

## Safer North Wales Strategy

2025-28

### 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 and preventing crime and disorder across the region. This strategy sets out our priorities for the next 4 years.

### Strategic Aims and Objectives:

Strategic Priority	Objectives
<b>Priority 1: Preventing Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour</b>	1.1 Work in partnership, using solution focussed approaches, to identify and tackle issues of crime and Anti-Social behaviour across North Wales, accessing funding opportunities where appropriate, and ensuring early intervention remains a priority.
	1.2 Educate and build confidence amongst communities and businesses to report and remain protected from cybercrime, scams and fraudulent behaviour.
	1.3 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.

<b>Priority 2: Tackling Serious Violence</b>	2.1 Continue to respond as a region to the Serious Violence Duty and oversee delivery of the 4x North Wales Without Violence Priorities
	2.2 Supporting and Enhancing prevention and early intervention around violence against women and girls, domestic abuse and sexual violence
	2.3 Promoting contextual safeguarding to work with children and young people vulnerable to exploitation and/or modern slavery
	2.4 Identifying and implementing improvements, best practice and innovation as a partnership to serious violence
	2.5 Building a preventative approach in North Wales through an understanding of risk, adverse childhood experiences and trauma
<b>Priority 3: Tackling Serious Organised Crime</b>	3.1 Utilise the 3x Serious Organised Crime (SOC) Partnership groups to agree and execute any short, medium or long term actions to tackle the threat surrounding SOC, as set out within the North Wales Community Profiles

	3.2 Oversee the partnership “Clear, Hold, Build” approaches across North Wales, ensuring all relevant partners (both statutory and third sector) are engaged within the process at the appropriate times.
<b>Priority 4: Protecting and building resilient communities and maintaining public safety.</b>	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.
	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.
	4.3 Focus on strengthening stakeholder understanding and capacity, to support young people who are at risk of being influenced by extreme narrative of hate that have been identified as a national and regional concern.
	4.4 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.

**Prevention and early intervention:** Along with addressing emerging issues and problems based on regional and local intelligence, the partnership will 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 and Serious Violence Strategic Needs Assessment**

North Wales Police produce the annual strategic assessments, in partnership with other organisations, 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 2025-28**

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:

- A local Neighbourhood Policing Presence
- Supporting Victims, Communities and Businesses
- A Fair and Effective Criminal Justice System

### **North Wales without Violence Strategy**

The "North Wales without Violence" strategy aims to create a region where violence is significantly reduced and individuals feel safe and empowered. This strategy, underpinned by a comprehensive needs assessment and the Serious Violence Duty, focuses on preventing and reducing serious violence through a multi-agency approach. The strategy prioritizes supporting vulnerable individuals, including those affected by violence against women, domestic abuse, sexual violence, exploitation, and modern slavery.

### **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 annually for Wrexham & Flintshire, Ynys Mon & Gwynedd and Conwy & Denbighshire.

### **North Wales Vulnerability and Exploitation Strategy (2024-27)**

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.

. North Wales CSPs:

- 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
- Serious Organised Crime 4p partnership plans

### **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.