

Safer North Wales Strategy

2022-24

Vision and Purpose:

“Ensuring North Wales is and feels like a safe and inclusive place to live, work in and visit”

The purpose of the Safer North Wales Partnership Board is to work together to achieve this vision, by tackling crime and disorder across the region. This strategy sets out our priorities for the next 2 years.

Strategic Aims and Objectives:

Strategic Priority	Objectives
Priority 1: Preventing Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour	1.1 Work in partnership, using solution focussed approaches, to identify and tackle issues of crime and Anti-Social behaviour across North Wales, utilising targeted funding where appropriate (e.g. Safer Streets fund)
	1.2 Educate and build confidence amongst communities and businesses to report and remain protected from cybercrime, scams and fraudulent behaviour.
	1.3 Ensure early intervention remains a priority in terms of taking a preventative approach to reducing crime and anti-social behaviour.
Priority 2: Tackling Violent Crime	2.1 Ensure the day and night time economy across North Wales provides a safe and supportive environment to prevent and tackle incidences of alcohol/substance related violence, with focus on both victims and perpetrators.

	<p>2.2 Consider the issue of serious violent crime, including knife crime, using local intelligence and work with partners to ensure the appropriate interventions are in place. Raise awareness and educate the public, particularly young people, about the dangers of carrying knives.</p>
	<p>2.3 Identify and our responsibility as a board for contributing to the VAWDASV agenda (Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence). A particular focus to be given to the safety of women and girls in North Wales.</p>
<p>Priority 3: Tackling Serious Organised Crime</p>	<p>3.1 Utilise the 3x North Wales Community Profiles to understand the threat surrounding SOC and agree on any short, medium or long term actions required by partners across the region to address this.</p>
	<p>3.2 Embed the appropriate recommendations of the North Wales County Lines Needs Assessment, raising awareness between partners and communities and ensuring the appropriate responses are in place in order to achieve positive outcomes surrounding this element of SOC.</p>
<p>Priority 4: Protecting and building resilient communities and maintaining public safety.</p>	<p>4.1 Engage with communities and partner agencies to understand and address the prevalence and the impact of hate crime and ensure effective measures are in place for reporting such incidences with confidence.</p>
	<p>4.2 Build sustainable and meaningful relationships with seldom heard communities to ensure confidence in raising concerns around crime, community and road safety related issues.</p>
	<p>4.3 Support and contribute to local, regional and national campaigns surrounding crime, community and road safety related issues to raise awareness, build confidence and reduce fear of crime.</p>

COVID-19: In addition to the main aims and objectives highlighted above, we are also frequently considering the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on community safety, and how we work in partnership towards recovery. This element will be covered across all priority areas.

Prevention and early intervention: Along with addressing emerging issues and problems based on regional and local intelligence, we also focus heavily on taking a preventative approach to all priority areas, looking at how early and primary intervention can be utilised to prevent pathways to offending or partaking in Anti-Social Behaviour, and/or being victimised.

Influencing documents and evidence

The Safer North Wales Strategy has been produced in conjunction with the following strategies and evidence:

North Wales Strategic Assessment

North Wales Police produce an annual strategic assessment to report on the threat and risk posed by significant areas of crime, disorder and emerging issues impacting the North Wales. The aim is to best inform decision makers for strategic decisions and priority setting.

North Wales Police and Crime Plan 2021-24

The plan sets out a vision to ensure communities are safe, victims and vulnerable people feel supported, crime and reoffending are low, and people have confidence in policing and the criminal justice system. The following areas have been set out as priority:

- Delivering Safer Neighbourhoods
- Supporting victims and communities
- Fair and Effective Criminal Justice system

Beating Crime Plan (Home Office 2021)

The Beating Crime Plan sets out the Government's approach to achieving fewer victims, peaceful neighbourhoods and a safer United Kingdom. The plan focuses on three priority areas:

- Cutting homicide, serious violence and neighbourhood crime
- Exposing and ending hidden harms and prosecuting perpetrators
- Building capability and capacity to deal with fraud and online crime

North Wales Community Profiles

The profiles are designed to inform local multi-agency partnerships, in particular Police and Crime Commissioners, Local Authorities and other relevant partners such as Education, Health and Housing of the threat from Serious Organised Crime and the impact it is having on local communities. Three separate documents are produced for Wrexham & Flintshire, Ynys Mon & Gwynedd and Conwy & Denbighshire.

North Wales Multi-Agency County Lines Needs Assessment

A multi-agency County Lines Needs Assessment for North Wales was produced to provide a holistic informed strategic overview. The multi-agency approach is required not only to identify the current extent of the problem and current threat posed but to work together to understand the issues and inform multi-agency drawn recommendations focusing on the 4Ps (Prepare, Prevent, Pursue, Protect) including early intervention.

North Wales Vulnerability and Exploitation Strategy (2021-24)

The strategy involves a multi-agency approach to addressing vulnerability and exploitation in North Wales, covering the agendas of Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence, and Modern Slavery.

Delivery plans

The priorities and objectives set out within this strategy provide a framework for and will monitor local Community Safety Partnership delivery plans, however the CSPs will be responsible for agreeing their own specific actions in response to local need, and the statutory responsibilities to discharge the relevant sections of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 continue to sit with local CSPs.

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- Wrexham CSP
- Flintshire CSP
- Conwy & Denbighshire CSP
- Ynys Mon & Gwynedd CSP

The following plans will also be considered by the board in terms of specific actions that feed in to our priorities and objectives:

- Community Cohesion Plans
- North Wales Police Serious Organised Crime Plan

Governance and representation

The governance and membership of the SNWPB are referred to in the terms of reference for the board.

Communications

The Chair of the Safer North Wales Board will attend quarterly meetings with the chairs of the other strategic partnership boards (Safeguarding, Contest, Justice, Vulnerability & Exploitation and Area Planning Board), to communicate key themes which may be cross-cutting and to avoid duplication and/or silo working.