
Hertfordshire County Council's Crime & Disorder Reduction Policy Statement

The Crime & Disorder Act 1998 placed new obligations on local authorities and the police to co-operate in the development and implementation of a strategy for tackling and reducing crime and disorder in their area.

The County Council's priorities will be :

- To work with partner agencies to deliver an environment in which our residents, visitors and businesses can *reasonably* feel safer
- To assist partner agencies in developing community safety strategies that can achieve a visible improvement in the quality of life for our communities
- To support a multi-agency approach to achieve a reduction in both the incidence of crime & disorder and fear of crime
- To contribute towards improving the level of intelligence/information that can be made available to crime reduction partnerships and to spread good practice
- To agree with partners the range of targets that can realistically be established in order to achieve measurable reductions in the incidents of crime.
- To assist all the council's services to fully understand how they can contribute towards achieving a reduction in both crime and the fear of crime
- To seek to maximise funding opportunities so that local crime reduction partnerships have the resources to operate effectively
- To design and implement effective strategies to reduce the incidence of youth crime and disorder and prevent young people getting into trouble
- To promote more effective communication with 'hard to reach' groups to ensure that their concerns are taken into consideration

This policy statement will contribute to the Council's promises by making Hertfordshire a better place to live and a prosperous place to work.
