

REPORT TO: COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (CRIME AND DISORDER) GWYNEDD LOCAL AUTHORITY

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SUBJECT: ANNUAL UPDATE BY THE COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP (GWYNEDD AND ANGLESEY)

1.00	PURPOSE OF THE REPORT
1.01	To provide an overview to Members of the activities of the Gwynedd and Anglesey Community Safety Partnership (CSP) during the 2016/17 year, and developments for 2017/18
2.00	BACKGROUND
2.01	The Community Safety Partnership is required to formally report to this committee each year to present an overview of activities. This ensures that the Partnership delivers its obligations in accordance with sections 19 and 20 of the Criminal Justice and Police Act 2006. The committee's duty is to scrutinise the Partnership's work, rather than the work of individual members (bodies).
2.02	There is a statutory duty on Local Authorities in accordance with the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, and subsequent amendments because of the Police and Criminal Justice Act 2002 and 2006, to work in partnership with the Police, the Health service, the Probation Service and the Fire and Rescue Service , to address the local community safety agenda. These are the main agencies that make up the Community Safety Partnership. The Partnership has a duty to deal with - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crime and Disorder • Substance Misuse • Reducing reoffending • Delivering a strategic assessment to identify priorities (work that is now undertaken on a regional basis) • Putting plans in place to deal with these priorities (a plan now exists on a regional and local basis)
2.03	A partnership has existed in Anglesey and in Gwynedd since 1998. However, it has operated as a two-county Partnership for the past five years.
3.00	THE PARTNERSHIP'S PRIORITIES/DOCUMENTS FOR SCRUTINY
3.01	The partnership works to an annual plan, which is based on a three-year regional plan. The 2016/17 end of year performance report, 2017/18 plan, and the 2017/18 expenditure plan are attached. Also, for information, there is a briefing paper on the CONTEST (anti-terrorism) duties (appendices 1,2,3,4)
3.02	Seven priorities attract the Partnership's attention. Here are the priorities for 2016/17 and 2017/18 . These priorities are based on a strategic assessment. They

	<p>are -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reducing victim based crimes (acquisitive crimes only) • Reducing Antisocial Behaviour • Supporting vulnerable people to prevent them becoming victims of crime • Raising confidence to report incidents of domestic abuse • Raising confidence to report sexual abuse • Addressing substance misuse in the area • Reducing Re-offending
4.00	MAIN MESSAGES DERIVING FROM THE ACTIVITY OF 2016/17
	<p>The Partnership's end of year report is attached. The report shows the situation in relation to the above-mentioned priorities, namely -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Victim based crime increased in both Gwynedd and Anglesey in 2016/17 compared to 2015/16. This increase was largely due to changes in internal recording processes in March 2016 rather than localised trends. Anglesey is below average compared to its MSG (Most Similar Groups) and anticipated to remain stable. Gwynedd is average compared to its MSG. • The number of repeat victims of crime increased in both counties in 2016/17 partly due to a trend seen across North Wales and is linked to an increase in reported violent crime; although there has been a period of stabilisation in recent months. • Seasonality affects acquisitive crime levels in Gwynedd and Anglesey with peaks in the summer month and dips in the winter. The overall trend has remained stable in both counties for the past 18 months. Both counties have a low level of acquisitive crime compared to their MSGs. • Antisocial behaviour reported to North Wales Police is highly seasonal with a significantly higher number of incidents reported during summer months when compared to winter months. There was a small increase in both counties in 2016/17 but the general trend remains stable. • Reports of domestic violent crime in both Anglesey and Gwynedd have increased since 2012 and more notably during the last 2 years. It is recognised that domestic violence is underreported therefore improved training of frontline staff and third party referrals from partner agencies are likely to have increased reporting. • High-risk sexual violence has increased in both Gwynedd and Anglesey. Both counties are above average when compared to MSG. There have been significant events in recent years along with increased education to promote the reporting of sexual offences and support available to victims. It is likely these activities and events have increased the reporting of historic and current offences.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Repeat adult offenders are individuals age 18 and over who have been charged or cautioned for two or more crimes in 12 months. Adult reoffending fell in both counties in 2016/17, but more significantly in Anglesey than in Gwynedd. Repeat youth offenders are individuals under 18 who have been charged or cautioned for two or more crimes in 12 months. Youth reoffending has remained stable in Gwynedd but fell in Anglesey. Reductions in youth reoffending are the result of avoiding criminalising young people for minor offences such as shoplifting and criminal damage and instead using alternative disposals
5.00	MAIN SUCCESSES DURING 2016/17
5.01	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Of the 39 activities in the 2016/17 plan, at the end of the year, 29 were green (achieved), 9 were amber (work done but not completed), and one was red (not done) The one red action, was pertinent to the development of a 'blue light' group, this work is now embedded in a different action within the plan, looking at local multiagency groups The amber activities have been transferred to the 2017/18 plan, or moved to the appropriate regional plan, sitting under a different reporting structure (as a number of activities have moved towards a regional framework) During the period, the partnership has seen a change in the way that Anti-Social Behaviour is being tackled. The Police have led on new multi-agency groups, in order to offer more early intervention A successful campaign was held in November at Ysbyty Gwynedd to raise awareness of domestic abuse amongst the public A campaign was held to raise awareness of crime, substance misuse, sexual abuse and keeping safe for students in Bangor during Freshers week The North Wales e-newsletter for the substance misuse field was developed by the Gwynedd and Anglesey Community Safety Team in 2015/16, and received praise by Welsh Government this was developed further in 2016/17 to become an interactive website The Partnership spent the grants in full in 2016/17 and we anticipate the same in this financial year To reflect some of the early findings of our DHR (Domestic Homicide Review) the way we commission target-hardening provision has been changed. This provision is funded by a grant from the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC), which ends this financial year, we have contributed to a North Wales Impact assessment in relation to the loss of the funding. We anticipate that the PCC will however, continue to commission such provision, possibly on a North Wales footing A new panel has been operational in Anglesey – called Vulnerable and risk management meeting VARM, which has services from Social Care, Health and the Police working together to meet the needs of individuals with possible mental health issues, which cause a high demand for services The requirements of the new Welsh Government Act on Violence against women, domestic abuse and sexual violence (AAWDASV) continue to

	<p>develop. In terms of the new statutory requirements, we have already –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Appointed a new regional Advisor ○ Established a regional Board to oversee the development of a new regional strategy and commissioning process ○ Started on the process of reorganisation for the supporting team for this agenda. The future team will be a regional resource, as opposed to the local co-ordinators we now have
6.00	THE MAIN MILESTONES DURING 2017/18
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sadly, the partnership is conducting two Domestic Homicide reviews at present, resulting from two deaths in Gwynedd, one in July of last year, the other having taken place in July of this year. The Partnership has a statutory duty to undertake this review. There will be a certain level of commitment and support resources taken up with this activity during the course of this year again • Implementation of the attached plan, including a review of the effectiveness of the VARM group • During this period, the Wales Audit Office carried out a review of Community Safety across Wales. In light of the review findings, the Welsh Government has commissioned, a further, bespoke and in depth review of this area of work, and has established a Board to lead on the work. We await the results of the review towards the end of this year. We anticipate further changes to the way CS partnerships work in the future • Take action to transfer to a regional system regarding the Domestic Abuse field of work - meaning that the grant, supporting and commissioning resources will change to follow a regional procedure by April 2018. Originally a task for which was meant to be delivered by April 2017, the Welsh Government have allowed a transitional year • We will be undertaking a process of consultation with the community in both Local Authority areas. We hope to glean from the results how safe our residents feel living in this area, and what are their main priorities in relation to crime and disorder • A Welsh Government capital grant will be utilised to improve the building in Holyhead currently used for substance misuse services. We continue our attempt to try to find an appropriate building in Bangor for developing into new premises for the delivery of substance misuse provision • Put in place, the new structure (new posts) for additional substance misuse provision for young people, which was developed and agreed in 2016/17 • Both Councils to complete the process of reviewing current Designated Public Place Orders (DPPO's) in line with the legislative changes • Facilitate the new Counter-terrorism implications, specifically the PREVENT element, as a Council, and as a Partnership where needed. (Attachment 4 gives a brief on the CONTEST duties) • Both Councils to complete training needs analyses within the domestic abuse and sexual abuse field, in accordance with Welsh Government's statutory guidelines, including an e-learning module on domestic abuse, and some departments within the Council to identify "ask and act" needs
7.00	RECOMMENDATIONS

7.01	To note the contents of the report and attached documents, and state whether or not the Scrutiny Committee supports the priorities and future direction of the work
8.00	APPENDICES
8.01	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. 2016/17 End of Year report2. 2017/18 Action Plan3. 2017/18 Expenditure plan4. Briefing paper on the CONTEST requirements