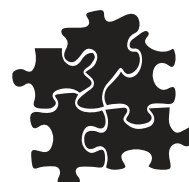


Community Safety Strategy

for Moray 2022-2026



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What is Community Safety?

Community Safety has been defined by the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (COSLA) and the Scottish Community Safety Network as:

“Protecting people’s rights to live in confidence and without fear for their or other people’s safety, ensuring that people are safe from crime, disorder, danger and free from injury and harm; and communities are socially cohesive and tolerant; are resilient; and have strong networks that support individuals to take responsibility for their wellbeing.”

This definition reflects the broad range of issues which have a bearing on Community Safety and highlights the need for Community Safety Partners to consider the full spectrum of behaviours that can cause communities to feel unsafe.

Community Safety in Moray

Moray’s Community Safety Partnership brings together a variety of statutory organisations including Moray Council, Police Scotland, Scottish Fire and Rescue Services and NHS Grampian. Through a well-established Information Sharing Protocol and coordination process, the Partnership work collectively to address those issues relating to Community Safety with the aim of improving the wellbeing of communities across Moray.

This Community Safety Strategy for Moray sets out the priorities and outcomes for the period 2022 to 2026 and provides a framework for the Partnership to deliver sustainable improvements. It also meets the statutory obligation to produce an Antisocial Behaviour Strategy, as set out by the Antisocial Behaviour etc (Scotland) Act 2004 that defines Antisocial Behaviour as:

“Acting in a manner that causes or is likely to cause alarm or distress...or pursuing a course of conduct that causes or is likely to cause alarm or distress to at least one person not of the same household as the perpetrator.”

Context for Our Strategy

Recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic is expected to be a significant focus of national and local policy over the life of this strategy. Local economic recovery planning is already well underway while addressing the wider social and health impacts of the pandemic is expected to be a key feature of local policy development in the coming period.

National Context

The Community Safety Strategy for Moray reflects national policy and aims to deliver on a number of priority areas including:

Promoting Positive Outcomes; the Scottish Government and COSLA's framework for preventing antisocial behaviour through a focus on early intervention, integration of public services, engaging with local communities and improving performance.

Building Safer Communities; a collaborative programme which seeks to help national and local partners and communities work together to make Scotland safer and stronger. A key aim is to reduce the number of victims of crime and of unintentional harm.

The National Performance Framework; eleven national outcomes that aim to create a more successful Scotland, give opportunities to all, increase wellbeing, create sustainable and inclusive growth, reduce inequalities and give equal importance to economic, environmental and social progress. Community Safety and Antisocial Behaviour are of relevance across all of these aims but in particular to "We live in communities that are inclusive, empowered, resilient and safe".

Justice Provision and Priorities; to achieve a just, safe and resilient Scotland, with a particular focus on prevention and early intervention and improving wellbeing and life chances. Priorities also include interventions that are proportionate, fair and effectively delivered through person centred, modern public services.

The Scottish Community Safety Network (SCSN); who work closely with the Scottish Government, COSLA, and other partners to develop and promote Community Safety practice.

Local Context

The Local Outcomes Improvement Plan v7 (LOIP), sets out the Community Planning Partnership's vision for Moray to "Raise Aspirations through Expanded Choices, Improved Livelihoods and Wellbeing" with four priority areas to guide the Partnership's work;

- Developing a diverse, inclusive and sustainable economy;
- Building a better future for our children and young people in Moray;
- Empowering and connecting communities;
- Improving well-being of our population.

The Community Safety Partnership, through its existing information sharing protocol and coordination processes, is ideally suited to contribute to the LOIP. These priorities have a direct relationship with the work of the Moray Community Safety Partnership and inform our strategic direction.

Governance and Reporting

The overall aim of the Community Safety Partnership is to produce a forum where members involved, meet to exchange information and discuss matters relating to ongoing community safety activities.

The Community Safety Strategy group will meet quarterly to review progress against the priorities and make any necessary adjustments.

The Community Safety Co-ordinating group meets weekly to ensure co-ordination and delivery of the identified outcomes.



Our Strategic Priorities

The Community Safety Partnership has identified two main priority areas that will be the focus of Community Safety work in Moray for the period 2022-2026:

- Reducing Harms in our Community
- Safeguarding our Community

Achieving these priorities will ensure people in Moray are both safe from crime and disorder and free from injury and harm. Due to the changing nature of communities, these priorities will be kept under review with the Community Safety Partnership responding to any new or emerging issues as required. Progress against the agreed priorities will be reviewed and reported annually to the Housing and Community Safety Committee.



Reducing Harms in our Community

Why is this a Priority?

Over the past five years, incidents of violent assaults have fallen in Moray. At the same time, reports of Domestic Abuse have increased, particularly during the Covid-19 pandemic. The involvement of alcohol or drugs in both violent assaults and Domestic Abuse also continues to be an issue. Antisocial Behaviour has generally been in decline since 2016/17 however again there are exceptions. Fly Tipping increased substantially during the pandemic while Noise continues to account for a significant proportion of complaints made to both Police and the Community Safety Team.

Unintentional Harm is defined as 'Predictable and Preventable Unintentional Physical or Psychological Harm.' Fires in the home are a major cause of unintentional harm. Between 2016/17 and 2020/21, there has been no real change in the number of accidental dwelling fires although the involvement of alcohol has increased.

Road Safety continues to be a key area for concern for communities across Moray. Work in this area is led by Road Safety North East Scotland with a plan specific to Moray currently being refreshed. Any issues identified by the Community Safety Partnership will be passed to the regional group.

What are our Outcomes?

To ensure more people feel safe both at home and in the community, the Community Safety Partnership will work together to:

- Reduce incidents of Violence and Domestic Abuse
- Reduce Antisocial Behaviour in the community
- Reduce risks for unintentional harm

What will we do to achieve this?

- Support community policing initiatives by working together to maximise the impact of proactive work.
- Support local initiatives that provide reassurance to communities
- Work as a partnership to target resources and activities aimed at reducing Antisocial Behaviour
- Bring a renewed focus on tackling substance misuse related Violence and Antisocial Behaviour
- Work with Moray Alcohol and Drug Partnership and the Violence against Woman and Girls Partnership to contribute to reducing harm

How will we measure progress?

Reducing Harms in our Community

Measures	Source
Reduce incidents of Violence	Police Scotland
Reduce incidents of Domestic Abuse	Police Scotland
Reduce the involvement of substance misuse in incidents of Violence and Domestic Abuse	Police Scotland
Increase those referred to substance misuse support services	Moray Alcohol and Drugs Partnership
Reduce rates of Neighbour Disputes and Noise Complaints	Police Scotland/ Community Safety Team
Reduce Open/Public Space Antisocial Behaviour complaints	Police Scotland/ Community Safety Team
Reduce Environmental Antisocial Behaviour complaints (Litter/Fly Tipping/ Dog Fouling/Graffiti)	Community Safety Team/ Environmental Health
% of people who state they feel safe in their community and home	Scottish Household Survey
Perceptions and experience of neighbourhood problems	Scottish Household Survey

Measures	Source
% of people saying a problem is very/fairly common in their neighbourhood	Scottish Household Survey
Reduce number of accidental dwelling fires and % involving substance misuse.	Scottish Fire and Rescue Service
Reduce number of secondary fires in the community	Scottish Fire and Rescue Service
Number of Outdoor/Water Safety incidents	Scottish Fire and Rescue Service/ Water Safety Group
Rates of Domestic Abuse where children are present	Police Scotland/ Violence against Women and Girls
Rates of Violence and Antisocial Behaviour in licensed premises	Police Scotland



Safeguarding our Community

Why is this a Priority?

In 2019/20, 2,726 fatalities in Scotland were due to an unintentional injury - 47% of these were due to injuries occurring in the home. Available local data shows a rise in emergency admissions of over 65s in recent years (+21% between 2019 and 2021) driven by a significant increase in injuries due to falls. This increase may be linked to the pandemic with more people spending longer periods at home however Moray has an ageing population making home safety a key issue for the Community Safety Partnership.

People spend more of their time online and share personal information through transactions and social networking. It is an integral part of modern life for most people but the potential for exploitation of children, young people and adults, mainly by adults, is well understood. The Community Safety Partnership has a role in publishing information and developing public awareness products which can increase understanding of the risks and help people protect themselves.

There is a widespread and deep rooted stigma around mental illness and suicide. This often creates barriers in accessing support and can create a reluctance to seek help. The Community Safety Partnership has an important role in combating discrimination of mental health and promoting social inclusion. This involves recognising mental illness at an early stage and enabling individuals to access support at the right time. The Partnership can also help deliver the Scottish Government's National Mental Health Strategy 2017-2027, by encouraging the need to talk and work together to transform society's response and attitudes towards suicide.

What are our Outcomes?

To reduce vulnerability and ensure our communities are resilient, the Community Safety Partnership will work together to:

- Reduce the risk of online scams, frauds and exploitation
- Reduce the risk of injuries occurring within the home
- Contribute to work that will improve mental health and wellbeing and reduce the risk of suicide

What will we do to achieve this?

- We will prepare our people and our response ensuring all partners know what online harms are.
- We will ensure victims of cybercrime are identified and supported and vulnerable groups are protected from cyber related crimes and associated offences.
- We will continue to work together to deliver interventions to improve home safety.
- We will improve pathways to mental health support via the partnership.

How will we measure progress?

Safeguarding our Community

Measures	Source
Reduce the number of recorded online scams/ frauds/exploitation crimes/complaints	Police Scotland/Trading Standards
Increase the number of online/digital safety initiatives/presentations	Police Scotland/Trading Standards
Confidence in pursuing activities when using the internet (digital safety)	Scottish Household Survey
Increase the number of Home Fire Safety Visits	Scottish Fire and Rescue Service
Rates of unintentional harm injuries (occurring in the home) resulting in Emergency Hospital Admission	Public Health Scotland
Completed and attempted suicides per month	Police Scotland
Number of Mental Health concern calls to Police	Police Scotland
Referrals to support services by Community Safety Partnership	Police/Trading Standards/Community Safety/Environmental Health



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