the public or which may have a detrimental effect on someone's quality of life. For more information on how to report to South Tyneside Council visit; [Overview ASB Policy - South Tyneside Council](#)

ASB Case Review

An ASB Case Review, formally known as a Community Trigger, is an important statutory safety net for victims and communities experiencing ASB, to request a review of their case and to bring agencies together to take a joined up, problem solving approach to find a solution for the victim(s). The ASB Case review process is designed to put victims at the heart of the case investigation process and for agencies to ensure you feel supported and listened to. For more information about ASB Case Reviews visit; [Community Trigger Requests - South Tyneside Council](#)

In South Tyneside the threshold to activate an ASB Case Review is at least three qualifying complaints have been made about ASB in the past 6 months and each complaint was made within one month from when the behaviour is alleged to have occurred. Each of the individual qualifying complaints must have been reported within one month of each incident occurring, and or, the victim(s) are assessed 'high risk'.

Across Northumbria, ASB Case Review activations across all 6 Local Authorities are co-ordinated by the Northumbria Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner. An activation should be made where the local threshold is met and where victims are unsatisfied with the response they have received from the relevant agencies.

If you meet the threshold for an ASB Case Review you can contact the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner to raise a request, visit: [ASB Case Review - Northumbria PCC \(northumbria-pcc.gov.uk\)](#)

Reducing Re-offending

Integrated Offender Management (IOM) was introduced in 2009 to bring cross-agency, partnership responses to crime and reoffending threats faced by local communities. The aim was for the most prolific and problematic nominals to be prioritised and jointly managed by Police and Probation involving partner agencies.

In the Northumbria area, IOM is an LCJB (Local Criminal Justice Board) priority with the clear aim to better align with local Community Safety Partnerships. IOM national guidance aims for greater consistency achieving national priorities by tailoring approaches at a local level to address and manage risk and crime-related needs for desistance by those committing neighbourhood crime to make communities safer.

CONTEST

The Governments counter terrorism strategy CONTEST was introduced in 2011 and has four key objectives, the Safer South Tyneside Partnership prioritises work to prevent people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism and has responsibilities particularly in relation to Prevent and Protect strands of CONTEST.

- Prevent: to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism
- Protect: to strengthen our protection against terrorist attack.

The Safer South Tyneside Partnership Board (CSP) has oversight and governance responsibilities in relation to the delivery of the Prevent Duty, Channel Duty as part of the wider Contest agenda. To ensure we are aware of the risks relating to Counter Terrorism, and in compliance with the statutory requirements set out under sections 36 – 41 of the Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015, South Tyneside Council have a multi-agency Channel panel in place for the area and has regard to the Channel duty guidance 2020. In addition, South Tyneside's Safeguarding Children and Adults Partnership and South Tyneside Channel panel chair are co-opted members of the Safer South Tyneside Partnership.

Protect and Prepare

The Public Accessible Locations (PALS) draft Bill, also known as Martyn's Law, is awaiting introduction to Parliament and the draft provisions in the Bill are not yet law and are subject to change. For more information on CONTEST see [Overview - South Tyneside Council](#)



Links to other strategies and plans


This Community Safety Strategy 2024-27 links and complements the following strategies and plans:

- The South Tyneside Council Strategy 2023-2026
- Health and Wellbeing Strategy
- Police and Crime Plan 2022-25
- South Tyneside Safeguarding Children and Adults Partnership
- Youth Justice Plan
- VRU Serious Violence Strategy
- Domestic Abuse Partnership Board Strategy
- HM Government Prevent/CONTEST Strategy
- Northumbria Local Criminal Justice Board Business Plan
- Alcohol Harm Reduction Strategy
- Modern Day Slavery Strategy and Response Plan

Glossary of terms

ASB	Anti-Social Behaviour
CSP	Community Safety Partnership
DHR	Domestic Homicide Review
IOM	Integrated Offender Management
LCJB	Local Criminal Justice Board
NRM	National Referral Mechanism
OCG	Organised Crime Group
OPCC	Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner
PALs	Publicly Accessible Locations
SNA	Strategic Needs Assessment
STSCP	South Tyneside Safeguarding Children Partnership
TWFRS	Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service
VRU	Violence Reduction Unit

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