



**LANCASTER DISTRICT
COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP**

Community Safety Partnership Review 2015/16

Over the last 12 months, the Lancaster District CSP have:

- Commissioned, overseen and approved a Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) within the district. The Independent Chair & Author have presented their findings to the CSP and the report is now awaiting approval with the Home Office Quality Assurance panel and will be seen in December 2016.
- Have focused on Domestic Abuse, Hate Crime & Community Cohesion, Road Safety and Burglary (Other than a dwelling) at the quarterly meeting. This involved frontline workers and experts in the area attending the CSP Exec Meeting to talk about their experiences and pressures faced.
- Approved £12,000 of CSP funding for Domestic Abuse targeting projects, £12,978 of CSP funding for projects targeting other CSP Priorities. The CSP have also allocated £4,600 of CSP funding for Hate Crime & Community Cohesion projects.

The current CSP Priorities are:

- Violence Against the Person (Violent Crime)
- Anti-social Behaviour
- Road Safety
- Domestic Abuse
- Burglary Other than a dwelling

CSP Performance:

Comparison October to September 14/15 & 15/16.

	2014/15	2015/16	Numerical change	Percentage change
ASB	7395	6743	-652	-8.8%
Violence against the person	2299	2712	+413	+18%
Sexual offences	228	272	+44	+19.3%
Domestic abuse	880	1007	+127	+14.4%

ASB

- All ASB across Lancashire has increased by 1.9%
- 10 of the 14 districts have shown an increase during this period.

- Lancaster has had the largest reductions – both numerically and proportionally.

Violence

- Violence against the person increased across Lancashire by 26.8%.
- All districts have shown an increase.
- There is nothing specific relating to the increase – more of a culmination. E.g increase in all assaults, domestic violence, harassment. Some of the increase are also due to changes in recording practices. This has been seen nationally as well as locally.

Sexual offences

- Sexual offences have increased across Lancashire by 31.5%.
- All districts are showing an increase.
- Proportionally – Lancaster has had one of the smallest increases within Lancashire.
- The number of sexual offences where the use of social media/mobile phones for the purpose of contacting the victim and requesting/sending of images has been increasing in recent years. Victims are usually under the age of 16 yrs.

Domestic abuse

- Domestic abuse has increased across Lancashire by 18.1%.
- All districts have shown increases.
- Proportionally – Lancaster has had one of the smallest increases across Lancashire.
- 87 of the 127 increase relates to domestic assaults, with 44 relating to harassment.

Road safety

The below relates to the number of casualties.

All casualties (adult and child)

	2014/15	2015/16	Change	% Change
All KSI's	100	84	-16	-14.6%
Fatal injury	4	5	+1	+25%
Serious injury	96	79	-17	-17.7%
Slight injury	407	356	-51	-12.5%

- All KSI's across Lancashire are showing a reduction of 26 (-3.2%).
- Lancaster has had the highest number of KSI's across Lancashire – unfortunately this has been the norm in recent years, but as can be seen the number are reducing.

Child casualties

	2014/15	2015/16	Change	% Change
All KSI's	10	7	-3	-30%
Fatal injury	0	0	=	=
Serious injury	10	7	-3	-30%
Slight injury	41	27	-14	-34.1%

- Child casualties have reduced across Lancashire by 15 (-14.3%).

Hate Crime & Community Cohesion:

Year to date, there has been **35** hate crimes recorded, compared to **31** at the same time last year. The monthly average currently stands at 7 offences per month. Since the beginning of June there have been 19 offences recorded.

In response to whether there has been any increases since the 'Brexit' vote – the number of offences has remained similar. None of the offences appear to contain language/statements which suggest they are linked to the vote.

The ethnic breakdown (where stated) of the victims for offences since April has been

- Asian – 4
- Black – 2
- Middle Eastern – 2
- White North European – 21