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I am Police Constable Steve Edwards and I am employed by North Wales Police as an Operational Partnership Officer, my last 13 years' service has been spent in Rhyl, Denbighshire as a community Beat Manager covering Rhyl West Ward which has a great deal of HMO type accommodation.

North Wales Police receive a great deal of demand from HMO tenants and landlords. The type of incidents reported include anti-social behaviour, criminal damage to properties, theft/burglary and violent crime. In a lot of cases, these incidents need some partnership work, where the police will work with Denbighshire Housing Enforcement Officers to deal with a wide range of housing enforcement issues. In each case, the person involved can be the victim, the offender or even in some cases the Landlord.

The Police, in partnership with the HMO Housing Enforcement Team, have had and again will continue to have a good working relationship. Information has been successfully shared and many joint visits have taken place in order to address these issues directly with the landlords/managers of the HMO's. This type of partnership working has encouraged landlords to improve their properties.

In addition to the above, the Local Neighbourhood Policing Team and Housing Enforcement Officers have jointly worked together after attending meetings with a group called the West Rhyl Neighbourhood Management Group. The aims of this group is to address environmental issues including fly tipping and accumulations of rubbish that is often left behind from HMO's or rented family homes.

As the Partnership Officer for Denbighshire, I welcome this joined up working with the Council's Housing Enforcement Team. I would encourage and like to see the Additional Licensing Scheme continue within Rhyl but also be extended and rolled out to other towns and wards throughout the County of Denbighshire.

I believe that the joint working we do helps to address many issues within HMO's and that many people have been supported and helped along the way.

Yours faithfully

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