

IMPROVING COMMUNITY SAFETY IN NORTH LANARKSHIRE

A STRATEGY TO IMPROVE LIVES 2025-2030



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foreword

As the Chair of North Lanarkshire's Community Safety Partnership Forum I am pleased to present North Lanarkshire's new Community Safety Strategy.

This strategy has been co-produced collaboratively involving our communities, Police Scotland, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, Health and Social Care, NHS Lanarkshire, a range of Council services, such as Community Partnership Team, Housing Solutions, Community Operations, Education and Families including Community Justice Services and the Community and Voluntary Sector.

It sets out the vision for community safety in North Lanarkshire and the strategic outcomes that the Council and its partners will work towards to help achieve this collective vision.

The strategy is grounded in a successful track record of strong partnership working and forward-thinking approaches to prevention as well as intervention to improve community safety across North Lanarkshire.

Recognising that community safety is fundamentally about improving people's quality of life and encompasses everything that helps people to be safe and to feel safe in their homes, within their community, at places of work or leisure. Improving community safety is a crucial priority for our communities, the Council, and our partners.

This strategy demonstrates our ongoing commitment to making a real difference to people's lives in North Lanarkshire, through tackling a wide range of issues such as antisocial behaviour, serious crime and disorder, road safety, gender-based violence, home, and fire safety.

By addressing these important issues, we know that we can help enable communities to be more inclusive, empowered, resilient and safe.



Councillor Geraldine Woods
Convener of Communities Committee

foreword

As Chair of the Community Planning Partnership Strategic Leadership Board, I am proud to present the North Lanarkshire Community Safety Strategy, a collective vision for creating a safer, stronger, and more resilient community for all.

Community safety is a fundamental cornerstone of wellbeing and quality of life. It affects how we live, work, and thrive in our neighbourhoods, shaping the future for individuals, families, and businesses alike.

This strategy reflects the commitment of our partners, stakeholders, and residents to tackle the root causes of safety concerns while fostering a culture of trust, cooperation, and shared responsibility.

In North Lanarkshire, we recognise that the challenges facing our communities are complex and interconnected. This strategy outlines our shared priorities and the practical actions we will take to ensure that everyone feels safe and supported.

At the heart of this strategy is a belief in partnership. Importantly, this strategy is not just about reacting to problems; it is about building preventative approaches, empowering communities, and creating a positive environment for future generations.



Chief Superintendent Stevie Dolan, Police Scotland
Chair of Community Planning Partnership - Strategic Leadership Board

special thanks

To all tenants, residents, communities, and the following organisations and partners who have helped produce this strategy:

- Community Boards
- Community Councils
- Health and Social Care North Lanarkshire
- NHS Lanarkshire
- North Lanarkshire Council
- North Lanarkshire Alcohol and Drug Partnership (NLADP)
- North Lanarkshire Federation/Tenants and residents Associations
- North Lanarkshire Youth Council/MSYPs
- Police Scotland
- Scottish Fire and Rescue Service
- Voluntary Action North Lanarkshire (VANL)



introduction

The definition of community safety has changed over the years and has become increasingly broad and far reaching. Initially focussed on the prevention and reduction of crime and antisocial behaviour, community safety now encompasses all aspects that help people to be safe and feel safe in their communities, including important issues such as gender-based violence, community justice, serious organised crime, counterterrorism, home safety and fire safety amongst others.

In North Lanarkshire we have a collective ambition that is shared with partners to reduce inequalities, increase prosperity, inclusiveness, and outcomes for all, as set out in The Plan for North Lanarkshire. Our vision for community safety is aligned with our overarching ambition which is to:

'Make North Lanarkshire a better place to live, work and visit through integrated partnership working to build strong, inclusive, vibrant, engaged communities, where homes, workplaces, and public spaces are safe and feel safe for everyone to prosper'. (EQIA 2020-2025)

Building on the existing strong partnership arrangements we will endorse a holistic, integrated approach across partners to address the needs of

people and communities in North Lanarkshire, recognising the broad spectrum of activity that contributes to community safety and seek to extend our influence further to support communities to be empowered to realise solutions that work best for the people who live, work, and visit North Lanarkshire.

This Community Safety Strategy also comprises of our Antisocial Behaviour Strategy for North Lanarkshire as required by the Antisocial Behaviour etc. (Scotland) Act 2004 due to the inter-connectedness of tackling antisocial behaviour with the other community safety strands and benefits of considering all strands in a holistic way to better utilise and target resources and activity as a partnership.



strategic context

National Context

The Scottish Government, Safer Communities Directorate provides the national context for all Community safety activity. The Directorate works with partners to enable everyone in Scotland to live in communities where they feel secure and are safe from harm. Action is being taken on a range of community safety priorities to help build safer communities.

The Scottish Government's National Performance Framework contains 11 National Outcomes and National indicators that measure progress towards these with Community Safety aligned to many of these outcomes with a particular connection to:

- Children and Young people: We grow up loved, safe and respected so that we realise our full potential
- Communities: We live in communities that are inclusive, empowered, resilient and safe
- Environment: We value, enjoy, protect and enhance our environment
- Human rights: We respect and fulfil human rights and live free from discrimination

Other national strategies and programmes and plans of relevance include Vision for Justice in Scotland, Three Year delivery Plan 2023/24 to 2025/26 which sets out the Government's vision for the justice sector to deliver a just, safe and resilient Scotland with safer, more tolerant and inclusive communities free from inequality and hate.

In addition, Equally Safe: Scotland's strategy for prevention and eradication of violence against women and girls was refreshed in 2024. Equally Safe sets out a vision to address violence against women and girls, to stop violence occurring, build the capability and

capacity of support services and strengthen the justice response to victims and perpetrators.

The strategy is informed by the experience of victims and by the expertise of professionals and has three priorities:

- Achieving greater gender equality
- Intervening early and effectively to prevent violence and maximising the safety and wellbeing of women, children and young people; and
- Tackling perpetrators.



Local Context

The Plan for North Lanarkshire is the overarching strategic plan for North Lanarkshire and the **Programme of Work** set out the direction for all partners, the council, stakeholders and, most importantly, for each of our unique communities and the people who live, learn, work, invest and visit within North Lanarkshire.

This provides the framework for all other strategies and plans, including the Community Safety Strategy. The plan identifies that whilst trends show strong improvements in key areas, such as employment, investment and educational attainment, there are still unacceptably high levels of deprivation, child poverty and clear areas of inequity and inequality remaining.

As such, it is recognised that there is an element of social exclusion across some of our towns and communities in North Lanarkshire and The Plan seeks to reduce this exclusion through improving prosperity and outcomes for all, ensuring that all our communities' benefit, improving equality of opportunities for all. Community Safety is pivotal to achieving this vision and contributes to all five high level strategic priorities set out in The Plan given the broad context in which community safety exists, making a particular specific contribution to outcomes 3 and 4:

Outcome 3: Improve the health and wellbeing of our communities.

Outcome 4: Enhance participation, capacity, and empowerment across our communities

There are also a number of other local strategies and plans that community safety plays a key role in, including the Equalities Strategy (2019-24) which is currently under review and will be completed in 2025, the Local Housing Strategy (2021-26), the Tenant Participation Strategy (2025-30) and Community Matters - A Framework for Working with Communities amongst others. This reinforces the far-reaching impact of community safety and its interconnectedness across different policy areas.

Within North Lanarkshire the vast majority of community safety work is coordinated at a local level through all relevant council services and community planning partners. These issues are also addressed through the Locality Partnership Teams with the North Lanarkshire Partnership Strategic Leadership Board taking a governance and strategic role. All partners with a role in community safety are represented on community planning structures and include, Elected Members, Housing, Police Scotland, Scottish Fire and Rescue, Health and Social Care, NHS Lanarkshire, North Lanarkshire Alcohol & Drug Partnership (ADP), Education and Families, Environmental Services, the Housing Community Safety Team, VANL and other Council services. Involvement from communities is vital in these structures and representation from community members is comprised within nine Community Boards with Local Outcome Improvement Plan (LOIP) subgroups such as community safety and targeted action that feed into the community safety agenda.



North Lanarkshire Community Safety Planning Arrangements

There are two Community Partnership Managers, four Assistant Community Partnership Managers and a Housing Community Safety Team within North Lanarkshire Council with specific responsibility for driving forward Community Safety across North Lanarkshire in partnership with Communities, Police Scotland, Scottish Fire and Rescue, Registered Social Landlords, Procurator Fiscal, Children's Reporter, NHS Lanarkshire and Health and Social Care North Lanarkshire, the Third Sector, local businesses and other Council services.

The Housing Community Safety Team has a specific remit for tackling antisocial behaviour and has responsibility for delivering on the Antisocial Behaviour etc. (Scotland) Act 2004 requirements. All community safety related policy, plans, strategies, and performance related business are reported to the Communities Committee and the Community Safety

Partnership Forum. Community Planning Partnership structures work closely with Public Protection and Justice Services, and a range of other partnership boards and forums, including:

- North Lanarkshire's Alcohol and Drug Partnership
- North Lanarkshire's Violence Against Women Strategic Group
- North Lanarkshire's Local Housing Strategy Steering Group
- North Lanarkshire's Equality Board
- North Lanarkshire's Mental Health and Addictions Partnership Board
- North Lanarkshire's Long-Term Conditions and Frailty Partnership Board
- North Lanarkshire's Integrated Joint Board
- North Lanarkshire Children's Services Partnership Board

Strong partnership arrangements have been in place in North Lanarkshire for several years, providing a vehicle for partners to collectively meet the needs of local people especially for those people in most need.

These robust partnership arrangements provide the foundations to build stronger links across partners and areas to improve how we work together to improve community safety in North Lanarkshire.



our successes

The previous Community Safety Strategy has achieved a range of successes over the past 5 years that have resulted in positive outcomes in relation to community safety.

These have included:

Enhanced CCTV provision in conjunction with partners across North Lanarkshire with an additional **27** cameras installed and operational 24 hours per day 7 days a week funded through North Lanarkshire Council's Local Development Programme (LDP). Between 2022 and 2024, cameras were deployed in Airdrie, Kilsyth, Cumbernauld, Wishaw, Salsburgh, Harthill, Shotts, and Abronhill. These cameras were deployed in response to reports of antisocial behaviour and community safety issues to Police, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and NLC Housing. CCTV cameras have benefitted community safety in local communities through recording **12,076** (2022-2024) incidents of which **4,134** (2022-2024) were community safety incidents and detected **324** (2022-2024) missing people. In addition to static cameras, **deployable cameras** have been purchased through NLC Local Development Programme funding (LDP) providing a swift, more targeted response to reports of anti-social behaviour and community safety issues

across North Lanarkshire which has further enhanced Community Safety within local communities and has helped identify areas that may require siting of permanent cameras.

A Contextual Safeguarding multiagency approach endorsed by North Lanarkshire Child Protection Committee has been successfully adopted within North Lanarkshire Council; the aim of which is to take a wider approach to identify and tackle the influences that adversely impact on a young person's safety and to protect young people at risk of extra familial harm. This involves professionals and partners taking protective actions to make places where young people have experienced abuse, safer. Agencies have been supported through training to develop practice, systems and structures, for identifying, assessing and intervening with contexts and groups, where young people are at risk of significant harm in the community, ensuring we do so through a child welfare lens.

North Lanarkshire Council's Local Development Programme (LDP) funding has delivered **83** car parking and road improvement projects that were identified by local people between April 2020 and March 2024 improving road safety in communities across 9 Community Board areas facilitated by the

Community Partnership Team with further road safety projects identified by local people planned for 2024-2025.

Operation MotoX was funded through NLC Local Development Programme Funding (LDP) in response to increased complaints about antisocial behaviour caused by off-road bikes in rural and built-up areas which proved challenging for Police to respond to during normal Policing duties. The four quad bikes allow officers to quickly reach areas that patrol vehicles are unable to access. There is currently an Off-Road Bike Action plan where officers deploy on Quads to hotspot areas during peak hours to deter and detect offenders. Since the implementation of this plan there has been many off road, unregistered bikes and quad seizures whereby riders have been charged with various Road Traffic Offences. The Quad bikes are an invaluable asset to Lanarkshire Police Division, are well utilised and well received by the public and have achieved an overall reduction in ASB incidents involving off-road motorcycles and quad bikes which have also assisted in conducting patrols in hard-to-reach areas in relation to missing person enquiries. Quad deployments have been very well received by the public and are utilised for public facing events such as gala days, parades and community events.

43 Fire Reach Courses have been delivered by Scottish Fire and Rescue service engaging with approximately **400** young people across North Lanarkshire. (CS Strategy Annual Review 2023-2024). The Fire Reach programme is open to all secondary schools in North Lanarkshire. During the school holidays, the team collaborates with partners such as Community Learning and Development to target and support young people such as those in conflict with the law; care experienced young people and young people as part of the resettlement programme.

A pan Lanarkshire Partnership Approach to Water Safety (PAWS) group has been established with two overall targets to reduce accidental drowning deaths in Lanarkshire and reduce risk amongst the highest-risk populations, groups, and communities and contribute to the reduction of water-related suicide. PAWS has three key stages to assist in the delivery of these targets: Prevention, Improved Incident Response and Review. PAWS has built upon existing good practice undertaken by partner agencies across Lanarkshire and allocates responsibilities in a clear framework agreeable to all agencies concerned formalising these into agreed actions that are reported to the Community Planning Partnerships in North and South Lanarkshire.

This coordinated and proactive approach assists in the delivery of the three key stages of PAWS and is consistent with the targets of Scotland's Drowning Prevention Strategy.

Serving and proxy purchasing of alcohol ongoing initiatives have been carried out ranging from bottle marking schemes where Police and Trading Standards liaised with premises and marked bottles to identify their source to national proxy purchasing campaigns and integrity checks. The Licensing Department reviews incidents daily and proactively attend premises where issues are detected to speak to the license holder and reiterate their responsibilities under the Licensing Scotland Act 2005, conducting scenario-based training to premises targeting new and inexperienced staff around the selling of alcohol and issues that may arise.

Bike Marking events have been provided by Police in partnership with North Lanarkshire Council's, Community Partnership Team for local people in a range of venues across NLC. Bike marking events provided cycle security advice and offered security marking and registration onto the Bike Register's online database. Registering helps Police and retailers identify and verify legitimate owners of bikes that have been stolen or are being resold.

North Lanarkshire Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference, (MARAC) a multi-agency model for responding to the needs of high-risk victims of domestic abuse receives funding from North Lanarkshire Council and North Lanarkshire Health and Social Care Partnership which has enabled the establishment of a MARAC team to support the administrative functions of the process to take forward training and evaluation activities.

The Antisocial Behaviour Response Service was reviewed to ensure efficacy in meeting local needs. The service, located within the wider Community Safety Hub, recognised the inter-connectedness of the Antisocial Behaviour Response Service and alignment with other wider activity areas of the Community Safety Hub and operates 365 days per year via a 24-hour helpline. Service level agreements have been reviewed with Registered Social Landlord (RSL) partners ensuring Anti-social behaviour services are being delivered across tenures.

The number of antisocial behaviour (ASB) contacts has substantially increased due to the change of service delivery and with upgraded technology and staff training ASB response has improved to meet demand.

Antisocial behaviour incidents captured via the CCTV system can occur across a broad range of categories including gathering crowds, fighting or drinking in the street, threatening behaviour, etc. One of the most reported issues is domestic noise and to address this a collaboration between the Antisocial Behaviour Response Service and local Registered Social Landlords (RSL's) has seen the development of a Noise App which enables tenants to capture recordings of antisocial behaviour on their own devices and submit these to a case management system. A pilot programme to test the system has been completed and will be evaluated and considered for further role out. If implemented, the Noise App will be less intrusive and will over time, reduce the reliance



on Sound Monitoring Equipment and the Out of Hours Witnessing Service which continues to provide on-site assistance.

A **'Break the Cycle'** programme designed to tackle Anti-social behaviour has been successfully delivered in educational settings across North Lanarkshire and plans are in place to extend this to local sports facilities and wider communities.

A **Housing Domestic Abuse Policy** in 2022 was developed and implemented in partnership with North Lanarkshire's Violence Against Women Strategic and Operational Group with the clear intention to prevent and eradicate domestic abuse ensuring access to a range of appropriate housing options advice, information and support where it does occur. This was followed up by a staff training programme to raise

awareness and ensure survivors of domestic abuse receive the support they need.

All NLC Housing new-build homes deliver the **principles of 'Secure by Design'** and achieve certification from Police Scotland and any open space part of a new development is reviewed within the planning application process to ensure adherence to regulations. Housing have worked positively with partners to identify and challenge residents causing antisocial behaviour (ASB), offering intervention and support to prevent future ASB incidents, whilst also providing additional support to victims. Tactical assessments are completed regularly, and in-depth discussions take place with partner agencies to address hotspots, find solutions supported by intelligence and analytics data.

A **Local Outcome Improvement Plan (LOIP)** has been developed in consultation with local people, key stakeholders and seldom heard voices for each of the 9 Community Board across North Lanarkshire. The LOIP consists of a range of priorities identified by local communities including Community Safety and targeted action within identified communities. Subgroups have been developed and are working to progress key actions to address community safety issues identified by communities across North Lanarkshire.

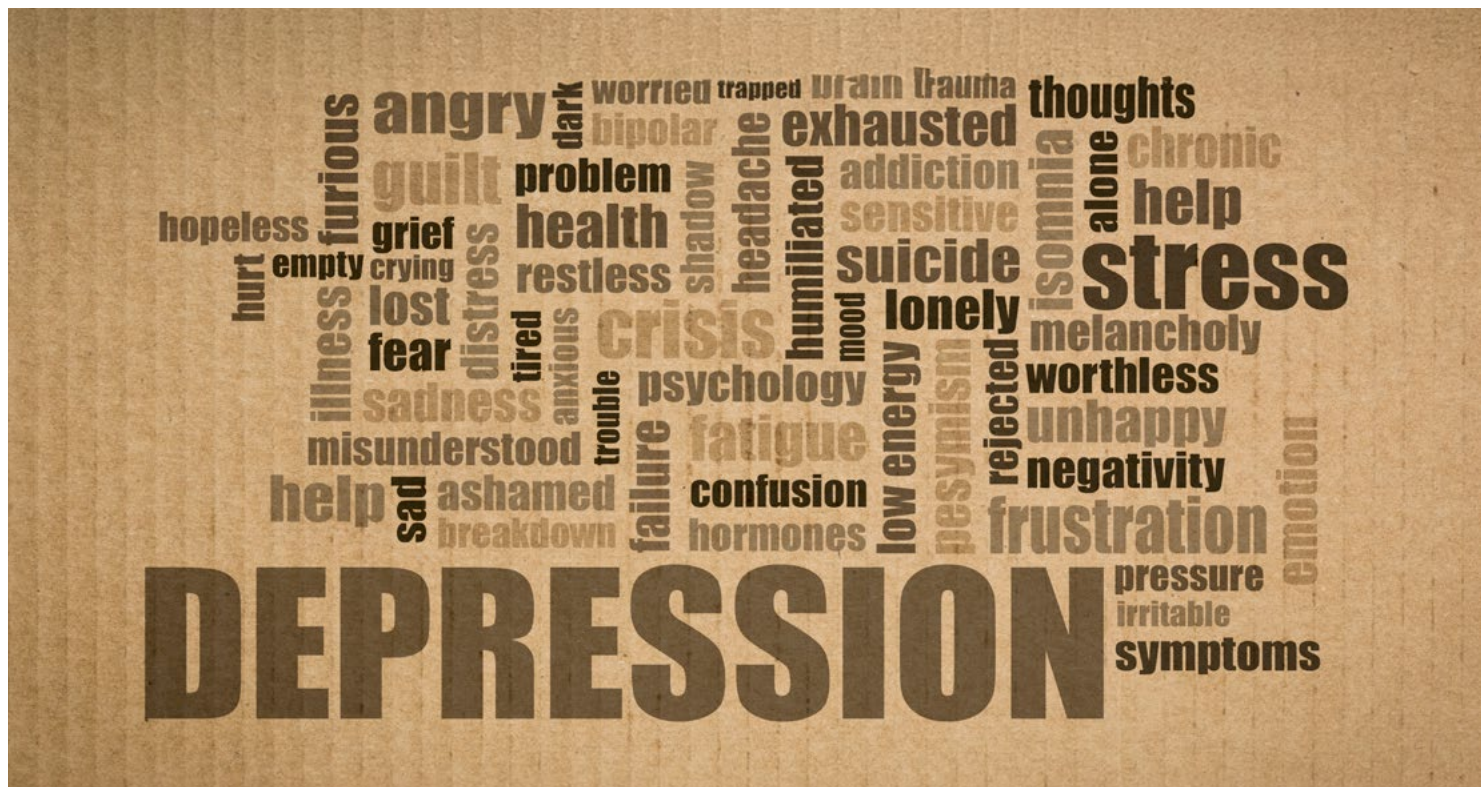
Community Alcohol Partnerships have been developed across North Lanarkshire and are playing a key role in targeting education to reduce alcohol harm in children and young people, regarding the risks and dangers of alcohol consumption and promoting diversionary activities through partners with a view to improving health and wellbeing. The initiative also focusses on educating and supporting local licensed traders.





North Lanarkshire Suicide Prevention Partnership Board (SPPB) convenes every 8 weeks. The SPPB

examines current live time data provided by Police Scotland of those who have died by probable suicide, with themes and trends discussed at this local level. The SPPB then make decisions regarding future work based on the information provided. SPPB review the Local Action Plan at each meeting with discussions including information provided on current Suicide Prevention Training, including the Living Works Training Programmes ASIST, Safe TALK and Suicide Talk; we continue to develop and create a coordinated approach to public awareness campaigns which maximises impact; we work together with 3rd sector partner agencies to upskill staff in order to support communities affected by suicide; we continue to identify and facilitate preventative actions targeted at risk groups, including considering the needs of children and young people.



key themes

A wide range of evidence has informed the key strategic priorities that will help achieve our vision to ‘**Make North Lanarkshire a better place to live, work and visit through integrated partnership working to build strong, vibrant, engaged communities, where homes, workplaces, and public spaces are safe and feel safe for everyone to prosper**’.

Recognising that safe communities that are resilient, inclusive, and tolerant are conducive to creating communities in which individuals can thrive and prosper, how we deliver community safety will require a collective effort from communities and all partners. Underpinning our priorities are key themes which set out the fundamental aspects of our approach in taking forward the of safer communities in North Lanarkshire:

Effective Community Involvement, Influence and Ownership

We will support and enable communities to identify and tackle issues that are most important to them. It is recognised that the involvement and participation from communities and individuals within communities is pivotal to creating safer communities. It is also recognised that it may be challenging for some individuals and communities to have their voice heard, and that some people may face barriers to

engagement and that there are also topics that people may not be comfortable discussing openly. The partnership will endeavour to ensure a range of engagement methods that optimise involvement from all, with a particular focus on creating conditions in which communities that experience exclusion are supported to be involved and have real control and influence over decisions that are made.

Strong Partnership Working, Governance and Decision Making

We recognise that community safety is complex and multi-faceted and that in order to create safer communities we need to address the needs of people and communities holistically. Evidence tells us that interventions in one area can result in improvements in other outcomes, reinforcing the need for effective integrated and partnership working across a broad range of areas.

Tackling Inequalities

Evidence tells us that despite improvements in a range of important areas persistent inequalities still exist in our communities. We recognise that the poverty, disadvantage and inequalities that exist for some people in North Lanarkshire can be further exacerbated if they have protected characteristics (North Lanarkshire Council, Equality Strategy 2019-2024). We are committed to tackling inequalities and improving outcomes for all, as such we will target our efforts and resources on communities in greatest need. We will do this through improved collaborative working recognising that communities and individuals in greatest need who are often in contact with a range of services for different reasons and effective support is that which addresses needs in a holistic way, taking a whole systems approach across services and is available when required.

Prevention and Early Intervention

We know that prevention and early intervention is effective if people are supported to change their behaviours, reduce risk and achieve sustainable long-term changes in communities and amongst individuals and families. We will focus on acting at an early stage working closely with partners to help build capacity and resilience in communities and individuals to help create healthier and safer communities.

Place Based Approach

We will adopt a 'Place Principle' approach to our activity, to strengthen cross-sector collaboration with communities and partners and to optimise outcomes recognising the value of a place-based approach in aiding a better shared understanding across sectors of issues and increasing capacity and flexibility to respond to these issues.

There are significant positive impacts that high quality outdoor space, which is safe and welcoming has on both physical and mental health. We know that access to green space varies significantly across different social groups and that good access can reduce the impact of deprivation through improving health and wellbeing and creating stronger communities.

This strategy therefore plays an even more important role going forward, providing community-centred mechanisms in which communities can become more empowered, building on their resilience to create and

shape safer stronger communities in which individuals and communities are better connected, inequalities are reduced, and everyone has the opportunity to thrive and prosper.



our strategic priorities

Priority 1: To effectively tackle antisocial behaviour

Evidence tells us:

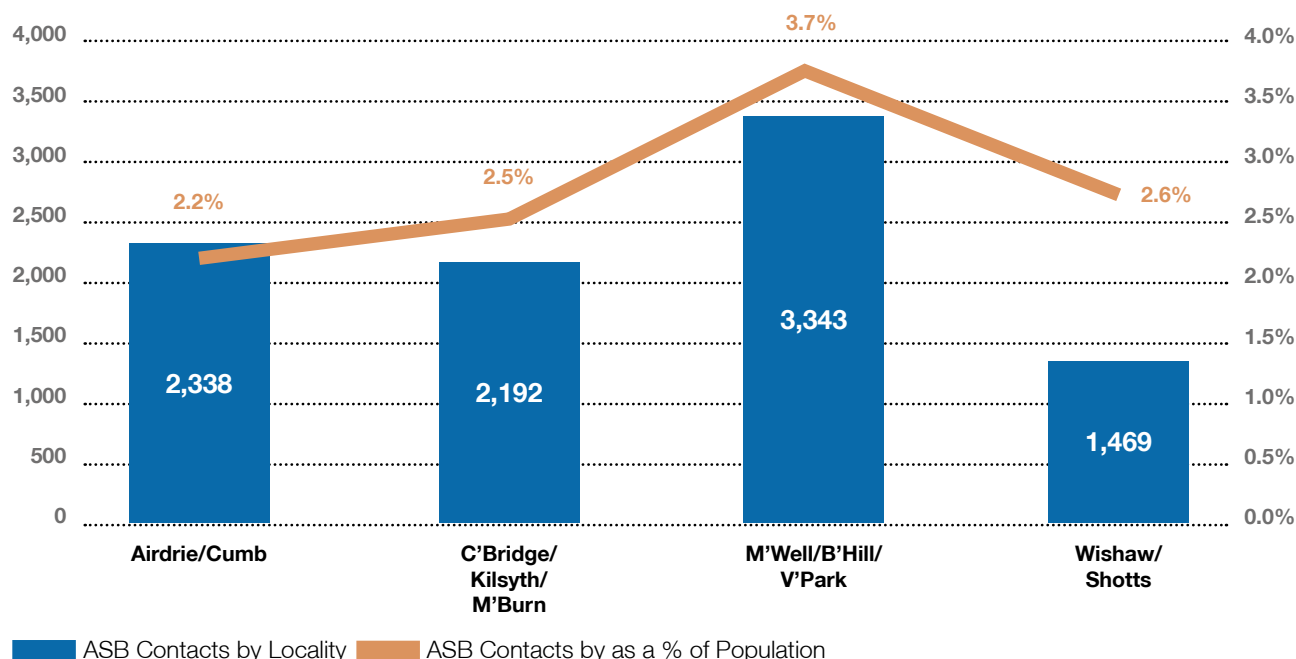
- A key action for antisocial behaviour (ASB) within the previous strategy was to complete a review of the service to ensure efficacy in meeting local needs. The delivery of the ASB service changed in 2020/21 as well as the reporting which included all complaints for all tenures and as a result the number of contacts made to the service increased by 54% in 2020/21 compared with the previous year. The number of contacts then fell by 2% over 2021-2023 but increased by 4% in 2023/24. Due to the significant change to the way ASB contacts are recorded, it is challenging to draw comparisons with data from the previous strategy.

- The number of ASB contacts resolved in 23/24 increased by 5% on the previous year.
- Two-thirds (68.1%) of ASB contacts relate to domestic noise accounting for most callouts, with 15.3% due to criminal activity and 11.9% due to harassment.
- The top three categories of domestic noise complaints have remained consistent since 2018/19 and were recorded in 2023/24 as: loud music (27.7%), banging (27.2%), and shouting and swearing (19.9%).
- The top three categories of criminal activity complaints have also remained consistent and were recorded as misuse of drugs (25.7%), violence (17.2%) and vandalism (16.6%). Misuse of drugs has fallen by 1.7% in the five years from 2018/19 to 2023/24. In addition, threats account for a further 13.4% of criminal activity complaints.
- 58.7% of ASB contacts are made from North Lanarkshire Council tenants with 10.6% of these in multi-storey towers, 14.8% are made from owner occupiers, 6.3% are from private sector tenants and 2.3% are by housing association tenants.
- The remaining 17.9% of ASB contacts comprise individuals who wished to remain anonymous and

individuals who have been referred to the service from other partner agencies.

- In 2023/24 most contacts received were in relation to a repeat subject, with 76% of contacts over the year relating to a subject who had been reported on at least one other occasion. This is an increase of 19% since 2018/19.
- 62.9% of contacts in 2023/24 were made out with normal office hours during the evenings, overnight and at weekends.
- The number of contacts has increased in most months of the year and decreased in April, July, and August of 2023/24. Monthly information is variable across previous years but has previously shown a rise in ASB in the summer months rather than across the year.
- The graph on page 18 illustrates the level of ASB contacts by each locality and the proportion of those contacts by the population of each area. This highlights that the Motherwell/Bellshill locality had the greatest level of ASB contacts in 2023/24 accounting for 35.8% and is proportionately 3.7% of the population. One-quarter (25%) were in Airdrie/Cumbernauld which is 2.2% of the area population and 23.5% were in Coatbridge/Kilsyth/

ASB Contacts by Locality & Population Percentage



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Moodiesburn which is 2.5% of the population.

The number of ASB contacts in Motherwell/Bellshill and Coatbridge/Kilsyth/Moodiesburn increased during 2023/24 compared to the previous year.

Please note that locality areas have changed since the previous strategy was written and it is therefore not possible to draw comparisons with earlier data.

- Although the Wishaw/Shotts locality has the lowest proportion of all ASB contacts at 15.7% in 2023/24, this equates to a greater proportion of the area population at 2.6%.

- The majority of ASB subjects (those who are the subject of the complaint) are tenants living in council housing and accounts for 66.2% and this figure has risen since 2018/19. Owner occupiers account for 9.6% of ASB, 5.3% are private sector tenants, 4.8% are people living in homeless temporary accommodation and 1.9% are housing association tenants. 12.2% of ASB subjects were area related and not tenure specific.

Our key actions:

- We will proactively adopt a preventative approach to address and prevent antisocial behaviour

through the roll out of our 'Break the Cycle' programme to sports and leisure facilities and wider community facilities.

- We will continue our programme to upgrade CCTV cameras and network to improve detection of ASB and target resources effectively
- We will invest in re-deployable CCTV camera trailers and target specific areas where ASB and criminality is identified as well as proactively target large public gatherings.
- The Community Partnership Team will continue to work closely with other partners to ensure Local Development Programme Funding is invested appropriately in local communities to address Community Safety issues
- We will evaluate the success of the Noise App pilot and consider the efficacy of implementation across North Lanarkshire with the aim of enabling local people to directly record and report incidents of excessive noise.
- We will review our Antisocial Behaviour Response Service Out of Hours provision to establish the viability and feasibility of extending the service beyond its current operating hours.
- We will collaborate across partners to develop and deliver awareness raising sessions to assist local communities in understanding what ASB is and how it can be tackled. This will include corporate communications and public relations activity.



Priority 2: To improve road safety

Evidence tells us:

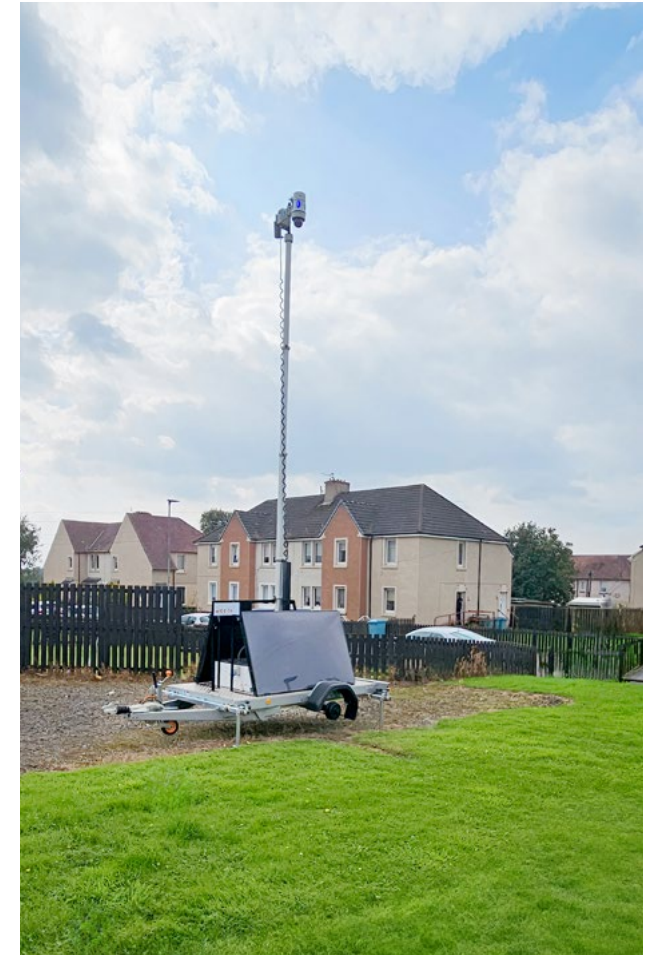
- We will review our categories for ASB and Criminality to ensure incidents of attempted suicide and serious mental health concerns are recorded and reported.
- We will work collaboratively to implement environmental changes to minimise antisocial behaviour in public spaces
- We will work in partnership to proactively address challenges around problematic areas for ASB.
- We will collaborate with partners to decrease the sale of alcohol to young people.
- We will ensure the effective use of existing legislation to tackle ASB e.g. CRASBO, Fixed Penalty Notices for Environmental Offences, Antisocial Behaviour Orders
- We will work closely with the NLADP to monitor drug and alcohol trend data to target appropriate interventions across the community and reduce harms whilst diverting people into the right supports.
- Up to 90% of all accidents and casualties in North Lanarkshire occur on 'through routes' and in town centres
- The number of children killed or seriously injured has reduced significantly in North Lanarkshire over the past decade
- Insurance, seat belt and driving licence offences have all reduced by 1.3%, 1.1%, and 6.4% respectively
- Driving using mobile phone offences has increased by 23.0%
- Speeding and dangerous driving offences have increased by 1.3%, and 0.7% respectively whilst disqualified driving reduced by 15.8% over the 5-year period
- Drink and Drug driving has increased by 22.6% however roadside drug tests have been introduced during this period and the rise can be attributed to the capacity and legislation changes to test for drugs at the roadside and to positive drugs testing. Lanarkshire Division has had one of the highest figures in Scotland due to the productivity and capability of the Road Policing officers based at Motherwell.
- Dangerous driving has increased by 0.7% whilst driving whilst disqualified has reduced by 15.8%



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Our key actions:

- We will implement 20mph zones in town centres and main shopping centres and continue to review and deliver 20mph zones on an annual basis
- We will continue to explore innovative methods to reduce speed within our communities and respond to complaints of speeding through education and engineering
- We will work collaboratively with partner organisations to address poor driver behaviour
- We will continue to provide a dedicated road safety engineering section to investigate accident trends and implement road safety engineering measures where appropriate
- We will continue to invest in the infrastructure of roads to improve cycling and walking safety and improve connectivity within North Lanarkshire
- We will encourage and actively promote the benefits of walking to school



Priority 3: To reduce serious violence and disorder

Evidence tells us⁷:

The following statistics compare the most recent completed year 2023-2024 against the 5-year mean. It should be noted that some increases in detection are due to proactive work carried out by Police Scotland.

- Overall, crime and offences across North Lanarkshire have decreased by 15%.
- However, whilst housebreaking has reduced by 15.3%, shoplifting has increased by 36.5%. Changes in reporting and categories may have influenced the house breaking figure.
- Sexual crime, rape/attempted rape and indecent/ Sexual assault reports have increased by 39.2%. This figure includes non-recent crimes and increased confidence in reporting historical crimes can have an impact. There is a continual increase in online sexual crimes due to increased dependence on the online world.
- Serious assaults have reduced by 16.1%
- There has been an increase of 4.2% in common assaults recorded
- Robbery attempts have increased by 44.6%.

- Hate crime has decreased by 19.7%. There is currently a pause on comparing hate crime due to new legislation and recording processes. On the 1st of April 2024 the new Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Act 2021 went live and will provide equal protections for all social groups.
- The number of complaints regarding disorder has reduced by 4.9%
- Drug possession and production has decreased by 25.0% and 50.7% respectively however drug supply has increased by 12.7%. Possession crimes may now be dealt with by Fixed Penalty Notices or recorded Police warnings.

Our keys actions:

- We will increase positive engagement with complainers of violence to maximise accurate reporting and investigating.
- We will reduce residential indoor violence by targeting repeat locations and offenders.
- We will reduce the number of people carrying weapons and serious violent crimes involving the use of weapons through a range of tactics including prevention, early intervention, education and enforcement.
- We will increase the disruption of persons involved in serious and organised crime.
- We will reduce hate crime through effective engagement, education and enforcement.

- We will ensure effective use of third-party reporting tools for hate crime.
- We will commit specialist officers to investigate patterns of housebreaking and target reoffenders.
- We will increase the use of mobile automatic number plate recognition to reduce road crime.
- We will encourage prevention activity through campaigns on a range of subjects including domestic abuse, cybercrime and road safety.
- We will collaboratively support education in relation to the risks of drug use, including multi-substance use and develop appropriate resources to support behaviour change/increased harm reduction measures.
- We will increase intelligence and detection in relation to the supply of all drugs.

- We will work collaboratively to reduce offending, diverting people from justice into appropriate treatment and care where substance use is a factor via arrest referral pathways.
- We will monitor drug trends via national and local intelligence to target interventions that will reduce harm and support people into the right supports in their community.



Priority 4: To reduce harm from problematic alcohol and drug use

Evidence tells us:

- North Lanarkshire has some of the highest levels of alcohol and drug related harms in Scotland.
- There were 2,812 drug related crimes in North Lanarkshire in 2019/20 latest figure available. This is a rate of 82.4% per 10,000 population share compared with 64.6% across Scotland.
- The age-standardised death rates for alcohol-specific deaths in the most deprived 20% of areas in Scotland has been consistently higher than the rest. Since 2001 the death rate in the most deprived areas has remained the highest of all five SIMD quintiles although the gap has narrowed slightly.
- What we see in North Lanarkshire is not unique and reflects a national picture where data trends are synonymous with the wider evidence base on substance-related harms
- In 2021, of those entering police custody in North Lanarkshire, and responding to vulnerability assessment survey, 42% reported having mental health issues, 16% dependent on drugs and 13% dependent on alcohol.
- There were 1,417 alcohol specific deaths in 2023, two thirds of which were male, and rates 4.5 times higher in deprived areas (National Records of Scotland, 2024b). North Lanarkshire had a higher rate of alcohol related death than the Scottish average.
- In the Scottish Crime and Justice Survey 2021, two-fifths of victims thought the person was under the influence of alcohol, and one in three violent crimes the person was felt to be under the influence of drugs
- Levels of support across communities were significantly below the level of prevalence, with just over 13% feeling their community was supportive of those living with drug or alcohol addiction, rising to 19% who felt their community was supportive of families affected. Both statements indicate very high levels of substance-related issues for communities (89%) and very low community support for people living with addiction (13%), or for their families (19%).
- The Scottish Families report 'Hidden in Plain Sight' commissioned by North Lanarkshire Alcohol and Drug Partnership NLADP in 2020, identified that majority of community survey respondents (9 in 10 people) felt their community had an issue with alcohol or drug use, with just 7% believing this not to be the case

Our keys actions:

A North Lanarkshire where individuals and families experience less harm from the effects of problematic alcohol and drug use. People are safer, healthier and treated with dignity to make informed choices around their own care and empowered to find their own type of recovery.

- North Lanarkshire Alcohol and Drugs Partnership (ADP) will offer a range of support services to help individuals experiencing harm from substances, their own use or someone else's, with provision in place across all localities.
- We will work with key agencies and communities to ensure people have early access to support for problem substance use. Early intervention strategies will be put in place to prevent problem use with support offered through a range of community-based responses.
- We will work with people who use substances to problematic levels to ensure they are supported to access treatment and support at the earliest opportunity and to find their own type of recovery.
- We will support outreach activities to ensure people are offered evidence, based harm reduction support. This will include the provision of harm reduction materials such as injecting equipment, Blood Borne Virus and wound care for those who need it to ensure safety to those individual and the wider community.
- We will work to ensure young people and families receive evidence based, effective education on substances, harm reduction measures and how to access help when problems develop. Through the provision of effective, evidence-based education both within and beyond school.
- We will support efforts to identify young people at risk of substance use disorder and conflict with the law and support contextual safeguarding efforts to ensure those at risk of exploitation are identified and supported at the earliest opportunity.
- We will take steps via the ADP to ensure workforce capability and confidence around substance use issues is increased through learning and workforce development. To strengthen the wider workforce knowledge, skills and confidence to respond to those needing support around substance use, their own or someone else's.
- We will take a whole systems approach to ensure there are effective pathways between justice and community services including arrest referral pathways, prison through-care and diversion opportunities. This will take account of housing, advocacy and connections to the community.
- We will offer support to ensure more families are involved in the care and treatment of their loved ones with access to support in their own right – even where their loved one is not engaged with treatment.
- We will support wider training, distribution and use of Naloxone to prevent drug deaths in NL working with NLADP and Health colleagues



Priority 5: To tackle Gender Based Violence and protect people at risk of harm

Evidence tells us:

- The number of domestic abuse incidents reported to Police Scotland has decreased over the past 3 years by -8.2%
- In 4 out of every 5 domestic abuse incidents that Police Scotland attend there is female victim and a male perpetrator
- Data for all forms of gender-based violence collected by Violence Against Women Strategic Group services which include NHS Lanarkshire, Gender Based Violence Services, Women's Aid, Aura, ASSIST, Social Work and Housing suggests a decrease of 13% over the last three years. However, during the COVID-19 pandemic we did see an increase to 5473 gender-based violence referrals in 2021 to 2022. For 2023 to 2024 this reduce to 4720 referrals.
- Generally, the data suggests that gender-based violence is a significant issue in North Lanarkshire but not any more so than in other areas of Scotland

Our keys actions:

- We will promote the use of the Disclosure Scheme for Domestic Abuse to prevent repeat patterns of abuse occurring. We will promote the use of Sexual Assault Response Coordination Service (SARCS).
- Justice Service will continue to use the Up2U programme with people who are involved in domestic abuse offending.
- We will increase awareness of domestic abuse and gender-based violence to discourage offending and increase reporting.
- We will champion awareness and effective application of the Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Act 2018.
- We will work to maintain Equally Safe at Work employer accreditation Bronze Award for NLC and explore progression to Silver Award.
- We will work with NLC Education to take forward violence against women prevention activities in Education establishments.
- We will Implement Safe and Together, a model of work with domestic abuse cases where there are children.
- We will continue to develop best practice in delivering MARAC, a domestic homicide prevention model in North Lanarkshire and prepare for the process being placed on a statutory footing.
- We will continue to implement North Lanarkshire Violence Against Women Strategy and Action Plan for North Lanarkshire.
- We will work with North Lanarkshire Adult and Child Protection Committees and Multi Agency Public Protection Arrangements (MAPPA) Strategic Oversight Group to continue to improve strategic linkages across the Public Protection agenda in North Lanarkshire.
- We will Increase support provision for families, including children and young people, impacted by alcohol and other drugs.



Priority 6: To reduce harm from unintentional injury and fire

Evidence tells us:

- There has been a slight increase in the number of accidental dwelling fires, up 5% over the past 3 years.
- 2,063 Home Fire Safety Visits have been carried out in 2023/24 in North Lanarkshire
- Most accidental dwelling fires occur in the Motherwell and Ravenscraig areas.
- In 2021 there were 92 casualties and 67 in 2023/24 which is a 31% decrease.
- Fire fatalities remain low, with 3 in 2023/24 which is an increase of 1 on the previous year.
- Most injuries from accidental dwelling fires are minor with most people receiving first aid on site. For those who do attend hospital, most of their injuries are considered 'slight'.
- The highest number of casualties are in the 30-39 years age group followed by 50-59 years age group.
- Cooking food remains the main cause of accidental dwelling fires in North Lanarkshire.
- In 2020/21 there were 1528 deliberate fires (primary and secondary) and 1451 in 2023/24, this is a 5% decrease.
- In 2020/21 there were 105 non-domestic property fires and 85 in 2023/24, this is a decrease of 21%.
- Smoking is the main cause of death from fire in the home across Scotland however, there are few fatalities in North Lanarkshire.
- Those who drink alcohol and smoke are more likely to lose their life in a fire.
- Those from the most deprived areas are much more likely compared to those from the least deprived areas to experience an unintentional injury.
- The rate of falls in those aged 65 and over is decreasing.
- Inactivity lasting more than two days could impact walking independently in older people. For people over 80, ten days in bed ages muscles by ten years. One week of bed rest results in a 10% loss of muscle mass.
- Deaths from poisoning has increased nationally, doubling since 2011, this is in line with the National Records of Scotland statistics showing recent increases in drug related deaths
- The number of emergency admissions in North Lanarkshire due to unintentional injury has increased over the past 3 years by 5.6%
- Falls account for the largest proportion of unintentional injury emergency hospital admissions in North Lanarkshire, accounting for 61.7% of all injuries.
- Unintentional injury emergency hospital admissions are most common in North Lanarkshire amongst the 75+ age group, which accounts for 44.2% of injuries.
- Deaths by unintentional injury in North Lanarkshire have increased by 9.6% over the past 3 years.
- Suicide rates in North Lanarkshire have increased in recent years and are above the national rate.
- Men are a high-risk group in respect of suicide. Research being undertaken by Glasgow University informs that, "In the UK, suicide is the leading cause of death for men under 50, and men aged 45 to 64 are the biggest age-specific suicide risk". In North Lanarkshire, numbers are around three times the female number. This is largely consistent across all 10-year age grouping.
- Most suicides in North Lanarkshire are out with deprived areas, which contrasts with the rest of Scotland.

Our keys actions:

- We will provide Home Fire Safety Visits to address the main causality factor of accidental dwelling fires and to reduce resulting casualties and fatalities
- We will tackle antisocial fire related behaviour through effective use of intelligence and working collaboratively across organisations and partners
- We will continue to deliver our Fire Reach Programme to support our personnel to engage effectively with young adolescents



- We will support the Fire Safety Support in Education programme through the specialised work of the Community Action Team
- We will continue to implement the range of fire stopping and active and passive fire safety measures in NLC multi-storey tower blocks
- We will increase the number and variety of emergencies attended by Scottish Fire and Rescue Service to support partner agencies in protecting the community
- We will work with housing organisations that provide specialist housing to improve fire safety for vulnerable groups using the new national fire safety guidance for specialist housing
- We will work with partner organisations to reduce the number of unwanted fire alarm signals
- We will implement a Falls Strategy to reduce the number of slips and trips in the home
- We will increase participation in physical activity opportunities recommended to improve bone health and strength, and raise awareness of active health opportunities such as 'Get Walking' North Lanarkshire to improve health and reduce risk of falls

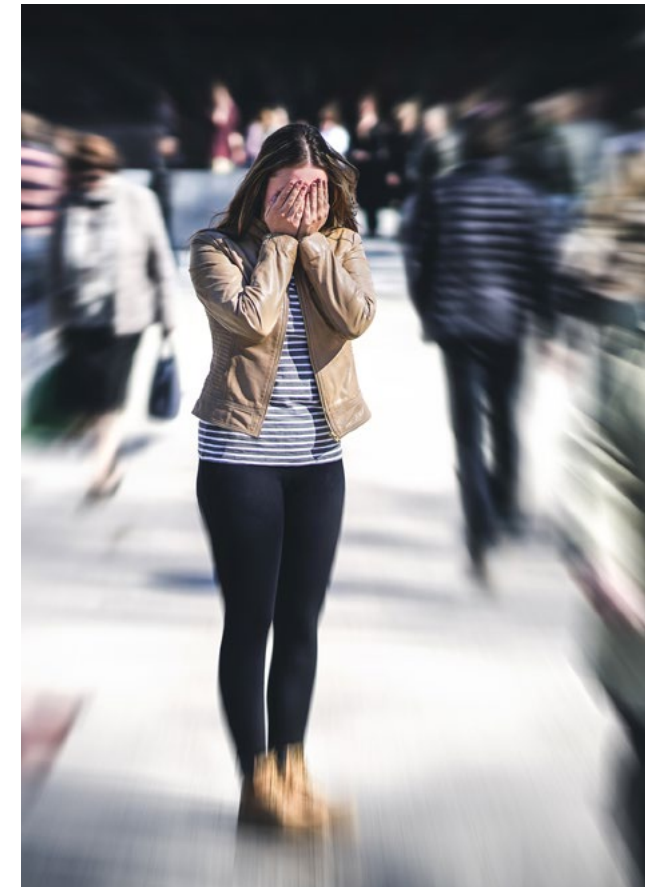


- We will continue to improve home safety for young children through working with our early year providers to raise awareness of home safety with parents
- We will work with the Alcohol and Drug Partnership to promote harm reduction and reduce substance related deaths and harm in our communities
- We will support efforts to reduce harm from drugs overdose via effective non-fatal overdose response supports across NL communities working closely with SAS/Harm reduction and community sector
- We will continue to undertake several initiatives and tests of change, that have an impact on Falls.
- We will continue Active Wards approach offering patients support and education during hospital stay to promote mental and physical activity

throughout hospitalisation and encouraging patients to continue activities following discharge to assist fall prevention, deconditioning, loss of confidence and independence.

- We will proactively target groups at most risk of suicide through effective social media campaigning.
- We will implement the actions contained in Lanarkshire's Tobacco and Vaping Programme plan to reduce the prevalence of smoking in North Lanarkshire (17.6%, Scottish Surveys Core Questions 2022) and in doing so reduce the risk of unintentional fire and injury

- We will improve awareness of suicide amongst our education establishments and consider further how to sensitively increase awareness amongst primary education settings
- We will continue to carry out a range of tailored training on suicide prevention including Suicide Talk, Safe Talk, ASIST and Storm Training.



consultation and involvement - what you told us

This strategy has been co-produced with our communities and all our community safety partners and includes:

- Tenants and Residents Federation of North Lanarkshire
- Tenants and Residents Associations
- Community Councils
- North Lanarkshire Youth Council/youth fora
- Police Scotland
- Scottish Fire and Rescue Service
- NHS Lanarkshire
- Health and Social Care North Lanarkshire
- Voluntary Action North Lanarkshire
- Elected Members
- Community Boards

Engagement in relation to the strategy has taken place with a broader range of stakeholders and has included:

- North Lanarkshire Adult and Child Protection Committees (Draft strategy circulated requesting feedback)
- The Children's Reporter (Draft strategy circulated requesting feedback)

- The Procurator Fiscal (Draft strategy circulated requesting feedback)

Engagement opportunities that have informed the development of this strategy have included:

- Community Safety Strategy Steering Group Meetings (SFRS, Police Scotland, NHSL, VANL and Council Services)
- An initial online public survey. (Aug/Sept 2024)
- Face-to-face and online discussions with key priority groups/seldom heard voices (Nov/Dec 2024).
- Surveys circulated to Community Councils, Tenants and Resident's Associations, English as a Second or Other Language (ESOL) Groups and Refugees, MSYPs and NLYC.
- Community Board updates provided (Nov/Dec 2024).
- Community Safety Draft Strategy Consultation (Dec 2024/Jan 2025)
- Community Matters and Local Partnership Team engagement

An Initial Community Strategy consultation was discussed and agreed with the Community Safety Strategy Planning Group on 14th August 2024 with

the consultation going live on North Lanarkshire Council Website between 16th August 2024 and 2nd September 2024. 397 responses were received from across all 9 Community Board areas in North Lanarkshire.

The community safety issues that were identified as being of the highest priority by the people of North Lanarkshire through all Community Safety Strategy consultations, focus groups and discussions were as follows:

- Tackling Antisocial Behaviour
- Improving Road Safety
- Reducing serious Violence and Disorder
- Tackling harm from problematic alcohol and drug use
- Tackling Gender based violence
- Reducing harm from unintentional injury and fire

In addition to the community safety priorities identified above, there were several challenges identified in relation to creating safer communities in North Lanarkshire. These included:

Poverty and cost-of-living impact on Community safety were recurring themes identified across most Community Board areas with poverty being identified by local people as a contributory factor in anti-social behaviour, crime and community safety issues.

Crime and Anti-social behaviour were also recurring themes identified across all Community Board areas. Local people reported feeling that rundown areas contributed to an increase in antisocial behaviour, vandalism, thefts and assaults. A rise in anti-social behaviour amongst young people, vandalism/graffiti both racist and sectarian were also identified.

Alcohol and substance misuse was a recurring theme across most Board areas. Young people reported feeling unsafe going out at night or going to shops on their own due to having to pass people with drug/alcohol dependency who congregate nearby. Alcohol marketing around schools and places young people attend and alcohol and drug consumption in housing closes were identified as issues. Local people identified links in relation to problematic tenancies and alcohol and substance misuse.

Road safety issues was a recurring theme across all consultation. Older people and hearing-impaired people identified dangers on roads in relation to electric cars which they are less able to hear. Older people also reported taking unsafe routes across roads to avoid using dark overgrown underpasses which they reported felt intimidating and where they felt unsafe.

Poor driver behaviour and driving standards were reported as well as speeding and unsafe parking at and near schools. Further dangers were identified by those with mobility challenges and vision impairments who reported having to navigate onto roads to avoid street furniture and cars parked on pavements. Low level street lighting was also identified as being challenging for the deaf community as this contributes to feelings of vulnerability and lack of safety.

There were also a range of responses received in relation to road safety following the decision taken by NLC in relation to school transport provision which came into effect in August 2024 coinciding with the Community Safety online consultation.

Mental Health and its impact on community safety was identified as a recurring theme across all Community Board areas. Issues identified included mental health issues caused by poverty, delays in accessing Mental Health supports and the impact on Police in dealing with Mental health issues. There were also linkages made between Mental health and antisocial behaviour and crime.

Exploitation of young people in North Lanarkshire was also identified through consultation including financial, sexual and criminal exploitation.

Environmental Issues were identified by older people who reported feeling unsafe when they were unable to see due to overgrown bushes/vegetation and overhanging trees. Racist and sectarian graffiti was also identified as adding to people feeling unsafe within their community.



Community Safety Survey and Consultation		
Dates	Consultation Format	Target Group
16th Aug 2024 to 2nd Sept 2024	Online survey	All people who live, learn, work and visit North Lanarkshire
13th Nov 2024	Focus group	Young people/MSYP
20th Nov 2024	Focus Groups (x3)	Young people S1-S6
19th Nov 2024	Focus group	Older People and people with long term disabilities
Nov 2024	Circulation of CS survey	Community Councils, Tenants Participation Team
Nov 2024	Circulation of CS Survey/QR code	CLD, ESOL groups and groups that support Refugees
Dec 2024 to Jan 2025	Online draft strategy consultation	All people who live, learn, work and visit North Lanarkshire, key stakeholders



Measuring and Reporting Progress



Monitoring and Evaluation

Robust effective monitoring and evaluation systems are required to measure progress as a partnership towards achieving our key strategic outcomes. To help measure progress achieved, a range of key indicators have been identified. These outcome measures will be monitored on an ongoing basis through the Community Safety Partnership and existing community planning structures.

An annual review of the strategy will be carried out by the Partnership enabling the opportunity for consideration of trends in data, progress, and emerging issues to be reflected in the strategy review.

More detailed area specific performance measures are monitored through service and organisation specific performance monitoring frameworks.

Reporting

Progress will be reported formally on an annual basis by the Community Safety Partnership to the Communities Committee and the Community Safety Partnership Forum, the North Lanarkshire Partnership Strategic Leadership Board and nine Community Boards.

Progress will also be reported to a wider range of stakeholders including tenants, residents, individuals, and communities through the publication of the review on the Council's website and through the community engagement structures.

The first review of the new strategy will take place in March 2026. Legislative Monitoring and Reporting Requirements Legislative statutory monitoring and reporting requirements as set out in the Antisocial Behaviour etc. (Scotland) Act 2004 are overseen by the Housing Community Safety Team and include a comprehensive range of mechanisms which include an annual Scottish Housing Regulator Charter Return, Customer Satisfaction Surveys and internal performance monitoring of key indicators to inform progress and formal reporting.

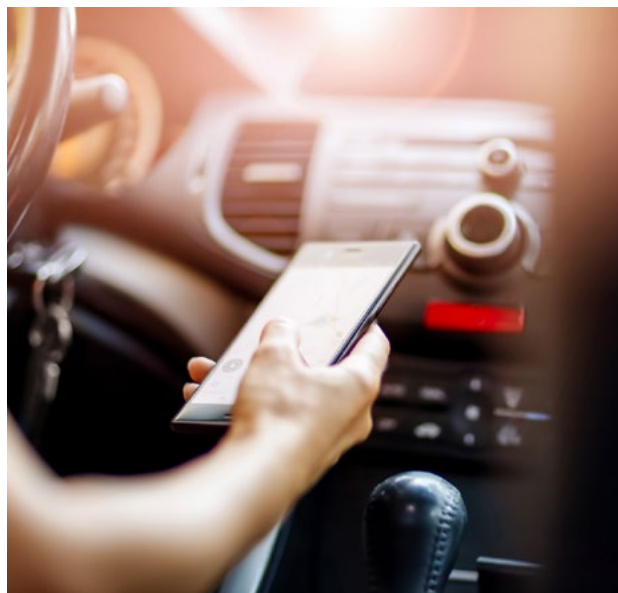
annex - summary of community safety strategy indicators and actions

PRIORITY 1: TO EFFECTIVELY TACKLE ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR		
Indicators	Frequency	Lead Source
Number of antisocial contacts	Annual	North Lanarkshire Council
Number of antisocial contacts resolved	Annual	North Lanarkshire Council
Number of antisocial contacts by locality	Annual	North Lanarkshire Council
Number of antisocial contacts by month	Annual	North Lanarkshire Council
Number of antisocial contacts due to domestic noise	Annual	North Lanarkshire Council
Number of antisocial contacts due to criminal activity	Annual	North Lanarkshire Council
Number of antisocial contacts due estate issues	Annual	North Lanarkshire Council
Number of antisocial contacts due to harassment	Annual	North Lanarkshire Council
Number of antisocial contacts due to non-domestic noise	Annual	North Lanarkshire Council
Number of antisocial contacts	Annual	North Lanarkshire Council



PRIORITY 2: TO IMPROVE ROAD SAFETY

Indicators	Frequency	Lead Source
Number of people seriously injured	Annual	Scottish Government, Transportation
Number of people slightly injured	Annual	Scottish Government, Transportation
Number of children killed	Annual	Scottish Government, Transportation
Number of children seriously injured	Annual	Scottish Government, Transportation
Number of people convicted of dangerous driving	Annual	Police Scotland
Number of people charged for disqualified driving	Annual	Police Scotland
Number of people charged of driving license offences	Annual	Police Scotland
Number of people charged of driving without insurance	Annual	Police Scotland
Number of people charged of driving without a seat belt	Annual	Police Scotland
Number of people charged of driving whilst using a mobile phone	Annual	Police Scotland



STRATEGIC PRIORITY 3: TO REDUCE SERIOUS VIOLENCE AND DISORDER	
We will increase positive engagement with complainers of violence to maximise accurate reporting and investigating.	Police Scotland
We will reduce residential indoor violence by targeting repeat locations and offenders.	Police Scotland
We will reduce the number of people carrying weapons and serious violent crimes involving the use of weapons through a range of tactics including prevention, early intervention, education and enforcement.	Police Scotland
We will increase the disruption of persons involved in serious and organised crime.	Police Scotland
We will reduce hate crime through effective engagement, education and enforcement.	Police Scotland
We will ensure effective use of third-party reporting tools for hate crime.	Police Scotland
We will commit specialist officers to investigate patterns of housebreaking and target reoffenders.	Police Scotland
We will increase the use of mobile automatic number plate recognition to reduce road crime.	Police Scotland
We will encourage prevention activity through campaigns on a range of subjects including domestic abuse, cybercrime and road safety.	Police Scotland
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We will monitor drug trends via national and local intelligence to target interventions that will reduce harm and support people into the right supports in their community.	Police Scotland



STRATEGIC PRIORITY 4: TO REDUCE HARM FROM PROBLEMATIC ALCOHOL AND DRUG USE	Lead Partner
We will offer a range of support services to help individuals experiencing harm from substances, their own use or someone else's, with provision in place across all localities.	NL Alcohol and Drug Partnership
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STRATEGIC PRIORITY 5: TO TACKLE GENDER BASED VIOLENCE AND PROTECT PEOPLE AT RISK OF HARM	Lead Partner
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