



The  
Solihull  
Partnership

**Jargon Buster**

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A	
<b>ABG - Area Based Grant</b>	A general grant allocated to local authorities as additional funding to areas; to support the delivery of local, regional and national priorities in their area.
<b>Anti Social Behaviour</b>	A legal definition of anti-social behaviour is found in the Crime and Disorder Act 1998. The act describes anti-social behaviour as: "acting in an anti-social manner that caused or was likely to cause harassment, alarm or distress to one or more persons not of the same household".
<b>ASB - Adult Safeguarding Board</b>	The Board was established in June 2008; involving lead officers from key organisations who have a statutory responsibility in promoting the welfare of adults and protecting adults whose independence is placed at risk by abuse and neglect.
<b>AWM - Advantage West Midlands</b>	AWM is the Regional Development Agency (RDA) for the West Midlands. Its role is to transform the West Midlands through sustainable economic development.

B	
<b>Benchmarking</b>	A method for councils to work out how well they are doing by comparing their performance with other similar councils, and with performance indicators (PIs).
<b>BSMHT – Birmingham and Solihull Mental Health Trust</b>	Birmingham and Solihull Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust provides mental health care to those people living in Birmingham and Solihull who are experiencing mental health problems.

C	
<b>CAB – Citizens Advice Bureau</b>	Free information and advice service to help people resolve their legal, money and other personal issues.
<b>CAF - Common Assessment Framework</b>	A generic assessment used for children with additional needs, to help early identification of need, promote co-ordinated service provision and reduce the number of assessments that some children and young people have to go through.
<b>CAFCASS - Children &amp; Family Court Advisory Support Service</b>	The role of CAFCASS is to safeguard and promote the welfare of children, give advice to family courts, make provision for children to be represented and provide information, advice and support to children and their families.

<b>CCF - Common Commissioning Framework</b>	The CCF sets out a consistent approach to planning, providing and reviewing services to achieve the results in the Sustainable Community Strategy.
<b>CDRP - Crime &amp; Disorder Reduction Partnership</b>	Under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, CDRPs were established for every local authority in the UK. The six statutory agencies involved in the CDRP are Solihull Council, West Midlands Police Service, West Midlands Police Authority, West Midlands Fire Service, Solihull NHS Care Trust and West Midland Probation Service. CDRPs are now called Community Safety Partnerships and the CDRP for Solihull is called the Safer Solihull Partnership.
<b>Commissioning</b>	Commissioning is the process of assessing needs and planning, delivering and reviewing services to use available resources to get the best outcomes for the people of Solihull. This process applies to all services, whether they are provided by the local authority, NHS, other public agencies, or by private and third sectors.
<b>Community Involvement</b>	An umbrella term which encompasses a broad spectrum of activities from seeking views to consulting on specific options for a service or area to work together with local people to solve a local problem. The Solihull Partnership has agreed six standards for community involvement.
<b>Compact Plus for Solihull</b>	An agreement between the Solihull Partnership and the third sector to further improve relations between them.
<b>CQC – Care Quality Commission</b>	The CQC is the independent regulator of all health and adult social care services in England. It also seeks to protect the interests of people whose rights are restricted under the Mental Health Act.
<b>CT - Care Trust</b>	<p>Solihull NHS Care Trust is a unique organisation; it is one of only a few national NHS Primary Care Trust's which brings health and adult social care functions together within a single organisation.</p> <p>The vision for the Care Trust is: <i>“Solihull Care Trust bringing together health and social care to improve the well-being of local people.”</i></p>
<b>CYPT - Children &amp; Young People's Trust</b>	<p>The CYPT is one of the five strategic groups in the Solihull Partnership. The CYPT is led by a statutory board with the purpose of bringing all partners with a role in improving outcomes for children together to agree a common strategy on how they will co-operate to improve children's well-being, and to help embed partnership working in the partners' routine delivery of their own functions.</p> <p>The vision for the CYPT is: <i>“Where everyone has an equal chance to be healthier, happier, safer and prosperous; and where all children and young people are loved and valued by their families and communities, and thrive and succeed.”</i></p>

<b>D</b>	
<b>DAT - Drug Action Team</b>	The partnership responsible for delivering the drugs strategy at a local level. It ensures that the work of local agencies is brought together effectively and that cross-agency projects are co-ordinated successfully.
<b>Delivery Plan</b>	Used to explain the how, when, where and costs involved to achieve the LAA indicators.

<b>E</b>	
<b>Equality Impact Assessment</b>	An Equality Impact Assessment is a tool for identifying the potential impact of a council's policies, services and functions on its residents and staff. It can help staff provide and deliver excellent services to residents by making sure these reflect the needs of the community. By carrying out Equality Impact Assessments, a council may also ensure that the services it provides fulfil the requirements of anti-discrimination and equalities legislation.
<b>ERDF - European Regional Development Fund</b>	This programme allocates funding to different regions throughout the European Union to boost economic development in less prosperous areas.

<b>G</b>	
<b>GOWM - Government Office West Midlands</b>	GOWM represents Central Government in the West Midlands and aims to work with regional partners and local people to help deliver the Government's key aims for the West Midlands region.

<b>H</b>	
<b>HCB - Healthier Communities Board</b>	One of the five strategic groups in the Solihull Partnership, the HCB fulfils the role and functions of a Health and Well-Being Partnership for Solihull. The HCB is committed to making improvements in people's health through the Healthier Communities agenda, including: reducing inequalities; improving people's emotional, well-being and supporting people with mental health needs; increasing the proportion of people making healthy lifestyle choices; enabling older people and disabled people to live with dignity and independence; and supporting carers.

<b>J</b>	
<b>JCP – Job Centre Plus</b>	Jobcentre Plus is a government agency supporting people of working age from welfare into work, and helping employers to fill their vacancies.
<b>JSNA – Joint Strategic Needs Assessment</b>	A systematic method for reviewing the health and wellbeing needs of a population, leading to agreed commissioning priorities that will improve outcomes and reduce inequalities.

<b>L</b>	
<b>LAA - Local Area Agreement</b>	Solihull LAA is an agreement between Solihull Council, its partners and Central Government about priorities for Solihull; how they will be measured and how much improvement will be made over the next three years.
<b>LAC – Looked After Children</b>	Local authorities have responsibilities under the Children (Scotland) Act 1995 to provide support to vulnerable young people. These are known as 'looked after children' who may be living in foster homes, with relatives, friends or in other community placements, in residential units or schools, or at home under supervision.
<b>LDF - Local Development Framework</b>	A folder of documents, providing the framework for planning in the borough and to guide planning decisions.
<b>LINCS – Local Integrated Needs-led Coordinated Support</b>	The Solihull Model for Multi-agency support of Children, Young People and their Families incorporating the Common Assessment Framework (CAF) and Lead Person (LP). Includes agreed procedures to be used in identifying, assessing and supporting children, when more than one agency is involved.
<b>LSCB - Local Safeguarding Children Board</b>	Created under the Children Act 2004, the LSCB is the statutory body responsible for protecting children at risk of significant harm, and contributing to the safeguarding and promoting of the welfare for every child and young person.
<b>LSP - Local Strategic Partnership</b>	A single non-statutory body which brings together representatives from the community, voluntary, private and public sector to provide a more co-ordinated way of managing services to local people.

<b>M</b>	
<b>MAA - Multi Area Agreement</b>	Multi Area Agreement's are cross-boundary local area agreements. They bring together key agencies to tackle issues that are best addressed in partnership at a regional and sub-regional level.

<b>N</b>	
<b>NEET - <i>Not in Employment, Education or Training</i></b>	This term is generally used to describe young people aged 16-18 not in employment, education or training.
<b>NIS - <i>National Indicator Set</i></b>	The NIS is the only set of indicators on which central government performance manage local government. It covers services delivered by local authorities alone and in partnership with other organisations like health services and the police.
<b>NSP - <i>North Solihull Partnership</i></b>	The NSP is a strategic partnership set up to close the inequality gap between people living in the North and South of the borough of Solihull and to deliver sustainable regeneration of North Solihull, including investment in the community, the environment and the physical fabric of the assets.

<b>O</b>	
<b>OBA - <i>Outcomes Based Accountability</i></b>	A powerful tool used for engaging partners in planning outcomes for communities and then working backwards to determine a means to achieving the results.

<b>P</b>	
<b><i>Prosperous Communities</i></b>	<p>Prosperous Communities is one the five Strategic Groups in the Solihull Partnership. Prosperous Communities supports the delivery of the priority outcomes of the Sustainable Community Strategy and is responsible for shaping, co-ordinating and delivering activities covering economic growth, housing, transport and environmental sustainability, learning employment and skills, regeneration and social inclusion/anti-poverty, and has a key role in closing the gap of inequalities between north and south Solihull, linked with the Regeneration Programme of North Solihull.</p> <p>Prosperous Communities vision is: <i>“To ensure a prosperous and growing economy for Solihull, where people can live in a quality environment and everyone has an equal opportunity to access employment, education and a decent home.”</i></p>

<b>R</b>	
<b>RIEP – <i>Regional Improvement and Efficiency Partnerships</i></b>	Regional Improvement and Efficiency Partnerships are partnerships of councils and other local services working together to deliver excellent services and greater efficiency. The priorities and work programmes of each RIEP are based on and reflect needs and

	challenges of authorities in the region or sub-region. These are set out in their strategies and emerging delivery plans.
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<b>S</b>	
<b>SSP - Safer Solihull Partnership</b>	<p>One of the five strategic groups in the Solihull Partnership, SSP is the statutory Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership for Solihull. It is responsible for compliance with the statutory duties and responsibilities set out in the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, the Police and Justice Act 2006, and in subsequent Home Office regulations which came into force on 1 August 2007. The Partnership aims to address the national standards and hallmarks for effective partnerships set out in the Home Office guidance - 'Delivering Safer Communities: A guide to effective partnership working'.</p> <p>The SSP also acts as the Board for the Drug and Alcohol Action Team, ensuring that Solihull is delivering the national drug and alcohol strategies locally.</p>
<b>SCH – Solihull Community Housing</b>	<p>Solihull Community Housing is the name of the Arms Length Management Organisation (ALMO) responsible for running the housing service on behalf of Solihull Council from April 2004. The Council continues to own the properties and remains as the landlord.</p> <p>SCH main responsibilities are: managing the housing service; bringing all homes up to the Decent Homes standard; providing opportunities for tenants and leaseholders to have a say in how homes are managed and employing staff who transferred from the Council's housing service.</p>
<b>SCS - Sustainable Community Strategy</b>	<p>The Strategy is a vision for the kind of borough we want in ten years time, and a map for how we get there. It is based on the needs, concerns and aspirations of local people, and sets out improvement priorities to tackle the most important issues facing the people of Solihull.</p> <p>The vision for the Solihull Partnership as stated in the SCS is: <i>"Solihull in 2018: where everyone has an equal chance to be healthier, happier, safer, and more prosperous."</i></p>
<b>SME - Small &amp; Medium-sized Enterprises</b>	Small & Medium sized businesses with less than 250 employees.
<b>Solihull Observatory</b>	The Observatory provides information and intelligence to support partners in commissioning activities to achieve their priorities. The Observatory also provides the systems and networks which bring together analysts from across partner organisations to support the above.
<b>SP - Solihull Partnership</b>	This is Solihull's Local Strategic Partnership (See LSP).

<b>SPCT – Solihull Partnership Commissioning Team</b>	<p>The SPCT is a multi-agency team which brings together the lead officers for partnership working. The team oversees, co-ordinates and supports the work of the five strategic groups which form the Solihull Partnership.</p> <p>The SPCT vision is: <i>“To maximise the value and effectiveness of partnership working and to ensure that efforts and resources are focused on meeting the priorities in the Sustainable Communities Strategy.”</i></p>
<b>SCSG - Stronger Communities Strategic Group</b>	<p>One of the five strategic groups of the Solihull Partnership, the SCSG provides the mechanism for identifying key issues and co-ordinating activities that contribute to building stronger communities in Solihull. The SCSG is focused on: strengthening community cohesion, improving community engagement and empowerment, building capacity in communities, developing volunteering and encouraging participation in sport, the arts and leisure.</p>

<b>T</b>	
<b>TOR – Terms of Reference</b>	<p>A document describing the vision, objectives, scope and deliverables of the activity to which it refers and any conditions, roles and responsibilities relating to the person(s) involved.</p>

<b>U</b>	
<b>UASC – Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children</b>	<p>USAC have come to this country to escape violence, genocide or hostile conditions in their country of origin. They have no access to state benefits, nor are they supported by the National Asylum Support Service. UASC’s are usually referred to the Directorate by the UK Border Agency and a social work assessment is undertaken for each unaccompanied child to identify individual needs.</p>

<b>V</b>	
<b>VCS - Voluntary &amp; Community Sector</b>	<p>The term Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) – sometimes called the Third Sector – refers to the many organisations and groups that occupy the ‘space’ between the public and private sectors. The following characteristics are distinctive to the VCS: 1. Self-governing organisations, some being registered charities, some incorporated non-profit organisations and some outside both these classifications; 2. A great range of size and structure of organisations; 3. Work delivered for the public benefit, beyond the membership of individual voluntary and community organisations (VCOs); 4. Independence of both</p>

	formal structures of government and the profit sector and 5. An important reliance on volunteers to carry out its work.
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<b>W</b>	
<b>WMAS - West Midlands Ambulance Service</b>	The WMAS mission is: <i>“To deliver world-class patient services through a skilled and committed workforce”.</i>
<b>WMFS - West Midlands Fire Service</b>	The WMFS vision is: <i>“Making West Midlands Safer”.</i>
<b>WMPS - West Midlands Police Service</b>	The second largest police force in the country, the WMPS vision is: <i>“To reduce crime and disorder and make our communities safer.”</i>
<b>Worklessness</b>	Worklessness is a less familiar term than unemployment to describe those who are economically inactive. These are people of working age who are not in employment, not in full-time education or training and are not actively seeking work.