

Community Safety

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Hart District Council



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This Newsletter aims to provide information around safeguarding and Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB), raise awareness of current issues across the district and promote the good work of our partner agencies and celebrate the successes we have had.

We can be contacted online: [Report antisocial behaviour | Hart District Council](#)
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Partnership Priority Plan Update

Every year the Safer North Hampshire Community Safety Partnership - which includes statutory representation from Police, Health, Fire, Probation and Local Authorities across the Basingstoke & Deane Borough, Hart District and Rushmoor Borough areas - completes a Strategic Assessment based upon data and input from all partners to create a Partnership Plan and identify priorities for the coming year.

Here is the latest Partnership Priority Plan infographic to capture where focus across our area is:



For any related questions or for more information, contact Community Safety as detailed above.

Hampshire Police Victim Portal

As part of the wider efforts of the Police & Crime Commissioner regarding the Victim's Code which came into force back in April 2021, Hampshire Police provide the following through their [website](#) to anyone who has been a victim of crime or someone who has witnessed a crime to make clear what can be expected from the police and criminal justice system:

- What happens after you report a crime?
- Victims' Right to Review scheme
- Giving a witness or victim statement
- Going to court
- What happens after the trial?
- Victim and witness support organisations

Crucially, two of the options available to victims and witnesses is the ability to [update an existing case or report online](#) and to [request an update on a crime report online](#) which in the past has formed a significant percentage of calls in to the 101 line. It is hoped by providing this alternative avenue that the 101 service will have some capacity released to be taking other non-urgent reports with reduced waiting times.

For all other information and access to online reporting, see: hampshire.police.uk

Safeguarding in Action

Issue

Contact into a council service from an elderly resident for whom concerns develop through conversations of possible financial exploitation from a neighbour under the guise of providing support.

Response

Council staff member with the concerns followed Safeguarding Procedure and expressed concern of possible exploitation with the resident directly and sought consent to share on those concerns.

The council staff member then spoke to one of the Safeguarding Champions (a volunteer role within the council held by staff members with a passion for safeguarding) to gauge whether the concerns should be shared on as a referral. Advice was given to call the Adults Health & Social Care (AHSC) Safeguarding Advice Line for professionals rather than submitting a referral immediately as there was no evidence of exploitation available to the council staff member.

Action

Council staff member contacted the AHSC Safeguarding Advice Line for professionals and shared concerns along with all details available.

Outcomes

AHSC pledged to contact the resident to offer both advice and support and to conduct a Care Needs Assessment to ensure that any further opportunities for further exploitation would be removed.

Knife Crime Awareness with Yateley Explorer Scouts

Last Monday, Hart Community Safety delivered an education piece to the Yateley Explorer Scouts which looked at some of the myths around knife carrying.

- **'carrying a knife means that you are safer'** – carrying a knife makes someone statistically three times more likely to result in injury or hospitalisation
- **'being found in possession of knife will only result in a caution'** – possession of a knife could result in a prison sentence of up to 4 years

...and carried out an exercise to illustrate that it is almost impossible to attempt to use a knife on another person without also sustaining an injury. We looked at some of the life changing impacts of knife crime and discussed the importance of reporting any information about someone carrying a knife to [Police](#) or anonymously to [Fearless](#). A really great group of young people and some brilliant responses and questions!

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