

ROCHDALE SAFER COMMUNITIES PARTNERSHIP

Protecting and strengthening communities and places
Our plan 2019 - 2022

Safer Rochdale

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Foreword



**Steve Rumbelow,
Chief Executive,
Rochdale Borough Council**

We are confident that the new Community Safety Plan will help us to respond appropriately to current and emerging issues that affect our local and diverse communities.

Our approach is simple - it's about cooperation, people behaving in ways that have a positive impact on our borough and working together to tackle negative behaviour.

Everyone has a responsibility to protect and strengthen our communities and places.



**Neil Evans,
Territorial Commander,
Rochdale, Oldham and Tameside**

We are committed to ensuring our communities remain confident and supported, feel safe and are safe.

Rochdale faces significant challenges and our partnership plan ensures that we are tackling the issues that have the most impact on our people and places.

We have successfully developed partnership working and continue to improve community engagement and participation, to deliver reductions in crime and antisocial behaviour and improved community safety.



Introduction

Welcome to Rochdale's Community Safety Plan.

The plan sets out how we can make the borough a safe and welcoming place for everyone.

We all need to behave in ways that have a positive impact on those that live, work or visit.

We all need to work together to tackle behaviour that has a negative impact on our borough.

The borough of Rochdale is one of ten local authority areas in Greater Manchester and part of the Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA). Sitting within the north east section of the region, the borough is strategically-placed between a number of important locations and is undergoing a huge, positive transformation.

According to the Office for National Statistics' 2017 mid-year population estimates, there are 218,400 people living in the borough of Rochdale.

The borough is divided between five 'township' areas – Rochdale north, Rochdale south, Heywood, Middleton, and Pennines. Each area has its own distinct identity and character and the townships contain several other communities.

Although there are areas of relative wealth within the borough, there are a number of areas that fall within the most deprived in the country. The normal challenges associated with areas of high deprivation can be found in these areas.

There are also areas with high levels of diversity within the borough and in some wards more than 40 per cent of residents are from a BME background.



Rochdale is required to have a Safer Communities Partnership, by law.

The Partnership is made up of representatives from Rochdale Borough Council, the police, the fire service, the probation service, the local clinical commissioning group and other organisations.

The Partnership supports the priorities set out in the Greater Manchester Police and Crime Plan.

The Partnership aims to tackle crime in the borough and the underlying causes of it.

The Partnership uses a mix of prevention and intervention activity as part of its policing and community safety work.

The Partnership shares money and resources to commission services and implement effective approaches.

Police and Crime Plan priorities

To keep people safe -

For those who live, work, socialise and travel in Greater Manchester, as well as protecting those who are vulnerable.

To reduce harm and offending -

Preventing antisocial and criminal behaviour by intervening earlier and rehabilitating offenders.

To strengthen communities and places -

By helping to build resilient communities and strengthening the delivery of public assets.

Our aims

Helping each other to feel safe -

Assisting those living in Rochdale homes and neighbourhoods, as well as those who work or visit the borough.

Strengthening our sense of community -

Encouraging strong and positive relationships between people from different backgrounds and creating a feeling of belonging in our neighbourhoods.

Increasing confidence in our response to crime and disorder -

Ensuring that people are happy with the way that we deal with offenders and support victims of crime.

Priorities and Themes

Rochdale Safer Communities Partnership uses a variety of data to understand the issues that cause most harm and that matter most to our residents, including strategic threat assessments and resident surveys.

Strategic threat assessments look at crime rates and volumes to tell us what crime types pose a threat to communities. Resident surveys gather the views of local people about crime and safety in the borough of Rochdale and Greater Manchester. The information helps us to determine our priorities.

We have identified **five priorities** for protecting and strengthening communities and places. These are the areas that really need our attention, although we will continue to address other crime and community safety issues.

We have also identified **six themes** around which our work will be focused.

Our Priorities

People and communities in Rochdale will be:

- Free from the harm of domestic abuse and violence
- Free from the harm of organised crime and exploitation
- Safe from crime and antisocial behaviour
- Able to enjoy themselves in the town centres
- Able to live, work, learn and socialise in harmony

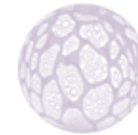
Our Themes

Our work will be focused on:

- Raising awareness
- Enabling challenge
- Changing behaviours
- Safeguarding vulnerable people
- Providing support for victims
- Dealing with offenders and reoffenders



People and communities in Rochdale will be free from the harm of domestic abuse and violence



What is it?

Domestic abuse is any incident or pattern of incidents of controlling, coercive, threatening behaviour, violence or abuse that can have a psychological, physical, sexual, economic or emotional impact on another person.

Why is it important?

Domestic abuse is a cruel and complex crime that can affect anyone. Tackling domestic abuse ensures that lives are not destroyed and people do not have to endure physical and emotional scars.

What does success look like?

- Children and adults understand about healthy relationships
- Families are able to effectively deal with and manage conflict
- Children and young people are protected from the effects of domestic abuse
- Communities and agencies report and refer incidents of domestic abuse
- People who engage in domestic abuse are deterred from their activities and prosecuted
- People who are at risk of or suffering domestic abuse are protected
- Offenders engage in behaviour and lifestyle programmes to enable rehabilitation and minimise reoffending
- Victims (including specific groups LGBT+, elderly etc.) and those impacted by domestic abuse are able to access services, support packages and safe accommodation

People and communities in Rochdale will be free from the harm of organised crime and exploitation

What is it?

Organised crime is crime that is planned, coordinated and conducted by people working together on a continuing basis, often for financial gain and involving violence, threat of violence, bribery and corruption.

Why is it important?

Organised crime can make communities fearful and divided and encourage other types of crime and antisocial behaviour. Disrupting organised crime ensures that people are not deprived of their security, prosperity and identity.

What does success look like?

- Children and adults understand the reality and consequences of organised crime
- Children and young people are protected from becoming victims of exploitation
- Communities and agencies report and support our work in disrupting organised crime
- People who support and benefit from participating in organised crime are deterred from their activities and prosecuted
- Offenders engage in behaviour and lifestyle programmes to enable rehabilitation and minimise reoffending
- Victims, witnesses and communities affected by serious and organised crime are able to access services and support packages



People and communities in Rochdale will be safe from crime and antisocial behaviour



What is it?

Crime and antisocial behaviour is illegal or unacceptable activity that can cause harm to individuals, communities or environments. Some activity is punishable by law.

Why is it important?

Crime and antisocial behaviour has a negative impact on society and the economy and the disruption it causes can last for a long time. Tackling it helps to improve the quality of life for people that live, work or visit the borough.



What does success look like?

- Children and adults understand about activities that can lead to crime and different types of crime (including hidden crimes)
- People know what measures they can take to protect themselves from crime and antisocial behaviour
- Families are supported to change behaviours of children and young people exhibiting problem behaviour
- Individuals and families are supported to change behaviours and situations that precede offending
- People who engage in nuisance behaviour and crime are deterred from their activities and prosecuted (in particular prejudice motivated crimes and more serious violent crimes)
- Offenders engage in behaviour and lifestyle programmes to enable rehabilitation and minimise reoffending
- Victims (in particular those at a higher risk of crime and repeat victims), witnesses and communities are able to access services and support packages

People and communities in Rochdale will be able to enjoy themselves in the town centres

What is it?

Town centres have shops and can have major public transport hubs such as train or bus stations; public buildings such as town halls and libraries, statues and public spaces. Town centres are important to a local thriving economy.

Why is it important?

Town centres have a higher concentration of people, places and spaces that can make them vulnerable to crime and antisocial behaviour. Creating more desirable town centres attracts people to live, work and visit.

What does success look like?

- Buildings and places have good security making them less vulnerable to crime
- Children and adults know what measures they can take to stay safe in the day and night time economy
- Persistent offenders are excluded from town centres and retail premises
- Licensed premises are managed and controlled
- The transport network and traffic violations are managed and controlled to enable safer travel
- The environment (including lighting, litter, graffiti) is managed and controlled so that town centres offer a positive experience
- Vulnerable individuals in town centres are able to access services and support packages



People and communities in Rochdale Borough will be able to live, work, learn and socialise in harmony



What is it?

Cohesive and integrated communities is about people – whatever their background – living, working, learning and socialising together, based on shared rights, responsibilities and opportunities.

Why is it important?

When communities are divided along race, faith or socio-economic lines, this can lead to increased levels of fear, inequality, prejudice and conflict. Evidence shows that a less cohesive and integrated community faces challenges around economic, cultural and social opportunities.

What does success look like?

- A borough where people, whatever their background, live, work, learn and socialise together, based on shared rights, responsibilities and opportunities
- A borough, where many religions, cultures and opinions are celebrated, underpinned by a shared set of values that champion tolerance, freedom and equality of opportunity
- Support is available for new and emerging communities that integrate and have an ability to adapt to migration



Measuring success

We will monitor and report on these key indicators, so we know if the Partnership is meeting its aims.

We will also monitor our performance for each of the priorities.

Key indicators:

- Feeling of safety (at home, work, socialising, travelling)
- Confidence in accessing the police in an emergency situation
- Confidence in accessing the police, local authority or criminal justice service in a non-emergency situation
- Satisfaction with services received (from the council, police or criminal justice system)
- Satisfaction with cleanliness and maintenance of the area
- Feeling that there is a sense of community

For more information visit rochdale.gov.uk



Associated Plan

Standing Together Plan for Greater Manchester: link to <https://www.greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk/what-we-do/police-plus-fire/police-and-crime-plan>

Finding out more about the RSCP

Email: community.safety@rochdale.gov.uk

Call: **0300 303 8878**

Write to:
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