



Appendix 1

Community Safety Partnership Performance report for April 2023- March 2024 for Denbighshire

1. Overall Community Safety Partnership activity Performance summary

1.1. Of the three main priority areas of work for the Community Safety Partnership at the end of March 2024 two were classified as **Good** and one was **Acceptable**. We have seen an increase in the numbers of Theft and handling and adult reoffending rates which means priority 2 has 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 from April 2023- March 2024.

What each of the colours mean are as follows:

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

Priority	Activity Description	Performance Status 2023-2024	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 repeat locations Antisocial Behaviour in partnership with others (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 	Good	Good

Priority	Activity Description	Performance Status 2023-2024	Project/ activity Progress
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase the confidence in reporting of Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Increase awareness amongst young people of sexual violence 		
Priority2 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 Implement the Serious violence strategy agreed in 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- Good

Overall, the performance for the priority is **Good** due to the decrease in the overall victim based crime category of 13.5%. We still have a high rate of Theft and handling specifically from shops and supermarkets. The status has improved when compared to last year given the reduction in the overall Victim based crime and the continued reduction in theft and handling this year although work in this area is still ongoing.

Work of the partnership included;

- Promotion of the Police 'We don't buy crime' initiative primarily aimed at prevention of acquisitive crimes.

- Raising awareness of victim-based crimes via social media, attending events and making sure information is available on our websites.
- Supporting the Home and business surveys carried out by crime reduction advisors and Police Community Support Officers to help prevent burglaries.
- 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 2023. The International day is dedicated to raising awareness of domestic abuse and violence against women and girls.
- We continued to promote the 'Live fear free All Wales helpline' we have been promoting the helpline number at every opportunity. This is a one stop shop for victims to get support and advice.
- 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.
- We provided homes with target hardening equipment and crime prevention advice (Locks/door bars etc.) when victims of burglary were identified or when there was a safeguarding issue identified.

Priority 1 Project/activity update – Good

We, as a Partnership continued with delivering the projects/initiates in our work plan for 2023-2024.

We continued to increase our partnership work on the disruption of organised crime by utilising our 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 and has assisted in the planning for Project renew in West Rhyl.

We also helped to coordinate the start of Project Renew Rhyl- Clear Hold Build tactical group and have continued to support police colleagues since the project began prior to the April launch.



Promoting the we don't buy crime initiative has resulted in a downward trajectory (a reduction) of theft and handling now being seen in the quarter 1 statistics for April-June 2024

Regional meetings continued discussing Modern Day Slavery and what we can do to help prevent incidents, County Lines awareness raising, supporting Integrated Offender Management by signposting to appropriate services based on criminogenic needs, Serious Violence strategy and implementation meetings, Domestic abuse regional meetings and substance misuse meetings via the Area Planning Board. There have also been a number of regional operational groups established again this year to help carry forward specific pieces of work. For example preventing terrorism operational group, modern day slavery provider's forum and multiple 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 small increase in adult reoffending and the decrease seen in youth reoffending when compared to the previous year.

Adult Repeat Offender data

	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	Percentage change	Number of crimes
Denbighshire	224	118	128	8.5%	10 more offenders reoffending
Conwy	234	119	172	44.5%	53 more offenders reoffending

Youth Reoffending data

	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	Percentage change	Number of crimes
Denbighshire	17	38	36	-5.3%	2 fewer repeat offenders
Conwy	23	48	43	-10.4%	5 fewer repeat offenders

In 2023-2024 we have seen reductions in youth reoffending in both Denbighshire and Conwy when compared to the previous year. A great deal of focus has been given to prevention and young people in Denbighshire and Conwy over the last 12 months. When compared to 2021-2022 there have been large reductions seen and this can be attributed towards the increased focus on early intervention and prevention via yellow card interventions and a refocussing of the youth justice management board.

In 2023-2024 we have seen slight increases in Denbighshire in adult reoffending rates.

The work of the partnership is as follows:

- Local Integrated offender management programmes continues and have managed adult offenders 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
- We have attended restorative justice conferences where we have acted as the independent critical friend in the process.
- We are currently working in partnership to identify repeat antisocial behaviour (ASB) locations and offenders and include them when appropriate in the offender management programme.
- We continue to work 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 encouraged to deter form the behaviour.
- We have continued with the forum in Rhyl to look at crime and disorder matters. This group is now well established as there are a number of issues in the area that require a single coordination point. This is proving to be very successful during the Public Space Protection Order process and has also taken on the role of analysing the Clear Hold Build activity.
- The Youth Justice Board for Conwy and Denbighshire have established an operational management partnership board to help work with young people at risk of exploitation and as a result get embroiled in criminality.

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 still using targeted work with young offenders as the numbers are relatively small and we think we have had an impact in diverting the offending behaviour when compared to the previous year. The strengthening of the wider youth justice partnership management board and the establishment of the operational management board will enable all partners to play their part in the prevention of exploitation and criminality involving young people.

Additional projects and focus on diversionary activities have been in focus for youth services and youth justice services in Denbighshire. Additional funding has been approved for the partnership from the police and crime commissioner aimed at preventing serious violence and young people in Denbighshire and Conwy which supports the stamen above.

The issuing of Yellow Cards and the management of repeat young offenders have been used in trying to managing the young people without criminalising them which means that early intervention is in place even after the first yellow card. The yellow cards are monitored by a police officer working within the youth justice service team.

2.3. Priority 3- Local Priorities

Priority 3 performance status- Good

Overall performance of the priority is **Good**

In 2023-2024 we continue to see a reduction in the number of reports of antisocial behaviour and repeat victims of ASB reported to the police. The work of the partnership was as follows:

- Identifying repeat locations so that there can be a targeted approach by police teams
- Promoting the use of community resolutions to resolve repeat incidents of antisocial behaviour
- Using, when appropriate community protection notices / Public Space Protection Orders. In Rhyl the PSPO was renewed to help manage ASB
- Control of licenced premises and enforcement and monitoring of taxi licences undertaken by the licensing department in Denbighshire.

- We have established local multiagency groups in Denbighshire to manage repeat incidents of Antisocial Behaviour as and when required.
- 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 reported race hate crimes
- Regionally applying for additional third sector funding for additional domestic abuse services locally specifically family accommodation.

Priority 3 Project/activity update- Good

We have continued to promote awareness campaigns from the Welsh Government and Home Office 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.

New projects approved by the Police and crime commissioner aimed at domestic abuse and serious violence prevention providing appropriate information to young people about what is a safe relationship and warning of the perils of the internet and sharing images.

We will continue to support the Joint Denbighshire/Conwy 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.

Additional police activity was carried out in the area of the Night Time economy in Denbighshire specifically looking at violence against women and girls and increasing safety. Increased investment in CCTV and software from the safer streets fund and the shared prosperity fund will help with this piece of worked aimed at reducing violence in the night time economy and support our work on the priorities identified in the Serious Violence Strategy.

2023-2024 saw a continued increase of referrals to the specialist domestic violence sector, as victims and survivors found the confidence to seek support. Local and regional services still see increases across the board and waiting list are still high for some specialist and therapeutic services.

However, we have maintained the additional resource in North Wales, not just from Welsh Government, but funders such as the Ministry of Justice and the Home Office.

3. Crime Statistics from April - March 2023

3.1. The tables below highlight the year-to-date (YTD) volumes of each crime category for the fiscal years 2022/23 and 2023/24. Also included on the chart is the current YTD change in volumes for 2023/24 in comparison to 2022/23:

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

3.3.1 In **12** of the **13** crime and incident categories in 2023/24 recorded the lowest YTD volumes in Denbighshire in comparison to the previous year. In 2023/24, only *Theft & Handling* volumes were higher than the previous year.

Community Safety General Crime statistics (Denbighshire) - Statistics shown from

April 2022- Year end April 2024

Colour coding has been used to show which year has recorded the highest Year to Date (YTD) volume (Red = Highest, Green =Lowest, Amber= recent reduction)

Denbighshire

Denbighshire - Crime & Incident Data: Q4 2023/24	Fiscal Year (YTD)		Change (YTD)
	2022/23	2023/24	
All Victim Based Crime	9,958	8,612	-13.5%
Violence with injury (VAP)	1,332	1,313	-1.4%
Violence without injury (VAP)	2,173	1,961	-9.8%
Stalking & Harassment	1,712	1,433	-16.3%
Sexual offences	511	422	-17.4%
Burglary Residential	230	195	-15.2%
Burglary - Business and Community	95	90	-5.3%
Robbery	36	31	-13.9%
Vehicle Crime	222	177	-20.3%
Theft and Handling	1,522	1,583	4.0%
Criminal Damage & Arson	1,078	913	-15.3%
Domestic Crime	2,360	2,157	-8.6%
Anti-Social Behaviour	2,517	2,245	-10.8%

Conwy Statistics for comparison

Conwy - Crime & Incident Data: Quarter 4 23-24	Fiscal Year (YTD)		Change (YTD)
	2021/22	2022/23	
All Victim Based Crime	10,861	10,228	-5.8%
Violence with injury (VAP)	1,363	1,408	3.3%
Violence without injury (VAP)	2,343	2,241	-4.4%
Stalking & Harassment	2,075	1,804	-13.1%
Sexual offences	480	506	5.4%
Burglary Residential	239	287	20.1%
Burglary - Business and Community	119	137	15.1%
Robbery	30	22	-26.7%
Vehicle Crime	232	148	-36.2%
Theft and Handling	1,289	1,520	17.9%
Criminal Damage & Arson	1,358	1,277	-6.0%
Domestic Crime	2,666	2,560	-4.0%
Anti-Social Behaviour	3,369	3,093	-8.2%

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.

3.3.2 Full Denbighshire Breakdown of the statistics

Violence Offences

Violence against the person (VAP) offences decreased in Denbighshire we compared to 2022/23 (See *category split below*).

Violence without Injury offences fell quite significantly in terms of volumes. **-9.8% 212 fewer crimes recorded**

Violence with Injury offences decreased marginally in Denbighshire- **-1.4% 19 fewer crimes recorded**

Stalking & Harassment

Denbighshire saw decreases of 16.3% in the volumes of Stalking & Harassment offences in 2023/24 in comparison to 2022/23. **-16.3% 279 fewer crimes recorded**

Sexual Offences

Sexual Offences decreased in Denbighshire when compared to last year. There can be significant fluctuations in reported offences from week to week, partly due to reporting of historic offences. **-17.4% 89 fewer crime recorded**

Acquisitive Crime

Acquisitive crime includes the categories ***Burglary Residential, Burglary Business & Community, Robbery, Vehicle Crime and Theft & Handling.***

Burglary Residential offence volumes fell in Denbighshire in 2023/24 in comparison to last year. Burglary **-15.2% 35 fewer crimes recorded**

Business and Community offences have also fallen in Denbighshire. **-5.3% 5 fewer crimes recorded**

Robbery volumes, although small, decreased in Denbighshire 2023/24 compared to last year, **-3.9% 5 fewer crimes recorded**

Vehicle crime has decreased in Denbighshire **-20.3% 45 fewer crimes recorded**

Unfortunately, we are still seeing increases in the volumes of Theft & Handling. This category contains Shoplifting, where the bulk of the increases are coming from. Retail Crime is now a priority and a significant amount of work is being done to address the ongoing issues. **+4% an increase of 61 crimes recorded**

Criminal Damage & Arson

Criminal damage and Arson offences in Denbighshire decreased significantly in 2023/24 in comparison to the same period last year. **-15.3% 165 fewer crimes recorded**

Domestic Crime

There have been decreases in the volume of domestic crimes in Denbighshire in 2023/24 in comparison to the previous year. Large reductions in terms of the volumes of occurrences. **-8.6% 203 fewer crimes recorded**

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)

Denbighshire saw decreases in ASB volumes in 2023/24 in comparison to 2022/23. Repeat victims and suspects of ASB along with repeat locations of where ASB is occurring are referred for review to monthly multi-agency tasking groups. -**10.8% 272 fewer crimes record**

The above ASB statistics are North Wales Police recorded ASB crimes only and don't include all of the statutory work done in various departments within Denbighshire on ASB. We are attempting to gather information internally and have made a request via the Internal Senior Community safety and safeguarding group in Denbighshire.