

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	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Both Anglesey and Gwynedd Local Authorities are developing new and appropriate information as regards safeguarding issues for all LA staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Both LA's have in place awareness raising information in relation to adult and children's safeguarding duties, and additional learning packages in relation to Modern slavery/Prevent/domestic and sexual abuse	G

	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gwynedd has developed and piloted a bespoke virtual training package for Ask and Act. Anglesey are in the process of undertaking same. This enables the roll out of the training in both local authorities in the absence of being able to undertake the statutory face-to-face training package. Fire Service and Health Board are on track with delivery of their VAWDASV training framework. 	G
	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Partners need to review their PREVENT training (radicalisation) to ensure relevant staff are receiving the required awareness programme 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3-part plan has been updated on the basis of the CTLP. Work to develop further will continue into next year's plan. 	G
OUR AWARENESS RAISING PROGRAMME				
What needs doing this year	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Police will deliver additional awareness sessions for Local Members in Gwynedd, as regards the County Lines issues 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sessions took place virtually on the 13th January. 	G
	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Partnership has developed an awareness campaign, in relation to Cocaine, which will now be rolled out across North Wales. Welsh Government 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information (new posters) has been shared with all partners across the region, for use as required 	G
	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welsh Government, as a result of this development, are also investing in a specific awareness campaign over the next few months 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welsh Government has delayed this development, possibly until the new financial year - as the C19 crisis has changed priorities (in the meantime our local cocaine awareness posters have been shared with Pub-watch via licensing) 	R

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consideration is being given to using the local posters on display vans in the future. 	
ENSURING WE DEVELOP OUR WORK PRACTICES TO MEET NEW DEMANDS				
What needs doing this year	7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • North Wales Police have made additional investment within the Cyber Crime Team resulting in a dedicated Protect and Prevent officer now being in place alongside three dedicated Investigators and a Detective Sergeant 	G
	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The partnership will commission additional data as regards the nature and extent of cybercrime locally –and respond with additional awareness activity if required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Prevent/Protect officer will provide a regional focus on protecting people from becoming victims of Cyber Crime and from preventing people becoming Cyber Crime offenders. (Data showed no specific issues other than use of social media for harassment - awareness already in place) 	G
	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We accept that the performance in reporting on RHI’s could be improved significantly and we have plans in place for this to happen. The change in process is as follows; <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The missing from home referral on open and new cases will be identified by Teulu Môn and forwarded to the Practice leaders, Social Workers and critically the healthy relationships workers. In the past the healthy relationships workers 	G

			<p>have not been notified of missing from home referrals on open cases.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. The Healthy relationships workers will be responsible for monitoring the progress on each return home interview. 3. All missing episodes and interviews will be logged in a data base. 4. The new return home interview form on the WCCIS will make reporting easier. <p>The new definition of missing episodes (AWCP) will inevitably lead to more RHI being included. However we do not foresee a significant increase in demand as we already exercise a great deal of flexibility within the current definition.</p> <p>We are moving away from using the SERAF and have adopted the child exploitation tool to assess risk. The tool will be completed at the conclusion of assessments or during a multi-agency strategy meeting. We've had recent MASM's with the ONYX team virtually via Teams.</p>	
10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The detail is found below the substance misuse developments 	G	

	11	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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work is ongoing to re-establish this group and will be completed in the new financial year. The police are leading on a work programme to make sure this happens. 	G
LOOKING AT THE CONTACTS AND WORKING PRACTICES, AND IMPROVING COMMUNICATION AND STRUCTURES WHERE REQUIRED				
What needs doing this year	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trading standards and the Police locally, will discuss and implement more effective sharing of intelligence data. With the aim of securing effective prosecutions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On hold as resources have moved to Covid priority areas of work 	R
	13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussions between the two Councils and the police have taken place, orders will come to an end in October 2020 (end of the three year period) 	G
	14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Although there has been no progress with establishing a formal group between Housing and Youth Justice, the following groups will include young people in need of intervention. -Monthly partnership problem solving meeting - between the Council and North Wales Police, youth justice service attends this 	G

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Early Support Hub - a multi-agency approach to supporting families, including young people -Weekly CAP - ASB forum between North Wales Police and Anglesey social landlords - this meeting discusses young people 	
15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work is ongoing to re-establish a group which will undertake the work of what was formerly VARM groups, and will be completed in the new financial year. The police are leading on a work programme to make sure this happens. 	G	
16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decision has now been made to develop a regional MARAC Steering group, however, it has also been decided that the local MARAC Steering will remain in place. 	G	
17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This work is on hold presently. Due to the Pandemic, the needs of Services have changed in terms of the physical space required. Development opportunities will be included in next year's plan. 	Y	
18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conducting a timely review of the substance misuses service for young people, 'be di'r sgor 'to ensure referral pathways 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review underway, not yet completed. The work thus far has highlighted the need for a 	Y	

		are effective	Mental Health Worker for the Service. Discussions to continue and will be included in next year's plan.	
	19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New outreach service established - with 5 new posts. The Service is developing well and establishing links to local services. 	G
BE PART OF THE REGIONAL REVIEW OF GOVERNANCE AND STRUCTURES FOR COMMUNITY SAFETY				
What needs doing this year	20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This work has progressed earlier than the delayed timescale suggested of September –the structures are now established. Terms of reference and membership of each of the new board is being completed 	G
	21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welsh Government continue with the review of Community Safety issues –we will respond as required on a local level 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Declaration received in June, that there will be Funding for the Wales Community Safety Network to set up the new structure in the next financial year. Current program ends therefore - tasks completed. 	G
	22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The partnership will report to the required Governing structures – including for the first time the Public Services Board 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report shared with PSB in September 2020 	G

	23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DHR 2 sent to Home Office in July, awaiting response. DHR 4 – two panel meetings have taken place and IMRs have been completed. The process for both reviews is progressing as expected and the work will continue into the next financial year. 	G
PILOTING NEW PROJECTS				
What needs doing this year	24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussions will continue with relevant partners, to establish whether or not Street pastors might be established in Caernarfon 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Delay because of C19 	R
	25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Because of Covid challenges, the Pilot has not been put in place, exploration of this will continue in next year's plan. 	Y
	26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This development was on hold because of Covid, however, in the meantime - our partners in the venture have shared veterans specific RELATE provision with all the Armed forces liaison officers across Wales and other appropriate stakeholders, looking to improve referral and take up between both sectors. Following a national campaign on domestic violence within the armed forces community, this document 	G

			<p>was shared with service providers across the region.</p>  <p>DVA in military families.pdf</p> <p>Therefore, the outcomes have been met, albeit in a different model.</p>	
	27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The keep safe app has been presented by the developers to education officers and representatives from secondary schools in Anglesey. The use of the app will be promoted in every school. 	G
	28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Crimestoppers have delayed this campaign in March due to the Covid 19 crisis. 	R

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.