



**barnsley**  
**safer communities**  
partnership

## A GUIDE TO THE AGENCIES AND SERVICES WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP TO ADDRESS CRIME, DRUGS AND ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR IN BARNSLEY

### **INTRODUCTION**

Barnsley has a strong history of partnership working to address crime, drugs and anti-social behaviour, dating back to 1995 when the first 'Crime Prevention Partnership' was established.

Since then legislation has been introduced, most notably the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, to ensure that different agencies are cooperating to address these issues. Under this legislation and subsequent amendments, 'responsible authorities' are defined and these have a duty to consider the reduction of crime and disorder in all of their functions. 'Co-operating bodies' and 'invitees to participate' work with responsible authorities to achieve this aim.

The development of local partnership arrangements has resulted in the current Safer Communities Partnership. This Partnership represents the joint working of all statutory and voluntary agencies in the Borough.

The Safer Communities Partnership is part of One Barnsley's (the Local Strategic Partnership) delivery mechanisms. It also fulfils the role as the accountable body for the Safer and Stronger Communities block of the Local Area Agreement, as well as being the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership for Barnsley.

This guide is intended to briefly summarise the different agencies that are cooperating to help keep Barnsley safe.

### Our Approach

The Partnership adopts a four strand approach to tackle crime, drugs and anti-social behaviour in Barnsley, as follows:

- Prevention through physical and social measures.
- Enforcement.
- Rehabilitation of offenders.
- Support for victims and witnesses.

### The Safer Communities Partnership Staff Team

The Safer Communities Partnership is supported by a Staff Team who serve to facilitate working between the various agencies and provide the lead coordinating function for a wide variety of initiatives. The Staff Team is resourced by BMBC and South Yorkshire Police although much of the work of the Staff Team is supported by external funding.

This staff team facilitates the strategic partnership forum, the 'Executive Committee', as well as providing a coordinating lead for partnership working in areas of work that include:

- Domestic Abuse
- Prolific and Priority Offenders
- Racial Harassment
- Community Engagement in crime and safety
- Volume Crime – burglary and vehicle crime
- Violent Crime
- Drugs and Alcohol Misuse
- Publicity and promotion of public reassurance
- Homophobic Harassment

Further information about the work of the Staff Team can be found at [www.saferbarnsley.co.uk](http://www.saferbarnsley.co.uk), or by e-mailing [safer@barnsley.gov.uk](mailto:safer@barnsley.gov.uk), or by telephoning us on 01226 774950.

### This Guide

The remainder of this guide sets out the roles of the different agencies and services that operate under the auspices of the Safer Communities Partnership. If, after reading this guide, you have any further questions, please contact the staff team who will assist you with your enquiry.

## Responsible Authorities



### Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council

Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council (BMBC) provide financial support to the Partnership's Staff Team and the Safer Neighbourhood Teams. This includes an officer seconded to the Partnership to act as the principal link between BMBC services and the different partner agencies.

In addition, many Council Departments have a role to play in reducing Crime and Disorder through the delivery of their day to day services. Examples include:-

- Licensing – in the reduction of alcohol related issues.
- Trading Standards – by controlling the sales of substances to juveniles.
- Neighbourhood Services – through the provision of safe public space.
- Highways – provision of street lighting.
- Planning – applying 'secured by design' principles.
- Strategic Housing – management of void properties.

The Council can be contacted on 01226 770770, or by email [townhall@barnsley.gov.uk](mailto:townhall@barnsley.gov.uk) Further details, and information on specific services can be found at [barnsley.gov.uk](http://barnsley.gov.uk)



## South Yorkshire Police

South Yorkshire Police are working with local authorities and other partners to make neighbourhoods safer. Through Safer Neighbourhood Teams they are tackling local issues which matter most in communities. Response teams also exist to respond 24 hours a day to emergency calls that need an immediate response.

A Police Inspector is employed as part of the staff team at the Safer Communities Partnership to act as a Local Authority Liaison Officer and Deputy Director.

For more information and contact details for Safer Neighbourhood Team please see the earlier section.

For non emergencies contact 0114 2202020

**For emergencies contact 999**

Website: [www.southyorkshirepolice.uk](http://www.southyorkshirepolice.uk)



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### South Yorkshire Police Authority

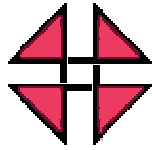
South Yorkshire Police Authority is a statutory body set up to secure the maintenance of an efficient and effective police force.

The Police Authority has certain statutory duties to perform that are set out in legislation. Their most important function is to secure the maintenance of an efficient and effective police service for the public of South Yorkshire.

It is made up of 17 Members:

- Nine Councillors drawn from the elected Members of Local Authorities in Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham and Sheffield.
- Three Local Lay Justices nominated by the magistrates' benches within the county.
- Five independent members of the public selected following application to serve on the Authority.

Further information can be found at [www.southyorks.gov.uk](http://www.southyorks.gov.uk), telephone 772800.



## South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority

The South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority was established in 1986 following the abolition of South Yorkshire County Council. It is an independent body made up of 12 local Councillors drawn from the district councils of Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham and Sheffield.

The Fire and Rescue Authority has statutory responsibilities laid down in the Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004, The Civil Contingencies Act 2004 and The Local Government Act 1999 to provide an effective, economic and efficient Fire and Rescue Service.

The Authority funds the South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service and works closely with the Chief Fire Officer to decide how the service can be provided most effectively.

Further information can be found at: [www.southyorks.gov.uk](http://www.southyorks.gov.uk)



### Barnsley NHS Primary Care Trust (PCT)

The PCT was created in April 2002 following the merger of five partner organisations and is responsible for supporting the local population of Barnsley (224,600 people) to maintain good health. Its primary responsibility is to improve the health of the local people by promoting healthy lifestyles and providing care in the community and ensuring that appropriate hospital services are available. The boundaries of the PCT are co-terminus with the Local Authority and cover a diverse area of 24 miles with a mix of rural and urban areas.

The Trust is given funding to plan and deliver health services and it spends approximately £300 million per year on health care for the people of Barnsley. It places contracts with doctors, dentists, pharmacists and opticians, community service providers and hospital services. Most services are provided in primary care and community settings and this proportion is increasing.

For further information visit; [www.barnsleypct.nhs.uk](http://www.barnsleypct.nhs.uk) or telephone **01226 730000**

## Co-operating Authorities and Invitees to Participate



### South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue

South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue work in partnership with communities and agencies for a Safer South Yorkshire by reducing the risks that cause emergencies, dealing effectively with emergencies when they happen, building public confidence in the fire and rescue service, working effectively with local partners and continually developing resources to meet changing needs. Barnsley District are particularly trying to develop links and partnerships so they can increase their pro-active and preventative side alongside the responsive side.

Some examples of this work are;

- Committed operational crews to complete 3840 Fire Safety Assessments across the district this year.
- Working alongside Central Call to provide smoke detectors to vulnerable people
- Barnsley Arson/Anti Fires working group
- Working alongside ethnic minority groups, disability groups and the elderly
- Diversionary schemes such as Soccer Schools and detached youth work
- Life Scheme aimed at excluded youngsters. Another programme planned for October
- The use of fire stations for Neighbourhood Watch and other community groups

For more information contact South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Command Headquarters – 0114 2532266

**For emergencies contact 999**



## National Probation Service

The Probation Service is a Criminal Justice Agency that works with people who have committed crimes, before and after they are sentenced in court.

South Yorkshire Probation area supervises over 7,000 offenders within the community every year. They monitor their behaviour and the risks they pose to themselves and others, while overseeing their punishment and rehabilitation. The majority of their caseload are men and women given community sentences by the court but they also work closely with colleagues in the Prison Service to manage the resettlement of prisoners released from custody.

The Probation Service believe that:

- Communities have the right to live free from crime and the fear of crime;
- People can change and develop;
- Offenders should be able to play a full part in society;
- Working with others is more effective than working on our own;
- All people should be treated with respect, dignity and fairness
- The diverse needs of service users, victims, offenders and staff must be valued and met equally;
- Their services should be provided to the highest quality, delivering best value for money.

For further information contact;

South Yorkshire Probation on 0114 276 6911 or email them on [pr-unit@syps.org.uk](mailto:pr-unit@syps.org.uk)



### Berneslai Homes

Berneslai Homes is an arms length management organisation (ALMO) that is responsible for managing homes on behalf of Barnsley Council. Berneslai Homes manages about 20,500 properties and provides all the landlord services to the council tenants in Barnsley. Berneslai Homes are an independent company committed to working in partnership with Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council and the communities that they work in, to deliver high quality housing services to local people.

Berneslai Homes work closely with the Safer Communities Partnership, Safer Neighbourhood Teams and Community Organisations in trying to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour on their estates.

For further information on Berneslai Homes services or to contact an Impact Officer contact them on Barnsley Connects 01226 775555 or log on to their website [www.berneslaihomes.co.uk](http://www.berneslaihomes.co.uk)

## Crown Prosecution Service (CPS)

The Crown Prosecution Service is the Government Department responsible for prosecuting criminal cases investigated by the police in England and Wales.

As the principal prosecuting authority in England and Wales, the CPS is responsible for:

- Advising the Police on cases for possible prosecution.
- Reviewing cases submitted by the Police.
- Where the decision is to prosecute, determine the charge in all but minor cases.
- Preparing cases for court.
- Presentation of cases at court.

In daily operation the CPS work in partnership with Police, Courts, Probation Service, Prison Service, The Witness Service, HM Revenue and Customs, The Serious Fraud Office, The Health and Safety Executive and the Magistrates Court and Crown Courts.

The CPS's overall aim, which reflects Government priorities for the Criminal Justice Service (CJS) is to:

Deliver a high quality prosecution service that brings offenders to justice, helps reduce both crime and the fear of crime and thereby promote public confidence in the rule of law through the consistent, fair and independent review of cases and through their fair, thorough and firm presentation at court.

Witness Care Units (WCU) have been created under the No Witness, No Justice initiative to provide an enhanced level of service to all victims in England and Wales in cases, where a charge has been brought. Staffed by CPS and Police personnel, there are now WCUs in every CPS area.

For further information on the CPS visit [www.cps.gov.uk](http://www.cps.gov.uk)

## Barnsley Neighbourhood Watch Liaison Group

Neighbourhood Watch has long been recognised as a successful crime prevention initiative. Behind it lie's a simple idea, and a central value shared by millions of people around the country: Getting together with neighbours to take action can cut local crime

Neighbourhood Watch is not just about reducing burglary figures – it's about creating communities who care. The activity of Watch members can foster a new community spirit and a belief in the community's ability to tackle problems.

In the past many schemes were set up just so that neighbours would keep an eye on each others property, but more recently more and more schemes are broadening their horizons and tackling more of their communities environmental, social and economic problems. They often work in partnership with other agencies helping to regenerate their areas. Many schemes have won local and national recognition for their achievements and work in the community.

Neighbourhood Watch is a valued and committed member of the Safer Communities Partnership. The Chair of Barnsley Neighbourhood Watch Liaison Group has a base within the Safer Communities Partnership office

To be recognised as a NHW, a scheme has to be registered with the District Association Barnsley Neighbourhood Watch Liaison Group (BNWLG).

For further information ring 01226 211814 or 01226 774961.

## Voluntary Action Barnsley (VAB)

### Barnsley's Community and Voluntary Network

VAB is Barnsley's Council for Voluntary Service. Since 1978 VAB has supported and developed Barnsley's voluntary and community sector organisations who, in turn, work for the benefit of the local community of Barnsley. There are over 900 voluntary and community groups in Barnsley and over 4000 volunteers.

VAB has done much to build up voluntary and community organisations, and in the past few years it has seen an enormous expansion in voluntary and community activity. It is for this reason that VAB has continued to provide services that have helped fulfil the needs of the ever-growing sector.

VAB believe in partnership working and are committed to working closely with the statutory, independent and the voluntary and community agencies tackling current issues concerning Barnsley.

### Services

- Volunteer Centre supporting both individuals and organisations
- Legal and Human Resources advice
- A range of training opportunities including nationally recognised qualifications
- Our Participation Team aims to get the sector involved in, and able to influence the planning and commissioning of services in Barnsley
- Young Volunteers Agency aims to promote personal, social and educational development of young people by offering a variety of volunteering opportunities.
- Representing the sector at decision making level in the Borough
- A Directory of voluntary and community organisations in Barnsley
- Organising of networking and information events
- Payroll & accounts service for voluntary and community groups
- Town centre Office accommodation
- Meeting room hire
- Resource Centre – affordable resources to hire
- A quarterly magazine
- Targeted information via regular e mail bulletins

Voluntary Action Barnsley can be contacted by telephoning 01226 242726 or by email: [info@vabarnsley.org.uk](mailto:info@vabarnsley.org.uk)

## Barnsley Chamber of Commerce

Barnsley Chamber of Commerce is one of 57 Accredited Chambers of Commerce across the UK which in turn is part of a global network of Chambers across the world.

It serves the business communities in and surrounding Barnsley and is the dominant 'voice of business' in the region. It provides business advice and support on many matters including business crime prevention.

The Business Crime Reduction Centre (BCRC) is a new initiative which will help companies in Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham and Sheffield to tackle the problems caused by crime.

All sectors of business are vulnerable to crimes such as burglary, theft and criminal damage; BCRC will offer advice and support to reduce these risks.

A new project run through the BCRC is the Crime Prevention Fund. The objective of this project is to provide financial assistance to enable small and medium-sized enterprises (SME's) to increase productivity by reducing the economic impact of physical or electronic crime. The Crime Prevention Fund is a grant not a loan and is available to support crime prevention measures to help make businesses more secure.

The Barnsley Chamber of Commerce is a member of the Safer Communities Partnership and work with the staff team and other partners with the aim of reducing business related crime.

For further information contact the Business Crime Adviser at Barnsley Chamber of Commerce on 01226 215744

Website [www.barnsleychamber.co.uk](http://www.barnsleychamber.co.uk)



## Victim Support

Victim Support is an independent national charity. Trained volunteers based in local schemes/branches contact people following a crime to offer free, confidential support and information.

People are referred to Victim Support by the Police and other organisations, or make direct contact themselves to ask for help.

Victim Support aims to offer a comprehensive service to all sections of the community and is committed to ensuring that minority and disadvantaged groups, are welcomed and involved throughout the organisations.

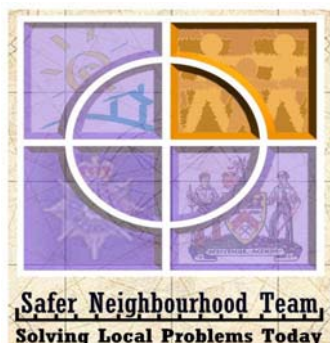
Victim Support works for the rights of victims, witnesses and their families and for greater awareness of the effect of crime.

The Witness Service also offered by Victim Support helps victims, witnesses and their families before, during, and after the trial. Trained volunteers in all Magistrates and Crown Court centres offer emotional support and practical information about court proceedings.

The Witness Service can be contacted on 01226 732525

Barnsley Victim Support can be contacted on 01226 243761  
or by emailing [admin.vsb@vssy.co.uk](mailto:admin.vsb@vssy.co.uk)

## Services Supported by Partner Agencies



### Safer Neighbourhood Teams

Barnsley has nine Safer Neighbourhood Teams (SNT's), structured to be co-terminus with the 'Area Forum' boundaries of BMBC. SNT's are resourced by South Yorkshire Police, BMBC and Berneslai Homes.

The SNT's have the operational responsibility for tackling anti-social behaviour and reducing crime and disorder within Barnsley. The teams are made up of Police Officers, Police Community Support Officers, Special Constables, Council employed Tasking Officers, Impact Wardens and Supervisors, Anti-Social Behaviour Enforcement Officers and a Co-ordinator plus a Solicitor.

The ethos of the SNT's is to assist the creation and maintenance of harmonious and tolerant communities that are safe and healthy. The key aims of the SNT's are to:

- Improve public reassurance
- Resolve locally impacting instances of anti-social behaviour and 'low-level' crime

The SNT teams are based in seven police stations across the Borough to ensure consistent local identity with both policing and other locally delivered services. The SNT's are locally accountable at Area Forum meetings.

Each SNT has a 'Golden Line' to allow communities and Councillors to provide information about problems in their area to the SNT Tasking Officer. A 'three tier' engagement structure is currently in place whereby at a neighbourhood level Beat Managers and other local officers will service Crime and Safety Groups. These feed up to a local Multi-Agency Action Group (MAAG) meeting for the SNT area. The MAAG's report into, and have a Service Level Agreement with Area Boards.

#### SNT 'Goldenline' Numbers

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| • Central SNT           | 01226 736395 |
| • Darton & Dodworth SNT | 01226 736395 |
| • Cudworth SNT          | 01226 736592 |
| • Royston SNT           | 01226 736361 |

- Goldthorpe SNT 01709 832138
  - Hoyland SNT 01226 736457
  - Wombwell SNT 01226 736408
  - Worsborough & Kendray SNT 01226 736387
  - Dearne SNT 01226 736387
- For emergencies contact 999**

### Neighbourhood Safety Unit

The Neighbourhood Safety Unit (NSU) is a specialist unit for dealing with the most serious cases of anti-social behaviour. The team deals with case referrals from the Safer Neighbourhood Teams and Berneslai Homes. This team comprises the joint resources of the Police, Berneslai Homes and the Council. This service is not public facing, but is essential to successful resolution of those families and individuals who can make a significant detrimental impact on a neighbourhood.



### Barnsley Drug and Alcohol Action Team (DAAT)

Barnsley DAAT is responsible for the local implementation of the National Drug Strategy. This incorporates four themes;

- Preventing today's young people from becoming tomorrow's problematic drug users
- Reducing the supply of illegal drugs
- Reducing drug related crime and its impact on communities
- Reducing drug use and drug related offending through treatment and support

Barnsley DAAT Joint Commissioning Group and Young Peoples Substance Misuse subgroup commission drug treatments/interventions to meet local need. Further details can be found in the Drug and Alcohol Service Directory available by contacting us on the number below.

The DAAT works closely with local agencies and voluntary groups to provide information and advice to community groups and diversionary activities for young people.

The DAAT also leads on the implementation of the Barnsley Alcohol Harm Reduction Strategy.

The team are closely integrated and co-located with the Safer Communities Partnership.

The DAAT can be contacted by telephoning 01226 774950 (office hours)

## Drugs Intervention Programme

The Drugs Intervention Programme (DIP) is made up of a number of services designed to get drug using offenders into treatment and to prevent them from returning to drug use and offending once they have accessed treatment.

The main services provided by DIP are;

- Enhanced Arrest Referral
- Court Liaison Service
- Through-care and Aftercare
- A Housing Development and Support Worker
- An out of hours helpline
- Rapid Access Prescribing (RAP)

The DIP aligns closely with the Prolific and Priority Offender (PPO) scheme which is co-ordinated by the Safer Communities Partnership.

DIP can be contacted by telephoning 01226 787010 (office hours)



## Youth Offending Team

The main aim of the YOT is to prevent or reduce offending by children and young people aged 10-17. The YOT has a legal duty to supervise and support all young people who have received a final warning from the Police, are on bail or on a community sentence. There is no open access.

The team presently incorporates REMEDI which is a Restorative Justice Programme for offenders.

Those who are at risk of offending but not yet in the criminal justice system are managed and supported by the Youth Inclusion and Support Panel (YISP). Referrals are made to YISP from Safer Neighbourhood Teams, Neighbourhood Safety Unit, Berneslai Homes and Education. Specific criteria exist for these referrals. Tailored positive activities for young people are put in place to divert those at risk of offending or becoming involved in Anti-Social Behaviour away from that behaviour.

The Youth Offending Team can be contacted by telephoning 01226 774977 (office hours)

## Youth Service

The Youth Service offers a variety of fun and positive experiences for 13-19 year olds (up to 25 for young people with learning disabilities) across the Borough and offers opportunities to help develop their skills, increase their knowledge as well as boost self confidence and self esteem. Prevention programmes on smoking, alcohol, drugs and related issues are also offered.

Youth work is different to most other approaches to working with young people in that, it starts with the young person's interests and abilities and works to develop these through a very wide variety of programmes.

Targeted work can be undertaken in areas prone to anti-social behaviour by young people. Youth Workers will aim to engage young people by diversionary activities.

For further information contact 01226 299222

## Connexions

Offers information, advice, personal support and guidance to help 13-19 year olds (up to 25 for young people with learning difficulties) get the best start in life.

Connexions personal advisors can advise on issues such as careers, health, education, housing & homelessness, drugs, smoking and alcohol, exam stress, sex, sexual disease and pregnancy.

For further information visit the website: [www.connexionssy.org.uk](http://www.connexionssy.org.uk)

## **Other Useful Contacts/Services**

### Domestic Abuse

Domestic Abuse Development Worker	01226 774966
Pathways	01226 249800
Sanctuary Scheme	Contact Development Worker
Crime Reduction Unit	01226 7360176
Sexual Abuse & Rape Crisis Helpline	01226 298560
Public Protection Unit	01226 736129 / 776274

For further information on services for victims of domestic abuse please refer to the Domestic Abuse Directory available upon request or from our website [www.saferbarnsley.co.uk](http://www.saferbarnsley.co.uk) or contact the Domestic Abuse Development Worker on the above number.

### Drugs and Alcohol

Barnsley Alcohol and Drugs Advisory Service (BADAS)	01226 779066
DIP out of hours Help Line	0845 4561079
The BARN (for young people under 18)	01226 280532

### Racial Harassment/Homophobia/Transphobia

Racial Harassment Strategy Co-ordinator	01226 774991
Barnsley Black Minority Ethnic Initiative (BBEMI)	01226 284477
<a href="http://www.bbemi.org">www.bbemi.org</a>	

For further information available on services and organisations please contact the Racial Harassment Strategy Co-ordinator at the Safer Communities Partnership or visit our website [www.saferbarnsley.co.uk](http://www.saferbarnsley.co.uk)

### Community Engagement on Crime and Safety

For further information on community engagement structures with regard to crime and safety please contact:

Community Safety Development Officer	01226 774957
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