



# Partnership MEETINGS

FOR 2024

## Community Safety Hub:

Multi-agency working is essential in the prevention of crime and disorder. The Braintree District Community Safety Hub aims to maximise the benefits of collaborative working with partners, develop better information sharing and closer working practices and tackle key issues identified in the CSP Action Plan, the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner's (PFCC) Police and Crime Plan, and from emerging crime trends and patterns.

Membership of the Hub is varied and includes representation from partner organisations of the CSP, other statutory services and the voluntary sector.

## Housing Support:

This multi-agency forum was set up for information sharing and decision-making for complex cases. For example, where a person has previously been identified as vulnerable and has caused anti-social behaviour to others, and where contact has been made with the local authority for homelessness advice or an application made to the housing register.

### How to refer?

Partner agencies wishing to refer a case are required to raise a 'Case Information Form' and return to **Chris.English@braintree.gov.uk**

### How often does the meeting take place?

The meetings take place every other Wednesday from 10.00a.m – 12 noon

### Further information:

**[www.braintree.gov.uk/community/community-safety-partnership](http://www.braintree.gov.uk/community/community-safety-partnership)**

### How to refer?

Cases will be nominated via the Community Safety Hub, or you can raise a 'Case Information Form' and return to **Chris.English@braintree.gov.uk**

### How often does the meeting take place?

Meetings will be scheduled every 2 weeks, dependent on referrals being received

### Further information:

Where appropriate the individual/tenant concerned will be invited to attend these meetings in person, with the option for professionals to dial in remotely.

## Domestic Abuse:

The DA Sub-Group is for domestic abuse cases where the individual has contacted the Local Authority for homelessness advice, or an application made to the housing register. The multi-agency partnership will discuss each case and will establish the level of risk. The partners evaluate appropriate measures and interventions to manage risk and they explore the role of statutory homelessness functions and the housing allocation scheme



### How to refer?

Complete a 'Case Information Form – Braintree District Community safety Hub' and select the group you are wishing to refer to – Housing Support or Domestic Abuse is an option. You then send the referral to **Chris.English@braintree.gov.uk**

### How often does the meeting take place?

The DA Subgroup takes place every other Friday 10am-12pm

## Disability Working Group:

The purpose of this group is to enable suitable housing for people with physical disabilities who are currently living in unsuitable accommodation. Cases are discussed with Registered Providers, Occupational Therapist, Environmental Health and The Local Authority. Options are explored and recommendations are made to whether specific adaptations can be made to the property to allow the household to remain living safely.



### How to refer?

Please request a referral form from **David.Steel@braintree.gov.uk**

### How often does the meeting take place?

Every 3 months

## Homeless Prevention Partnership (HPP):

The HPP is a partnership meeting which provides an opportunity for all services working within the homelessness sector to share good practice, promote their service, discuss funding, trends and highlight any concerns they may have. The HPP will work together to deliver the Action Plan from the Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy. Individual cases are not discussed here.



### How to attend?

Contact **Angela.tame@braintree.gov.uk** or **Donna.goodchild@braintree.gov.uk**

### How often does the meeting take place?

Every 3 months

## Braintree District Supported Housing Joint Referral Panel (JRP):

JRP provides a gateway for referral to supported (lower-level needs) accommodation schemes within the Braintree District for those with a local connection.

The aim of the JRP is to ensure that every application made to a supported housing scheme is assessed for eligibility and suitability and provide a forum for all agencies to share appropriate information in the consideration of an application. The JRP ensures that successful applicants are offered the most appropriate service according to their support need and reduces the number of people moving from one service to another following placement breakdown.



### How to attend?

All referrals to the JRP come via the Housing Options Team at Braintree District Council Options  
**Housing.OptionsService@braintree.gov.uk**

### How often does the meeting take place?

The meeting takes places every two weeks via teams on a Wednesday at 2pm

## Cost of Living:

The partnership was established to respond to and support the effects of the National Cost of Living Crisis on Braintree District Residents. The meeting is open to all organisations in Braintree District who would like to know more or share good practice of what your service is delivering to tackle the Cost of Living and support residents in the district.



### How to attend?

If you would like to attend, please contact Micheal Graham  
**[micheal.graham@braintree.gov.uk](mailto:micheal.graham@braintree.gov.uk)**

### How often does the meeting take place?

Every 2 months

## Mental Health Forum

Mental health services and community partners come together to discuss and update on projects and events happening in the district. The meeting is open to all organisations in the Braintree District who would like to know more or share events/groups that are helping to promote mental health and wellbeing in the district.



### How to attend?

If you would like to attend, please contact Emily French  
**[emily.french@braintree.gov.uk](mailto:emily.french@braintree.gov.uk)**

### How often does the meeting take place?

Quarterly

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## Braintree District Health & Wellbeing Panel

The strategic partnership for the coordination, communication and commissioning of health improvement and wellbeing services for the local population. Aims to achieve better health, wellbeing and social care outcomes for Braintree District's population and a better quality of care for patients and other people using local health and social services.



### How to attend?

If you would like to attend, please contact Tristan Easey  
**[tristan.easy@braintree.gov.uk](mailto:tristan.easy@braintree.gov.uk)**

### How often does the meeting take place?

Quarterly

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## Braintree Social Isolation & Loneliness Forum

Research shows that loneliness and social isolation are harmful to our health. It has a comparable risk factor for early death as smoking 15 cigarettes a day and is worse than well-known risk factors such as obesity and physical inactivity increasing the likelihood of mortality by 26%. In order to address this issue at a local level the Braintree District Social Isolation and Loneliness Forum has been formed to bring together key partners working in the district who are addressing social isolation and loneliness.



### How to attend?

If you would like to attend, please contact Moira Groborz -  
**[moira.groborz@braintree.gov.uk](mailto:moira.groborz@braintree.gov.uk)**

### How often does the meeting take place?

Quarterly

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## Family Activities Steering Group (FSG)

The Families Steering Group is an established partnership forum hosted by Community360 and is attended by school, voluntary and statutory sector partners. The group meets once each half term to share news on holiday activity opportunities for families, funding currently available, and any further useful information. The Families Steering Group brings together partners to ensure we are all working collaboratively to deliver the best possible support for the communities that we work with.



### How to attend?

If you would like to attend, please Contact **philiprawlinson@community360.org.uk**

### How often does the meeting take place?

Once per half term

## Safer Streets Steering Group

This steering group is a multi-agency meeting which aims to deliver the Home Office's Safer Streets funding for investment in specified areas of Halstead. Partners who would be able to assist with the aims of the Safer Streets funding, which are to reduce anti-social behaviour, neighbourhood crime and Violence against Women and Girls in Halstead, are welcome to join the steering group.



### How to attend?

If you would like to attend, please Contact **saferstreets@braintree.gov.uk**

### How often does the meeting take place?

Every Month

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## Dementia Friendly Community (DFC)

The Braintree District Dementia Friendly Community (DFC) is open to anyone who has an interest in improving the lives of people living with dementia and their carers. The group is made up of people who work 1:1 with those living with dementia along with those who commission and deliver services that can provide support. We encourage partners to join the group whether they support the person living with dementia or the carer, or both. The group would also like to welcome those people living with dementia to join the group to see how much work is being done locally and provide their feedback and perhaps help identify gaps. At each meeting services are showcased, and partners can promote events and activities that take place.



### How to attend?

If you would like to attend, please Kryshia Fuller **kryshia.fuller@braintree.gov.uk**

### How often does the meeting take place?

Quarterly

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