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# DUDLEY

## Local Policing & Crime Plan



As Chair of the Dudley Police & Crime Board it gives me great pleasure to present the Dudley Local Policing Plan 2014-15.

The plan sets out the local crime and community safety priorities that we will focus on during the coming year. These priorities have been set following a period of consultation with our communities across the borough and reflect the things that local people have told us matter most to them.

West Midlands Police aim to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour in partnership with other public agencies, the voluntary sector, local businesses and community groups. We will do this by targeting repeat offenders and safeguarding vulnerable people. I am committed to building upon our status as the safest borough in the West Midlands.

If you want to know more about the work of Dudley Police visit our website [www.dudleypolice.org.uk](http://www.dudleypolice.org.uk) or the Police and Crime Board website here: [www.westmidlands-pcc.gov.uk](http://www.westmidlands-pcc.gov.uk)



**Chief Superintendent Stuart Johnson**  
*Dudley Local Policing Unit Commander*

### Our Values

- We put the public first in everything we do
- We act with integrity, fairness and humanity
- We are one team working together
- We listen, learn and strive to improve
- We do the right thing and deliver a service that our friends and family would be proud of.

### Our Mission

*Serving our communities, protecting them from harm*



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## **DUDLEY** Local Policing Unit

### **Community Concerns**

We have consulted widely with our communities to identify the top priorities for Dudley borough police to deal with. We have used information from our Feeling the Difference surveys, our neighbourhood policing team engagement meetings, and a “Face the People” event with the Dudley Community Safety Partnership. The feedback from our communities was clear and consistent. The community priorities for 2014/15 are:

#### **Antisocial Behaviour**

We will tackle and reduce environmental antisocial behaviour issues that affect many residents in the Dudley borough, such as vandalism and graffiti. We will deal with and resolve targeted antisocial behaviour such as abusive neighbours or harassment. We will use statutory powers to reduce public place antisocial behaviour, such as groups gathering to cause a nuisance or drinking alcohol in restricted areas. We will work closely with Dudley Council enforcement services and other key partners in order to achieve this.

#### **Road Safety**

All our communities across the borough tell us they are affected by motorists who break the law and poor standards of driving can lead to serious accidents or deaths on our roads. We will increase our enforcement activity around speeding motorists, drink driving, careless and dangerous driving, and use of mobile phones, which are some of the leading causes of collisions. We will also deal with illegal parking issues, such as blocking pavements, which not only inconveniences residents and other road users but also puts pedestrians at risk. We will also educate our young people around road safety issues through engagement with local schools.

#### **Drugs**

Drug dealers are criminals who profit from illegal activity and put others at risk, and this lifestyle can also lead to violence and other offending between rival groups. Drug addicts often commit other crimes such as burglary and theft in order to fund their habits. Taking illegal drugs in public is also an antisocial behaviour issue, and is not acceptable to our communities. We will tackle drug dealers by gathering relevant information and using our search powers to target addresses and individuals in order to disrupt and to prosecute criminals. We will deal with drug users robustly, but also support them through probation and drugs intervention agencies in order to help steer them away from their drugs lifestyle.



## **Our Objectives**

In addition to tackling the issues that matter most to you we are also dedicated to delivering a quality public service, and to addressing other serious community safety and crime issues.

### **We aim to:**

- Continue to engage with our communities to resolve local issues
- Support strong and successful communities
- Reduce crimes that have the biggest impact on our community
- Protect the most vulnerable from harm
- Help build strong partnerships to increase safety
- Ensure people receive a quality, caring service
- Increase confidence and satisfaction in the service we provide

### **We will do this by:**

**Tackling re-offending:** Dudley borough has seen the lowest rates of re-offending in the country and we intend to maintain this record. We will identify and target persistent and high risk offenders by working closely with you, the local community, partner agencies and other local groups. By tackling this small group of people who cause the most harm we expect to have an impact on reducing criminal offences such as burglaries and thefts.

**Increasing our understanding of Dudley's young people:** We will listen to, and work with, our young people to identify their needs and understand how partner agencies can provide support for diversionary activities.

**Reducing repeat victims:** We will continue to identify vulnerable and repeat callers, in particular those suffering from domestic abuse, hate crime, or anti-social behaviour, and work with them to solve their problems.

**Safeguarding vulnerable groups:** Where it is appropriate to do so we will ensure we refer vulnerable members of our community to other services for further support. We will work with other police protection services to identify children and young people at risk of victimisation or exploitation.

**Improving quality of life in key neighbourhoods:** By listening to local residents, attending community meetings, and monitoring issues that cause tension we will continue to identify the problems of greatest concern in your neighbourhood and will work with our partners to deal with them.

**Improving town centre safety:** We will improve safety in our town centres by reducing violence, damage and anti-social behaviour. We will work closely with businesses to reduce thefts and help improve crime prevention within our town centres. We will maintain a visible presence in the areas that need us most in order to reduce crime and also to reduce the fear of crime.

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## Our Vision

### Pride in our Police

Through our hard work and passion for public service we are striving to build your pride in us. You can help us recognise the life changing work so many colleagues do on a daily basis as well as sharing your experiences where we could and should have done better so we can continually improve. You can share your feedback with us and the wider public via [www.rateyourlocalpolice.co.uk](http://www.rateyourlocalpolice.co.uk)



If you wish to let us know what you think about policing locally you can also contact me via Contact Your Commander on our website [dy\\_mailbox@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk](mailto:dy_mailbox@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk)

Police and Crime Commissioner Bob Jones will be responsible for improving ownership through these themes:



Chief Constable Chris Sims will be responsible for improved delivery through development of these themes:



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