



MIDLOTHIAN
COMMUNITY SAFETY
& JUSTICE PARTNERSHIP

Community Safety and Justice Strategy 2017-2018

Easy Read Version

What we want to do

- Less people have harm done to them.
- People to feel safer where they live.
- People to tell us what will help make where they live a better place.

What you told us

We asked you what could be done to make Midlothian a safer place to live. We have listened to what you said and put this in our plan.

What will be the most important things that we do?

- We will tackle alcohol and drug misuse.
- We will stop people from being abused by their partners.
- We will reduce the number of people that steal.
- We will reduce the number of people that carry out violent crimes.

What other things will we do?

- We will make people behave better (reduce anti-social behaviour).
- We will help people to feel safer in their own homes.
- We will make our roads safer.

We will tackle alcohol and drug misuse.

Why we need to do this

- A lot of crime where people have been drinking is violent.
- Most people agreed that stopping people from taking drugs and dealing in drugs was important.

How we will do this

- We will make sure people know the dangers of drinking too much.
- We will have services that help people who take drugs or drink too much.

We will stop people from being abused by their partners.

Why we need to do this

- In Midlothian, a lot of people have been abused by their partners.
- A lot of women in prison have been abused.

How we will do this

- We will make sure children in schools and adults know what abuse is to stop it happening.
- We will make sure people who have been abused get the help they need.

We will reduce the number of people that steal.

Why we need to do this

- Stealing from houses is a very big problem in Midlothian.
- Stealing from shops is a big problem in Midlothian.

How we will do this

- We will tell you what can be done to protect yourself from stealing.
- We will work hard to stop people stealing.

We will reduce the number of people that carry out violent crimes.

Why we need to do this

- A lot of people tell the Police that they have been victims of violent crime.
- We know that a lot of times people do not report violent crime to the Police.

How we will do this

- We will work together to make sure people who commit violent crimes stop doing this.
- We will work to lower the number of violent crimes.

We will make people behave better (reduce anti-social behaviour)

Why we need to do this

- Complaints about people behaving badly (anti-social behaviour) are high in Midlothian.
- Some areas in Midlothian have very high levels of young people behaving badly (anti-social behaviour).

How we will do this

- We will do work to stop young people getting into trouble with the Police.
- We will do work to lower the number of people behaving badly.

We will help people feel safer in their own homes.

Why we need to do this

- A lot of accidents happen in people's homes.
- In 2014/15 there were 56 fires in people's homes.

How we will do this

- We will look for things that aren't safe in people's homes.
- We will help people if we find things that might cause accidents.

We will make our roads safer.

Why we need to do this

- In 2014/15 there were 276 people hurt on roads in Midlothian.

How we will do this

- We will tell people how to keep safe on the roads.

We will ask you what you think we need to do.

Why we need to do this

- Local people know what needs to be done in the areas that they live in.

How we will do this

- We will ask you what matters to you.

We will help people to stop breaking the law (Community Justice).

Why we need to do this

- A small number of people commit a lot of crimes.

How we will do this

- We will work together to make changes for people to stop them from breaking the law.

We will stop serious crime and terrorism.

Why we need to do this

- Serious crime involves drugs, violence, stealing and terrorism.

How we will do this

- We will work closely to stop serious crime and terrorism.

If you would like to find out more, please write to us or email us

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