

## Community Safety Partnership – Gwynedd and Anglesey

### What is it?

The community safety Partnership is a group of organisations working together to look at how best we can tackle crime and disorder. The requirement to have such a partnership in place on a local level is enshrined in law, within the Crime and Disorder Act of 1998. A number of organisations have a role to play within the partnership, including the Local Authority, the Police, the Probation services, the Fire and Rescue service and the Health board.

We have responsibilities under the 1998 Act for a number of areas, including – reducing crime and disorder, reducing re-offending, substance misuse and antisocial behaviour. We also have a duty to commission Domestic Homicide reviews in certain specific circumstances. And, we have a duty to prepare an annual assessment of crime and disorder, to guide us as to what needs prioritising.

### What does it do?

Since it was first established over 20 years ago, the partnership has undergone a number of changes. Initially, the work was supported by a number of local grants and dedicated co-ordinators. However, today, we have no local grants, and hugely reduced dedicated resources. So we have adapted to the new landscape, which means working to a large extent with partners across North Wales, to secure opportunities and resources for implementing change locally.

Much of the work since 1998 then has been about mainstreaming community safety into the daily work of all partners. This has resulted in vast changes being witnessed, as services now plan and build into their day to day work the needs of vulnerable people and victims, as a given. Training on a number of issues relating to crime and disorder is now applied as a matter of course, and joint working between agencies is a daily occurrence.

Today, we maintain the developments of the last 20 years, which has seen a reduction in some crime types, but also the awareness of new crimes which need specialist attention. Having established working links and networks across the North Wales region, we are better placed to respond to these emerging challenges.

Locally, we still maintain our joint working groups and constantly look to improve how we work collectively to tackle our areas of responsibility. Below we will show you what structures we have in place to move our work forward, and also what specific areas will be receiving our attention over the next 12 months.

## Community safety structures -

### North Wales region -

In North Wales we have a number of Boards, which bring the required partners together to discuss various aspects of Community safety, these include –

- Serious and organised crime
- Safeguarding (vulnerable people) including radicalisation
- Modern slavery
- Domestic abuse and sexual violence
- Substance misuse (drugs and alcohol)
- Criminal Justice Board
- Offender management

This is not an exhaustive list, but indicates how much work goes on to develop strategic plans, direct and sometimes commission services which meet the needs of all the North Wales Counties. The Boards are constantly reviewed in order to ensure effectiveness, and avoid duplication of effort. A major review is taking place over the next few months, to ensure we make the most of what resources we have, by reducing the number of Boards and meetings

#### Gwynedd and Anglesey -

There are a number of local groups across Gwynedd and Anglesey which then put these strategic visions into practice. The Gwynedd Community Safety partnership will have **oversight** of these work streams locally, but will also look closely at how and where operational practice needs to be improved.

In the next 12 months we will be looking at these areas of work –

- Our training programmes – to ensure we have an informed and enabled workforce
- Our awareness raising programme – understanding the gaps and needs
- Ensuring we develop our working practices in order to meet new demands, such as County Lines (organised drug gangs)
- Understanding what the annual strategic assessment and other completed profiles/analysis are telling us we need to do
- Looking at the contacts and working practices locally, and improving communication and structures where required
- Be part of the regional and national review of governance and structures for Community safety
- Piloting new projects and monitoring the outcomes

### The strategic assessment –

The newly completed assessment for North Wales, tells us that these areas below, need to be prioritised. Because the assessment is based on both the level of risk and the ability of services to respond, not all crime types are a priority at this time. Some types of crime are well understood, and the response of the required organisations is well established and appropriate. This does not mean that we do not address any issues that arises, but it may mean we do not necessarily need to give the issues appropriate attention as a partnership.

- Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence
- Substance Misuse and all related crimes, such as County Lines and exploitation
- Vulnerable victims
- Reducing re-offending
- Antisocial behaviour
- Serious acquisitive crime including organised crime

Work plan for next 12 months -

OUR TRAINING PROGRAMME		
What needs doing this year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Both Anglesey and Gwynedd Local Authorities are developing new and appropriate information as regards safeguarding issues for all LA staff</li> <li>• Both Local Authorities, the Fire service and the health Board need to start implementing the Ask and Act level of the Domestic Abuse National Training Framework, as well as continuing with e level 1 awareness training</li> <li>• Partners need to review their PREVENT training (radicalisation) to ensure relevant staff are receiving the required awareness programme</li> </ul>	
OUR AWARENESS RAISING PROGRAMME		
What needs doing this year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Police will deliver additional awareness sessions for Local Members in Gwynedd, as regards the County Lines issues</li> <li>• The Partnership has developed an awareness campaign, in relation to Cocaine, which will now be rolled out across North Wales. Welsh Government, as a result of this development, are also investing in a specific awareness campaign over the next few months</li> </ul>	
ENSURING WE DEVELOP OUR WORK PRACTICES TO MEET NEW DEMANDS		

<p>What needs doing this year</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Police will not only continue, but develop the capacity of the cybercrime unit. With the aim – of tackling the growing problem of Cyber fraud</li> <li>• The partnership will commission additional data as regards the nature and extent of cybercrime locally –and respond with additional awareness activity if required</li> <li>• Anglesey Children’s services are looking at the structures around providing interviews for children who have returned following going missing. The aim is to ensure safeguarding issues are identified and dealt with –any learning will be shared with Gwynedd</li> <li>• Both Counties are having additional investment put into , tier 2 Substance misuse provision – this means, that outreach (targeted) support for people with substance misuse issues can be increased in both Counties. The aim is to reach people who may not otherwise seek help with their problems</li> <li>• Much work has been undertaken already in identifying the local issues relating to County Lines issues. Profiles and needs assessment have been prepared, in the coming months workshops will be held, to see how these can be worked into local operational plans. The aim is to work together, to target localities where the need is greatest, and where the most impact can be made</li> </ul>	
<p>LOOKING AT THE CONTACTS AND WORKING PRACTICES, AND IMPROVING COMMUNICATION AND STRUCTURES WHERE REQUIRED</p>		

<p>What needs doing this year</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trading standards and the Police locally, will discuss and implement more effective sharing of intelligence data. With the aim of securing effective prosecutions</li> <li>• Local Authorities and Police will review existing public space protection orders. With the aim of ensuring what is in place for the future reflects the real need and considers the resources available</li> <li>• Anglesey Housing department and the Youth justice Service will look at how structures might be improved, to work together on early identification and intervention with young people who are committing ASB in specific areas. The aim is to engage with young people at an early stage and reduce chances of escalating behaviour</li> <li>• The VARM group (Vulnerability and Risk management) will be introduced in Gwynedd, a multiagency group which seeks to find solutions to issues for individuals who are not within normal safeguarding parameters, but are still needing a service. The aim is to find a solution which brings about an improved situation for the individual and a reduced need for intervention for the services</li> <li>• On a regional basis, we are working together on a review of our MARAC structures, a multiagency group which plan for the safety of high risk victims of domestic abuse. The aim is to develop a structure which works for the future in terms of effectiveness and managing the demand</li> <li>• Substance misuse services are finding it difficult to identify appropriate and available buildings in Bangor, from which to deliver services. Partners are working together to identify any opportunity to jointly develop the available space in this area</li> <li>• Conducting a timely review of the substance misuses service for young people, ‘be di’r sgor ‘to ensure referral pathways are effective</li> <li>• A new Tier 2 outreach service for substance misuse will be implemented across North wales, we will ensure that this resource is modelled locally in such a way as to complement existing services, and appropriate pathways are in place for referrals and targeted outreach</li> </ul>	
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BE PART OF THE REGIONAL REVIEW OF GOVERNANCE AND STRUCTURES FOR COMMUNITY SAFETY

What needs doing this year

- There will be a rationalisation of the existing Strategic Boards across North Wales, and the local partnership will ensure we inform the process from a local perspective. The aim - a more efficient and effective structure of Governance
- Welsh Government continue with the review of Community Safety issues –we will respond as required on a local level
- The partnership will report to the required Governing structures – including for the first time the Public Services Board
- As a Partnership, we continue to undertake our duty as regards conducting reviews on domestic homicides. We enter this new strategic year with two ongoing reviews. The aim is to learn from such incidents, and improve provision where possible

PILOTING NEW PROJECTS

<p>What needs doing this year</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussions will continue with relevant partners, to establish whether or not Street pastors might be established in Caernarfon</li> <li>• A pilot project will take place in Holyhead based on contextual safeguarding. With the aim of the community playing it's part in safeguarding young people who may be at risk of harm or criminality</li> <li>• Work will take place this year to explore the possibility of a pilot initiative regarding Veterans and healthy relationships. The aim is to identify any specific issues pertinent to veterans, where tailored interventions might be required</li> <li>• Anglesey LA will pilot the use of a new 'keeping safe' app for children/parents through schools , any lessons will be shared at the end of the period</li> <li>• A three month pilot project will be run by Crimestoppers in South Gwynedd. Working alongside the Local Councillors and communities, the aim is to increase the confidence of communities to report crimes anonymously, without direct contact with the Police</li> </ul>	
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Monitoring -

The Partnership will receive quarterly updates as to how crimes and incidents are presenting in Gwynedd and Anglesey. The analytical report, will explain any anomalies, and report on any additional factors which need attention.

The work plan will also be monitored and reported on.

