

Changes to the way we deliver Road Safety in Gloucestershire

Road safety is about saving peoples lives and keeping them from harm. It affects all people of all ages whether they are drivers, passengers, motorcyclists, pedal cyclists or pedestrians. Road safety is a diverse activity. It incorporates basic education for children, driver training, retraining for offenders, design of traffic schemes and traffic regulations. It relies upon good partnership working between highway authorities, police, fire and rescue, health, education, and voluntary bodies.

During 2007 a comprehensive review of the way road safety is delivered in Gloucestershire took place with a specific focus on how we can further reduce casualties on our roads.

The review acknowledged that we have achieved considerable success in the field of road safety because of the efforts of everyone involved in delivering the service and the innovative ideas that have been taken forward. It also confirmed that we, and our major partners, have areas of shared excellence, but that there are areas where we could work even more effectively and efficiently.

As a result, the decision has been made to establish a co-located partnership under a new Partnership Manager (Road Safety). The team will include officers from Gloucestershire County Council's Environment Directorate Road Safety Team and Community Safety Directorate Fire and Rescue Service as well as officers from Gloucestershire Highways and Gloucestershire Constabulary Safety Camera Partnership. The new team, which will be responsible for all "operational delivery", will contain four key elements, namely: intelligence; education; engineering; and enforcement and will be adopting some of the best practice identified from Lincolnshire, Northamptonshire, Norfolk and Devon.

A Core Project team with sub-groups has been established to implement the co-located partnership. The key activities the team are working on are:

- Appointing the Partnership Manager (Interviews will take place on 31 July 2008)
- Identifying where the partnership should be based. We are principally looking at either Shire Hall or Gloucestershire Highways Head Office at Imperial Gate, Gloucester;
- Mapping out how the service is currently delivered and identifying better ways of delivering it in the future; also looking at governance and finance arrangements, human resources implications and ensuring effective communications with all stakeholders affected by the creation of the partnership.

As the project moves forward we will issue further information sheets to keep you informed.

In the meantime, if you have any queries you can contact Haze Reid, Interim Project Manager by email at haze.reid@gloucestershire.gov.uk.

