



Parish Clerks Forum

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Community Safety Partnership

Priorities 2020/2021

Maldon District Community Safety Partnership organise a wide range of activities and initiatives to reduce crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour.

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Priority 1
 - **Tackling Crime & Reducing Reoffending**, with an emphasis on violent crime, gangs, and drug trafficking.
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Priority 2
 - **Driving Down ASB in Public Places**, with an emphasis on youth nuisance and improving partnership visibility.
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Priority 3
 - **Identifying & Supporting Vulnerable People**, with an emphasis on Domestic Abuse, Social Isolation, Suicide and Mental health.
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Priority 4
 - **Increase Confidence in Identifying & Reducing Rural Crime.**
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Priority 5
 - **Promoting Road Safety & Challenging Irresponsible Driving**, with an emphasis on speeding and street racing



Covid -19 Impact on Community Safety Projects

During the pandemic the CSP, where possible has evolved some projects and events onto an online platform.

Online

- ▶ **National, County wide and local campaigns** - Communicate via MDC social media platforms campaigns, e.g. Domestic Abuse and Hate Crime.
- ▶ **Neighbourhood Watch and Independent Advisory Group** - Successfully migrated both onto virtual platforms.
- ▶ **Safeguarding Training** - Virtual sessions delivered to MDC staff.
- ▶ **Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking** - Theatre group delivered online performance to professionals followed by a live and interactive workshop.
- ▶ **Virtual Crucial Crew** - Pre-recorded theatrical performance followed by a live streamed workshop to all year 6 pupils planned for 2021.

Face to Face delivery

- ▶ **Day of Action** - CSP, Essex Police, HMRC, MDC teams in recognition of Metal Theft Awareness Week.
- ▶ **Safe, Well, Secure Community engagement** - CSP, Essex Police, County Fire and Rescue event to raise public awareness of fire safety, install smoke detectors.
- ▶ **Tru Cam enforcement** - MDC CP officers continues to provide speeding enforcement.



Covid -19 Impact on Essex Police

Covid-19 has seen a significant impact on the demands on policing and how they operate. Restrictions impact on crime committed and reported.

Domestic Abuse - In Maldon there were 1084 DA Investigations in year ending Sept 2020 compared to 1023 in the previous period, increase of 5.96%.

During first lockdown, noticeable decrease in police reporting, whilst likely abuse occurred, limited opportunities for victims to report away from perpetrator.

Antisocial Behaviour - 28% increase in ASB complaints to Essex Police, majority expected to be due to Covid-19 and therefore grouped into four categories.

1. **Social distancing** - Dwelling, business and public spaces where Social Distance guidelines are not met
2. **Covid breach** - Includes premises open when prohibited, failure to wear masks etc
3. **Covid Quarantine** - Persons not quarantining on return from listed countries
4. **Rule of Six** - Groups/gatherings in excess of 6 permitted persons

Everyday Chelmsford & Maldon PT attend multiple residential and commercial premises breaches, e.g neighbour reports, licensed premise, unlicensed music events.

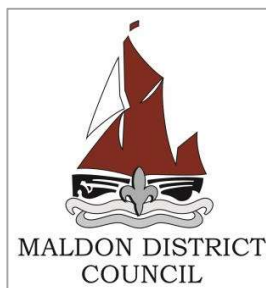
In Maldon ASB incidents increased by 45.8%, however actually only 371 cases due to low district crime rates. In comparison Chelmsford's increase was 22%, 918 cases.

MDC documented an increase in ASB/neighbour nuisance reports, they expect due to home working and decreased tolerance levels.

Domestic Abuse Local Support

Compass is the Domestic Abuse Helpline to access Community Based Services and Specialist Accommodation in Essex and is funded by ECC and PFCC.

Maldon District Council has a statutory duty to provide housing assistance to those who are facing a housing problem due to Domestic Abuse and a duty to provide accommodation for someone who is fleeing Domestic Abuse and has priority need, this is often through refuge.



A partnership of domestic abuse services providing a response in Essex

Essex Domestic Abuse Helpline:

0330 333 7 444

Helpline available from 8 am to 8 pm weekdays and 8 am to 1 pm weekends.
Messages will be responded to within 24hrs.
You can refer here:

or

General enquiries: enquiries@essexcompass.org.uk



Domestic Abuse - Local Support

Next Chapter are responsible for provision of Community Based Services in North and Mid Essex and have two refuge sites in Colchester.

Majority of referrals are from Police, or via triage service Compass. During pandemic outreach support is provided via telephone only. Between January – December 2020 Next Chapter experienced a 57% increase in domestic Abuse referrals in the Maldon district.

Service Overview

- ▶ 12-unit refuge for women and children and 9-unit specialist recovery for high-risk domestic abuse victims with an active addiction.
- ▶ Outreach service - IDVA Team / high risk victims, DAP Team / medium and standard risk
- ▶ Group support sessions, include Healthy Relationships and The Freedom Programme.
- ▶ Children and Young Persons outreach service to support Young People aged 14 -19 .
- ▶ Onward referrals for example to Counselling services.



Domestic Abuse - Local Support

Operation Encompass

Aims is to alert school safeguarding leads when a child has involved in, or witnessed a domestic abuse incident.

Current Picture

- ▶ UK Police forces raise 5441 Op Encompass referrals to schools between January - June 2020
- ▶ After successful pilot in Thurrock and Southend, Essex Police to launch to remainder of Essex in early 2021

Referral Process

- ▶ Police attend DA incident
- ▶ School age child (4-16) present, or ordinarily residents at address or with involved party Essex Police will send secure email to School prior to next school day.
- ▶ School to ensure appropriate care and welfare in place whilst child is at school. If required school can access additional support through Early Help process