

Part 4 of the Children (Protection and Parental Responsibility) Act 1997 (NSW) guides the development of local crime prevention plans. These plans help local councils to identify specific crime problems, develop evidence-based preventative strategies and engage local people and organisations to cooperate in attempts to prevent crime. CHD Partners has contributed to or managed the following:

- Development of crime prevention plans for:
Fairfield City Council, Parramatta City Council, Burwood and City of Canada Bay Councils (joint project), Narrabri Shire Council and Camden Council
- Development of plans for specific crime types (namely malicious damage to property and domestic violence) for Queanbeyan Council
- Development of comprehensive crime profiles for the City of Sydney Council and Fairfield City Council
- Evaluation of the Redfern/Waterloo Crime Prevention and Community Safety Plan for the City of Sydney

In developing local crime prevention plans, we can adopt the following processes:

- Detailed analysis of local crime data
- Consultation with diverse internal and external stakeholders
- Site audits of crime hot spots
- Conduct workshops to develop strategies in response to specific local crime problems
- Liaise with relevant funding agencies
- Document strategies and responsibilities in the crime prevention plan
- Educate relevant stakeholders to build local capacity
- Devise strategies to enable evaluation

The development of local crime prevention plans works best (in our experience) when there is an understanding of some of the key challenges. Five common challenges that we have experienced include:

- Balancing the competing perspectives of diverse stakeholders on how best to prevent crime
- Understanding and seeking to align the plethora of dueling plans
- Building strategies to maintain momentum at the completion of the plan
- Establishing at the outset the methods (and limitations) of consultation strategies and how evidence-based crime prevention strategies will be developed
- Encouraging a dynamic planning that enables new issues to be recognised and addressed, rather than rigidly sticking with an outdated plan

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