



National Audit Office

National Audit Office Survey of Heads of Community Safety in Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships/ Community Safety Partnerships in England and Wales

Dear Colleague,

I would be most grateful if you would find the time to complete this survey of the Heads of Community Safety of Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships and Community Partnerships (CDRPs and CSPs) in England and Wales from the National Audit Office. Your responses to this survey are vital as with them we will learn more about what is currently being done to tackle violent crime in England and Wales.

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This survey is part of an investigation by the NAO's Home Affairs value for money team into how the Home Office, working together with CDRPs, manages the risk of violent crime. The types of violence that this investigation will consider are wounding, more serious wounding, and homicide.

We expect this survey to take around 30 minutes to complete. Please find the link to this survey at the bottom of this email, and complete it no later than 17th August 2007. If you have any questions about this survey, or further comments about violent crime in England and Wales that you would like to share with us, please either email them to Preventingviolence@nao.gsi.gov.uk or contact Matthew Wilkins on 020 7798 5470.

Thank you very much indeed for taking the time to share your thoughts and experiences with us.

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Basic Information

i). What is your job title?

ii). Which Partnership do you work for?

iii). Is your Partnership in an area where you have two tiers of local government? (For example, a district council and a county council)

Yes. Please specify.

No

Don't Know

Resource allocation

We are interested in the priorities that Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships and Community Safety Partnerships allocate to reducing crime.

1). What are the three highest priorities for your CDRP in relation to Crime and Disorder? Please rank your priorities in order from 1-3, with 1 being your highest priority and 3 being your 3rd highest priority.

a). City centre violence in the Night Time Economy

b). Domestic violence

c). All other violence

d). Street crime including robbery

e). Car crime

f). Burglary

g). Anti-social behaviour

h). Other. Please specify.

Use of data and information about violent crime

We would like to learn more about the data that is used by CDRPs and CSPs to monitor the trends in violent crime occurring in their areas.

2. Which sources of data do you use to provide information about violent crime in your area? Please select all that apply and also how long they have been used for.

Data source	Always use	Have started to use in the past 12 months	Used in the past but not in the past 12 months	Never
Police incidents				
Police-recorded crime				

Fire service records of emergency calls				
Council/Registered Social Landlords' records of anti-social behaviour				
Information collected in Accident and Emergency units				
Local education records of children excluded for violence				
Ambulance service data				
Safer Schools Partnership data				
Other. Please specify.				

3. According to police recorded crime, which are the **three** most common violent crime offences in your area?

- a). Common assault
- b). Racially or religiously aggravated common assault
- c). Other wounding
- d). Possession of weapons
- e). Racially or religiously aggravated other wounding
- f). Firearms offences
- g). Knives Act 1997 offences
- h). Wounding or other act endangering life
- i). Other. Please specify.
- j). Don't Know

4). Please tick what you consider to be the **three** key drivers of violent crime in your CDRP/CSP:

- a). Alcohol
- b). Night Time Economy
- c). Linkages to the illegal economy
- d). Drugs
- e). Socio-economic factors
- f). Mental health
- g). Youths
- h). Gangs
- i). Other. Please specify.

5). Does your CDRP/CSP have an analyst dedicated to violent crime? (Please note: not an analyst within the local police force dedicated to violent crime)

- a). Yes we have an analyst dedicated to violent crime
- b). We have 75 percent of the time of an analyst dedicated to violent crime
- c). We have 50 percent of the time of an analyst dedicated to violent crime
- d). We have 25 percent of the time of an analyst dedicated to violent crime
- e). No, we do not have an analyst dedicated to violent crime

6). Please answer the following questions about the type of analysis of violent crime that you are able to conduct.

	Yes	No	Don't Know
Do you consider your CDRP/CSP to have sufficient resources and personnel in place to analyse violent crime in your area?			
Does your analysis enable you to determine the precise geographical locations in which a significant proportion of violent crime in your CDRP/CSP is taking place? (For example, "hotspot" licensed premises and individual postcodes)			
Do you analyse who is committing the violent crime in your CDRP/CSP area?			
Do you conduct analysis of the times when violent crime occurs in your CDRP/CSP area?			

7). Has analysis of violent crime data informed strategic and tactical decision-making in your CDRP in any of the following areas?

- a). Licensing of pubs, nightclubs and other establishments serving alcohol
- b). Policing
- c). Transport e.g. night buses, location of taxi ranks
- d). Other. Please specify.
- (e) No

If (a)-(d), Please give an example of what happened, and how influential the evidence was for this decision.

[Open]

Violent crime strategy and partnership working

We would like to know about how the different partners in your area work together to reduce crime, and whether there are any barriers which mean this could be done more effectively.

8). Does your CDRP/CSP have a specific violent crime strategy?

Yes

No

Don't Know

9). If your answer to Question 8 is Yes, when was your CDRP/CSP's violent crime strategy implemented? If your answer was no, please proceed to Question 10.

Drop down menu:

In the past six months

Between six months and one year ago

Between one and two years ago

Between two and three years ago

Between three and four years ago

Between four and five years or more ago

More than five years ago

10). Does your CDRP/CSP have a specific operations or strategy group for violent crime?

Yes

No

Don't Know

11). If your answer to question 10 is Yes, when was your violent crime strategy group implemented?

Drop down menu:

In the past six months

Between six months and one year ago

Between one and two years ago

Between two and three years ago

Between three and four years ago

Between four and five years or more ago

More than five years ago

If your answer to Question 10 is Yes, please continue to Question 12. If your answer is No, please proceed to Question 16.

12). Who participates in your violent crime group? Please tick all that apply.

- a). Police
- b). Local council
- c). Licensing authority if not local authority
- d). Local education authority
- e). Local acute health trust
- f). Local primary care trust
- g). General Practitioners
- h). Youth Offending Team
- i). Fire Brigade
- j). Social Services
- k). National Probation Service
- l). Local voluntary sector groups
- m). Other. Please specify.

13). Are participants in this group able to take decisions while at these meetings on behalf of their organisations? (For example, can they agree to commit to an activity at the meeting, or do they generally have to go away and ask for permission from a superior in their organisation?)

Yes

No

Don't Know

14). How frequently does your violent crime group meet?

- a). At least weekly
- b). At least monthly
- c). At least quarterly
- d). Every six months
- e). Less than once every six months

15). Does your violent crime group consider domestic violence?

Yes

No

Don't Know

16). If there is not a specific violent crime task group or operations group in your CDRP/CSP, in which forum are initiatives developed for addressing violent crime?

[Open]

17). What obstacles do you consider there to be in your CDRP/CSP to effective partnership working in reducing violent crime?

[Open]

Safer Schools Partnerships

18). Do you have a Safer Schools Partnership operating within your area?

Yes

No

Don't Know

If your answer to Question 18 is No, please proceed to Question 20. If your answer to Question 18 is Yes, please go directly to Question 19.

19). Do representatives of the Safer Schools Partnership attend all meetings of the group within your CDRP responsible for violent crime?

Yes

No

Don't Know

Risk management

We would like to learn about the specific risk management arrangements that are in place in your local partnership.

20). Is there a Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) operating in your CDRP/CSP?

Yes

No

Don't Know

If yes, when was it implemented?

21). Is there a Multi-Agency Public Protection Arrangements (MAPPA) operating in your CDRP/CSP?

Yes
No
Don't Know

If yes, when was it implemented?

22). If there is both a MARAC and a MAPPA operating in your area, do you know if they share information about violent crime?

Yes
No
Don't Know
Not Applicable

23). Does your CDRP/CSP use other risk management tools for violent crime?

Yes
No

If yes please specify:

Funding and the effectiveness of Home Office initiatives

We would like to learn about the additional funding you have received to tackle violent crime, and what you have used this funding for. We would also like to learn how supportive you consider the Home Office to have been in supporting your efforts to reduce violent crime in your community, through these funding streams as well as spreading good practice, legislation, and weapons amnesties.

24). From which funding streams in addition to Local Area Agreements has your CDRP/CSP received funding for combating violent crime?

Funding stream	Yes	No	Don't Know
Tackling Violent Crime Programme			
Alcohol Misuse Enforcement Campaigns			
Domestic Violence			

Enforcement Campaigns			
Other. Please specify.			
None	N/A	N/A	N/A

25). If you answered None to Question 24, please proceed to Question 26.

If you received funding from any of the streams identified in Question 24, which programmes to combat violent crime have been implemented with this additional funding?

- a). CCTV
- b). Police overtime
- c). Transportation
- d). Victim support
- e). Other. Please specify.

26). Please state below how effective you consider the Home Office to have been in supporting your CDRP in its efforts to reduce violent crime in your community, through funding streams, amnesties, legislation, and spreading good practice.

Home Office initiative/funding stream	Very effective (contributed to significant reduction in violent crime)	Effective (contributed to some reduction in violent crime)	Neither effective nor ineffective (contributed to no noticeable reduction in violent crime)	Ineffective (contributed to some increase in violent crime)	Very ineffective (contributed to significant increase in violent crime)	N/A
Tackling Violent Crime Programme						
Alcohol Misuse Enforcement Campaigns						
Domestic Violence Enforcement Campaigns						
National weapons amnesties						
2003 Licensing Act						
Violent Crime Reduction Act						
Spreading good						

practice						
Other. Please specify.						

The effectiveness of Government Offices

We would like to know how you regard your local Government Office and how it has supported you in tackling violence in your community.

27). How effective do you consider your local Government Office to have been in helping you tackle violent crime in your community? (For example, through the distribution of Home Office funds and the spreading of good practice)

[Open]

Tackling violent crime in your area

We would like to know more about what you consider to have been effective in preventing violence in your area.

28). Please state two changes in the way your CDRP/CSP operates that have improved violence reduction most in the last five years. Please specify when they started and finished.

[Open]

29). How do you know these worked?

- Drop in police recorded crime
- Drop in A&E attendances
- Community feedback
- Intelligence
- Other. Please specify

30). How do you monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of your CDRP/ CSP's operations to tackle violent crime?

[Open]

31). Please feel free to provide here any examples of good practice employed by your CDRP/CSP in tackling violent crime that you would like to share with the NAO:

[Open]

32). Is there anything else the Home Office could do to help you reduce the risk of violent crime in your area?

[Open]

33). Is there anything else that you would like to raise that has not been covered elsewhere?

[Open]

Thank you very much for taking the time to complete this questionnaire.