

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 2015/16 year, and developments for 2016/17
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 over the past eighteen months. 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 as a result 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 three 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 2015/16 end of year performance report, 2016/17 and 16/17 plans, and a two-year expenditure plan are attached (appendices 1,2,3,4)
3.02	Seven priorities attract the Partnership's attention. Here are the priorities for 2015/16. And again in 2016/17. These priorities are based on a strategic assessment. Namely -

	<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 2015/16
	<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"> • Acquisitive crimes in Gwynedd are low in comparison with other similar areas¹, and are static at present (no expectation that an increase will be seen in these types of crimes) • Anti-social behaviour has been reducing regularly since 2012, although it is anticipated that there will be an increase again during the summer (which is quite common) • The number of people reporting domestic abuse has been increasing since 2012, which is encouraging as we are aware that this type of crime very often remains hidden • The number of serious sexual crimes being reported in Gwynedd is higher than in other similar areas, and a further analysis of the incidents is being undertaken in order to identify trends. A number of the incidents that have been reported since 2012 are historical incidents • The number of adults who re-offend within 12 months in Gwynedd has reduced slightly since 2012. • The number of children (under 17 years) who have re-offended within 12 months has reduced substantially during the same period.
5.00	MAIN SUCCESSES DURING 2015/16
5.01	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Of the 35 new activities in the 2015/16 plan, at the end of the year, 26 were green (achieved), 8 were amber (work done but not completed), and one was red (not done) • Due to the changes to the routine of the Substance Misuse Officer, which is funded by the Police Commissioner, the action was not completed, namely an internal Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) Policy for the Partnership. • The amber activities have been transferred to 2016/17. • 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 early intervention. • A successful campaign was held in November to raise awareness of domestic abuse amongst the public. • A campaign was held to raise awareness of crime, substance misuse, sexual

¹ Areas that the Home Office identifies as areas that should have the same levels of crime

	<p>abuse and keeping safe for students. A new leaflet, prepared locally, on sexual abuse was used. Hundreds of students received information and keep safe tools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A campaign to raise awareness of the OWL (Online Watch Link) service took place, and over two hundred students signed up. Unfortunately, this service has now come to an end. • A multi-agency operational group that discusses and responds to victims of domestic abuse (MARAC) was reviewed by the national body and very positive results were received. Consequently, an action plan was prepared to increase the activities deriving from the plan. By now, all actions in the plan have been completed • Grant funding for the anti-terrorism work has been used regionally in order to prepare bilingual resources for future training. • The North Wales e-newsletter for the substance misuse field was developed by the Gwynedd and Anglesey Community Safety Team (and received praise by Welsh Government) • The Partnership spent the grants in full • During the year, the Wales Community Rehabilitation Company (CRC) joined as a formal member of the local Partnership. CRC is a body that has been established as a result of the restructuring of the Probation Service. • A new mobile camera was installed on Glanrafon Hill in Bangor - joint-funded between North Wales Police and Gwynedd Council. This was done as part of a multi-agency campaign to tackle high crime level issues in this area. • Nuisance-call barring systems were purchased jointly with Gwynedd Council Trading Standards, to safeguard older people being targeted by cold-calling scams.
6.00	THE MAIN MILESTONES DURING 2016/17
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sadly, The partnership is conducting a Domestic Homicide review at present, resulting from a death in Gwynedd 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 and into next year. • Implementation of the attached plan • 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 2017. • Complete the review of substance misuse services for children and young people in both counties, to recommend possible changes in what is being commissioned by the regional Planning Board. • Both Councils to complete the process of adopting new Anti-Social Behaviour powers, Anglesey Council has now completed this. • Both Councils to decide where Safeguarding work will sit following the development of the new Public Services Board. • Facilitate the new Counter-terrorism implications, specifically the PREVENT element, as a Council, and as a Partnership where needed. • Complete the process of transferring the new WISDOM Team, which includes

	<p>the Police and Probation Service, to work from the Penrallt Council Building - a Service where the two agencies collaborate closely to manage the most dangerous criminals in our societies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue with the pilot in Anglesey, which is looking at collaboration between agencies, including the Council, regarding people with mental health problems, who also cause problems for the Police (and others). • 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 action" action needs. • To identify opportunities to extend the target hardening service, installation of locks, etc. to victims of Domestic Abuse. This is done in collaboration with the Housing and Supporting People departments. • Re-establish the IOM (Integrated Offender Management) group of both Counties, and review which offenders will receive the service.
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. 2015/16 End of Year report 2. 2015/16 Action Plan 3. 2016/17 Action Plan 4. 2015/16/17 Expenditure plan