



Appendix 2- Community Safety Partnership work ongoing in Denbighshire 2023-2024

Summary

- 2.1 We will continue to work regionally to access additional funding for third sector domestic abuse services and to make sure the support services we have are as robust as they can be to cope with the increases we are seeing.
- 2.2 We will continue with our problem solving approach to antisocial behaviour. It would appear from the number of multiagency meetings we have arranged and participated in that this is the best way to deal with repeat incidents is to bring everyone together and update those suffering from ASB on a regular basis to ensure they are consulted and updated.
- 2.3 Youth ASB has been a focus over the last 12 months and will continue to be so. We are working collectively to identify those who are continuously causing issue in our communities.
- 2.4 We are anticipating a rise in all crime areas over the next year due to socio-economic issues communities are facing. There are discussions about preventing crimes ongoing regionally, such as campaigns about securing properties and businesses across the County. The Roll out of a police initiative 'We Don't Buy Crime' will help focus our partnership activity on reducing the theft and handling category of crime.

Specific initiatives for 2023-24

2.5 We Don't Buy Crime

- 2.5.1 'We Don't Buy Crime' is an initiative partnering with communities and businesses to minimise crime specifically where we have seen our increases in Denbighshire. Focussing on;
 - Burglary
 - Robbery
 - Theft
 - Vehicle crime

These are crimes where the offender profits from the crime. They're collectively known as 'acquisitive crime'.

- 2.5.2 We will continue assisting the Rural Crime Team in the police with the promotion of crime prevention measures and the use of smartwater a bespoke DNA address identification liquid for high value farm items such as quad bikes and target hardening measures. As we enter a period of economic uncertainty history shows us these types of crimes will increase as these

items are very valuable and sought after on the black market. This will also form part of the initiative above with specific work being done with farming communities.

- 2.5.3 As an authority we also have to develop a Serious Violence Strategy by January 2024. We are working regionally on the strategy with the support from the Police and Crime Commissioner's Office. The Crime Commissioner has been allocated specific funding for the development of this strategy across North Wales.
- 2.5.4 The Serious Violence Duty will require local authorities, the police, fire and rescue authorities, specified criminal justice agencies and health authorities to work together to formulate an evidence-based analysis of the problems associated with serious violence in a local area, and then produce and implement a strategy detailing how they will respond to those particular issues. Prisons, youth custody agencies and educational authorities may also need to work with these core partners.
- 2.5.5 As a result of this duty the police, local authorities, fire and rescue authorities, and specified health and criminal justice agencies will have to work together to identify and publish what actions they need to take collectively to reduce violent crime, including domestic abuse and sexual offences. Educational authorities, prisons and youth custody agencies may also be required to work with those bodies as a result of this duty. The legislation grants these authorities the power to share data and information with each other for the purpose of preventing and reducing serious violence. We are being encouraged to place an emphasis on early intervention with young people in order to prevent them from becoming either a victim or perpetrator of serious violence in the first place. Partnerships already work well in tackling serious violence and the Home Office wants to build on this good practice so that it is more consistent across England and Wales.

2.6 Clear, Hold, Build - a police/partnership initiative.

2.6.1 Alongside the serious violence duty strategy development there is something called Clear, Hold, Build a police/partnership initiative. **The initiative aims to:**

- Tackle organised crime groups (OCGs) acting in the neighbourhood
- Build community resilience
- Improve confidence and trust in the police
- Make the area a safer place to live

2.6.2 This is achieved through three flexibly deployed phases of activity – Clear, Hold and Build (CHB).

- **Clear**

The clear phase involves initial targeted enforcement activity (arrests and relentless disruption) that target OCG members, their networks, business interests, criminality, and spheres of influence. The police use all powers and levers to impact on their ability to operate, creating safer spaces to begin restoring community confidence.

- **Hold**

The hold phase involves consolidating and stabilising the initial clear phase to stop remaining or other OCG members capitalising on the vacuum created.

This phase aims to improve community confidence by ensuring spaces remain safe. Visible neighbourhood policing in hot spot areas is used to provide continuing reassurance.

- **Build**

The build phase involves a whole-system approach to delivering community-empowered interventions that tackle drivers of crime, exploitation of vulnerabilities and hotspots of harm.

This phase aims to:

Improve engagement with services

Increased confidence within the community

2.6.3 Greater reporting through to police and partnerships through continued neighbourhood policing and partnership working

2.6.4 Intended outcome of Clear, Hold, Build in a high crime area

- The activity focuses on reducing the activity of organised crime in the area and improving community safety and confidence in the police. This is likely to initially increase reporting of crime and enable further problem solving to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour.

2.7 Safer Streets 5 Fund - Managed by the Police and Crime Commissioners Office and North Wales Police

2.7.2 Bid awaiting formal written approval by the Home Office (end of September/beginning of October 2023)-Project will be completed by March 2025.

2.7.3 The thematic areas of focus for Safer Streets 5 are: Antisocial behaviour, Violence against Women and Girls (in public settings) and Neighbourhood Crime (specifically residential burglary, vehicle crime, street Robbery etc.).

2.7.4 The executive management of the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner and North Wales Police were keen to ensure that the funding was utilised on a need basis and so it was important that applications were made in line with the

demand and risk profile our data indicated and not allocated geographically just because an area hadn't yet received any Safer Streets funding.

2.7.5 Clarification from Home Office stated that 3 thematic projects would be acceptable with the areas of high crime being targeted.

2.7.6 In determining the areas of need the following data sets were analysed:

- Recorded incidents under each theme / 1000 population across preceding 5 years including 5 year mean value.
- Recorded incidents under each theme / 1000 population for the most recent whole recording year vs 5 yr mean value to indicate increase or decrease in demand / risk.
- Community SOC (Serious and Organised Crime) profiles. These detail the number of OCGs (Organised Crime Groups) resident within and active within each local Policing area and makes comment at ward levels.
- Local Policing district Violence Against women and Girls profiles. This provides more of a narrative in respect of the makeup of Violence Against women and girls offending within a Local Policing District, highlighting the nature of offending, specific hot-spot areas and merging / escalating risks.
- Are profiles detailing offences relevant to the Serious Violence Duty (Partnership)

2.7.7 Across these data sets and all 3 thematic areas of focus for Safer Streets 5 Rhyl West 2 came out as the highest demand and highest risk area. Therefore Rhyl West 2 (and Rhyl West as a ward) will benefit from interventions across each of the 3 thematic projects.

2.7.8 Rhyl West 2 (and Rhyl West as a ward) interventions subject to Home Office approval will be as follows:

- Thematic Area 1- Neighbourhood Crime in Residential areas, Vehicle crime and street robbery

Target hardening packs to all residential premises within the area identified (including Smart Water, Ring Door bells and / or security lights, signage, and bespoke crime prevention advice).

Access to online interactive crime prevention tools, including home security (interactive 3D residential property) and vehicle security.

NWP dedicated We Don't Buy Crime officers providing in person crime prevention and engagement days monthly within the targeted area for the life of the project.

New CCTV server for Denbighshire at a cost of £93K to support the planned upgrade of CCTV infrastructure (already commissioned using Shared Prosperity funding). The server is required to support the new modern HD cameras and essentially future proof the local CCTV network.

- Thematic Area 2 -Antisocial Behaviour

Liverpool Football Club Foundation Onside Project (LFC Foundation)/ County Lines School programme. This will support either 2 secondary schools or if run from the local PRU will support all Secondary schools servicing the Rhyl West area (and feeder primary schools), through the provision of a full time LFC Foundation youth worker. The programme offers high risk / high demand students alternative curriculum activities designed to build essential skills, improve consequential thinking, develop respect and community ownership and increase health and wellbeing. The programme runs through multiple cohorts of young people that will be referred into the scheme via a multi-agency triage panel. The programme will also provide interventions in respect of Child Criminal Exploitation, in particular County Lines, which is of particular relevance to Rhyl West. The programme has delivered significant success in other areas demonstrating similar issues. The total cost is £90K, all of which is covered by Safer Streets Fund 5

Eagle House Community Interest Company. This intervention delivers a high intensity programme to develop confidence, essential skills for life such as mutual respect, team working, community ownership and consequential thinking through a 2 day introduction followed by 5 day residential training programme in the Eryri National Park. Each course will cater for 8 young people. The area of Rhyl West will essentially benefit from 2 courses. The first will target those considered hardest to reach and engage in respect of the LFC foundation programme above, therefore intending to act as a springboard into engagement with this longer term initiative. The second course will be available to Denbighshire Youth Justice Service who hi-light an increasingly high volume of late teenage / school leavers in the area in crisis is so much as they are reliant on supported housing, have little employment prospects and subject of criminal exploitation. Again this is a proven intervention delivered by skilled professionals.

- Thematic Area 3 -Violence Against women and Girls

A stalking coordinator role will be established within North Wales Police. This is to address NWP being an outlier in respect of the high volume of harassment and stalking offences recorded, and the low level of detections and other offender based control measures such as Stalking Prevention Orders and Sexual Harm orders being applied for and imposed upon offenders. The work of this staff member will focus on the Rhyl west area along with the other areas highlighted as part of this project. They will support investigations and train colleagues with the intended outcome of a higher output of positive outcomes in terms of reported crimes, increased offender management, decreased repeat offending and increased quality of service for victims.

2.8 Don't Steal My future

- 2.8.1 This is a project delivered by the Rape and Sexual Abuse Support Centre in North Wales. This is the second of their and award winning programme that has been re-worked from a target group of year 11 and above, to year 8 and 9 pupils. It is redesigned to ensure it is age appropriate and will be delivered into all secondary schools servicing the project areas. Included in this training is additional support training and materials for school staff to deal with related disclosures made to them and to support young people seeking advice re these issues.
- 2.8.2 All students will be given this input in the relevant age range. The input is offender focussed and of particular importance as we see a trend in violence against women and girls offences occurring in our schools increasing. The project tackles in addition to consent, the impact that online influences and the ready access to and use of pornography has on young people's behaviours and relationships and how this impacts lives in the long term.
- 2.8.3 North Wales Police have secured a by-stander training product having worked with Professor Adam Winstock from University College in London and Welsh Women's Aid. We will be investing Safer Streets funds into having this translated into a further 6 languages based upon the demographics of our local communities alongside an existing support booklet. Members of the NWP Violence Against Women team will with our regional Community Cohesion partners undertake outreach activities into our hard to reach minority communities. We will deliver the by-stander training initially to key community figures and subsequently hold an open session for community members in a space familiar to them and considered culturally appropriate and in their preferred / first language. We therefore anticipate there will be multiple sessions within the Rhyl area catering for the hard to engage / minority communities within the town. The intent is to make clear what constitutes an offence, the need for community members to step in and protect their friends, family and community and how they can safely do this. We seek to build trust within these communities in respect of NWP, us in Local Authorities and our third sector partners and intend to have appropriate representation at each delivery so demonstrating the support and safe spaces victims can access.