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Community Safety Section

OPERATIONAL PLAN

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INTRODUCTION

The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 makes Community Safety Partnerships responsible for effectively tackling crime disorder, anti social behaviour, and other behaviour adversely affecting the environment. They are obliged to conduct audits of crime, disorder and anti social behaviour and make a strategic assessment, that includes public consultation, and introduce a strategy to tackle it. The partnership annually attracted grants of just over £790k to help it deliver its strategy. The terms and conditions that accompany the grants mean that they are red circled for specific national and local priorities;

- Public Service Agreed Negotiated Targets (now includes local element)
- Substance Misuse Action Plan Wales
- All Wales Youth Offending Strategy.

It is not sufficient just to produce a strategy, the strategy will have to be translated into a series of actions plans and those plans should be an effective means of tackling both our local and the national priorities. All funding provided for this purpose will be seen as 'input' that results in an 'output'.

Denbighshire has established a community safety section to ensure that the authority's commitment to community safety remains focused, and adapts to meet changes around the delivery of community safety both nationally and locally.

Community Safety is delivered by a series of partnership meetings and resulting actions. The community safety team is responsible for managing all aspects of partnership working from arranging meetings to monitoring and delivering action plans.

Community Safety in Denbighshire is delivered through four main strategic groups, Substance Misuse, Domestic Violence Forum, Anti Social Behaviour and the Joint Action Group (Crime and the fear of Crime). Youth offending is tackled by the Conwy and Denbighshire Youth Justice Service. A service which is supported by Denbighshire's Community Safety Partnership.

Denbighshire acknowledges its own responsibilities in relation to Community Safety. The formation of a community Safety Section that coordinates the partnership of responsible authorities*, and strategic partners, also ensures that the services delivered by the authority, especially in relation to tackling environmental crime and anti social behaviour, take the lead in relation to prevention and investigation, and that there are processes in place for a robust prosecution policy

Team Members

Community Safety Manager	• Roly Schwarz
Community safety Officer	•
Administration & Research	• Alwen Davies
Domestic Abuse Coordinator	• Michelle Davidson Beck
Community Safety Enforcement Officer	• Tim Wynne Evans
Substance Misuse Coordinator	• Ceriann Tunnah
Anti Social behaviour Officer	• Stuart Lloyd

Summary of responsibilities and tasks

- **Preparing the Community Safety Strategic Assessment**
- **Translating the Strategic Assessment into strategy and Operational Plans**
 - Research and Analysis of relevant data
 - Collation of Prescribed information and production of the quarterly report
 - Consultation to establish local Priorities
 - Promoting Community Safety
- **Cc-ordinating the Community Safety Partnership**
 - Managing Partnership meetings
 - Determining Strategy
 - Managing Funding Streams
 - Commissioning and Monitoring projects
 - Partnership working
- **Regulation and Enforcement**
 - Supporting Regulatory Sections of the Authority in Enforcement duties
 - Co-ordinating joint working between Enforcement Agencies (Internal and External)
 - Preparing Operational Plans and briefings
 - Managing the local Authorities Fixed Penalty Regime

Looking back (2007)

Denbighshire Community Safety Partnership's previous strategy covered the period from April 2005 to March 2008. The 3 year time span reflect the requirements of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 to hold crime and disorder audits every three years, and produce a strategy tackling the issues identified. We are just coming to the end of our latest 3-year period.

Current performance

Denbighshire CSP has seen unprecedented success in reducing the amount of crime over recent years. Denbighshire's target over the past 3 years has been to reduce ten specific crimes by 20% compared to the period April 2003 to March 2004.

Comparator Crime	Baseline	Latest 12 months	Reduction	Current Performance	% reduction target
Criminal damage (excl. 59)	2721	1744	-977	Down 36%	20%
Woundings (serious and other)	1241	706	-535	Down 43%	15%
Theft from a vehicle	812	256	-556	Down 68%	15%
Domestic burglary (incl. attempts)	476	177	-299	Down 63%	40%
Common assault (incl. on a PC)	468	557	89	Up 19%	15%
Theft or unauthorised taking of vehicle (incl. attempts)	360	191	-169	Down 47%	25%
Theft or unauthorised taking of a cycle	174	138	-36	Down 21%	30%
Vehicle Interference	156	54	-102	Down 65%	23%
Theft from person	135	50	-85	Down 63%	15%
Robbery of personal property	55	28	-27	Down 49%	9%
Total Comparator Crime	6598	3901	-2697	Down 41%	20.0%

As can be seen above, against a target of 20%, Denbighshire has achieved a massive reduction of 41%. In real terms this equates to **nearly 2,700 fewer victims of crime in Denbighshire.**

A significant factor in such an improved performance is the increased partnership working, and that many elements of the authorities enforcement and regulatory services have altered their work programmes to take account of Community safety, and that more activity is intelligence led.

The number of authorized officer who can issue fixed penalty notices has increased. This had led to an increase in enforcement activity, and those who do not take advantage of the offer of a fixed penalty have been prosecuted in court. The percentage of those opting for court is still quite high, and the legacy of a previous regime, and in neighbouring authorities, where issued fixed penalties do not result in proceedings, is creating more work for the section.

This performance reinforces the fact that Denbighshire is one of the **safest places in the UK to live, work and visit** but we know that the residents of Denbighshire still have a high fear of crime, and addressing that issue will feature in our priorities for next year

Looking forward (2008)

We will focus on reducing the fear of crime and increase reassurance within the county and its residents. Over the next 3 years (2008-2011), the British Crime survey will be asking 'Are the local authority and police service working effectively and in partnership to take crime and disorder, anti social behaviour and other behaviour adversely affecting the Environment'. This sentence sums up quite succinctly the role of the Community Safety Section over the next year and for the future.

National Priorities (determined by the government)

Reduce the most serious violence, including tackling serious sexual offences and domestic violence

Continue to make progress on serious acquisitive crime through a focus on the issues of greatest priority in each locality and the most harmful offenders – particularly drug misusing offenders

Tackle the crime, disorder and antisocial behaviour issues of greatest importance in each locality, increasing public confidence in the local agencies involved in dealing with these issues

Reduce re-offending through the improved management of offenders

Local Priorities (determined by the Strategic Assessment)

Reducing the fear of crime

Tackling Alcohol related crime especially Violent Crime.

Reducing Criminal Damage

Reducing Domestic Violence

Reducing Anti Social behaviour and other behaviour adversely affecting the environment

Reducing the number of young people affected by crime, as either offenders or victims

IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Team's Aim	Ensure safer communities: Continue to reduce crime and anti social behaviour through a focus on the issues of greatest priority in each area, and by tackling the most serious crimes and the most harmful offenders.
Links to the Vision	Safer Communities
Links to plans, initiatives & legislation	Crime and Disorder Act 1998 Crime and Disorder (Prescribed Information) Regulations 2007-12-16 Police and Justice Act 2006 Strategic Assessment 2008-2009 Information Sharing Regulations Reports
Success Criteria	Reduction in Crime and Disorder
Performance Indicators	Public Service Agreed 23 'Safer Communities Priorities 1-4

Action Item	Performance Measure	Lead Officer	Target	Deadline
PSA 23- Priority 1 Reduce the most serious violence, including tackling serious sexual offences and domestic violence	Reduction Of 5% of the 2007/08 figure for 2008/09	Roly Schwarz	5% reduction	
PSA 23- Priority 2 Continue to make progress on serious acquisitive crime through a focus on the issues of greatest priority in each locality and the most harmful offenders – particularly drug misusing offenders	Reduction Of 5% of the 2007/08 figure for 2008/09	Roly Schwarz	5% reduction	
PSA 23- Priority 3 Tackle the crime, disorder and antisocial behaviour issues of greatest importance in each	Reduce number of reports of Rowdy Nuisance (anti social behaviour) Reduction Of 5% of the 2007/08 figure for 2008/09	Stuart Lloyd	5% reduction	
PSA 23- Priority 4 Reduce re-offending through the improved management of offenders	Reduce Number of Adult Offenders who re-offend within 12 months by 5% Reduce Number of Juvenile Offenders who re-offend within 12 months by 5% Reduce Number of repeat offences by 5%	Roly Schwarz	5% reduction	
Produce 3 monthly Prescribed information Report on behalf of Community Safety partnership	4 reports annually	Stephen Hughes		

Team's Aim	Tackle the crime, disorder and anti social behaviour issues of greatest importance in each locality, increasing confidence in the local agencies involved in dealing with these issues.
Links to the Vision	Safer Communities
Links to plans, initiatives & legislation	PSA 23 safer Communities Priority 3 Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005
Success Criteria	Reduced (volume) Crime Reduced anti social Behaviour Increased public Confidence
Performance Indicators	% change to 2007/ 2008

Action Item	Performance Measure	Lead Officer	Target	Deadline
Increase number of prosecutions (including fixed penalties) for Environmental Crime. (Litter, Dog fouling, Graffiti)	Number of Notices issued Number of Prosecutions taken	Tim Wynne Evans	Target 20%	
Increase the number of authorised officers who are able to issue fixed penalty notices	Number of PCSOs who issue fixed penalty notices Number of Enforcement Officers who issue notices Number of Authorised Officers	Tim Wynne Evans	Target 20%	
Increase the number of reports of anti social behaviour reported to the authority	20% increase to CRM(7 categories) 20% increase recorded on 'uniform'	Roly Schwarz	Target 20%	
Reduce Number of Reports of anti social behaviour reported to North Wales Police	5% reduction	Stuart Lloyd		
Reduce amount of volume crime	5% reduction	Roly Schwarz		

Team's Aim

Reassuring residents that they can live safely in our communities especially the vulnerable and young

Links to the Vision	Safer Communities
Links to plans, initiatives & legislation	PSA 23 Safer Communities
Success Criteria	Establishing Community Safety in Education Making Victims homes Safer Neighbourhood Management
Performance Indicators	Reduction in Domestic Violence Reduction in Number of Young Victims of crime

Action Item	Performance Measure	Lead Officer	Target	Deadline
Reduce Number of Repeat Domestic Violence Crimes	Reduction Of 5% of the 2007/08 figure for 2008/09	Michelle Davidson-Beck		
Increase the number of reported instances of Domestic violence	Reduction Of 5% of the 2007/08 figure for 2008/09	Michelle Davidson-Beck		
Visits by young people to Danger point	1000 young people to Dangerpoint			
Choose Life (and or Mock trials) in Schools	All secondary schools			
Increase number of Safer Homes Surveys	Number of Homes made Safer	Michelle Davidson-Beck		

Team's Aim	
	Effectively Tackling Substance Misuse
Links to the Vision	Safer Communities
Links to plans, initiatives & legislation	PSA 23 Safer Communities All Wales Substance Misuse Action Plan Denbighshire's Substance Misuse Action Plan Local Service Board's Action Plan 'Alcohol'.
Success Criteria	Reduced crime where alcohol is a factor Reduced acquisitive crime motivated by controlled Drugs Increased Training for Practitioners
Performance Indicators	Reduction in alcohol related crime Seizure of Class A Drugs

Action Item	Performance Measure	Lead Officer	Target	Deadline
Seizures of Class A drugs	Reduction Of 5% of the 2007/08 figure for 2008/09	Roly Schwarz		
Crimes at licensed premises	Reduction Of 5% of the 2007/08 figure for 2008/09	Michelle Davidson-Beck		
Reduce Number of Young Victims	Reduction Of 5% on 2007-08	Stuart Lloyd		
Increase Number of Persons receiving substance Misuse Training	Increase 5% on 2007/2008	Alwen Davies		

Team's Aim

Ensure the Health and Safety of members of the Community Safety Team, and that Team members are aware of the authorities policies in relation to diversity

Links to the Vision	Safer Communities
Links to plans, initiatives & legislation	Planning and Public Protection Service Plan Directorate Plan Health and Safety at work Act Human Rights Act
Success Criteria	Reduced risk and no work related injuries to team members
Performance Indicators	No days work lost / sickness in relation to work related injuries

Action Item	Performance Measure	Lead Officer	Target	Deadline
DSE risk assessment completed in relation to all team members	DSE completed twice annually in relation each work station	Roly Schwarz		
Work alone / away from office generic risk assessment for all team members	To be completed in respect of each staff member	Roly Schwarz		
Team members to attend conflict management training	To be completed in respect of those teams that have not had previous training	Roly Schwarz		
Team members to have received (if not already) training on diversity (Race, Gender, Disability)	To be completed in respect of each staff member	Roly Schwarz		

Team's Aim

Ensure that Community Safety Partnership Grants are used to best effect

Links to the Vision	Safer Communities
Links to plans, initiatives & legislation	Planning and Public Protection Service Plan Directorate Plan Community Safety Strategic Assessment 2008 The Funding Project
Success Criteria	Reduced Crime and Disorder Reduced fear of crime
Performance Indicators	% of grant monies received / spent

Substance Misuse Action Plan Annual Grant	Grant awarded	Spend
Dewi Sant Centre	£60,000	
Motivational Enhancement Team	£43,219	
YPSMS - NEWT	£36,989	
Harm Reduction	£41,493	
Midwifery	£12,870	
Web Site	£4,889	
Primary Care	£45,019	
Dual Diagnosis Social Worker	£20,547	
Tackling Availability	£8,000	

Substance Misuse Action Plan Annual Grant	Grant awarded	Spend
SMAT Coordinator	£26,400	
Alcohol Misuse Project (over 40's)	£42,230	
Primary Care Worker	£29,883	
NACRO Night Shelter	£10,000	
Youth Worker - Drugs & Alcohol Prevention	£33,551	
Admin Support		
Supporting Communities Sub Group	£8,000	
Training Sub Group	£8,000	
Domestic Abuse Fund	Grant	Spend
Domestic Abuse Coordinator	£23,591	Roly Schwarz
MARAC Project Support	£3,828	Roly Schwarz

Safer Communities Fund	Grant	Spend
Danger Point	£10,000	
Choose Life Project	£5,000	
Supporting Families and Children of Domestic Abuse.	£50,000	
Youth Offending Team - Conwy & Denbighshire - Prevent and Deter	£64,000	
YOT / Probation Project	£42,000	
National Crime Reduction and Anti Social Behaviour Fund	Grant	Spend
STARS	£99,000	
ASBO Coordinator	£25,000	
Administrator	£12,000	
Reassurance Projects	£3,790	