

# Scrutiny Committee

## Agenda

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| <b>Date:</b>  | <b>Thursday, 11th December, 2025</b>                                               |
| <b>Time:</b>  | <b>10.30 am</b>                                                                    |
| <b>Venue:</b> | <b>Committee Suite 1, 2 and 3, Delamere House, Delamere Street, Crewe, CW1 2JZ</b> |

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The agenda is divided into 2 parts. Part 1 is taken in the presence of the public and press. Part 2 items will be considered in the absence of the public and press for the reasons indicated on the agenda and in the report.

It should be noted that Part 1 items of Cheshire East Council decision-making meetings are audio recorded and the recordings are uploaded to the Council's website.

### **PART 1 – MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED WITH THE PUBLIC AND PRESS PRESENT**

1. **Apologies for Absence**

To receive any apologies for absence.

2. **Declarations of Interest**

To provide an opportunity for Members and Officers to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests, other registerable interests, and non-registerable interests in any item on the agenda.

3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting** (Pages 3 - 6)

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the previous meeting held on 4 September 2025.

4. **Public Speaking/Open Session**

There is no facility to allow questions by members of the public at meetings of the Scrutiny Committee. However, a period of 10 minutes will be provided at the beginning of such meetings to allow members of the public to make a statement on any matter that falls within the remit of the committee, subject to individual speakers being restricted to 3 minutes.

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5. **Safer Cheshire East Partnership Action Plan and Annual Report** (Pages 7 - 26)

To receive an update from the Safer Cheshire East Partnership.

6. **Cheshire & Merseyside NHS Health & Care Partnership**

To receive a presentation from Cheshire & Merseyside NHS Health and Care Partnership.

7. **Work Programme** (Pages 27 - 30)

To consider the Work Programme and determine any required amendments.

**Membership:** Councillors S Adams, L Anderson, D Brown, C Bulman (Vice-Chair), S Corcoran, N Cook, B Drake, J Pearson, H Seddon, M Sewart, M Simon, J Smith and L Wardlaw (Chair)

## **CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL**

Minutes of a meeting of the **Scrutiny Committee**  
held on Thursday, 4th September, 2025 in the Council Chamber, Municipal  
Buildings, Earle Street, Crewe CW1 2BJ

### **PRESENT**

Councillor L Wardlaw (Chair)  
Councillor C Bulman (Vice-Chair)

Councillors S Adams, L Anderson, N Cook, B Drake, J Pearson, H Seddon,  
M Sewart, M Simon, J Smith and J Snowball

### **OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Guy Kilminster, Corporate Manager Health Improvement  
Dr Susie Roberts, Consultant in Public Health  
Alice Clark, Programme Lead, Living Well for Longer  
Maddy Lowry, Chair of the Mental Health Partnership Board  
Sandra Murphy, Head of Service, Adult Safeguarding  
Jill Broomhall, Director of Adult Social Care  
Katie Small, Democratic Services Manager  
Jennifer Ashley, Democratic Services Officer

### **11 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor S Corcoran.

Councillor J Snowball attended as a substitute.

### **12 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Item 4 – Public Speaking

In the interest of openness and transparency, Councillor Seddon declared that she was a member of the Strategic Planning Board, which would be considering a planning application relating to Poynton Pool. Councillor Seddon left the meeting whilst the public speakers addressed the committee.

### **13 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 26 June 2025 be approved as a correct record.

In addition, Councillor Cook raised that in relation to Item 6 – Early Release from Prison – details regarding sickness absence rates within the

probation service, had not yet been provided and requested this be followed up.

#### **14 PUBLIC SPEAKING/OPEN SESSION**

Councillor M Beanland attended to address the committee about issues relating to flooding at Poynton Pool. Following a planning application being deferred by the Strategic Planning Board requesting more investigations be carried out, Cllr Beanland stated that proposals had not been amended and suggestions by the Friends of Poynton Pool group had been dismissed, despite evidence being provided to support the proposals. In addition, Cllr Beanland highlighted that the destruction of a number of trees would be a huge loss of public green space and requested that the Chief Executive of Cheshire East Council call for an independent public review into the proposals.

Mr A Emmerson also attended to address the committee regarding Poynton Pool. He highlighted to the committee that there was no evidence of flooding at the site, with data provided being incorrect. In addition, further site investigations had not been carried out which therefore would not correct errors in the engineering reports. Furthermore, Mr Emmerson raised concerns of a lack of collaborative engagement and compromise which has led to questions being unanswered.

Cllr Wardlaw as Chair of the Scrutiny Committee agreed to bring the issues raised to the attention of the Chair of the Environment & Communities Committee and Chair of the Strategic Planning Board to enable appropriate discussions to take place.

#### **15 SUICIDE PREVENTION AND MENTAL HEALTH COMMUNITY SUPPORT**

The committee received a report and presentation from representatives from the Public Health Team and the Mental Health Partnership following a request for information relating to Suicide Prevention and services available across Cheshire East, including wider support for families impacted by those with mental health issues, how services are accessed, and are support services working?

Members were informed that there are two Boards that have oversight of this thematic area, the Self Harm and Suicide Prevention Board and the Mental Health Partnership Board. Suicide Prevention is a significant concern for the Cheshire East Health and Care system, with the Self-Harm and Suicide Prevention Board implementing an action plan for 2025-2027.

Details of the priorities of the Mental Health Plan and the connectivity with the Self-Harm and Suicide prevention work were highlighted to Members. Information detailing key services and sources of information for residents, with additional information specifically in relation to support for carers and children and families.

It was discussed that whilst there are support services available and significant work is underway to raise awareness of these, there continues to be concern regarding levels of mental ill health, self-harm and suicide. Officers and partners continue to work hard to counter this, but service capacity continues to be an issue.

RESOLVED:

That the committee thanked those in attendance for their contribution and noted that content of the information provided.

**16 DOMESTIC HOMICIDE REVIEW: EMMA**

The committee received a Domestic Homicide Review report that had been commissioned by the Safer Cheshire East Partnership in 2022 following the death of Emma in September 2021.

Members were informed that the purpose of the report was to establish what lessons could be learnt from the way in which local professionals and organisations work individually and together to safeguard victims.

The review made several multi agency recommendations, including Cheshire Police and Partner Agencies to implement training for officers focused on recognising indicators of coercion and control.

RESOLVED:

That the content of the review be noted.

**17 SUBSTANTIAL DEVELOPMENT OR VARIATION OF SERVICE (SDV) - STAGE 1 PROCESS**

The committee received a report that detailed proposals to streamline the process for determining Substantial Developments or Variation of Service (SDV).

As NHS Cheshire and Merseyside Integrated Care Board (ICB) are currently reviewing numerous policies that may or may not impact residents of Cheshire East, and the ICB has a duty to engage with Local Authority Health and Overview Scrutiny Committees (HOSC), the proposal sought to enable reviews to be concluded in a timely manner.

RESOLVED:

That the committee agreed to delegate authority to the Statutory Scrutiny Officer, in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Scrutiny Committee, to decide whether a proposal represents a “substantial” change.

For clarification, the Statutory Scrutiny Officer, Chair, and Vice Chair can still decide to convene the full committee to make this decision when deemed appropriate. This delegation does not affect the second phase of scrutiny for any proposals identified as substantial, which will continue to be examined in detail by either this Committee for proposals affecting only Cheshire East, or by a Joint Health Scrutiny Committee if the proposals affect two or more areas in Cheshire and Merseyside.

## 18 **WORK PROGRAMME**

The Committee considered the work programme.

RESOLVED:

That the work programme be noted, and the following item be added;

- 101 Non Emergency Call Data – to request information from Cheshire Police relating to the use of the 101 system, including an overview of use across Cheshire East, what reports are followed up, and how? How quickly are reports resolved? Is the system efficient and effective?

The meeting commenced at 10.30 am and concluded at 1.23 pm

Councillor L Wardlaw (Chair)



# SAFER CHESHIRE EAST PARTNERSHIP (SCEP)

Annual Report

2024–2025



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# 1 INTRODUCTION >

Welcome to the Annual Report of the Safer Cheshire East Partnership for 2024-2025. Partners of Community Safety work closely together to make Cheshire East a safe place to work, live and visit.

The contents of this report will provide you with information to find out about the work undertaken, detail of the SCEPT strategy, plans, priorities and the engagement with our colleagues in partner agencies and with residents.

The Safer Cheshire East Partnership (SCEPT) is a statutory partnership under The Crime & Disorder Act 1998. It brings together the following responsible authorities who must work together to understand and address community safety issues in their area:

- Cheshire East Council
- Cheshire Police
- Integrated Care Board (ICB)
- Cheshire Fire & Rescue Service
- National Probation Service

Several other organisations who attend the SCEPT and contribute to its work but are not under the same statutory duty, include:

- Youth Justice Service
- The Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner
- Cheshire Domestic Abuse Services
- Voluntary Sector

The terms of reference for the SCEPT describe its role, working practices and the duties the partnership is required to carry out, which are highlighted below:

- Producing an annual Partnership Plan based on a Strategic Intelligence Assessment (SIA). Using intelligence, data and indicators.
- to identify root causes, areas of risk and identify emerging themes and challenges for the Community Safety Partnership for the next 12 months.
- Managing and monitoring an annual Funding and Commissioning Plan.
- Engaging and consulting with communities about community safety issues across the borough.
- Allowing partners to share relevant information and support the work of other Strategic Boards to address issues and concerns.
- Conducting Domestic Abuse Related Death Reviews, formerly Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHR's).

The Safer Cheshire East Partnership Annual Report provides details relating to the work carried by its partners to address concerns and evidence the progress and impact delivered against those Community Safety priorities agreed through the provision of the Partnership Plan.

The report references information on the role of SCEPT and of the various 'Task and Finish' groups specifically established to address specific Community Safety themes. Reporting structures to keep partners informed of activity and progress. The report also focusses on the funding made available to SCEPT by the Police and Crime Commissioners Officer (PCC) and how these resources are being used to deliver a range of workstreams and projects designed to impact on Community Safety priorities.

## 2 THE DUTIES OF SCEP

**The Partnership Plan is based on the Strategic Intelligence Assessment (SIA).** The current SIA has been completed from 2023–2026 and will be reviewed annually. The SIA document is compiled using intelligence, data and analytical evidence submitted by partner agencies to identify the Community Safety priorities. These priorities inform the SCEP Partnership Plan. (Further details are included in this report about the SIA on page ??)

**Funding Management** – The provision of annual funding made available to SCEP by the PCC to impact on Community Safety priorities is the management responsibility of SCEP including adherence to the funding application process and performance management of activity. (Further details are included on the pages of this report)

### **Community Engagement and Consultation**

SCEP maintains a website providing partners and members of the public with further information on the work of the Community Safety Partnership. **Safer Cheshire East Partnership**

**Information Sharing Agreement** – The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 imposes a duty on Chief officers to share information with Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships where appropriate. In addition, sub-groups of SCEP have information sharing agreements in place for specific pieces of work.

### **Domestic Abuse Related Death Reviews formerly Domestic Homicide Reviews**

– In line with statutory guidance, the SCEP currently is managing several DARDR's. Progress, activity and the management of these reviews, including agreed 'Action Plans' to inform the learning from cases is formally monitored by the SCEP at their quarterly meetings. The website also publishes copies of the Summary Reports of any completed reviews.

## 3 ADDRESSING PRIORITY CONCERNS

The SCEP is provided with the latest crime statistics and receives presentations and reports from its partners at each of the quarterly meetings to understand and identify issues, emerging risks, threats agree strategic direction and assess performance.

'Task and Finish' groups have been created within SCEP to deliver pieces of work or projects to mitigate risk, provide support, impact on outcomes and increase public confidence and awareness. SCEP receives **quarterly reports** from these workstreams to keep partners informed of activity and invite the opportunity for comments, questions and scrutiny.

During 2024 the following sub-groups were established:

### **PREVENT & Channel Panel**

Providing information on the progress of the work undertaken in the PREVENT & Channel Panel space. Working closely with partners in a multi-agency setting to reduce the risk of those identified within CE of becoming involved in terrorism. All Local Authorities have a duty to own and deliver CHANNEL arrangements.

As part of the process the Home Office are responsible for overseeing the functions of Cheshire East Channel Panel and undertake a 'Benchmarking Exercise' to ensure both governance and operational practices are in order.

Following incidents which have occurred in the UK, the Home Office continually provides new processes and guidance to support Counter Terrorism police and the Local Authority to identify those at risk of radicalisation and how best to mitigate the risk to protect local communities.

### **Integrated Offender Management (IOM)**

IOM cohort members may cause serious harm and impact on Community safety. IOM Management in Cheshire East report any issues to SCEP arising from local and regional governance groups and introduce the latest Police scorecard indicative of levels of offending in the current cohort.

### **Domestic Abuse Related Death Reviews (DARDR's)**

—formerly Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHR's)

A multi-agency review occurs when someone has been killed because of domestic abuse. Professionals who have not been involved in the case must review what happened and identify what needs to be changed to reduce the risk of it happening again.

The Victims and Prisoners Act 2024 amends the Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004, emphasising the establishment and conduct of domestic abuse-related death reviews (DARDR).[1]

In this section, “domestic abuse-related death review” means a review of the circumstances of the death of a person which is held—

- a)** where the death has or appears to have, resulted from domestic abuse towards the person within the meaning of the Domestic Abuse Act 2021.
- and **b)** to identify the lessons to be learned from the death.

Referrals for a DARDR will be submitted to the Safer Cheshire East Partnership (SCEP) immediately upon identifying a case that may satisfy the criteria. The SCEP is responsible for determining whether the referral satisfies the criteria and commissioning a DARDR. If regarded appropriate, the statutory guidance for reviews will be employed to advance the review.

The Safer Cheshire East Partnership is responsible for establishing DARDR's within Cheshire East. After completing a DARDR and obtaining approval from the Home Office, Quality Assurance Panel the SCEP is required to publish the anonymised executive summary on their website and manage the associated Action Plans.

### **Serious and Organised Crime Board (SOC)**

The SOC multi agency Strategic and Operational Groups meet regularly bringing together partners from across the Cheshire East footprint.

The work by partners concentrates on the main risks, threats and harm identified in communities affected by SOC behaviour across the 3 Local Policing Units (LPU's) of Crewe, Macclesfield and Congleton.

Partners share important information designed to disrupt activity and support those being exploited by criminal gangs.

The work of the group adheres to the Home Office 4 P's Policy to Prevent, Pursue, Protect and Prepare.

### **Road Safety Partnership**

Partners including Police, Fire Service and Cheshire East Council meet regularly to review the Road Safety Plans for Cheshire East.

The plans aim to reduce the number of killed and seriously injured across the Cheshire East road network.

The Road Safety Plan focuses on highway improvements, speed management, enforcement, engineering, emergency response and education.

### **Water Safety Partnership**

A multi-agency group formed to reduce the risks to those accessing open water sites across Cheshire. The group works collectively to promote campaigns to raise awareness of the dangers of open water sites.

Cheshire East has a number of open water sites which require regular monitoring of safety standards to mitigate the risk of accident and injury.

## 4 THE ROLE OF COUNCIL SERVICES

Cheshire East Council plays a key role in helping to co-ordinate the partnership effort to keep residents safe and increase public reassurance, a range of services (listed below) directly impact on addressing a wide range of Community Safety issues.

- **Housing Services** investigating the use of licencing schemes for Houses of Multiple Occupation and ensuring minimum security standards are being met.
- **Licensing** to ensure licenced premises are complying with their responsibilities.
- **Trading Standards** investigate persistent and/or serious criminal activities and civil law breaches, in particular those involving unsafe goods, fraud, illegal and unfair practices, counterfeiting and illicit goods, scams, doorstep crime (rogue traders) and persistent consumer detriment.
- **Adult Social Care** – working with partners to ensure Adults at Risk are enabled to live independent lives free from abuse, neglect or exploitation.
- **Anti-Social Behaviour Team** – work in partnership to prevent incidents of ASB and support those at risk of causing ASB. Within the team are the Community Enforcement Officers responsible for the Enforcement and removal of Abandoned Vehicles, Vehicles for sale on the highway, Enforcement of Litter and Dog Fouling, Issue of Fixed Penalty Notice (including PSPO's)
- **Commissioning** Providing important contracts to support domestic abuse services and substance misuse that meet needs and provide flexibility around future provision.
- **Cheshire East Highways** – Maintaining and improving the road network across the borough with a focus on locations involving motorists and pedestrians seriously injured or killed.
- **Children's Services** working with partners to identify and respond to vulnerable children at risk of exploitation.

## 5 POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONERS OFFICE

Dan Price was elected as Cheshire Police and Crime Commissioner in May 2024. Dan previously served as a councillor for over a decade.

The PCC's main aim is to reduce crime, listen to the public and modernise so every resident of Cheshire feels safe, valued and confident that when a crime is committed, justice will be served.

The PCC will serve a four-year term which runs from 2024 - 2028. The PCC has further information available on the website: [Cheshire PCC home](#).

### PCC Funding

Partners of SCEP consider annual financial support provided directly from the PCC office. The funding can be accessed via applications submitted for approval by the PCC office. All applications for funding for the 2024-25 period were due for submission by 30<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

Applications approved by the SCEP Management Board are then submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner for their approval. Funding is offered to deliver specific projects or pieces of work to impact directly on agreed Community Safety priorities identified in the Partnership Plan.

In 2024-25 an annual allocation of £147,550 was made available with guidance and criteria for funding bids set out by the PCC.

It is worth noting that applications submitted towards the end of November 2024 were unlikely to be able to spend the full allocation of funding support within the current financial year and some projects would continue to be delivered beyond April 2025.

Contributions from the annual allocation of funding can also be agreed to support sub regional Community Safety work.

The PCC have identified those areas of work which require financial contributions from each of the 4 Cheshire Local Authorities.

This includes an annual contribution of £10k from each Cheshire LA, which was approved back in 2020 for a dedicated Police Analyst based within police staffing and this has been a continued and valued post for which funding was approved again for 2023-24.

The SCEP has identified the need to allocate a portion of their PCC funding allowance to support the statutory function of undertaking Domestic Abuse Related Death Reviews and the sum of £25k was allocated to secure the appointment of a Chair/Author to manage any new cases.

The SCEP has consistently and successfully bid for their full allocation of PCC funding and this also applies for 2023-24.

## 6 SCEP FUNDING 2023-24

In this chapter information is provided detailing the allocation of PCC funding in 2024-25 together with a report on the activity, impact and outcomes which have been derived from the funding support.

1st April to 30<sup>th</sup> November 2024

|                                           |                  |
|-------------------------------------------|------------------|
| <b>Regional Analyst</b>                   | <b>10,000.00</b> |
| UK Scams – Aftercare Project              | 44,341.00        |
| ASB Intervention                          | 10,000.00        |
| County Games                              | 10,000.00        |
| Domestic Abuse Related Death Reviews      | 25,000.00        |
| Young Person Week – Children & Families   | 5,000.00         |
| My CWA – Monkey Bob Project               | 25,000.00        |
| My CWA – Peer Support                     | 5,000.00         |
| Violence Against Women & Girls – Training | 1,500.00         |
| Spiking Kits                              | 1,989.90         |
| Environmental Waste Project               | 7,000.00         |
| Pickmere ‘ASB Hot Spot’ Project           | 2,719.10         |
| Total                                     | 147,550.00       |

### Regional Analyst £10,000

Managers responsible for Community Safety in each of the 4 Cheshire Local Authorities meet regularly along with the PCC office. As part of these conversations, consideration is given to areas where each of the Community Safety Partnerships can work more collaboratively and improve their delivery to impact on Pan Cheshire Community Safety priorities.

SCEP initiated the conversation in 2019 for each Cheshire LA to commission a service for a dedicated resource employed within Cheshire Police to provide data and analysis to inform priorities and report to the quarterly SCEP meetings to advise of any emerging risks or threats.

This resource has become very important, with funding been agreed again this year to maintain the service. In addition to the quarterly police analytical reports, additional request for data can also be made to support separate pieces of work from each of the 4 Cheshire LA's. This allows for the provision of evidence to support further funding applications or bespoke pieces of work. For example, incident reports to police to evidence an application for a Public Space Protection Order (PSOP).

Each year the police analyst will provide an overview of crime data for SCEP to make any amendments to the priorities initially identified in the Partnership Plan. The role of the dedicated analyst is pivotal in the provision of information to clearly identify priority areas of work.

### **UK Scams – Aftercare Project £44,341.00**

Cyber-crime is now the fastest growing crime in Cheshire and identified in the SCEP Partnership Plan as one of its main priorities.

Fraud has become a key area of work for the SCEP and a responsibility to raise the awareness of the concerns and identify appropriate partners to work with to prevent incidents and protect those most vulnerable from becoming victims to this type of crime.

SCEP has supported the work of the Aftercare project for a second year and recognises the important work it delivers across the borough to impact on SCAMS. The SCEP are delighted to have been able to support the expansion of the service initially to the whole of the borough and more recently linked in with our colleagues in Cheshire West and Chester Council for the service to be introduced there.

### **The Older Persons Scams Awareness and Aftercare services to the whole of Cheshire East.**

The project continued to maintain relationships with CEC Connected Communities Teams, Adult Safeguarding, older people's groups, GPs and other NHS services, and PCSOs in the Southern part of the borough.

### **Delivered 28 one-to-one intensive aftercare support sessions.**

These sessions have been delivered to older people who have been a victim of fraud or had a near miss. The types of frauds involved have included romance fraud, bank account compromise, courier fraud, and rogue traders.

### **Delivered 3 group fraud awareness sessions, to a total of 66 older people in the South of Cheshire East.**

By attending these sessions, older people have become more resilient to scams and fraud. They are more confident in avoiding and reporting fraud. 100% of those giving feedback said they are more knowledgeable about how to reduce the chance of being scammed and how to report fraud.

The talks have been well received, with comments such as, "Very informative and interactive; well worth it." and "I especially liked the discussion of different scenarios in groups."

### **Attended 2 Community Hubs and 2 GP drop-ins in the South of Cheshire East.**

Attending these events are an excellent way of letting the public know about the service provision and providing them with information to keep themselves safe from scams. Additionally, attending Community Hubs are an excellent networking opportunity to further promote the service across the South of Cheshire East.

As a result of attending these events we have had 2 enquiries for group fraud awareness sessions and identified one victim of crypto currency fraud who we are arranging to provide one-to-one intensive support to.



### **Shared information packs with 502 older people.**

These have been shared at scams awareness sessions, Community Hubs and individual visits, to help them avoid becoming a victim of fraud. The world of fraud can be overwhelming at times.

The delegate packs give older people a range of information to refer to about keeping their money and information safe from scams, beyond the awareness sessions or support itself. It shows the different agencies to contact in different situations, e.g. Cheshire Cybercrime Team, Trading Standards or Age UK Cheshire. This is very important for older people, who may never have experienced scams and fraud before.

The impact of this is that older people are more confident in their own decisions for avoiding scams and are more likely to seek help when needed.

### **Monthly Scams Awareness Bulletin**

The bulletin is shared via the Cheshire East Council Community Partnership Networks, Adult Safeguarding and Trading Standards.

Additionally, 110 printed copies of the bulletin are distributed to Age UK Cheshire Home Help clients, 100 copies are provided to the Wishing Well in Crewe for distribution with their weekend meal deliveries and 200 are provided to older and vulnerable Peaks & Plains residents.

The most significant impact of all the services we provide through this funding remains that older people can remain independent, retain good mental health, and feel safe living in their own home. As a result, they rely less on public services such as the police and NHS.

Preventing just 1 older person from going into residential care saves the public purse the equivalent amount of the funding granted in this period.

### **Challenges**

It has been a challenge to engage 7 aftercare clients. Due to other issues in their life (holiday, sickness of loved ones, hospital admissions, etc...) which they have had to prioritise, the full intensive support work has been delayed.

This demonstrates the nature of many victims of fraud who have a somewhat chaotic life. The beauty of this project is that we can keep in touch with them until they are ready to engage.

2 victims of fraud have declined to engage with the project. In both cases the victims do not believe they have been the victim of a crime (romance fraud and cryptocurrency fraud). This is concerning as they are likely to continue to be victimised, however they have our contact details and hopefully they will engage with us in the future.

### **Risks**

Older victims of fraud becoming repeat victims due to our inability to provide intensive aftercare during the recruitment and on-boarding stage. Hopefully, now we have funding and staff in place this will be alleviated.

### **Opportunities**

This funding has given the project the opportunity to work with stakeholders in the public, private and voluntary sectors across the whole of Cheshire East. The appointment of the Project Support Worker has given the project the opportunity to focus on raising awareness of the project, schedule awareness sessions and provide aftercare services to those in need across the whole of Cheshire East.

The projects services are no longer a postcode lottery.

### **Anti-Social Behaviour Intervention - Poynton £10,000**

Poynton had been identified for incidents of 'Hot Spots' for Anti-Social Behaviour. Work between the Community Safety manager and Poynton Town Council commenced to focus on intervention and prevention opportunities to create opportunities for young people to engage in positive activities and to reduce incidents of ASB.

Poynton Town Council also teamed up with Stockport Football Club and sourced local Poynton venues to run regular weekly football training sessions. The ages of those young people taking part have ranged from 9 to 17.

Since the introduction of the training sessions, there has been a decrease in the number of ASB incidents and it has also been noticed the improved communication between the Police and officers of the Town Council. Whilst the football training was attended by boys and girls, an additional project was funded to entice young girls to enrol in dance classes. These also have proved very popular with 20 to 30 attending each week.

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Poynton Parish Council have added a third activity for their young people which involves a bike activity being run in the village during school holidays. The Dirt Bike Factory offer the opportunity to engage in cycle fun on a circuit course set up in the local park. The events have been very well attended and parents have been encouraged to attend and watch their children take part and even have a go themselves.



Pictured left are members of the Poynton Parish Council and PCSO's attending the Dirt Bike event providing further evidence of alternative activities to reduce incidents of ASB in the community.

## **Anti-Social Behaviour Intervention and prevention Congleton Local Policing Unit £10,000**

Congleton PCSO's working closely with Crewe Alexandra Football Club created Vanguard Games to provide a range of sporting activities during the school holidays at Easter, Summer and in the October half term. The use of school and leisure centre venues across the areas of Crewe, Sandbach, Alsager, Congleton, Middlewich and Holmes Chapel attracted large numbers of young people to reduce the levels of ASB across these areas of the borough.



Engagement was secured following promotion through secondary schools with a focus by the police to work with those young people who had come to their attention for involvement in ASB.

Reductions in the number of ASB incidents have shown a significant decrease in these areas since the introduction of these activities and plans are in place for the activities to continue.



### **Domestic Abuse Related Death Reviews (Formerly Domestic Homicide Reviews) £25,000**

The Safer Cheshire East Partnership has a Statutory Duty placed on it to undertake Domestic Homicide Reviews.

Following an unprecedented number of cases referred by the police in the past 3 years, the SCEP Management Group requested additional financial support from the PCC to support commissioning to appoint independent Chairs and Authors to oversee each of the 9 reviews.

The progress for each of the reviews are reportedly to the SCEP meetings on a quarterly basis. The DARDR requires contributions from a range of partners who had direct involvement with either the victim or the perpetrator. Following the review the primary focus is to learn any lessons from where agencies could have improved their responses or worked differently to prevent future fatalities.

A multi-agency 'Action Plan' is approved by partners of the DHR panel with progress and outcomes shared with the full membership of SCEP.

Cheshire East Council have a responsibility to submit a copy of the final report to the Home Office for their Quality Assurance comments and then to publish the summary report on the SCEP website.

Funding this year has been used to extend the learning from the DARDR process and in November 2024 SCEP commissioned Jane Monkton-Smith (pictured right) a respected authority on Domestic Abuse in the UK to provide training to over 100 professionals who work across the borough involved in Domestic Abuse.



—Professor Jane Monkton-Smith

### **Supporting Young People Week £5,000**

Funding to support a week of activities and learning was provided by the Cheshire East Children and Families Departments.

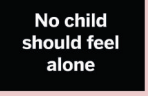
The week included:

- Week of learning/training for practitioners
- Focus on themes identified from the JTAi inspection
- Included priority themes for learning - county lines, push/pull factors & local statistics, worker-bias and fears, neurodiversity, teenage brain development, vulnerabilities in transition
- Involved a wide range of partners
- Collaborative working
- 2 days of interaction within the week—networking event with keynote speakers
- Linking to the themes and priorities of other Strategic Boards—ie Adults and Community Safety
- Protecting children from CSE and other forms of exploitation

## FOCUS ON YOUNG PEOPLE WEEK: 17<sup>th</sup>–21<sup>st</sup> March 2025

Exploring Cheshire East Safeguarding Children Partnership priority work area:  
Contextual Safeguarding & Serious Organised Crime

With kind acknowledgement of funding support received from the Police Crime Commissioner

| MARCH        |             | EVENT                                                                                                                  | PRESENTED BY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |  | MORE INFO & BOOK HERE                                                                                                                |
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| MON<br>17th  | FULL<br>DAY | <b>Exploring 'The Teenage Brain':</b><br>working with risk and building<br>positive relationships                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Senior specialist Educational Psychologist, Dr Anne-Marie McBlain</li> <li>Expert by experience, Laura Gardner</li> <li>Training &amp; Outreach Manager, Kirsty Williams</li> <li>Participation Team Lead, Annie Britton with Care Leaver Ambassadors</li> </ul>  |  | <a href="#">Exploring The Teenage Brain: working with risk and building positive relationships at MIDDLEWICH</a><br><b>IN PERSON</b> |
|              | AM          | <b>Overcoming Gender Assumptions:</b><br>tackling exploitation for young people for all genders                        |   <b>ON-LINE EVENT</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                 |  | Request the link from:<br><a href="mailto:cescptraining@cheshireeast.gov.uk">cescptraining@cheshireeast.gov.uk</a>                   |
| TUES<br>18th | PM          |  <b>County Lines &amp; Cuckooing</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NW Regional Organised Crime Unit, DI Adam Norton</li> <li>University of Manchester, Matthew Rive</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |  | <a href="#">County Lines &amp; Cuckooing: What do we know?</a><br><b>WEBINAR</b>                                                     |
|              | FULL<br>DAY | <b>Lads Like Us</b>                  | <b>'Lads Like Us'</b> are experts by experience of child sexual and criminal child exploitation; they will share what happened in their lives to work with us to improve our practice approaches.                                                                                                                                                                                           |  | <a href="#">LADS LIKE US at Holmes Chapel Community Centre</a><br><b>IN PERSON</b>                                                   |
| WED<br>19th  | AM          | <b>Emergency Room – Knife Crime</b>                                                                                    |  <b>The Odd Arts Theatre Company</b><br>'Odd Arts aim to transform lives with theatre and arts that challenge and inspire'<br><b>IN PERSON</b>                                                                                                                                                          |  | <a href="#">Emergency Room — Knife Crime: Odd Arts Theatre co. at MIDDLEWICH</a>                                                     |
|              | PM          | <b>Just One Favour – Child Criminal Exploitation (County Lines)</b>                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |  | <a href="#">Just One Favour — Child Criminal Exploitation (County Lines): Odd Arts Theatre co. at MIDDLEWICH</a>                     |
|              | PM          | <b>Financial Exploitation:</b><br>Understanding how children can be tricked, coerced, and forced into financial crime. |   <b>ON-LINE EVENT</b>                                                                                                                                                                                             |  | <a href="#">Financial Exploitation The Children's Society</a><br><b>WEBINAR</b>                                                      |
| THUR<br>20th |             |                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |  |                                                                                                                                      |

**NOTE: BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL FOR ALL EVENTS:** Please use the links above to access further details and the registration page

### **Monkey Bob - Project £25,000**

My CWA have been excited to offer out training to education settings across Cheshire East. With funding support from the PCC, MyCWA were able to link in with settings directly, as well as through the SCIES (Safeguarding Children in Education Team). MyCWA completed an initial information session to explain the topics the training would cover, as well as introduce the reporting requirement of attending the training. All the allocated spaces on previous and future training events have been booked up.

MyCWA completed two training session in February and March. Participants engaged well in activities and seemed to gain a thorough understanding of the impact of domestic abuse on children, how this may relate to developmental trauma and how our toolkit supports professionals to encourage recovery. So far, 21 schools have completed the training with 14 more booked on the future sessions (List of schools below).

The reporting expectations are that each practitioner completes a simple form at the end of each quarter. The first form is expected at the end of March, 2025.

Participants are asked what they thought of the training and set out below are some of their responses:

*“Very informative, engaging and well explained with a good amount of talking, activities and breakout rooms. Very well ran and easy to follow. Katy was great with answering questions and lovely trainer”*

*“Really useful- very informative.  
Great to have little break out groups to carry out tasks. Katy delivered with enthusiasm and a deep insight to the topics discussed.”*

*“Very good, It was really informative and the resources are great. I am really looking forward to using this with the children I work with.”*

Lastly, we ask participants how they will utilise this training. Here is some of what they said:

*“Looking forward to rolling Monkey Bob out for the children.  
Feeling useful now capable of supporting those children who need it”*

*“It has given me the ability to confidently work with domestic abuse.”*

*“I will be able to support more children in my setting who have or are experiencing domestic abuse.”*

#### **List of Schools Completed (21):**

|                     |                                  |
|---------------------|----------------------------------|
| Monks Coppenhall    | Edleston                         |
| Stapely Broad Lane  | Brine Lees (Multi-Academy Trust) |
| Middlewich Primary  | The Quinta                       |
| Gainsborough        | Wilmslow High                    |
| Wilmslow Academy    | Mobberley                        |
| Mablins Lane        | Wheelock                         |
| New Life Nursery    | Adelaide Heath                   |
| Underwood West      | Park Royal Community School      |
| Prestbury           | Astbury                          |
| Alsager High Fields | Adlington                        |
|                     | St Vincent's                     |

#### **List of schools booked onto future sessions (14):**

|                  |                    |
|------------------|--------------------|
| Leighton Academy | St Anne's          |
| Acton Academy    | Worth Primary      |
| Rodeheath        | Cledford           |
| Daven            | Hopedale           |
| Ashdene Primary  | Wistaston Academy  |
| Highfields       | Hungerford Primary |
| The Dingle       | Puss Banks Primary |

## Peer Support – MyCWA £5,000

My CWA are excited to offer a monthly peer support group for male survivors of domestic abuse in Crewe. MyCWA initially plan to focus on the “Five Ways to Wellbeing” in the sessions; connect, take notice, keep learning, be active and give.

Client voice is essential when beginning a new project and so My CWA want to ensure that this is central to the session content creation and planning for Peer Support Lounge sessions. To that effect, MyCWA have planned an initial information session in May 2025, where information will be gathered from a client focus group.

This ensures that the sessions meet their needs moving forward.

MyCWA commenced the project by searching for an essential aspect of the service delivery, our volunteer. Having now completed his My CWA induction, DBS checks and training sessions with our Amplified Voice Lead, he is (in his words) “well versed and confident” in his role.

Please see our leaflet right:

Further details will be provided on this project and reporting on the impact the psycho-social support has on the MyCWA client group.



## Self Defence Courses - £1,500



Work by Cheshire Police to support the **Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG)** continued following the introduction of self-defence classes across the borough, which have proved extremely useful and popular.

Adverts were posted out onto the 3 main police Facebook accounts in (Macclesfield, Crewe, and Congleton Police) and shared on Cheshire alert.

Within the first 6 hours of the first advert being posted, all open sessions had been fully booked (200 spaces). In addition, 10 waiting list spaces for each of the open sessions (80 additional spaces) were also fully booked and multiple emails and messages on Facebook and email requesting further sessions from members of the general public were received.

Responses from members of the public captured below:

*Good morning, are there any other dates and times available please?  
I have two teenagers over 16 years old, girl and boy.*

*I think this is a great opportunity for Cheshire constabulary to provide for the community and I dearly hope that other weekend dates will be provided as it appears to me that the current classes are all fully booked.  
Kind regards.*



*Hi myself and my two daughters would have liked to attend one of your self-defence sessions... are there any other opportunities coming up please? One is moving to London and the other off to university in a year so I feel now is a good time to nip this in the bud and try to get those skills for them. They're 16 and 18 years old and I'm 44. We live in Macclesfield area.*

The response from the public has been amazing and there is definitely a demand for future sessions.

### Environmental Project - £7,000



The Police Rural Crime Team undertook a piece of work supported by PCC funding to continue their work to reduce fly tipping in the borough.

The information below provided details of the work undertaken which took place across the months of March and April 2025.

### March - Disley, Macclesfield, Sutton, Congleton

7 vehicles stopped of interest. 1 reported for insecure load, 1 reported for obscured numberplate. Separately 7 nominals involved in vehicle ASB disrupted and a cannabis grow dump located near Teggs Nose.

### March -- Macclesfield, Knutsford, Wilmslow, High Leigh

4x Vehicles of interest stopped, 1 vehicle reported for waste carrier offences (No permit)

### April – Congleton, Nantwich, Holmes Chapel, Crewe

Several vehicles stopped but all in order.  
None of note as all had correct paperwork.

### April - Nantwich, Middlewich, Knutsford, Wilmslow

Coal Pit Lane, Middlewich – Visits acting on previous intelligence of an illegal waste site. There were no vehicles in the area at the time of the visit but evidence of tipping with a large mound of soil and digger on top observed. This information was shared with the Environment Agency.

Sandbach area where patrols were deployed acting on intelligence that the area is a 'hot spot' for scrap metal activity.

Vehicle stopped heading to Garretts Nantwich: small amount of scrap some from their own home, some from a house they are doing up, advised about it needing to be covered/strapped down and details taken and forward to EA ref waste carrier licence.

They were advised on what they needed and how to apply for one.

## April – Disley, Macclesfield, Poynton, Alderly Edge, Crewe, Nantwich, Congleton, Styal

4x Vehicles of interest, 3 being company and 1 privately owned.

The above stops and checks were carried out on those vehicles carrying open loads of waste. In the majority of cases drivers were advised on the appropriate documentation required to carry ie Hire and reward Insurance, Waste Permits. A number of drivers were issued with for vehicle offences. Others were grateful of the support. All usual hotspots checked, with one layby near the airport looking to have had a cannabis grow dumped.

Overall the operation had some really positive feedback, with comments of the Police social media sites having reached the intended audience.

**Uninsured Waste Carrier:** 604 reactions, 588 comments, 60 shares

**Second Uninsured Waste Carrier:** 1500 reactions, 821 comments, 120 shares

**Op Permits:** 118 reactions, 2 comments, 6 shares

**Op Permits:** 61 reactions, 9 comments, 3 shares

**Op Permits:** 63 reactions, 24 comments, 4 shares

**Op Permits:** 43 reactions, 2 shares

It is clear that there are numerous people still cutting corners, but the Police know that in the 'Facebook' groups that these people belong to and they are chatting about Cheshire and staying away from the borough!



A member of the Police Rural Crime Team inspects fly tipped material.

## ASB 'Hot Spot' Pilot – Pickmere Lake £2,719.10



SCEP working in partnership with various agencies has contributed to the delivery of work undertaken to impact on a range of other Community Safety initiatives.

This has been achieved in a number of ways through sharing information, committing resources,

providing equipment or identifying those best placed in the voluntary sector to offer their support.

During 2023-24 SCEP has demonstrated through the following projects a constant and reliable advocate to partner providing reassurance to residents or simply raising awareness of local concerns.

The Safer Cheshire East Partnership became a member of the Water Safety Partnership established by lead officers from the Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service. The Water Safety Partnership was formed to consider how working closely with partners, areas of open water sites across Cheshire could be made safer.

Pickmere lake located in Cheshire East which also borders with Cheshire West and Chester Council was the focus of a site visit between council officers and other partners. Concerns raised by the local Parish Council relating to water safety; however, it was clear that these concerns are multifaceted and are also interlinked with broader concerns about the activities taking place around the lake and associated anti-social behaviour during periods of extreme heat. Following several meetings with the PCC, Cheshire East has focussed on supporting residents in the village. The main areas of concentration have been to undertake a public consultation ahead of new parking plan measures to be introduced and restrict congestion.

### **Parking/traffic management issues around Pickmere village**

- High volumes of visitors congregating around the lake
- Anti Social Behaviour, including disposable barbeque usage, and subsequent damage/wildfires
- Littering • Substance Misuse • Urination/defecation • Noise issue

### **Combating Drugs Partnership (CDP)**

Cheshire launched its 10 year drugs strategy, 'From harm to hope', which relies on co-ordinated action across a range of local partners including enforcement, treatment, recovery and prevention.

Underpinning the drugs strategy was the principle that combatting drug use and harm is a priority for all of Government working as a single team and as such every area is required to set up and establish a Combatting Drugs Partnership (CDP), providing a multi-agency approach to addressing shared challenges related to drug-related harm based on local context and need.

### **Serious Violence Duty**

In January 2024, Cheshire produced its Serious Violence Duty Strategy which has been published on the SCEP website. The delivery of the strategy provides leadership and direction for the implementation of the Serious Violence Duty in Cheshire. This creates the conditions to bring the responsible authorities across the county together and commit to working together to establish Cheshire's response to the Serious Violence Duty.

Building on existing partnership work, the strategy provides a coordinated response to delivering the Serious Violence Duty whilst embedding a Health Based approach within members respective organisations.

Delivering the requirements of the Serious Violence Duty ensures that the statutory duties are met and the strategy allows can establish and oversee workstreams and associated subgroups as required by the Duty.

## **7 WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP**

The success of the work undertaken by the SCEP relies on close partnership working. The way in which agencies support each other is delivered in a number of ways, whether it be through sharing information and committing resources. During 2023-2024 SCEP has maintained a sound working relationship with all its partners to ensure delivery impacts on those identified Community Safety priorities.

### **Community Engagement and Consultation**

SCEP plans include the important opportunities to hear the views from residents across the borough about their concerns around Community Safety. Working closely with the PCC Office SCEP has supported the work around the Citizens Assembly providing members of the public to voice their opinions on how local policing should operate.

SCEP is responsible to reassure residents that Cheshire East is a safe place to live and work and this is achieved through reporting their successes through documents like this and the use of effective media platforms. Engagement events are also planned at locations across the borough with partners joining together to carry out Community Safety questionnaire with residents and using the community intelligence to respond to local needs and support areas of concern.

### **Training**

Funded through SCEP in 2023-24 several training opportunities have been provided to partner agency staff to enable them to upskill and go about their jobs with more confidence. SCEP continues to discuss areas of training need with partners and ensures funding streams support his very important and necessary part of the work.



## 8 FURTHER SCEP RESPONSIBILITIES

The Strategic direction of SCEP will often require the need to inform partners of changes in legislation or new ways of government thinking which will impact on resources and the need to deliver workstreams set against national policy. In 2024 SCEP has continued to drive work under the Serious Violence Duty and Combating Drugs Partnership.

SCEP is also responsible for managing requests for ASB Reviews (Formerly known as Community Trigger).

SCEP has received requests to review ASB cases in which the applicant does not feel their complaints have been addressed.



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## Scrutiny Committee Work Programme – 2025/2026

| Report Reference | Scrutiny Committee | Title                                           | Purpose of Report                                                                                                                                                                               | Lead Officer        | Consultation | Equality Impact Assessment | Cheshire East Plan Commitment  | Part of Budget & Policy Framework | Exempt Item |
|------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| SC/06/25-26      | 11/12/25           | Safer Cheshire East Partnership Annual Report   | To scrutinise the SCEP Action Plan and Annual Report                                                                                                                                            | CHRISTOPHERSON, R   | N/A          | No                         | Unlocking prosperity for all   | No                                | No          |
| SC/12/25-26      | 11/12/25           | Cheshire & Merseyside Health & Care Partnership | To provide details of the statutory integrated care partnership & collaborative working in addressing key challenges facing people across Cheshire & Merseyside in tackling health inequalities | BURGESS, R (C&MHCP) | N/A          | No                         | Improving health and wellbeing | No                                | No          |
| SC/11/25-26      | 12/03/26           | Flood Risk Management                           | Annual review of flood risk management                                                                                                                                                          | DEBECHI, D          | No           | No                         | Effective and enabling council | No                                | No          |
| SC/14/24-25      | TBC                | Right Care, Right Person                        | Review impact on residents & policing across Cheshire East                                                                                                                                      | BROOMHALL, J        | N/A          | TBC                        | Open                           | No                                | No          |

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| SC/08/2025-26 | TBC | Leighton Hospital Expansion Programme and A&E systems | To receive an update on progress, including details of new systems implemented in A&E providing online waiting times                                                                        | KILMINISTER, G | No  | No | Improving health and wellbeing | No | No  |
| SC09/2025-26  | TBC | Housing Partners                                      | To provide details of support provided to residents by Housing Partners on Anti Social Behaviour                                                                                            | BROOMHALL, J   | No  | No | Improving health and wellbeing | No | TBC |
| SC/13/25-26   | TBC | 101 Non Emergency Call Data                           | To receive information from Cheshire Police relating to '101', including an overview of use in Cheshire East, what reports are followed up, & how? How quickly are reports resolved? Is the | BROOMHALL, J   | N/A | No | Improving health and wellbeing | No | No  |



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