

Cambridge Community Safety Partnership

- 01 July 2025
- 10:00-12:35
- Hybrid at Parkside Place Community Fire Station, Cambridge CB1 1JF

Minutes

Board

Scott Fretwell (Chair)	Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service
Agata Ciesielska	Probation Service – Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Probation Delivery Unit (PDU)
Rebecca Cooke	Integrated Care Board (ICB) - Safeguarding People for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough
Mark Freeman	Cambridge Council For Voluntary Service (CCVS)
Chief Inspector Mike Jackman	Cambridgeshire Constabulary
Keryn Jalli	Cambridge City Council (Communities)
Scott Liddle	Cambridgeshire County Council
Councillor Mike Todd-Jones	Cambridge City Council (Cabinet Member for Safety, Wellbeing and Tackling Homelessness)

Members

Hannah Hancock	Cambridge Business Against Crime (CAMBAC)
Nick Morris	Anglia Ruskin University
Michelle Reynolds	University of Cambridge
Louise Walker (Minutes)	Cambridge City Council (Communities)
Michael Yates	Cambridgeshire County Council (Policy and Insight Team)

Guests

Hannah Archdeacon	Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service
Annabelle Goodenough	Crimestoppers Trust
Cherryl Henry-Leach	Domestic Abuse Related Death Review (DARDR) Independent Chair
Sergeant Alice Jeffery	Cambridgeshire Constabulary
Shona McKenzie	Office of Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC)
Rachel Speechley	Cambridgeshire County Council Missing and Exploitation Team
Anne Wolf	Department of Work and Pensions (DWP)

1. Welcome, housekeeping, introductions, and apologies

- 1.1 Scott Fretwell, Cambridge Community Safety Partnership (CCSP) Vice Chair, chaired the meeting on behalf of Samantha Shimmon, and welcomed everyone to the meeting hosted at the Fire Station. There were two members of the public who attended after the closed session.

- 1.2 Apologies were received from Board members: Samantha Shimmon, (Cambridge City Council / CCSP Chair) represented by Keryn Jalli, Diane Lane (Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Integrated Care System (ICS)), Inspector Shawn Emms represented by Sergeant Alice Jeffery (Cambridgeshire Constabulary), Cambridgeshire County Councillor David Levien replacing Philippa Slatter, and Jenny Thompson (Designated Nurse Safeguarding Nurse for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough (Integrated Care Board (ICB)) represented by Rebecca Cooke (Deputy Designated Safeguarding people for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough ICB). There were apologies from members: Richard Humphries (British Transport Police), and Susie Talbot (Cambridgeshire County Council Public Health Team Commissioning (Drugs and Alcohol)) as well as Mark Kirby (Olive Academies). It was noted that new Board representatives for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough NHS Foundation Trust and a new member representative for Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust are awaited.
- 1.3 The Chair welcomed Councillor Mike Todd-Jones, who was replacing Cameron Holloway - now Leader of Cambridge City Council, and Anne Wolf, who was replacing George Bateman (DWP). The Chair thanked George Bateman, Cameron Holloway, and Philippa Slatter for their valuable contributions to the CCSP. The Chair read out a message from Philippa Slatter, who did not stand for re-election as a Cambridgeshire County Councillor, saying: 'It has been a privilege to have been able to attend Cambridge CSP meetings in my capacity as the County's Community Safety Champion. The practitioners you have assembled around the table, and the expert contributions the Cambridge CSP has received has been truly impressive. Please thank the Partnership.'

2. Domestic Abuse Related Death Review Report

- 2.1 Independent Chair, Cherryl Henry-Leach provided an update on the Domestic Abuse Related Death Review (DARDR) for B. who had died in 2018. There had been a delayed start to his DARDR, which started in November 2023. Recommendations to be included in an action plan were around record keeping and domestic abuse training for male victims. Also, for there to be routine enquiry in all organisations, and for GPs to take an annual review of patients with long term illnesses.
- 2.2 Cherryl Henry-Leach said that a lot of work had been going on in the partnership organically and as part of the national agenda. The report would be finalised later that week and the family will be supported to go through the report. In the meantime, the report would also be sent to the coroner and may change.

- 2.3 The Chair thanked Cherryl Henry-Leach for the update. Following this agenda item, the Chair opened the meeting to the public.

3. Vision Zero Partnership

- 3.1 Chris Mills gave a presentation on the Vision Zero Partnership, which is dedicated to eliminating road deaths across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. The partnership also aims to significantly reduce the severity of injuries and the associated social and economic impacts of road traffic collisions.
- 3.2 Mike Todd-Jones thanked Chris Mills for his presentation and acknowledged the contributions of former Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Mayor Nik Johnson and Deputy Mayor Anna Smith in supporting the Vision Zero initiative.
- 3.3 Keryn Jalli noted that Cambridge CSP has previously engaged in Vision Zero events with a tailored approach for Cambridge City. She asked whether any upcoming events were planned. Chris responded that the Partnership works collaboratively and is open to supporting local campaigns and initiatives. He is launching a newsletter and recognises that Cambridge City requires a different strategy compared to other districts.
- 3.4 Keryn highlighted that the Police conduct monthly bike marking events in Cambridge, which effectively engages cyclists. She asked how drivers could be better educated to improve cyclist safety. Chris confirmed that driver awareness is a key part of the Vision Zero strategy.
- 3.5 Nick Morris asked whether data is available on car and cyclist collisions and who is typically at fault. Chris Mills explained that the Partnership is developing a data framework to identify offenders. Sergeant Alice Jeffery added that the Police can provide supporting data. Hannah Hancock asked whether the data includes alcohol and drug-related incidents and suggested a seasonal campaign on drink driving in the summer as well as over Christmas and New Year, especially in Cambridge City and Huntingdonshire.
- 3.6 Mark Freeman asked if the Partnership is working with Camcycle, a charity promoting safer and better cycling in Cambridge, where around half the population cycles at least once a month. Chris said the Partnership is open to engaging with Camcycle.
- 3.7 Rachel Speechley asked whether Vision Zero Partnership is connected

with the two universities to reach students. Chris said they are currently engaging with schools and plan to include universities. Scott Liddle offered to connect Chris with local schools and the University of Cambridge, while Nick Morris offered to link him with Anglia Ruskin University. Hannah Hancock noted that many cyclists ride without lights in the darker months and offered to promote Vision Zero at both universities Freshers Fairs, where CAMBAC will be attending.

- 3.8 The Chair thanked Chris Mills for his presentation. It was agreed that CCSP contact details would be shared with him to support further collaboration. Chris Mills then left the meeting. Action point 07/01

4. Minutes of 25 February 2025 meeting: Agreement

- 4.1 The Minutes of 25 February 2025 were agreed and would go forward for publication.

5. Action points: Review

- 5.1 The action points from the previous meeting in February were closed apart from two regarding the E-scooter charger / battery Co-ordinating Group and funding for Street Pastors / NightLite, which would be carried forward to the next meeting. Action points 07/02 and 07/03

6. Pre-advised questions from the general public

- 6.1 There was one pre-advised question received from a member of the public, which was asked in person at the meeting as well. The question was about the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Partnership restructure, which is in Appendix 1. It was agreed for a response by the Cambridgeshire County Council Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Partnership to be requested. Action point 07/04
- 6.2 Keryn Jalli confirmed that Cambridge City Council and Cambridge CSP submitted a formal response to the consultation on the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (DASV) Service decoupling and restructure before the deadline of 27 March. The response included asking about an Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA).
- 6.3 Mike Todd-Jones expressed concern about the reduction in Independent Domestic Violence Advisors (IDVAs). While acknowledging the County Council's financial pressures, he suggested that both the County Council and the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) explore funding options to mitigate service cuts. He welcomed the opportunity to work with the OPCC to increase IDVA provision. Shona McKenzie (OPCC) offered to arrange a separate meeting with Mike and the OPCC Commissioning Service.

She said that the Police and Crime Commissioner is planning to commission two services to support victims of Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG).

Action point 07/05

7. Second Deep Dive report to investigate E-scooters and battery fires

- 7.1 Michael Yates presented the deep dive report on e-scooters and battery fires, which was developed in collaboration with Scott Fretwell and Amanda Shepherd at Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service.
- 7.2 Keryn Jalli asked whether County Council Trading Standards is involved in the E-scooter charger / battery Co-ordinating Group, which can deliver as a CCSP subgroup. Scott Fretwell confirmed that his colleague Gareth Boyd is leading the group, and it was agreed that Trading Standards and Nick Morris would be included to engage Anglia Ruskin University (ARU) students.

Action point 07/06

- 7.3 Mike Todd-Jones asked whether the data considers vulnerable residents who may require tailored awareness approaches. Mark Freeman raised concerns about the demographics of e-bike and e-scooter users, noting that their use is illegal except on private property. He recommended a dual approach of education and enforcement. Chief Inspector Mike Jackman cautioned against enforcement that could undermine educational efforts. Mark suggested the E-scooter charger / battery Co-ordinating Group contacts Tower Hamlets for communications advice. Becca Cooke highlighted the link to public health and offered to share the report with colleagues.
- 7.4 It was agreed that the E-scooter charger / battery Co-ordinating Group would review the report's recommendations and present at the next Cambridge CSP meeting on 21 October. The presentation will advise on public awareness strategies, including a potential campaign. The CCSP will also explore ways to reach diverse communities, such as through *Cambridge Matters*, which is delivered to every household in the city.

Action point 07/07

8. Update on CCSP Plan 2025-2027

- 8.1 Keryn Jalli provided an update on the CCSP Strategic Priorities for 2025-2027:
- Priority 1: Preventing Violence and Exploitation
 - Priority 2: A Neighbourhood Approach
 - Priority 3: Tackling Acquisitive Crime.

She noted the ROTH (Risk Outside The Home) presentation by Rachel Speechley at the previous CCSP meeting raised concerns into a multi-agency setting about children and young people out late at night. For the 2025/2026

Serious Violence Duty Funding from the OPCC, Romsey Mill will continue to deliver after-school diversionary activities and build trusted relationships with young people. A collaborative project between Cambridge Rape Crisis Centre and Cambridge United Foundation will also work with Romsey Mill to address VAWG, allowing for dual tracking of impact.

- 8.2 Keryn Jalli said that a Cambridge CSP funding application is being prepared for the OPCC's Home Office Hotspot Action Funding 2025–26. The application will support additional hours for Open Space Guardians, Taxi Marshals, and Cambridge Street Pastors to run NightLite from July to September 2025.

Action point 07/08

- 8.3 It was noted that the 2025/26 Policy and Insight Team's deep dive reports for Cambridge CSP will focus on:

- 1) Reoffending
- 2) Children and Violence.

Due to an emergency, Chair Scott Fretwell left the meeting, and Keryn Jalli chaired the remainder.

9. Funding future projects

- 9.1 Hannah Hancock shared updates on initiatives linked to the city's Purple Flag accreditation, which recognises excellence in managing the evening and night-time economy. These include Open Space Guardians, Taxi Marshals, and Cambridge Street Pastors' NightLite. She presented a report on St John's Ambulance (SJA), which has supported two December dates since 2023. The report showed a reduction in A&E incidents, supporting the case for SJA involvement in future key dates and the need for further funding.
- 9.2 Keryn Jalli emphasised the importance of impact, noting that funding for SJA around Halloween, Christmas, and New Year totals £5,240 and provides savings to the health service. She invited ideas from partners. Becca Cooke offered to share the report with health colleagues, though noted challenges due to government changes. Mark Freeman asked whether SJA could seek independent funding. Keryn confirmed that SJA could apply for funding not directly tied to the night-time economy.

10. Update from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner

- 10.1 Shona McKenzie thanked the CSP Board for its support of the Home Office Safer Streets Summer Initiative and acknowledged the contributions of Keryn Jalli and Louise Walker in sharing planned activities for Cambridge City Centre and the Grafton area. She praised Cambridge City's responsiveness and monitoring efforts. Shona announced a new **Prevention Fund** created by

Police and Crime Commissioner Darryl Preston, using proceeds of crime. The fund offers small grants (up to £5,000) to reinvest in communities and prevent crimes such as VAWG and anti-social behaviour. She suggested Hannah Hancock consider applying for SJA provision.

- 10.2 Scott Liddle asked about longer-term funding for the Street Pastors' NightLite, which operates on many Saturday nights 22:00 to 03:00 to provide a safe drop-in space in the city centre. Keryn Jalli said that the CCSP could apply to the Prevention Fund and asked whether there was a limit on applications. Shona confirmed there is no cap on the number of bids from CSPs.

11. Domestic Abuse Related Death Reviews (DARDRs) Update

- 11.1 Keryn Jalli provided an update on DARDRs. The review for B. was presented earlier in the meeting, and the review for Diya was presented in February. Both are being finalised with action plans and will be brought back to the CCSP. A review by the Died by Suicide Panel is ongoing and will also be shared once completed.

12. Annual Review 2025: Agreement

- 12.1 Louise Walker spoke to a draft version of the Annual Review, which provides an overview of the work of the partnership, priorities, and projects. The CCSP Board agreed for the Annual Review to be published on the CCSP webpage.

13. Community Safety Fund 2024/25: End of Year Financial Report

- 13.1 Louise Walker spoke about the report and available funding. The Board noted the report.

14. Partnership Terms of Reference: Agreement

- 14.1 As the priorities for 2025/27 were finalised, the updated Partnership Terms of Reference was agreed.

15. Future Cambridge CSP meeting dates: Agreement

- 15.1 Louise Walker spoke about the report, and the timeline of meetings was agreed.

16. Written reports noted

- 16.1 The County Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Report for Q4 2024/25, and the document about Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Partnership Restructure and Decoupling were noted.

17. Any other business

- 17.1 As there was no other business, the Chair thanked the Board and Members for their constructive contributions and the meeting was closed at 12:35.

Appendix 1

Agenda Item 6. Pre-advised questions from the general public

A pre-advised question was received from the public:

‘ I would like to know if a proper impact assessment has been done regarding the proposed reduction in IDVA's, such as:

- **Identifying who is affected:** This includes victims of domestic abuse, their families, and the professionals who support them.
- **Assessing risks and consequences:** What happens if IDVA support is reduced? Will victims be less safe? Will fewer cases go to court? Will survivors disengage from services?
- **Equality and Human Rights considerations:** Does the reduction disproportionately affect women, disabled people, or ethnic minorities?
- **Consultation with stakeholders:** This should include survivors, frontline workers, and partner agencies. Their insights are vital.
- **Exploring alternatives:** Could efficiencies be found elsewhere? Could funding be reallocated without cutting frontline support?
- **Evidence-based decision-making:** The assessment should draw on data—like how IDVAs reduce repeat victimisation and improve justice outcomes.

Taking the wrong decision, by relying for instance on a superficial survey of an impact assessment, could unintentionally harm the very people services are meant to protect. ’

Response:

Cambridgeshire County Council response:

‘ The recent restructure of the IDVA Service was undertaken following the reduction in grant funding from national government, that was provided for specific roles within the service. This was intended to be short term funding, originally linked to COVID planning, but had been extended several times. The decision was taken to decouple the service from Peterborough City Council at the same time.

A full Equality Impact Assessment was undertaken at the time, which included the impact on service users and staff. A full consultation was undertaken with

staff affected and with wider partners, which was cognisant of the recent local Violence Against Women and Girls Needs Assessment.

Although there have been some reductions in the numbers of IDVAs in Cambridgeshire, these have been offset by some IDVAS moving to the Peterborough team. As part of the restructure, referral pathways have been refined to ensure that ALL victims and survivors are still able to access a service. The IDVA Service has revised its focus to those at highest risk of serious harm. A new pathway for those at medium risk reporting to the police has been commissioned by the OPCC, delivered by Peterborough Women's Aid in consultation with the Victim and Witness Hub. The countywide outreach service, delivered by DASS (Domestic Abuse Support Service) continues to offer support to all victims of domestic abuse.

As part of the response to this question we have contacted the resident directly offering the opportunity to discuss further. For any further queries, please contact Julia Cullum, Head of Service – Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence, at Julia.cullum@cambridgeshire.gov.uk ‘