



Appendix 1- Community Safety Partnership Performance report for April 2022- March 2023 for Denbighshire

1. Overall Community Safety Plan Performance summary

1.1. Of the three main priority areas of work for the Community Safety Partnership at the end of March 2023 two were **Acceptable** and one was **Good**. We have seen an increase in the numbers of Theft and handling, vehicle crime, sexual offences and youth reoffending rate which means priority 1 and 2 have remained acceptable when compared to last year but we have seen reductions in all of the other types of crimes we are required to monitor when compared to the year before.

1.2. Here is a summary position for each Partnership Priority in 2022- March 2023.

What each of the colours mean are as follows:

Colour	Measure Status
Green	Excellent
Yellow	Good
Orange	Acceptable
Red	Priority for improvement

Priority	Activity Description	Performance Status 2022-2023	Project/ activity Progress
<u>Priority 1</u> Reduce Crime and Disorder in the area by working in partnership.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work collectively to reduce victim based crime • Manage Antisocial Behaviour (ASB) • Support vulnerable people to prevent them becoming victims of crime • Reduce repeat incidents of victim based crime and Antisocial Behaviour for victims and perpetrators • Deal effectively with high risk cases of Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence • Increase the confidence in reporting of Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence • Increase awareness amongst young people of sexual violence 	Acceptable	Good

Priority	Activity Description	Performance Status 2022-2023	Project/ activity Progress
Priority 2 Work collectively to Reduce Reoffending	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working collectively to prevent Adult reoffending Work to prevent Children and young people becoming victims of crime or committing crime as a result of exploitation Work collectively in preventing Organised crime/County Lines 	Acceptable	Good
Priority 3 Local and Regional priorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work collectively to manage antisocial behaviour and the response to antisocial behaviour locally. Work collectively to share information on organised crime, County lines and exploitation. Work collectively to raise awareness of Domestic abuse and sexual violence locally Work regionally to develop a Serious violence strategy by January 2024 	Good	Good

2. Detailed performance and project/activity progress per Priority Area

2.1. Priority 1- Reduce Crime and Disorder in Denbighshire by working in partnership

Priority 1 Performance status- Acceptable

Overall, the performance for the priority is **Acceptable** due to the continued increased numbers of Theft and handling, vehicle crime and sexual offences (Victim Based crimes). The status remains the same as 2021-2022.

Work of the partnership included;

- Raising awareness of victim-based crimes via social media, attending events and making sure information is available on our websites.
- Home and business surveys carried out by crime reduction advisors and Police Community Support Officers to help prevent burglaries.
- We provided 15 homes with target hardening equipment and crime prevention advice (Locks/door bars etc.)
- We participated in the monthly Multiagency Risk Assessment Conference meeting called MARAC's online where victims of domestic abuse are discussed and where action plans for assistance are put in place.

- Denbighshire sent out numerous press releases on domestic abuse throughout the year led by our Lead Member and we changed the colour of the Pont y Ddraig Bridge to signify the support of the Local Authority on White Ribbon day on the 25th of November 2022. The International day is dedicated to raising awareness of domestic abuse and violence against women and girls.
- We promoted the 'Live fear free All Wales helpline' received 128 calls from Denbighshire residents. We have been promoting the helpline number at every opportunity.

Priority 1 Project/activity update – Good

We, as a Partnership continued with the work identified in our work plan for 2022-2023. We continued to increase our partnership work on the disruption of organised crime by utilising the individual powers in each organisation. This group helps to provide the police with a rich picture of what's going on with individuals identified as being involved with organised crime.

Regional meetings continued discussing Modern Day Slavery, County Lines, Integrated Offender Management, Serious Violence, Domestic abuse and substance misuse via the Area Planning Board meetings. There have also been a number of regional operational groups established to help carry forward specific pieces of work. For example preventing terrorism operational group, modern day slavery operational group and serious violence regional task and finish group.

2.2. Priority 2- Reducing reoffending

Priority 2 performance status- Acceptable

Overall the performance for the priority is Acceptable due to the increase in youth reoffending

Adult Repeat Offender data

	2021/22	2022/23	Percentage change	Number of crimes
Denbighshire	224	209	-6.7%	15 less offences
Conwy	234	169	-27.8	165 less offences

Youth Reoffending data

	2021/22	2022/23	Percentage change	Number of crimes
Denbighshire	17	60	252.9%	Increase +43
Conwy	23	96	317.4%	Increase +73

In 2022-2023 we have seen reductions in adult reoffending in both Denbighshire and Conwy.

In 2022-2023 we had increases in youth reoffending rates. The surge in youth reoffending occurred mid 2022 which has been attributed to coming out of lockdowns after Covid. The Youth Justice Board are aware of the increase in youth offending specifically in the 12-17 age group and are working with the youth offending team and youth services to help prevent further reoffending.

The work of the partnership is as follows:

- Local Integrated offender management programmes continues remotely initially and have managed adult offender and those young people transitioning between childhood and adulthood.
- We continued to promote community resolutions and restorative justice when solving minor issues, some of this work was online and the victims of crime found
- We have attended restorative justice conferences where we have acted as the critical friend in the process.
- We are currently working in partnership to identify repeat antisocial behaviour (ASB) offenders
- We have been working closely with the Youth Justice Service and the Youth services in Denbighshire to access some deterrents for young people and some diversionary activities when youth antisocial behaviour issues have been raised with us as a partnership as well as sharing intelligence with the police so that repeat offenders are targeted.
- We have continued with the forum in Rhyl to look at crime and disorder matters. This group has been established as there are a number of issues in the area that require a single coordination point. This is proving to be very successful.

Priority 2 Project /activity update- Good

The Community Safety Partnership continued to support the multiagency attendance at the Integrated Offender Management programme and assisting with the actions of that programme. We will continue to assist with the programme, which will also address Organised Crime Groups (OCG's) and County Lines work.

We are now trying more targeted work with young offenders as the numbers are relatively small and we think we can have an impact of diverting the offending behaviour. This work will be ongoing.

Additional projects and focus on diversionary activities have been in focus for youth services and youth justice services in Denbighshire.

The issuing of Yellow Cards and the management of these repeat youth offenders have been used in trying to manage the increase we have seen,

2.3. Priority 3- Local Priorities

Priority 3 performance status- Good

Overall performance of the priority is **Good**

In 2022-2022 we have seen a slight reduction in the number of reports of antisocial behaviour and repeat victims of ASB. The work of the partnership was as follows:

- Establishing local multiagency groups in Denbighshire to manage repeat incidents of Antisocial Behaviour
- Promoting the use of community resolutions to resolve repeat incidents of antisocial behaviour
- Using, when appropriate community protection notices / Public Space Protection Orders
- Control of licenced premises and enforcement and monitoring of taxi licences undertaken by the licensing department.
- Sharing information about online fraud utilising National campaigns especially given the reliance on online platforms for everything.
- Community Tension Monitoring this included hate crime monitoring with the assistance of the Regional cohesion team
- Monitoring of protests and vigils
- Applying for additional third sector funding for additional domestic abuse services locally

Priority 3 Project/activity update- Good

We will continue to support the monthly Antisocial Behaviour (ASB) tasking meeting which monitors repeat incidents of ASB and provides a multi-agency response to issues raised as well as taking part in restorative justice conferences and promoting community resolutions and mediation when accepted. We participated in raising awareness of Domestic Abuse, Modern Slavery and County Lines locally, the direction for this work comes from the Regional Vulnerability and Exploitation board and the operational subgroups.

Communications internally and externally on domestic abuse, training and early intervention. This work complimented the work of the Regional Vulnerabilities Board and the regional domestic abuse team.

Additional police activity was carried out in the area of the Night Time economy specifically looking at violence against women and girls and increasing safety.

2022-2023 saw a huge increase of referrals to the specialist domestic violence sector, as victims and survivors found the confidence to seek support following the lifting of restrictions linked to the Covid-19 pandemic. Services saw increases of up to 50% across the board and waiting list inevitably increased for some specialist and therapeutic services. However, it was also a year of increased resource, not just from Welsh Government, but funders such as the Ministry of Justice and the Home Office, so North Wales saw the largest amount of Violence against women and sexual violence related funding coming into the region since regionalisation in 2016. The National Training Framework became fully embedded within the annual training plans of the Local Authorities, Health and Fire, with completion rates climbing rapidly. Ask and Act Champions (Group 3 on the framework) were still slow in coming forward, but this has gradually increased over the 12 months. The IRIS pilot in the South Denbighshire cluster of GP surgeries has been a resounding success, with over 100 GPs and staff receiving enhanced training and support to recognise domestic abuse and make referrals for early intervention. We hope to see this rolled out across Conwy and Denbighshire over the next 2 years, although sustainable funding is always a concern given the suspected reduction in budgets. The North Wales Violence Against women domestic abuse and sexual violence Needs Assessment was completed during this period, showing the rapid increase in referrals to the specialist sector and the need for increased join up of funding, to ensure efficient and effective commissioning of services. A wider range of provision is available than ever before, with recovery programmes embedded into the existing provision across the region. Children and Young people affected by violence have been a priority over the last year and there are now specialist Children and Young People's Workers embedded within more of the services than ever before. They offer a wide range of support, including one to one support, as well as play therapy within the refuges and targeted group programmes in many schools across North Wales. The capital funding for disbursed units was used to address a previously unmet need that of families fleeing abuse over the weekend or out of hours. Many families have been forced to stay in local hotels if refuges don't have space and this means they have no kitchen facilities, space for pets etc. There is now a specific building allowing large families to have a real "home" environment, while they wait for appropriate longer term provision. This increases the chances of them making the final move away from abuse, but also gives them the opportunity to function as a family unit within their own space

3. Crime Statistics from April 2022 - March 2023

3.1. Conwy statistics included in this report as Denbighshire Scrutiny requested the comparison data some years ago.

3.2. The tables below highlight the year-to-date (YTD) volumes of each crime category for the fiscal years 2021/22 and 2022/23. Also included on the chart is the current YTD change in volumes for 2022/23 in comparison to 2021/22:

3.3 Denbighshire

3.3.1 In 10 of the 13 crime and incident categories, 2022/23 saw decreases in volumes in Denbighshire. Increases were seen in the remaining 3 categories.

Denbighshire - Crime & Incident Data	Fiscal Year (YTD)		Change (YTD)	Actual number of Crimes
	2021/22	2022/23		
All Victim Based Crime	10,744	9,963	-7.3%	-781
Violence with injury (VAPWI)	1,345	1,322	-1.7%	-23
Violence without injury (VAP)	2,258	2,171	-3.9%	-87
Stalking & Harassment	1,987	1,701	-14.4%	-286
Sexual offences	512	534	4.3%	+22
Burglary Residential	269	231	-14.1%	-38
Burglary - Business and Community	112	95	-15.2%	-17
Robbery	46	37	-19.6%	-9
Vehicle Crime	180	223	23.9%	+43
Theft and Handling	1,438	1,534	6.7%	+96
Domestic Crime	2,539	2,357	-7.2%	-182
Criminal Damage and Arson	1,111	1,083	-2.5%	-28
Anti-Social Behaviour	2,613	2,447	-6.4%	-166

3.4 Conwy

3.4.1 In 8 of the 13 crime and incident categories, 2022/23 saw decreases in volumes in Conwy. Increases were seen in the remaining 5 categories.

Conwy - Crime & Incident Data	Fiscal Year (YTD)		Change (YTD)	Actual number of Crimes
	2021/22	2022/23		
All Victim Based Crime	10,861	10,228	-5.8%	-633
Violence with injury (VAPWI)	1,363	1,408	3.3%	+45
Violence without injury (VAP)	2,343	2,241	-4.4%	-102
Stalking & Harassment	2,075	1,804	-13.1%	271
Sexual offences	480	506	5.4%	+26
Burglary Residential	239	287	20.1%	+48
Burglary - Business and Community	119	137	15.1%	+18
Robbery	30	22	-26.7%	-8
Vehicle Crime	232	148	-36.2%	-84
Theft and Handling	1,289	1,520	17.9%	+231
Criminal Damage & Arson	1,358	1,277	-6.0%	-81
Domestic Crime	2,666	2,560	-4.0%	-106
Anti-Social Behaviour	3,369	3,093	-8.2%	-276

3.5 Violence Offences

3.5.1 Violence with Injury offences decrease seen in Denbighshire whilst Conwy saw an increase
(Denbighshire -1.7% decrease -23 crimes) and (Conwy 3.3% Increase +45 crimes),

3.5.2 Violence without Injury offences decreased in both counties

(Denbighshire -3.9% decrease -87 crimes) and (Conwy -4.4% decrease -102 crimes),

3.6 Stalking & Harassment

3.6.1 Significant decreases in the volume of stalking and harassment offences were seen in both counties. Home Office recording changes in April 2020 to the category of Stalking & Harassment led to initial large increases across the force, and nationally, however the volumes levelled out over the past couple of years and now decreases are being seen.

(Denbighshire -14.4% decrease 286 crimes) and (Conwy -13.1% decrease -271 crimes),

3.7 Sexual Offences

3.7.1 Sexual Offences have increased in both counties in 2022/23 in comparison to 2021/22. These increases have been seen across the whole of North Wales. As part of a national review of how police forces record and investigate sexual offences (Op SOTERIA), North Wales Police are currently in the process of completing a Rape and Serious Sexual Offences problem profile, to better understand the nature of rape and sexual offences and utilise the knowledge to thoroughly investigate suspects and better support victims.

(Denbighshire +4.3% increase +22 crimes) and (Conwy +5.4% in increase 26 crimes)

3.8 Acquisitive Crime (*Burglary Residential, Burglary Business & Community, Robbery, Vehicle Crime and Theft & Handling*)

3.8.1 Conwy saw an increase in Burglary Residential offences in 2022/23 in comparison, whereas Denbighshire experienced a decrease in volumes.

(Denbighshire -14.1% decrease -38 crimes) and (Conwy +20.1% increase of +48 crimes)

3.8.2 **Burglary Business & Community** offences rose in Conwy, however due to the low volume of offences, the increase equates to just 18 offences more than the previous year. Denbighshire experienced a reduction in 2022/2.

(Denbighshire -15.2% decrease of -17 crimes) and (Conwy +15.1% increase of +18 crimes)

3.8.3 **Vehicle crime** saw a significant decrease in Conwy in 2022/23, however there was an increase in offences in Denbighshire. In terms of volume, there were an additional 23 vehicle crimes in

Rhyl in 2022/23 compared to 2021/22. A spate of 16 vehicle crimes in January 2023 in St Asaph also contributed to the increases seen in Denbighshire. A male has since been arrested and charged with these offences.

(Denbighshire +23.9% increase +43 crimes) and Conwy (-36.2% decrease -84 crimes)

3.8.4 **Theft & Handling** increased in both counties in 2022/23. This category contains Shoplifting, where increases in offences have been seen over recent months, particularly in Conwy. There is also an increasing number of *Making off without payment* offences in each county, again to a larger extent in Conwy: We often see increases of this kind when there are cost of living issues in communities.

(Denbighshire increase 6.7% +96 crimes) and (Conwy increase 17.9% increase +231 crimes)

3.9 Criminal Damage and Arson

3.9.1 Criminal damage and Arson in both Conwy and Denbighshire decreased in 2022/23 in comparison to last year. These decreases are in line with the trend being seen across the force area.

(Denbighshire -2.5% decrease -28 crimes) and (Conwy -6% decrease -81 crimes)

3.10 Domestic Crime

3.10.1 There have been decreases in the volume of domestic crimes for both counties in 2022/23 compared to last year. These decreases have also been seen across North Wales.

(Denbighshire -7.2% decrease -182 crimes) and (Conwy -4% decrease -106 crimes)

3.11 Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)

3.11.1 Conwy and Denbighshire experienced decreases in ASB volumes in 2022/23 compared to 2021/22. Recent requests for analysis have highlighted issues around youth related ASB across North Wales.

3.11.2 Repeat victims of ASB, repeat locations where ASB is occurring, and high-risk vulnerable victims are referred for review to monthly multi-agency tasking groups.

(Denbighshire -6.4% decrease -166 crimes) and (Conwy -8.2% decrease -276 crimes)