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Date: 10th March 2016

Dear Sir/Madam,

A meeting of the **Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee** will be held in the **Sirhowy Room, Penallta House, Tredomen, Ystrad Mynach** on **Thursday, 17th March, 2016** at **5.30 pm** to consider the matters contained in the following agenda.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Chris Burns'.

Chris Burns
INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE

AGENDA

	Pages
1 To receive apologies for absence.	
2 Declarations of interest. Councillors and Officers are reminded of their personal responsibility to declare any personal and/or prejudicial interest(s) in respect of any item of business on this agenda in accordance with the Local Government Act 2000, the Council's Constitution and the Code of Conduct for both Councillors and Officers.	
To approve and sign the following minutes: -	
3 Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee held on 10th September 2015 (Minute Nos. 1 - 8).	1 - 6

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To receive and consider the following Scrutiny reports: -

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| 4 | Domestic Abuse Processes for Victims. | 7 - 12 |
| 5 | Safety Caerphilly Community Safety Partnership 2015 Update. | 13 - 22 |
| 6 | Safer Caerphilly Performance Scorecard. | 23 - 48 |
| 7 | To record any requests for an item to be included on the next available agenda. | |

Circulation:

Councillors: L.J. Binding, Mrs P. Cook, C.J. Cuss, H.W. David (Chair), Miss E. Forehead, J.E. Fussell, C. Hawker, Ms J.G. Jones, G. Kirby, A. Lewis, C.P. Mann, S. Morgan (Vice Chair), D. Rees, R. Saralis, J. Simmonds and J. Taylor

Outside Body Representatives: -

Mrs S. Curley (Office of the Gwent Police and Crime Commissioner), Mrs B. Bolt (Aneurin Bevan Health Board), Superintendent M. Budden (Safer Caerphilly Community Safety Partnership), Mr P. Jenkins (South Wales Fire and Rescue Service) and Ms E. Richards (Wales Probation Trust)

And Appropriate Officers



CRIME AND DISORDER SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT PENALLTA HOUSE, YSTRAD MYNACH
ON THURSDAY, 10TH SEPTEMBER 2015 AT 5.00 P.M.

PRESENT:

Councillor H.W. David - Chair

Councillors:

L. Binding, Mrs P. Cook, C.J. Cuss, Ms E. Forehead, C. Gordon, C. Hawker, Ms J.G. Jones, G. Kirby, A. Lewis, C.P. Mann and D. Rees.

Cabinet Member:

N. George (Community and Leisure Services)

Together with:

R. Hartshorn (Head of Public Protection), K. Peters (Community Safety Manager), R. Thornett (Tenancy Enforcement Manager), C. Forbes-Thompson (Scrutiny Research Officer), S. Ead (Solicitor) and C. Evans (Committee Services Officer)

Outside Bodies: N. McLain (Gwent Police).

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors S. Morgan, R. Saralis, and J. Taylor.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest received at the commencement or during the course of the meeting.

3. MINUTES – 19TH MARCH 2015

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 19th March 2015 (minute nos. 1 - 6) be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Consideration was given to the following reports.

4. REGIONAL COORDINATION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN, DOMESTIC ABUSE AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE (VAWDASV) PROVISION - PRESENTATION

K. Peters (Community Safety Manager) provided the Committee with a presentation, which highlighted the changes in local domestic abuse delivery arrangements, with particular reference to coordination services and Welsh Government (WG) legislation and strategic priorities.

The presentation highlighted that previously a grant was disseminated to Local Authorities in order to fund coordination services and part funded the Independent Domestic Violence Advocate (IDVA) and part funded the Domestic Abuse Coordinator. Domestic Abuse Services have now been regionalised as a result of Welsh Government strategic priorities and a new Welsh Government Act, the Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Act, which aims to combat any inconsistencies in service level and delivery across local authorities. It was noted that Newport are the lead Authority for the project and a new Regional Advisor has been appointed.

Members noted that the Regional structure is still in its infancy, as a result, further developments are required in order to establish an effective team, communicate with partners and to adopt the requirements of the Act which include the National Training Framework and Ask and Act duty on public authorities. In addition, support will be provided in schools through introducing 'Safer Relationships' into PSE lessons and a Regional Domestic Abuse Plan is to be developed with Aneurin Bevan University Health Board (ABUHB).

The Scrutiny Committee thanked the Officer for the presentation and discussion ensued.

Members discussed the regional priorities and raised concerns for the safeguards in place and impact on local authorities. Officers highlighted that the process is still in its infancy and therefore under constant development. The Independent Domestic Abuse Advocate post is still in place, which does provide support to high risk victims, working with Police and Crown Prosecution Service.

The Chief Inspector, N McLain added that, whilst there are both negatives and positives to the changes across Gwent, the main focus still remains to be the victim and focussing on the risk of harm. Weekly multi-agency conference calls are conducted, which consider the cases of domestic abuse, as well the support for the victim and the prosecution process.

Members discussed the funding and, in noting that Newport is the lead Authority for the service, queried whether the funding was provided on the size of the area. Officers highlighted that there are 2 Officers in post for East Gwent and West Gwent. It was noted that there are more cases of Domestic Abuse within the Newport and Caerphilly areas, however for split represents the best use of the resources available to the team. Members were asked to note that whilst there has been an increase in funding received, there has not been an increase in resources.

The Scrutiny Committee noted the report.

5. FAMILY INTERVENTION PROJECT AND VALLEYS INCLUSION PROJECT

Following a Member request at the last meeting, R. Thornett (Tenancy Enforcement Manager) presented the report, which provided information on the Solas, Lasting Solutions Family Intervention Project (FIP) and the Shelter Cymru Valleys Inclusion Project (VIP).

The Lasting Solutions Family Intervention Project was in operation within the CCBC area from November 2010 until March 2015. The FIP was a rehabilitation scheme for the most challenging families who were at risk of losing their home as a result of anti-social behaviour and used a combination of assertive support and enforcement techniques. The aim was to work with the most challenging families and any agencies already working with them, to deliver sustained and agreed change. Services were delivered by a key worker.

The project continued to work with a family until either the family reformed their behaviour or the family failed to engage with the project. An exit strategy was put in place for the withdrawal of the key worker.

Within CCBC, homeless prevention work has been evolving over a period of time. Support Officers have been working within the Housing Advice Centre for the past 12 months focusing on providing crisis support to households where there is a threat of homelessness. This has been in preparation for the new statutory requirements on Local Authorities to develop new homeless strategies by 2018. The advancement of the prevention work has been funded out of the Preventing Homelessness budget which has also received transitional funding from Welsh Government and this will result in the appointment of additional homeless prevention support officers. Also, it had been agreed to part fund the Shelter Cymru Valleys Inclusion Project out of the same budget. Taking all this into account, it was confirmed that the £25k cost of FIP which predominantly fell on Housing was no longer cost effective in light of the other prevention services being introduced and as a result, FIP ceased to operate in April 2015. However, the families still receiving support continued to do so until their cases were closed.

The Shelter Cymru Valleys Inclusion Project has been operating almost continually within CCBC since July 2005. It was initially a pilot project wholly funded by WG operating within Caerphilly and Rhondda Cynon Taff. The aims of the pilot project which have transferred into the existing project include prevention of eviction and exclusion and provide a route back into settle housing for people already excluded, reduce anti-social behaviour, improve participation and inclusion, and reduce the impact on housing management.

Since 2008 Housing have referred 54 households to the VIP for support and the project provides a support mechanism for households in CCBC that isn't available elsewhere. It helps them to determine the cause of their difficulties as a household, rather than focusing in an individual. By getting to the root of a problem/s they help the family to take the necessary steps to address the underlying issues and prevent problems arising in the future.

A full evaluation (2010/11) and 2 interim evaluations (2008-2010 and 2013) have been conducted and found clear evidence that the VIP has prevented homelessness and reduced anti social behaviour. It has also had a significant impact on service users' personal lives by improving confidence, self-esteem, relationships with families and the ability to manage daily issues.

Members thanked the Officer for the report and expressed support for the scheme and the clear benefits it provides, however highlighted their disappointment at the lack of support from other agencies for the service.

The Scrutiny Committee noted the report and it was unanimously recommended that Caerphilly Safety Partnership is urged to consider a variety of funding sources in order to maintain the Valleys Inclusion Project.

6. THE COUNTER-TERRORISM AND SECURITY ACT 2015 – PREVENT DUTY

The report provided Members with details the new Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 and in particular the duty placed on specified authorities for Prevent and Channel.

The Government's national counter-terrorism strategy CONTEST has four components: Prevent, Pursue, Protect and Prepare. The Prevent component of the Strategy is a partnership responsibility with 'specified authorities' including local government, police, health, criminal justice, education and child care sectors, playing a key role in identifying and supporting at risk individuals. Prevent primarily focuses on preventing vulnerable people from being drawn into extremism, and committing acts of terrorism, through the Channel multi agency process.

The Committee noted that Section 26 of The Counter-Terrorism Act 2015 places the 'Prevention of People Being Drawn into Terrorism' and 'The Support for People Vulnerable to Being Drawn into Terrorism' on a statutory footing and is supported by two sets of statutory guidance relevant to the specified authority role, which includes Local Authorities, Schools and Police.

The Committee noted that in 2013, the Safer Caerphilly Channel Panel was set up, which has well established mechanisms for dealing with referrals from the local Police Single Point of Contact and the Wales Extremism and Counter Terrorism Unit. The Panel operates under a set of terms of reference agreed by all partners. To date two cases have been dealt with, one through Home Office specialist counter narrative intervention. The number of referrals are increasing as awareness raises among partners. There is a high level of awareness among the public at present due to media coverage of Islamist extremism. However, Prevent/Channel aims to deal with all forms of radicalisation.

The Committee thanked the Officer for the report and discussion ensued.

Members discussed the report and sought further information on the support provisions available within Schools. Officers highlighted that The Gwent Education Minority Ethnic Service have recently appointed a member of staff to support Chief Education Officers and schools in their new duties to assess the risk of children being drawn into terrorism, producing safeguarding policies to identify children at risk and intervene appropriately and providing staff training to staff to identify children at risk.

A Member, in noting that two cases have been dealt with by the Safer Caerphilly Channel Panel, sought further information on the cases. Officers highlighted that since 2013, there have been 5 cases which have been brought to the attention of the Panel, 3 of which were agreed to be minor, in which case intervention with parents, partners and the young people in question was conducted. However, there were 2 cases in which further intervention and tailored package of support for the whole family, from a variety of partners was required.

Members raised concerns around the increased International threat and the impact on Caerphilly CBC and the Safer Caerphilly Partnership. Officers assured Members that, whilst there is an increase in the threat of terrorism from extremism on a National and International level, Caerphilly CBC has been considered a low threat, however there is a greater concern around far right ideologies.

The Scrutiny Committee noted the report.

7. SAFER CAERPHILLY PERFORMANCE SCORECARD

K. Peters, Community Safety Manager, presented the report to Members, the purpose of which was to detail the Safer Caerphilly Performance Scorecard for Quarter 1 2015 - 16.

The Safer Caerphilly Delivery Group has responsibility for ensuring that the Safer Caerphilly elements on the single integrated plan encompass the statutory responsibilities placed on community safety partners to develop strategies to: reduce crime and disorder in the area, combat substance misuse in the area, and reduce reoffending in the area.

The Safer Caerphilly Delivery Group monitors its activities through the Safer Caerphilly Partnership Performance Scorecard. Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee has previously agreed that the most recently updated Scorecard will be presented at each meeting.

The single plan priority areas relevant to Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee are:

S1 – Reduce incidents of anti-social behaviour and reduce fear of becoming a victim of anti-social behaviour for residents.

S2 – Reduce crime and the fear of crime for the residents of the county borough.

S3 – Reduce the harm caused to communities through substance misuse.

S4 – Ensure people are supported to live in their own homes and communities in safety.

S5 – Improve the education, information, early intervention, prevention and harm reduction in relation to substance misuse in the county borough.

The Safer Caerphilly Delivery Group agreed at its meeting of the 17th July to revise the scorecard for 2015 – 2016 as part of the statutory annual review process to update the S4 priority area to:

S4 – Support Domestic Abuse Victims and their families and raise awareness of domestic abuse, violence against women and sexual violence.

The Committee thanked the Officer for the report and requested a copy of the presentation highlighting the crime figures.

Members considered the data in detail and noted that, as a result of funding from the Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent, as part of the Positive Futures Programme, a programme has been launched which aims to tackle Anti Social Behaviour by identifying hotspot areas for ASB and encompassing projects within these areas.

The Committee noted that additional projects have also been launched, a campaign, which aims to tackle bullying online and through Social Media has been launched. Information has been provided to schools and posted on websites to ensure that young people are safer online. It was also noted that Substance Misuse Centre opened in Rhymney in July, to support people with substance misuse issues.

Members noted that Performance Indicators have been agreed for data on Domestic Abuse but had not yet been collected due to the formation of the new regional team.

A Member sought further information on the number of incidents of anti-social behaviour conducted by people under 25 years old. Officers explained that a breakdown of the age ranges involved in the Strike 1 Process could be circulated to Members following the meeting.

Following detailed discussion and debate, Members thanked officers for the report and noted the contents.

8. REQUESTS FOR REPORTS TO BE INCLUDED ON THE NEXT AVAILABLE AGENDA

There were no requests for items to be placed on the next available agenda.

The meeting closed at 6.44 p.m.

Approved as a correct record and subject to any amendments or corrections agreed and recorded in the minutes of the meeting held on 17th March 2016, they were signed by the Chair.

CHAIR



CRIME & DISORDER SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 17TH MARCH 2016

SUBJECT: DOMESTIC ABUSE PROCESSES FOR VICTIMS

REPORT BY: CORPORATE DIRECTOR, SOCIAL SERVICES

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report is provided in response to a member request for an annual update on the services available and provided to Domestic Abuse victims and follows on from a report previously presented to this Committee on 19th March 2015.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 The Safer Caerphilly Community Safety Partnership addresses domestic abuse and support to victims through direct intervention by Gwent Police in supporting victims and investigating crimes, and through the support and refuge provision provided by third sector and funded agencies.
- 2.2 This report provides an update on the level of domestic abuse across the county borough and how victims are dealt with and supported by statutory and third sector agencies.

3. LINKS TO STRATEGY

- 3.1 The overarching aims in relation to domestic abuse and crime reduction are detailed in Caerphilly Delivers – The Single Integrated Plan 2013 - 2017. They are as follows:

Safer Caerphilly

S2 – Reduce crime and the fear of crime for the residents of the county borough.

S4 – Ensure people are supported to live in their own homes and communities in safety.

4. THE REPORT

- 4.1 In the Caerphilly Council area during 2015 there were 3064 police logs of domestic abuse with 1483 crimes and 2,899 cases being discussed on the Domestic Abuse Conference Call (DACC); there were 134 high risk cases heard at Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conferences (MARACs) with 36 of those being repeat cases; 75% of children on the Child Protection register have domestic abuse within the household. Despite the high numbers of reported incidents they represent only part of the true picture of domestic abuse across Caerphilly; on average only 23% of all incidents are reported to the police (British Crime Survey 2004).
- 4.2 Across the Gwent Police Force area DACCs are dialled into each weekday morning by all agencies that have a response duty to victims of domestic abuse including third sector support agencies, local authority housing, social service and health. However since May 2015 a DACC Pilot Scheme has been trialled in Caerphilly and each weekday police upload all

relevant information to a database named SharePoint for each agency to view and record relevant decisions they have made and any action taken. MARACs are attended by agencies who have a role to play in continued safety planning for victims and providing support through the court process and beyond.

- 4.3 Services within Caerphilly are provided in the main by third sector agencies with the exception of one direct funded specialist support worker, the Independent Domestic Violence Advocate who supports high risk, and very high risk victims through the criminal justice system. Support services offer a co-ordinated multi-agency response to victims of domestic abuse through a single pathway which places the victim and their family at the centre of support. All services recognise the need for tailored support and with the exception of refuge provision and the Freedom Programme are non-gender specific.
- 4.4 Following a disclosure of domestic abuse, and once immediate safety is established, all victims should be referred to a specialist agency whereby a DASH (Domestic Abuse Stalking Harassment and Honour Based Violence) risk assessment must be carried out and appropriate safeguarding put in place. As led by the victim, support can be offered based upon their identified needs.
- 4.5 The victim and their children may require emergency accommodation and this can be accessed 24 hours through the numbers provided. Supporting People engage Llamau to provide Integrated Domestic Abuse Services. Within Caerphilly, at any one time they are able to house and support 17 families across 4 refuges and 1 safe house. The victim may request support to return/remain safely within their home and a variety of safety measures can be put in place to achieve this. During 2014/15 they housed and supported 108 women, 66 children and had a void of only 4% for the year. In addition to support needs relating to domestic abuse, safety and risk; key identified co-occurring needs are as below:
- 17.2% with alcohol issues
 - 14.1% with drug misuse
 - 56% with emotional health issues
 - 3% with offending behaviour
 - 31% required support with parenting skills
 - 71.1% required support accessing primary health services (GP / dentist)
- 4.6 Supporting People also fund outreach services. In 2014/15 80 service users were supported; 78 female, and 2 male. Key support needs in addition to domestic abuse include:
- 66.7% with emotional health issues
 - 10% with alcohol issues
 - 5% with drug issues
 - 5% with self harm issues
 - 6.7% with anti social behaviour and anger issues
 - 23.3% requiring parenting skills support
 - 30% requiring support to access GP and dentist
- 4.7 In addition an early intervention and prevention outreach scheme has been jointly commissioned by Supporting People and Families First since January 2015. This proactive service has resulted in 151 families being supported in 2015, with a total of 261 children in the households. Within these, only 5 families have needed to access immediate safe accommodation for an interim measure whilst additional security and safety planning is completed. Therefore, due to the early intervention of the scheme 146 families have been able to remain safely within their own home. This ensures that children do not have to move areas, schools, lose their friends and families do not have to lose their homes and support networks. Staff liaise with external support providers including legal services, civil and criminal courts, police, education, social services, housing providers, third sector support, counselling services and medical intervention.

- 4.8 A number of additional wraparound support services are also provided including an outreach for children and young people in the community affected by domestic abuse. In 2014/15 the scheme supported 72 families. This scheme supports children and young people to work through how domestic abuse has affected them using age appropriate tools and resources, staying safe, healthy relationships and moving forward. 93% reported improved family relationships and feeling safer as a result of support. Supporting People also contract with BAWSO delivering specialist services to people from Black and Ethnic Minority (BME) backgrounds who are affected by domestic abuse; they supported 9 people during 2015.
- 4.9 Homelessness Prevention is a short term scheme supports individuals affected by domestic abuse who are at risk of crisis homelessness. The role focuses on liaising with landlords regarding eviction proceedings, notices, significant rent arrears, rehousing due to safety or the separation of families impacting on financial management of a home. In 2014/15 the service supported 75 families. 88% reported improved management of accommodation, and 100% felt safer.
- 4.10 Group work and awareness raising sessions are also provided. Group work promotes the early identification and awareness of abusive behaviours, the impact of abuse on families and building the self esteem and confidence of participants. Awareness raising takes places throughout the community to enhance participants understanding of healthy relationships and mutual respect. During 2014/15:
- 97 women attended the Freedom programme
 - 8 women attended the first course of You and Me, Mum
 - 12 children accessed Kidz Club
 - 8 Young People attended ADaPT first course
 - 1400 children and young people attended healthy relationship sessions in the community
- 4.11 Domestic abuse support services in the authority are delivered in a number of ways as set out above. The central hub for support services, the Safer Caerphilly Multi-agency Centre, is situated at Cameron House in Ystrad Mynach. It is occupied by Llamau Women's Services, the Independent Domestic Violence Advocate, BAWSO (specialist BME support provider), and other agencies on a drop in basis. Local domestic abuse centres have previously been funded via Welsh Government capital grant. As there has been no determination of capital funding for the coming year notice to quit the building has been given in advance of the current lease ending in August 2016. As the leaseholder the local authority will work with the support services currently working from the building to ensure continued support to victims. This may, however, be from other locations in the county borough.
- 4.12 From the 1st of April 2015 a regional approach to domestic abuse coordination is being piloted. Welsh Government funding is provided to Newport Council who host a Gwent Regional Team comprising of a Regional Advisor, two Domestic Abuse Officers and a Domestic Abuse Assistant.
- 4.13 On 29 April 2015, the Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (Wales) Bill received Royal Assent and became an Act. The legislation aims to improve the Public Sector response in Wales to such abuse and violence. A National Adviser has been appointed to advise Ministers and improve joint working amongst public bodies under the Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (Wales) Act 2015. The main functions of the National Adviser are:
- to advise Ministers and give assistance in achieving the aims of the Act
 - to monitor and advise Ministers on both the content and implementation of local strategies
 - undertake research relating to the Act and related matters by examining whether abuse of any kind is related directly or indirectly to inequality between people of a different gender, gender identity or sexual orientation
 - produce reports relating to the Act or tackling related matters.

- 4.14 Welsh Government are developing a National Training Framework for Wales on violence against women and other forms of gender-based violence, domestic abuse and sexual violence for all key public sector and specialist service provider professionals across Wales and a Healthy Relationships programme in schools. Raising awareness of the issues and equipping the whole community with knowledge and information is an important aspect of tackling domestic abuse.
- 4.15 This year a new process known as “Ask and Act” will be piloted in Gwent. “Ask and Act” is a process of targeted enquiry to be practiced across the public service for forms of violence against women, domestic abuse and sexual violence. The term targeted enquiry describes the recognition of indicators of violence against women, domestic abuse and sexual violence as a prompt for a professional to ask their client whether they have been affected by any of these issues. The pilot will test how such an approach can be implemented within relevant local authority departments. These will include the development of supporting policies, a consideration of data sharing legislation and the establishment of clear referral pathways with specialist service providers in the field. It also includes a supporting training programme which will be delivered across all five local authorities. Welsh Government will be funding the work and an evaluation to assess its success.

5. SUPPORT CONTACTS

Safer Caerphilly Multi-agency Centre (MAC) **01443 819317** (Mon-Fri 9am -5pm) Cameron House, 57 Commercial Street, Ystrad Mynach, CF82 7DW

Out of hours **029 2086 0255** (Caerphilly Domestic Abuse Service)
All Wales Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Helpline **0808 80 10 800**

For further information and links to support services visit: livefearfree.org.uk

6. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 This report is for information purposes only, so the Council's full Equalities Impact Assessment process does not need to be applied, however in practice there are very clear links between Domestic Abuse and Equalities issues and the two areas overlap on many levels. Noting also the link to the Council's Strategic Equality Objective 1 - Tackling Identity-Based Violence and Abuse Domestic Abuse by its very nature can involve issues around gender, age, disability or sexual orientation for example.

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 There are no financial implications, this report provided service information only.

8. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 There are no personnel implications for the Council.

9. CONSULTATIONS

- 9.1 The report has been sent to the consultees listed below and all comments received are reflected in this report.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

10.1 That the report is noted.

11. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

11.1 The report is in response to a Member request and is for information only.

12. STATUTORY POWER

Crime & Disorder Act 1998

The Protection from Harassment Act 1997 (as amended by the Protection of Freedom Act 2012)

The Female Genital Mutilation Act 2003

The Domestic Violence Crime and Victims Act 2004

The Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014

Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (Wales) Act 2015

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Consultees: Dave Street, Corporate Director, Social Services
Councillor Nigel George, Cabinet Member for Community and Leisure Services
Chief Inspector Nick McLain, Safer Caerphilly Strategic Lead and Delivery Group Chair
Kathryn Peters, Community Safety Manager
David W Thomas, Service Manager, Social Services
Malcolm Topping, Supporting People Manager, Social Services
Carmel Jones, Regional Domestic Abuse Officer - Gwent
David A Thomas, Senior Policy Officer (Equalities and Welsh Language)
Mike Eedy, Finance Manager
Shaun Watkins, Human Resources Manager

Background Papers:

'Domestic Abuse Processes For Victims' – report to Crime & Disorder Scrutiny Committee
19th March 2015

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CRIME & DISORDER SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 17TH MARCH 2016

SUBJECT: SAFETY CAERPHILLY COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP 2015 UPDATE

REPORT BY: NATALIE KENNY, COMMUNITY SAFETY OFFICER

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To provide an overview of the work of the Safer Caerphilly Community Safety Partnership throughout the calendar year 2015.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 The Safer Caerphilly Community Safety Partnership consists of five agencies:

- Caerphilly County Borough Council
- Gwent Police
- South Wales Fire & Rescue Authority
- Aneurin Bevan University Health Board
- National Probation Service (statutory body)
 - Wales Community Rehabilitation Company (support agency)

The above agencies work together to reduce anti-social behaviour and crime and disorder across Caerphilly County Borough. The partnership work is facilitated by the Community Safety Team employed by Caerphilly County Borough Council and based in Penallta House. This report will outline some of the main work that has been carried out by the partnership in 2015.

3. LINKS TO STRATEGY

- 3.1 Caerphilly Delivers – Safer Caerphilly theme, one in which all residents:

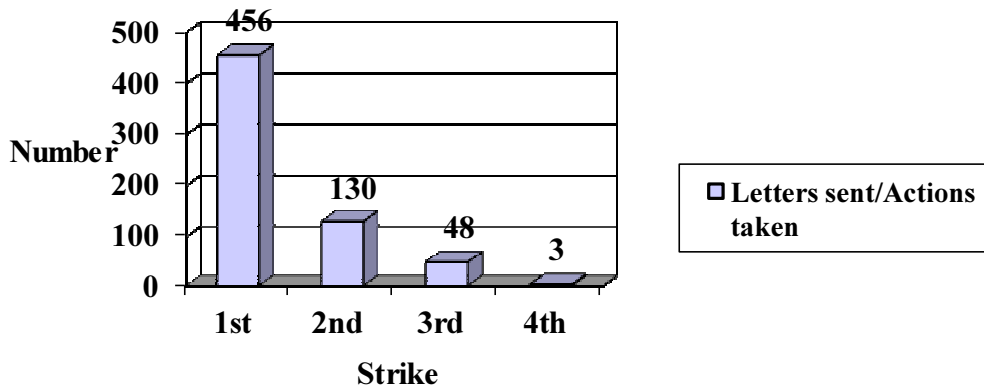
- Are safe and feel safe inside their homes and out in the community.
- Are reassured, listened to by community safety agencies, and encouraged to report any crime and disorder issues they may have.
- Need to feel safe and independent and when they need additional support, or where they have additional need, they should be able to access support from community safety and safeguarding agencies.

4. THE REPORT

4.1 Anti-Social Behaviour Outcomes

As members may know The Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 commenced on 20th October 2014. Whilst this legislation brought in a number of new tools and powers to address anti-social behaviour the Anti Social Behaviour Four Strike Process used in Caerphilly County Borough Council (CCBC) remains relatively unchanged. Throughout January – December 2015 the following number of interventions took place:

4 Strike Figures January - December 2015



These figures illustrate the success of the first 3 strikes of the process in deterring future anti-social behaviour.

Due the combined efforts of partners anti-social behaviour has been on a downward trend for a number of years. In 2014 there were 7755 incidents, in 2015 there were 6732.

Under the previous legislation the Anti-Social Behaviour Order was utilised at the Strike 4 stage. However under the new legislation the Civil Injunction is now used by Safer Caerphilly for individuals who fail to engage with the process or to moderate their behaviour. During January – December 2015 the partnership were successful in obtaining three Injunctions. Along with the Injunctions the partnership has used a number of the new tools and powers introduced by the new legislation. Some examples are below:

4.2 Anti-Social Behaviour Civil Injunctions

Of the three Anti-Social Behaviour Civil Injunctions obtained during 2015 two were on youths and one on an adult. A brief overview of two cases is given below to provide an example of the type of cases being dealt with:

4.3 Youth Injunction

An Injunction was obtained in Cwmbran Youth Court in September on a 17 year old boy from the Caerphilly area. The boy was first referred into the 4 Strike Anti-Social Behaviour Process in May 2012 and received numerous warning letters, an Acceptable Behaviour Contract and eventually an Anti-Social Behaviour Order in 2013 to try and modify his behaviour. Unfortunately his behaviour did not improve and there were over 120 incidents of anti-social behaviour reported by victims including his neighbours. Incidents included: verbal abuse, playing loud music, revving car engines at all hours of the day, banging and hammering things in his garden and throwing items.

The case came back into the Problem Solving Group meeting in April 2015 and it was decided to proceed with an Injunction. The individual agreed to the Injunction in Court which had a number of prohibitive conditions including: not to cause harassment, alarm or distress to any

person in CCBC, not to directly contact his former neighbours and not to enter the street where they lived. The exclusion to the street was possible as the Council also supported a move for him and his family to another area so he did not need to go anywhere near where the victims lived. This Injunction and the supported house move have now enabled the victims to finally live a peaceful life without suffering from constant anti-social behaviour by the individual.

4.4 **Adult Injunction**

An Injunction was granted without notice on a 44 year old man from the Blackwood area in September. The man subjected his neighbours to various criminal and anti-social behaviour throughout a period of approximately 10 months. All parties lived in a very isolated area and in close proximity so could not avoid seeing each other. This resulted in the victims becoming increasingly fearful for their safety and afraid to leave their properties. The case was self referred to the Safer Caerphilly Team at the beginning of September and was placed on the next Problem Solving Group agenda. The group agreed to apply for an Injunction as soon as possible. The victims were visited and statements were gathered and the Court file put together within a week. Incidents involved victims being verbally abused, having nails put in their tyres, criminal damage of their property, racial abuse and verbal threats to kill one of the victims.

Due to the nature of the case the Injunction was sought very quickly to protect the victims and the Court granted it without notice to the perpetrator. Conditions included: no contact with any of the victims, not to use violence or threatening to use violence to any person, not to cause damage to any property and not to enter the village where the victims live. Whilst this is a Civil Injunction we also requested that each condition had a power of arrest attached which was granted by the Court. No breaches have been reported to date and the victims have reported feeling a lot safer knowing that the individual cannot enter the area. Community safety partners continue to provide support the victims.

4.5 **Community Trigger**

At the beginning of September the victims involved in the above case invoked the legislative victim call for action, the Community Trigger, as they were not happy with how agencies had dealt with their case over the 10 months they had been reporting incidents. The Community Trigger was introduced by the Anti-Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act in October 2014. Its purpose is to provide an opportunity for victims of persistent anti-social behaviour (including hate incidents) to request a review of actions taken by agencies when they feel these actions have not been adequate to resolve the anti-social behaviour.

This was the first Community Trigger received in Caerphilly and the process that had been established worked very well. Within the process there are tight timeframes for each stage and all of these were met. The review panel was held on 2nd of November and the members interviewed all staff that had been involved in the case and reviewed the available evidence. The panel looked at whether anything else could possibly have been done to address the issues that the victims were dealing with and made a number of recommendations. These included: training for Victim Support and Gwent Police Neighbourhood Policing Teams on the new anti-social behaviour legislation and the Anti-Social Behaviour 4 Strike Process, awareness raising materials for staff notice boards and Gwent Police to ensure there is internal accountability for identifying and dealing with repeat anti-social behaviour issues and neighbourhood disputes, and review their processes for creating and implementing action plans to deal with these issues.

4.6 **Closure Order**

A Caerphilly county borough council resident, who continuously committed acts of anti-social behaviour in the community, was issued with a Closure Order in February 2015. The Closure Order was also introduced by the Anti-Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act in October 2014. The power allows the police or council to quickly close premises which are being used, or likely to be used, to commit nuisance or disorder. In this case the Tenancy Enforcement Team worked with the tenant to improve her behaviour but when this failed sought a Possession Order. Due to the amount of time to achieve possession the partnership looked at seeking a Closure Order to give the local community respite from the anti-social behaviour.

The Closure Order, which was valid for three months and excluded the tenant and her family from entering the property, was granted by Newport Magistrates Court on 17th February 2015.

4.7 **Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs)**

PSPOs were also introduced by the Anti-Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act and replace Designated Public Protection Orders (DPPOs). They have a wider scope than the previous DPPO. PSPOs are intended to deal with problems in a geographical area by imposing conditions that apply to the use of that area. They are designed to ensure that the law-abiding majority can use and enjoy public spaces, safe from anti-social behaviour. Safer Caerphilly introduced a number of PSPOs in 2015 which cover numerous bus shelters and bus stops across Caerphilly county borough. The PSPOs will hopefully help to reduce anti-social behaviour and disorder in key areas across the county borough.

4.8 **Victim Service**

In addition to the above tools and powers to address the anti social behaviour of individuals Safer Caerphilly has provided a service to the victims of anti-social behaviour for a number of years. The Victim Services Manger is seconded to the partnership from Victim Support and attends all relevant multi-agency groups to tackle anti-social behaviour, provides mediation, liaises closely with all departments within the local authority and outside agencies whilst supporting victims in the community and throughout the court process. From January – December 2015 236 victims received support from the service. Unfortunately the service will have to cease from the 1st of April 2016 as, despite considerable efforts, the partnership have been unable to secure the necessary external funding to continue the provision.

5. **COMMUNICATIONS/COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

5.1 **Safer Caerphilly Twitter**

The Safer Caerphilly Twitter feed now has 580 followers and the membership continues to grow. As an example of the number of impressions the account receives over the fourth quarter of 2015 the Tweets that went out had a total of 27,700 impressions, averaging 304 impressions per day. The most popular Tweets during this period included: Hate Crime Awareness Week, the White Ribbon campaign and an online security message. The team continue to put Tweets out with general community safety messages and topics of interest to inform and engage members of the public.

5.2 **Project Bernie**

The Safer Caerphilly Fire Safety Action Team once again ran Project Bernie over the two week Easter period. The project was officially launched at the Morrison's store in Bargoed on 27th March and was attended by various partners such as Gwent Police, South Wales Fire & rescue Service and Crime Prevention Panel members. Over 400 shoppers supported the scheme and signed up to the Bernie pledge. Project Bernie is based on a social marketing concept, which aims to reduce deliberate grass fires by addressing behaviours and attitudes within the community. The project involved a multi-agency response to the problem which included an advertising and marketing campaign, patrols of the area and numerous youth activities, which all focused on addressing the problem of deliberate grass fires.

5.3 **Safer Caerphilly After Dark**

The Safer Caerphilly After Dark initiative has been developed to address night-time economy (NTE) issues and was launched in December 2013. Organisations who have signed up to the scheme include numerous departments within Caerphilly County Borough Council, Gwent Police, and volunteer agencies including the Street Pastor Scheme. The three agreed aims of the scheme are to:

- To reduce NTE related crime (specifically violence, damage, and hate crime).
- Improve communication with NTE agencies and coordinate action.

- Make Caerphilly and Blackwood town centres safer.

The After Dark Group worked to continue promoting the scheme throughout 2015 with posters placed throughout the town centres, engagement with door staff, press releases and regular Twitter and Facebook messages developed.

5.4 **Domestic Abuse Media Campaign**

Throughout March 2015 residents and organisations were encouraged to join forces in 'standing together' against domestic violence in Caerphilly county borough as part of a new social media awareness raising campaign. The **#caerphillystandingtogether** campaign aimed to raise awareness of domestic violence and the support services available in Caerphilly county borough, and to ultimately empower anyone who is experiencing domestic violence to seek support.

People were asked to 'tweet their feet' and upload a photo of their feet to Twitter with the hashtag **#caerphillystandingtogether** to show they believe violence in all forms is wrong. Throughout the month Caerphilly domestic abuse support services also tweeted using the same hashtag to promote services which are available to those experiencing domestic abuse and their families.

The campaign was very successful with over 90 organisations and people sharing pictures of their feet and in excess of 250,000 people were reached throughout the month.

5.5 **Junior Community Safety Wardens**

The Community Safety Wardens continue to offer the Junior Community Safety Warden Scheme sessions to all primary schools across Caerphilly county borough.

The Community Safety Wardens inform the young people about anti-social behaviour issues such as littering and graffiti and promote general community safety messages.

5.6 **White Ribbon Campaign**

White Ribbon Day is The United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and falls on the 25th November every year. The White Ribbon Campaign aims to prevent Violence Against Women and Girls and promote respectful relationships.

CCBC were successful in obtaining White Ribbon Status in July 2014. The White Ribbon Campaign Town Award is for Councils demonstrating their commitment to the aims of the White Ribbon Campaign (WRC):

- In particular involving men and boys in prevention activities. By mobilising men the anti-violence message increases in effectiveness and reach.
- Addressing and altering social norms that led to violent behaviour against women.
- Increasing awareness on the issue and providing services aimed at reducing the incidence of domestic violence.
- Mobilise the entire community under the goal of ending violence against women and girls.

Much work has been achieved within Caerphilly and during 2015 16 days of activity took place leading up to the 25th November which included:

- 'Walk a Mile' Event around Caerphilly Castle on Friday 20th November at 5pm.
- Domestic Abuse Services stands at Council buildings.
- Beaming a White Ribbon onto Caerphilly Castle up to and including 25th November.
- Youth Forum Poster developed.
- Press releases on White Ribbon and the Castle walk.
- Featured White Ribbon overview on the front page of the Safer Caerphilly website.
- 16 day Twitter activity with domestic abuse/White Ribbon messages.

5.7 **Social Media Harassment Campaign**

A social media harassment campaign was developed to address the problem of harassment via social media sites such as Facebook and Twitter. This was identified as a problem by the anti-social behaviour meetings where incidents of this nature seem to be on the increase. Young people have been committing criminal and anti-social behaviour by posting certain images and messages on sites. The message of the campaign is to raise awareness of the issues and inform people that they may be committing a criminal offence when posting certain messages. A poster for the campaign has been developed and attached as Appendix 1.

6. **HOMELESS/ROUGH SLEEPERS GROUP**

- 6.1 Homeless / rough sleepers have been identified as a local priority for Caerphilly county borough council. A group has been developed to discuss cases and is responsible for dealing with known individuals who are homeless/sleeping rough within Caerphilly county borough. The purpose of this group is to make appropriate decisions regarding possible intervention measures for individuals based on the information presented at the meeting by agencies. Meetings are held on a quarterly basis and the group reports to the Safer Caerphilly Delivery Group. Partners involved in the group consist of representatives of: Community Safety Wardens, Supporting People, Town Centre Development, Housing, Gwent Police, Mental Health Team, Phoenix Centre, Cleansing, Community Safety, Rough Sleeper Co-ordinator and the Caerphilly Night Shelters. Numbers discussed vary between 12 to 23 individuals each meeting and various outcomes have been achieved such as: secured tenancies, referrals to night shelters and referrals to drug and alcohol services.

7. **PREVENT/CHANNEL**

- 7.1 The Government's national counter-terrorism strategy CONTEST has four components: Prevent, Pursue, Protect and Prepare. The Prevent component of the strategy is a partnership responsibility with agencies working together in identifying and supporting at risk individuals. Sitting underneath Prevent is the Channel process which is a multi-agency approach to preventing vulnerable people from being drawn into extremism and committing acts of terrorism.

On the 1st July 2015 section 26 of The Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 placed duties on Local Authorities to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism. These duties include:

- Ensure appropriate frontline staff, have a good understanding of Prevent, are trained to recognise vulnerability to being drawn into terrorism and are aware of available programmes to deal with this issue.
- Establish or make use of an existing local multi-agency group to agree risk, co-ordinate Prevent activity, and produce an action plan.
- Incorporate the duty into existing policies and procedures

Much work has already been undertaken to ensure all of the duties in the legislation is met. Training of over 200 frontline staff has taken place and other sessions are planned for 2016. The Channel Panel has been in existence since 2013 and has received a number of referrals which have all undergone vulnerability assessments, individual support and a multi-agency response. Prevent/Channel has been included within the new Corporate Safeguarding Policy and its associated training.

8. **EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

- 8.1 There are no equalities implications as the report is for information only.

9. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 As stated above the work of the Partnership is co-ordinated and administered by the Community Safety Team. The team are currently funded mainly via external grants from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner and Welsh Government. There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

10. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1 There are no personnel implications arising directly from this report.

11. CONSULTATIONS

- 11.1 The report has been sent to the consultees listed below and all comments received are reflected in this report.

12. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 12.1 That the contents of the report are noted.

13. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

- 13.1 The report is for information only.

14. STATUTORY POWER

- 14.1 The Crime and Disorder Act 1998.
The Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014.
The Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015.

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Consultees: Councillor Hefin David, Chair Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee
Councillor Nigel George, Cabinet Member for Community and Leisure Services
Councillor Sean Morgan, Vice Chair, Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee
Chief Inspector Nick McLain, Safer Caerphilly Strategic Lead and Delivery Group Chair
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Kathryn Peters, Corporate Policy Manager
Inspector Chris Haire, LPU Partnership Inspector

Appendices:
Appendix 1 - Social Media Harassment Campaign Poster

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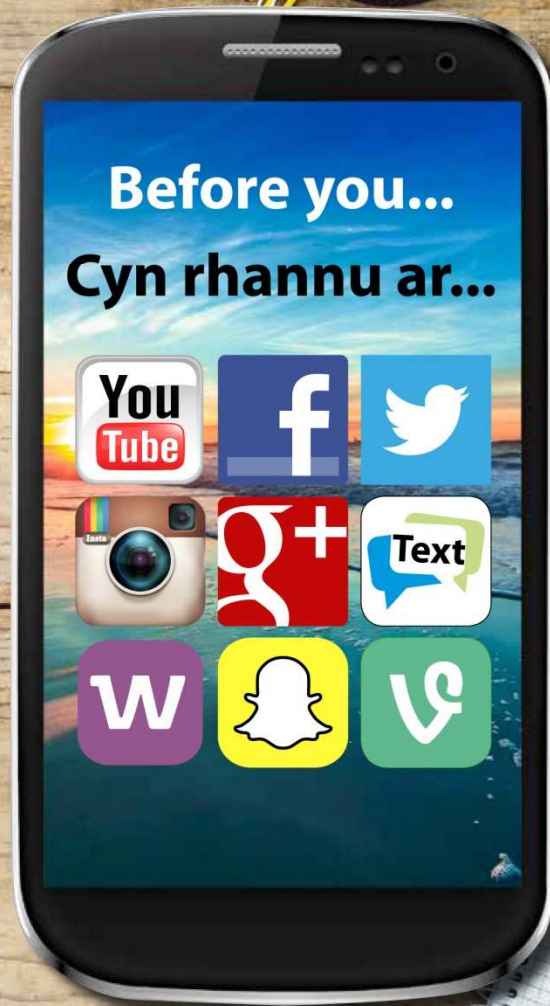
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CRIME AND DISORDER SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 17TH MARCH 2016

SUBJECT: SAFER CAERPHILLY PERFORMANCE SCORECARD

REPORT BY: KATHRYN PETERS – COMMUNITY SAFETY MANAGER

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of the report to present to members the Safer Caerphilly Partnership Performance Scorecard.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 The Scorecard attached is, updated to the end of quarter three of 2015 – 16.
- 2.2 The Safer Caerphilly Delivery Group has responsibility for ensuring that the Safer Caerphilly elements on the single integrated plan encompass the statutory responsibilities placed on community safety partners to develop strategies to: reduce crime and disorder in the area, combat substance misuse in the area, and reduce reoffending in the area.
- 2.3 The Safer Caerphilly Delivery Group monitors its activities through the Safer Caerphilly Partnership Performance Scorecard. Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee has previously agreed that the most recently updated Scorecard will be presented at each meeting.
- 2.4 The single plan priority areas relevant to Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee are:
- S1** - Reduce incidents of anti-social behaviour and reduce fear of becoming a victim of anti-social behaviour for residents.
 - S2** - Reduce crime and the fear of crime for the residents of the county borough.
 - S3** - Reduce the harm caused to communities through substance misuse.
 - S4** - Ensure people are supported to live in their own homes and communities in safety
 - S5** - Improve the education, information, early intervention, prevention and harm reduction in relation to substance misuse in the county borough. (Previously H4)

3. LINKS TO STRATEGY

- 3.1 Caerphilly Delivers – Safer Caerphilly theme, one in which all residents:
- Are safe and feel safe inside their homes and out in the community.
 - Are reassured, listened to by community safety agencies and encouraged to report any crime and disorder issues they may have.
 - Need to feel safe and independent and when they need additional support, or where they have additional need, they should be able to access support from community safety and safeguarding agencies.

4. THE REPORT

- 4.1 The Safer Caerphilly Scorecard shows progress against performance targets and actions up to the end of December 2015.
- 4.2 The Scorecard was scrutinised by the Safer Caerphilly Delivery Group at its quarterly meeting on the 22nd of January 2016. Reporting was undertaken on an exception basis with commentary made on targets and actions as included within the scorecard appended.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 5.1 That the contents of this report and the appended scorecard are noted.

6. CONSULTATIONS

- 6.1 The report has been sent to the consultees listed below and all comments received are reflected in this report.

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Consultees: Councillor Nigel George, Cabinet Member for Community and Leisure Services
Chief Inspector Nick McLain, Safer Caerphilly Strategic Lead and Delivery Group Chair
Rob Hartshorn, Head of Public Protection, Vice Chair Delivery Group
Inspector Chris Haire, LPU Partnership Inspector

Appendices:
Appendix 1 - Safer Caerphilly Scorecard pdf. S1 – S5 Quarter 3 update 2015 –16



SAFER CAERPHELLY

A Safer Caerphilly is one in which all residents:

- Are safe and feel safe inside their homes and out in the community.
- Are reassured, listened to by community safety agencies and encouraged to report any crime and disorder issues they may have.
- Need to feel safe and independent and when they need additional support, or where they have additional need, they should be able to access support from community safety and safeguarding agencies.

Through the analysis of partnership data and consultation, four priorities have been formed from key issues, which will be addressed over the next five years to allay the dominant concerns of the residents of the county borough:



S1 Reduce incidents of anti-social behaviour and reduce fear of becoming a victim of anti-social behaviour for residents.



S2 Reduce crime and the fear of crime for the residents of the county borough.



S3 Reduce the harm caused to communities through substance misuse.



S4 Support domestic abuse victims and their families and raise awareness of domestic abuse, violence against women and sexual violence

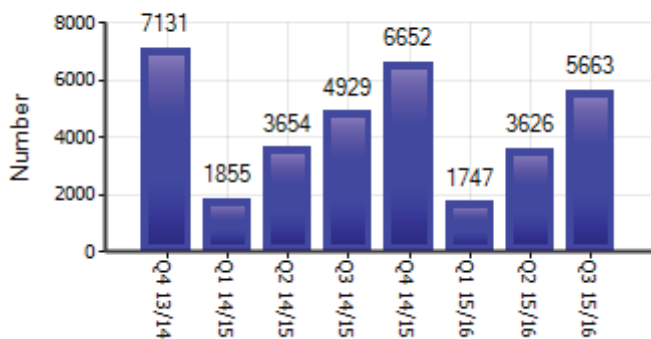


S5 Improve the education, information, early intervention, prevention and harm reduction in relation to substance misuse in the County Borough (Prev. H4)



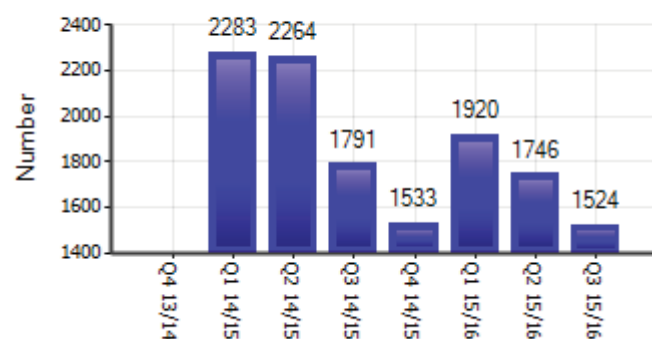
Priority S1: Reduce incidents of anti-social behaviour and reduce fear of becoming a victim of anti-social behaviour for residents

S1.2 Number of requests for services made to CCBC for Anti-Social Behaviour matters (accum)



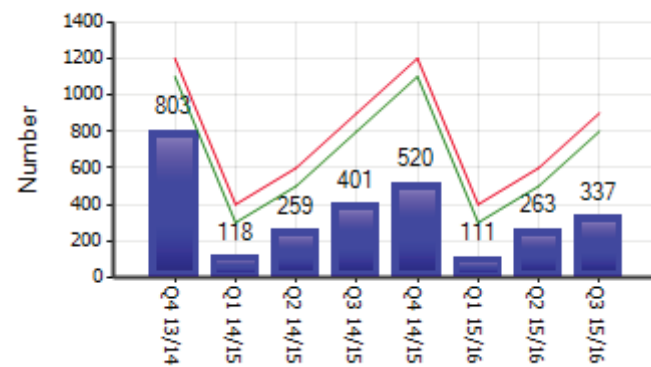
Period	Comment
Q3 15/16	There were 2037 requests for service regarding anti-social behaviour matters during quarter 3.

S1.1 Total number of Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) incidents in CCBC (in the quarter)

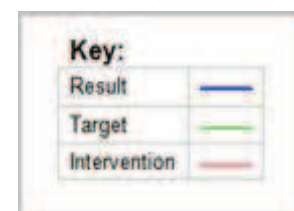


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Q3 15/16	Solving approaches supported by CCBC Community Safety (VPSG, Strike Process, Partnership Tasking, Repeat Offender Group).

S1.1 ASB Number of Strike 1 referrals (accum)



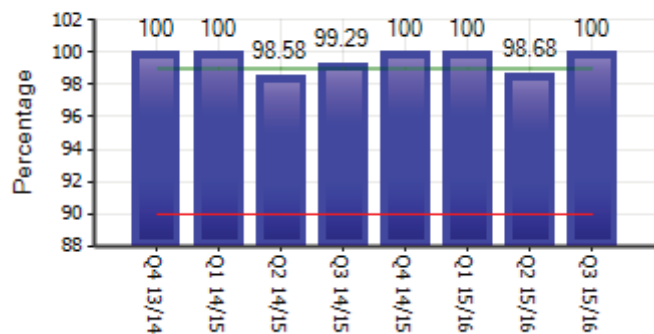
Period	Comment
Q3 15/16	There were a total of 72 strike one referrals made during quarter three.





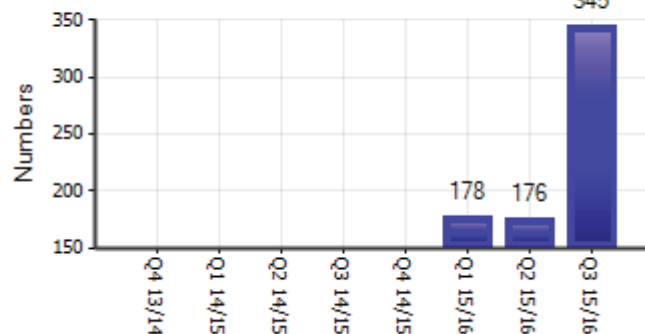
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S1.3 ASB Drop-off rate between strike 1 and 4 intervention stage of the ASB process (in the quarter)



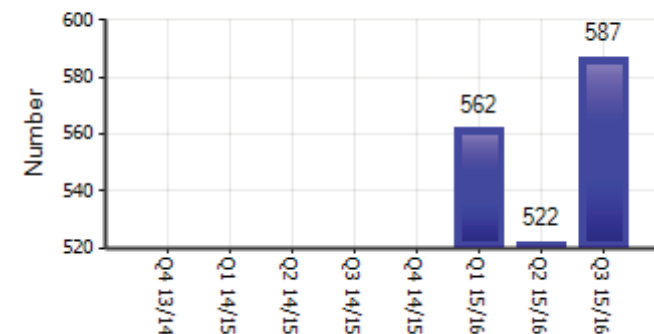
Period	Comment
Q3 15/16	There were a total of: Strike 1 = 74, Strike 2 = 30, Strike 3 = 15, Strike 4 = 0, Referrals made during quarter three.

S1.4 Number of sessions held by Positive Futures and Street Games (in the quarter) - New 15/16



Period	Comment
Q3 15/16	A total of 345 sessions were held during quarter 3. 96 were carried out by Positive Futures, 249 were carried out by Street Games.

S1.5 Number of young people engaged by Positive Futures and Street Games (in the quarter) - New 15/16



Period	Comment
Q3 15/16	During quarter 3 a total of 297 individuals were engaged by Positive Futures and 290 individuals were engaged by Street Games. (587)

Key:

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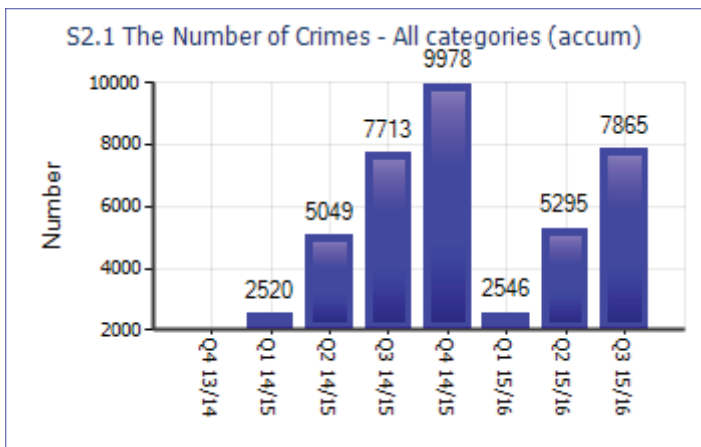
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Priority Action

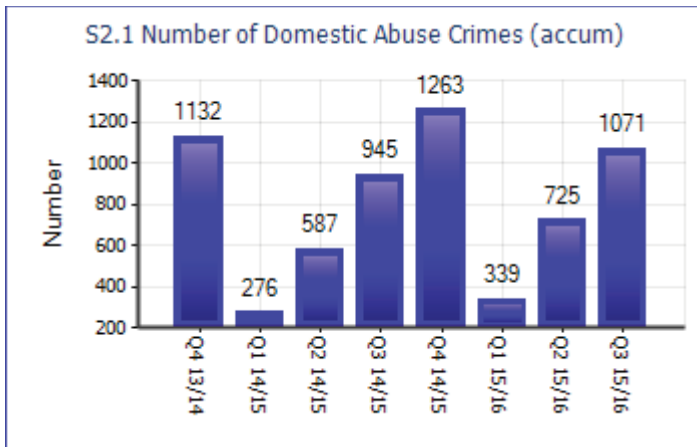
Period	Title	Comment	RAG	Overall Status	Progress Status	% Complete
Q3 15/16	Continue to provide support to victims of anti-social behaviour through the Independent Victims Champion Service including mediation support as necessary.	The Victims Services Manager received a total of 78 referrals during quarter three, 100% of these were contacted within 48 hours of the referral being received. Mediation services are now available.	⊖	In Progress	On Track	80
Q3 15/16	Continue to work with partners to provide diversionary activities and interventions to deter young people from committing ASB. Work with Positive Futures and Street Games to deliver activity in ASB hotspot locations	Diversionary activities were supported in this quarter in the Penyrheol area and also at Abercarn where low level street based youth annoyance was identified through the Partnership Tasking process as areas that would benefit from the intervention of the Positive Futures project. Positive Futures is currently delivering at a number of hotspot locations across the borough. As issues at each location dissipate plans are made to transfer any ongoing provision to local community groups. For the Halloween and Bonfire night period events and activities were funded at Bedwas, Risca, Bargoed & Rhymney.	⊖	In Progress	On Track	90
Q3 15/16	Make use of powers under the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 to consider with partners the use of Public Space Protection Orders, Community Protection Notices and Closure Orders (New 15/16)	Enforcement using the provisions of the legislation continues with the first Anti-social Behaviour Injunctions under the Act issued in the third quarter. One was an emergency order granted with power of arrest attached as it related to threats and intimidation perpetrated against neighbours living in a set of isolated cottages. Unfortunately we received the first application for review of the way in which agencies had dealt with an ASB case. A formal review was conducted and the lessons learned have been agreed by agencies involved. Work will begin in the coming quarter to review the current Designated Public Place (alcohol control) areas across the borough.	⊖	In Progress	On Track	75
Q3 15/16	Promote and raise awareness of the ASB 4 Strike Process to ensure that perpetrators are being dealt with accordingly.	The ASB process continues to be promoted among partners. The team delivered training alongside Gwent Police officers to the staff working at Gwent Connect, the Victims Hub, based at Blackwood Police Station. The staff here are a combination of Victim Support staff and other specialist providers who are now commissioned to provide telephone support to ASB victims. It was important for them to have the background in the partnership case management process that deal with perpetrators. Training is being planned for Neighbourhood Policing Team Officers in the coming quarter.	⊖	In Progress	On Track	90
Q3 15/16	Roll-out social media harassment campaign to educational settings and promote messages to parents and guardians	Posters have been developed for dissemination to local schools and colleges. We are awaiting feedback from the Youth Forum on final content. They will be promoted as part of Internet Safety day on the 9th of February.	⊖	In Progress	On Track	50



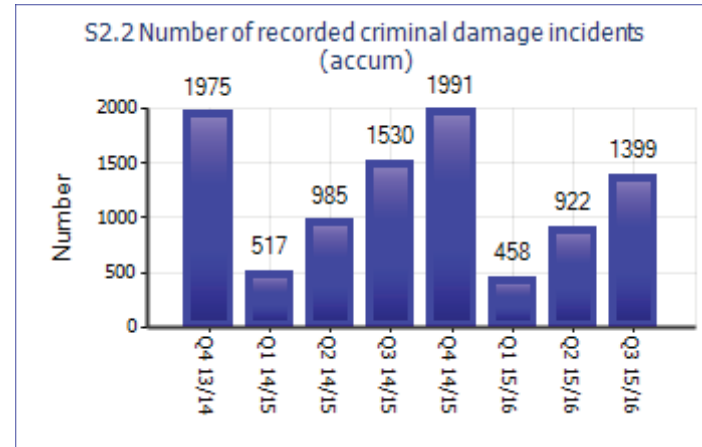
Priority S2: Reduce crime and the fear of crime for the residents of the county borough



Period	Comment
Q3 15/16	A welcome reduction in crime during this quarter compared to last.



Period	Comment
Q3 15/16	Data quality in relation to the domestic abuse tag is unknown and the actual volume may well be significantly higher.

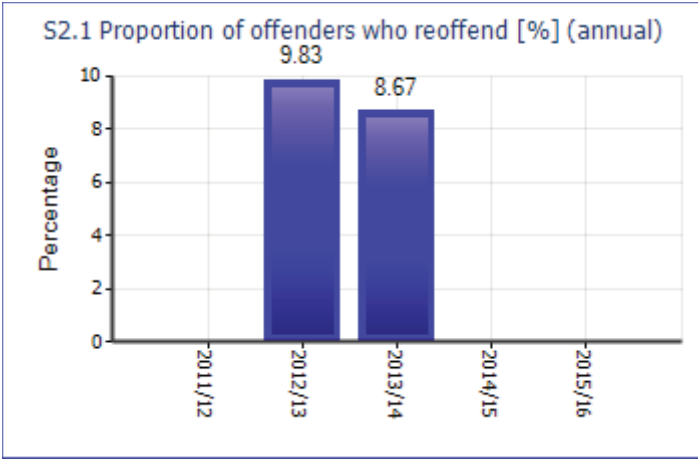


Period	Comment
Q3 15/16	Similar levels of Criminal Damage over the 3 quarters.

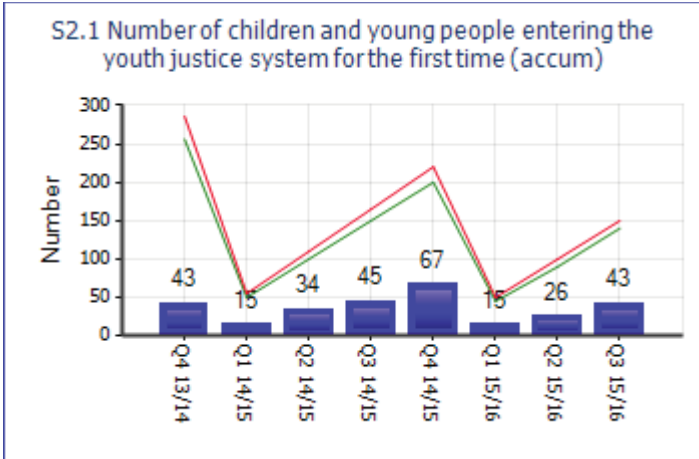
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 **Priority S2: Reduce crime and the fear of crime for the residents of the county borough**



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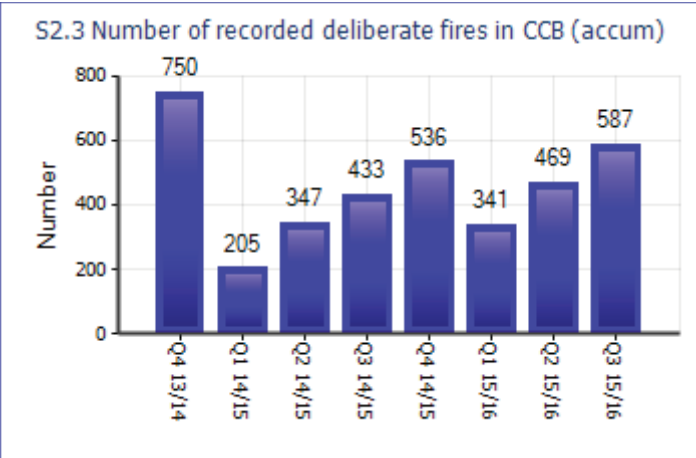


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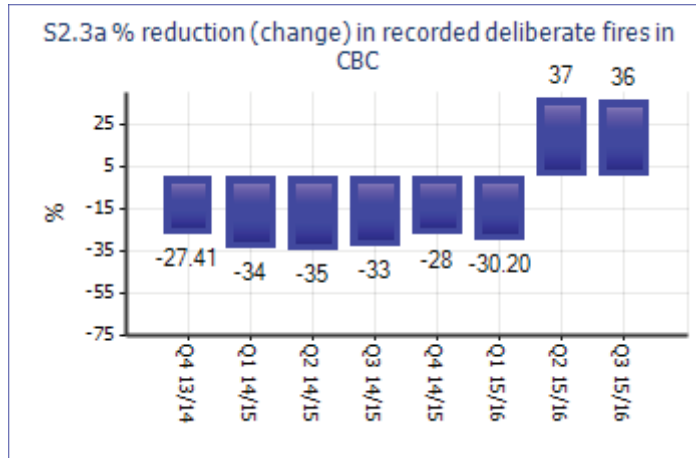
Q3 15/16	17 Young people for this quarter which will be confirmed on 31.01.16 to the YJB
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 **Priority S2: Reduce crime and the fear of crime for the residents of the county borough**





Period	Comment
Q3 15/16	This is an increase of 36% compared to the same period last year. SWFRS and it's Partners are developing a Strategy to reduce the likelihood of a repeat of the April 2015 spike in outdoor fires.



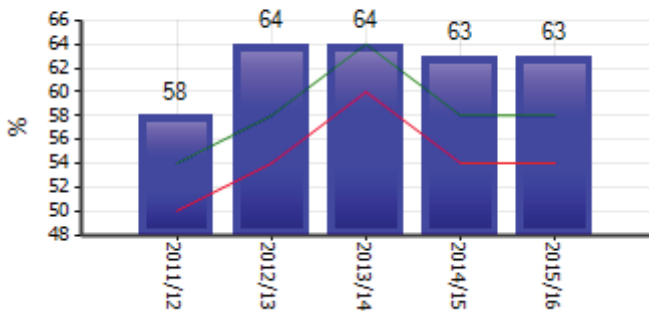
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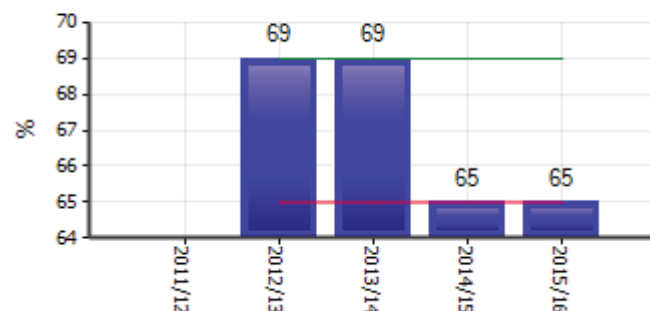
 **Priority S2: Reduce crime and the fear of crime for the residents of the county borough**

S2.4a % Households who Strongly or Tend To Agree that the Police and Caerphilly CBC are dealing with anti-social behaviour and crime issues that matter in this area



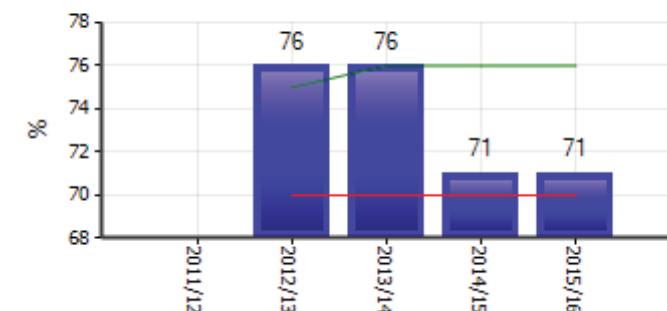
Period	Comment
2015/16	Result from 2015 Survey: Target set to contextualise results

S2.4b % Households who feel that the levels of Anti-social behaviour have got better or stayed the same in their community in the last 2 years






Period	Comment
2015/16	Result from 2015 survey.

S2.4c % Households who feel that the levels of crime have got better or stayed the same in their community in the last 2 years



Period	Comment
2015/16	Result from 2015 survey.

Key:

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Target	
Intervention	



Priority S2: Reduce crime and the fear of crime for the residents of the county borough

Priority Action


Period	Title	Comment	RAG	Overall Status	Progress Status	% Complete
Q3 15/16	Continue to support SWFRS and partners to address deliberate grass fires incidents and arson.	The number of Deliberate Fires is still higher than the same period last year, but this is due to the spike that we suffered in April 2015. SWFRS Fire Crime Unit has continued working with Partners to reduce fires across the Borough area. In the Autumn a joint services patrol was carried out in the Pontllanfraith area. Police and Fire Officers engaged with approx 40 young persons in the parks and car parks that had recently suffered wheelie bin fires and ASB. Arson boards were set up in the area, and SWFRS Schools Liaison Team were provided with Schools Contacts for the area.	⊖	In Progress	On Track	65
Q3 15/16	Ensure the PREVENT duty and CHANNEL duty introduced through the Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015 are met among partners	WRAP (Workshop to raise awareness of PREVENT) training continues to be offered to key services. During this quarter we entered into an agreement with the Home Office to receive £10k funding to deliver enhanced PREVENT and CHANNEL training. This will be partly used to deliver a Gwent wide conference in the 4th quarter. The remainder of the allocation will be used to provide more in depth training on specific issues e.g. Far Right Ideological Extremism and Islamist Extremism. (60%)	⊖	In Progress	On Track	75
Q3 15/16	Ensure the success of Your Voice through shared partnership commitment to the emgagement process (New 15/16)	The third cycle of the Your Voice process is underway. Community Engagement in the process remains at a high level. There were 12,000 surveys across Gwent for the last cycle.	⊖	In Progress	On Track	20
Q3 15/16	Focus on the problematic crime areas highlighted in the 1516 Safer Gwent Strategic Assessment and notified by partners	Police hold daily tasking at both local and Force level to address overnight crime and any emerging crime patterns. Information from these meetings is shared with local partners when appropriate. In addition to this Police CADRO's utilise OWL and other forms of Social Media to raise public awareness to incidents and to deliver protective measures and advice on target hardening. Weekly Police Tasking incorporates the findings of a weekly Tactical Assessment where officers from various departments discuss areas of activity and persons to be targeted. The Criminal Damage Plan has been revised to reflect local needs. Initiatives such as the criminal damage 'Price Tag' competition run in Comprehensive Schools have all been designed to address problematic crime. This scheme has been identified as best practice and is currently being replicated in Blaenau Gwent. Initiatives targeted at addressing fuel thefts on industrial estates has revealed some success. Gwent Police continue to work with Partners from CCTV, Safer Caerphilly, and Street Pastors to deliver a night time service to our targeted town centres. The Safer Caerphilly After Dark initiative continues to progress with a development meeting held in September.	⊖	In Progress	On Track	60
Q3 15/16	Hold monthly partnership tasking meetings to address new and emerging crime patterns.	Monthly tasking meetings have resumed with a focus on those agencies able to intervene to tackle crime and ASB hotspots and perpetrators with YOS, Youth Services, Fire Service, CSWs, Community Safety Partnership, After Dark PC, CADROs and Tenancy Enforcement. The meeting is Chaired by the local Chief Inspector, supported by the Partnership Inspector and Detective Inspector. The LPU Tactical Assessment is discussed at the meeting and agencies tasked to address the issues identified.	⊖	In Progress	On Track	80



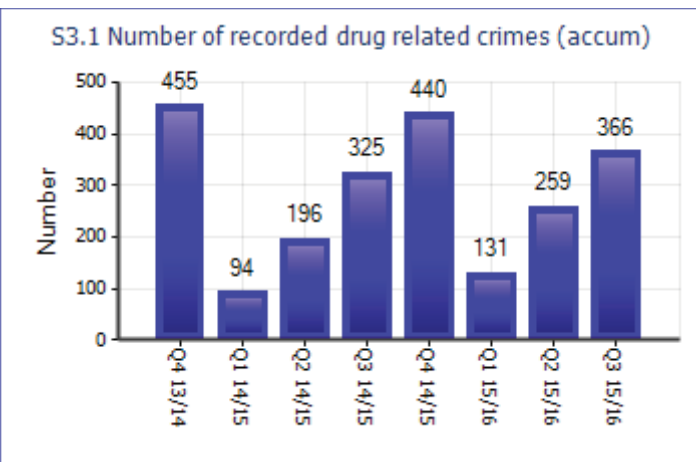
Priority S2: Reduce crime and the fear of crime for the residents of the county borough

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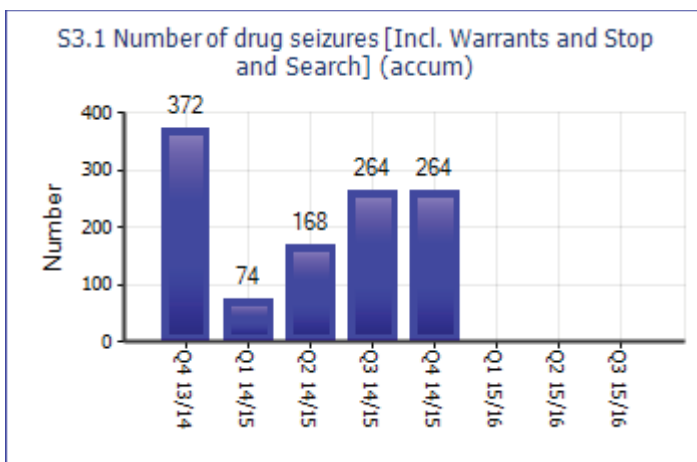
Period	Title	Comment	RAG	Overall Status	Progress Status	% Complete
Q3 15/16	Prioritise the needs of repeat domestic abuse victims	Daily conference calls are held to ensure victims in need are identified and provided the necessary assistance from the right organisations. A number of Gwent Police Supervisors have received 'Learning The Lessons' training input which better prepares them to supervise and monitor DV. Close local supervision of DASH forms ensures that risks are identified early and that positive action is taken. Gwent Police Officers have now received training regarding a change in legislation, which allows for DV Protection Orders to be imposed on offenders for the protection of victims including those reluctant to pursue to Court. A training update has also been provided regarding the offences of Stalking and Harassment. Rebecca Haycock (Domestic Abuse Co-ordinator) is in post and continues to drive awareness and initiatives throughout the Borough. She is leading the White Ribbon working group and is currently co-ordinating the 16 days of related activity leading up to National White Ribbon Day on the 25th of November. CCBC has been awarded White Ribbon status for their dedication and support to addressing violence against women. Gwent Police are already acknowledged as a White Ribbon organisation.	⊖	In Progress	On Track	55
Q3 15/16	Strengthen working links between specialist services and local officers investigating domestic abuse	Gwent Police have a central Domestic Abuse Unit to oversee the more serious allegations. They work alongside various partner agencies and participate in the daily DAC conference call where incidents are discussed and managed. Llamau have now taken over the role of DA services coordinator based at the Multi Agency Centre in Ystrad Mynach. The Police and partnership approach to dealing with DV through the support and encouragement we have shown to victims aims to encourage victims to report incidents. Close local supervision of DASH forms ensures that risks are identified early and that positive action is taken. Gwent Police Officers are currently undergoing training as a result of a change in legislation, which allows for DV Protection Orders to be imposed on offenders for the protection of victims including those reluctant to pursue to Court.	⊖	In Progress	On Track	75
Q3 15/16	Utilise public facing communications channels to raise public awareness of crime and anti-social behaviour issues and partnership activities to tackle them.	Gwent Police - The Safer Caerphilly Partnership now has its own Twitter account @SaferCaerphilly. This will be used to provide community safety messages and updates by all partners whilst also promoting the Safer Caerphilly brand. Police Crime And Disorder Reduction Officers utilise OWL and other forms of Social Media to raise public awareness to incidents and to deliver protective measures and advice on target hardening. Local NPT across the Borough provide a similar service. NPT's currently run Owl recruitment days. There are currently 12729 people signed up to OWL in the Caerphilly Borough. This represents 15.99% of the Boroughs population (1 in 6 households). Media opportunities and public awareness has been maintained this quarter. CCBC - A number of Facebook messages on domestic abuse have been used in addition to Twitter messages. A Twitter competition was run around the Big Cheese. Ongoing website updates continue. The 10 year anniversary of the Community Safety Warden Service was promoted in September, including a Newsline article. The service has a new direct public contact number that has also been promoted.	⊖	In Progress	On Track	70

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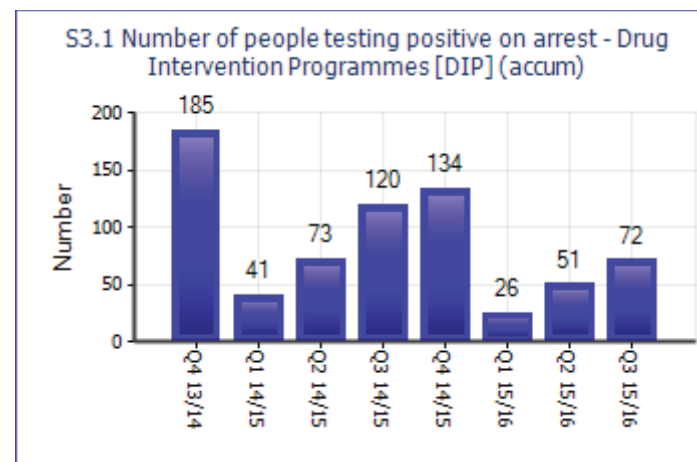
S3.1 Fewer people testing positive for drugs on arrest



Period	Comment
Q3 15/16	A clear fall in drug related crimes, although as stated this may be related to recording issues.






Period	Comment
Q3 15/16	Data not available.



Period	Comment
Q3 15/16	A total of 21 tested positive on arrest within the Caerphilly County Borough during quarter 3.

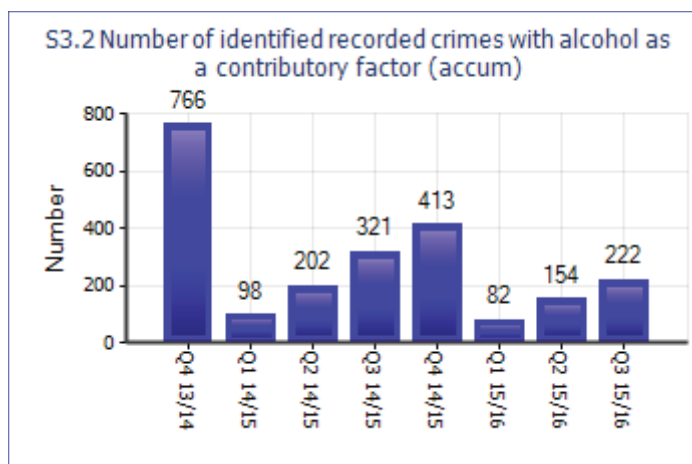
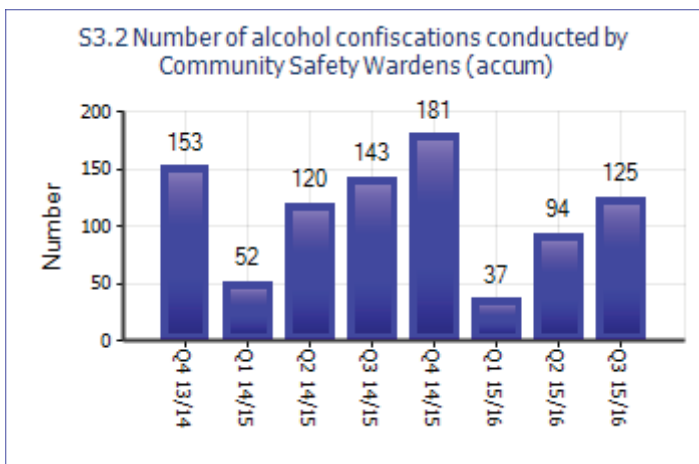
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S3.2 Fewer crimes/incidents associated with the misuse of alcohol






Period	Comment
Q3 15/16	During quarter 3 a total of 31 items of alcohol were confiscated by Community Safety Wardens.

Period	Comment
Q3 15/16	Data quality in relation to the alcohol tag is unknown - the actual volume may well be significantly higher.

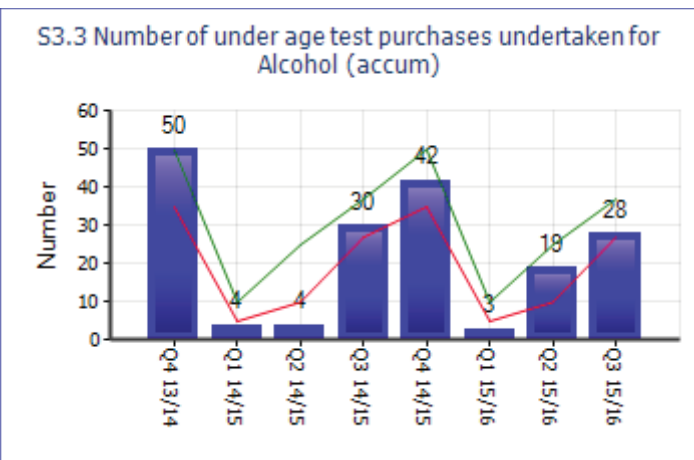
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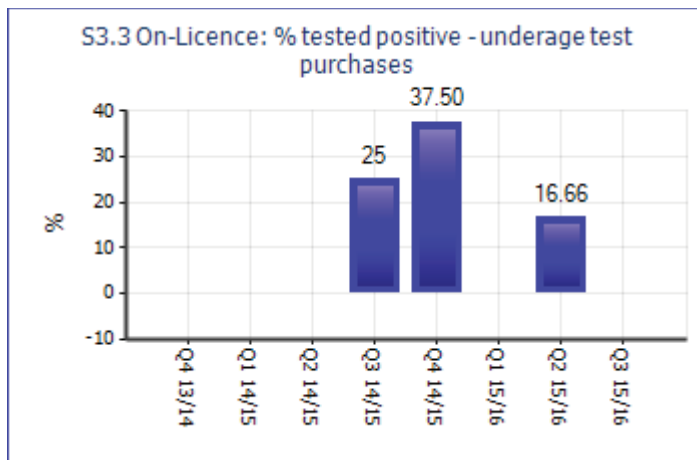
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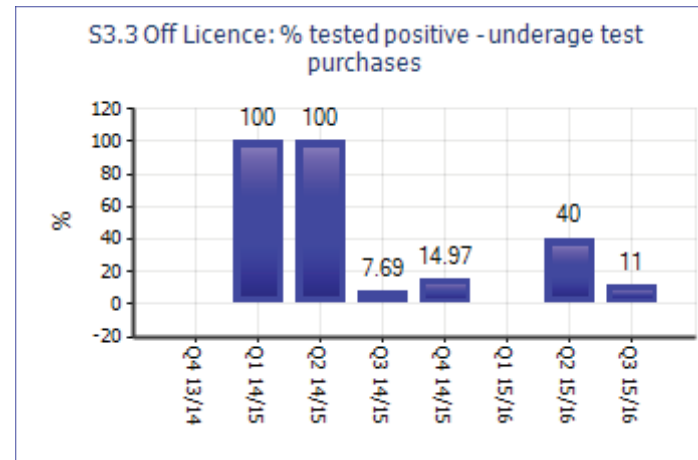
S3.3 Percentage Reduction in the number of underage sales in alcohol



Period	Comment
Q3 15/16	Four operations are planned for final quarter. Intelligence gathering exercise underway. Legislation requires intelligence to be gathered before test purchase can be undertaken.






Period	Comment
Q3 15/16	There were no on licence test purchases in the quarter.



Period	Comment
Q3 15/16	There were a total of 9 attempted test purchases during quarter 3, with one sale.

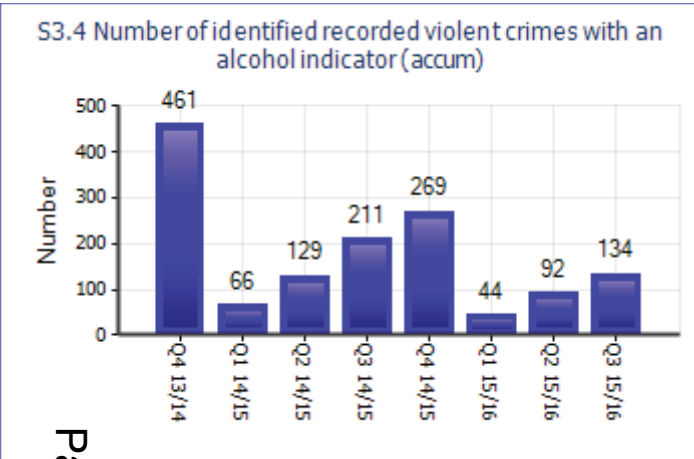
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S3.4 Reduction in the number of violent crimes with an alcohol indicator



Period	Comment
Q3 15/16	Data quality in relation to the alcohol tag is unknown - the actual volume may well be significantly higher.

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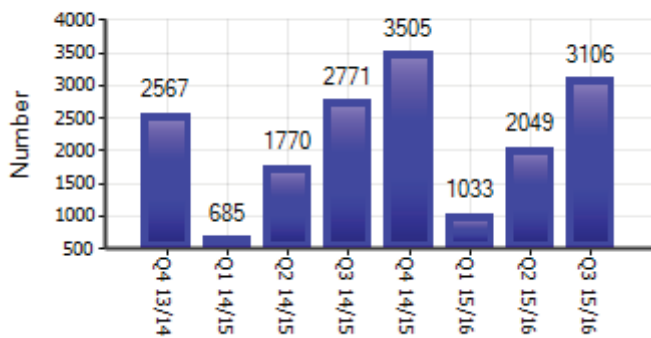
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Period	Title	Comment	RAG	Overall Status	Progress Status	% Complete
Q3 15/16	Draw together the work of community safety agencies to tackle the night-time economy issues via the Safer Caerphilly After Dark initiative.	Of note this quarter was a multi agency Triage that was run by Police , Ambulance, Health and Street Pastors during key dates over the Xmas period. This resulted in many people who were ill or injured in the NTE being treated at a Triage at Newbridge, rather than being transported to A and E.	⊖	In Progress	On Track	85
Q3 15/16	Enforce Public Space Protection Orders (DPPO) with alcohol controls to restrict on street drinking by adults and those under 18 years of age.	DPPOs continue to be enforced. However, under the updated legislation they should be reviewed and if necessary converted to Public Space Protection Orders within 3 years from October 2014. We aim to do this before the end of the financial year.	⊖	In Progress	On Track	80
Q3 15/16	Ensure Licensed Premises act responsibly and in compliance with their licensing conditions	All On Licensed premises are currently engaging well with Licensing teams, which is indicative of responsible attitudes throughout the Borough.	⊖	In Progress	On Track	75
Q3 15/16	Support the work of the Gwent Substance Misuse Area Planning Board in tackling substance misuse issues that affect communities.	Work is ongoing. There are no new updates for this quarter.	⊖	In Progress	On Track	90



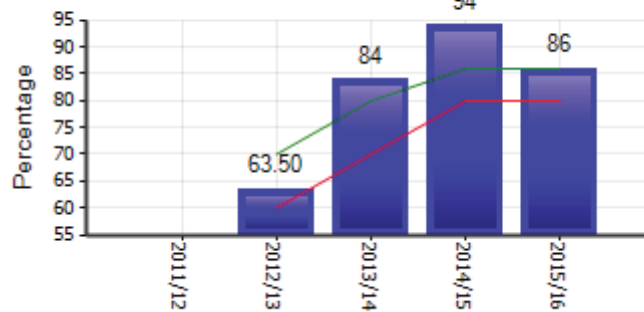
Priority S4: Support domestic abuse victims and their families and raise awareness of domestic abuse, violence against women and sexual violence

S4.1 Number of reported domestic abuse incidents to police (accum)



Period	Comment
Q3 15/16	Quarter three = 1057 incidents reported.

S4.2 % victims of domestic abuse who approach specialist Domestic Abuse Services who report that they feel safer after receiving support (accum)

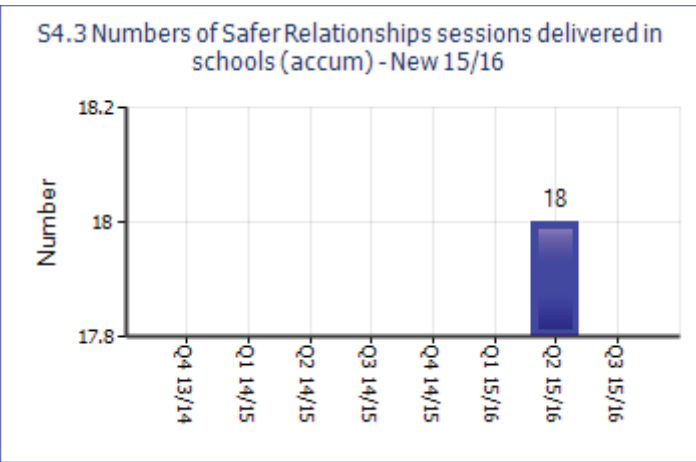


Period	Comment
2015/16	6 monthly figure reported - 86% (April - September 2015). In 14/15 - 94% of victims of domestic abuse who approach specialist Domestic Abuse Services who report that they feel safer after receiving support. (Last 6 months).

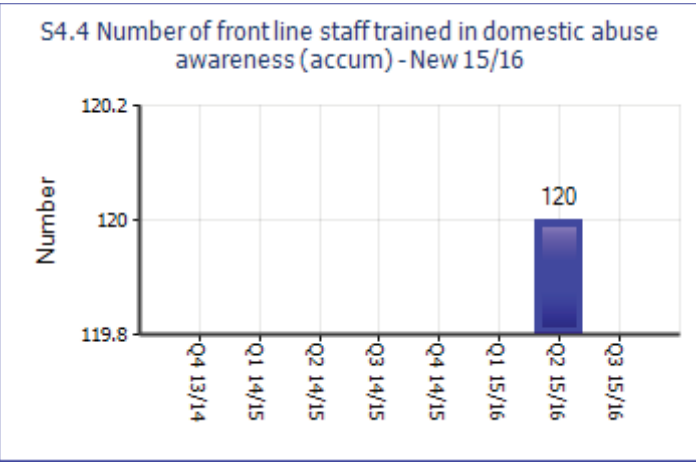
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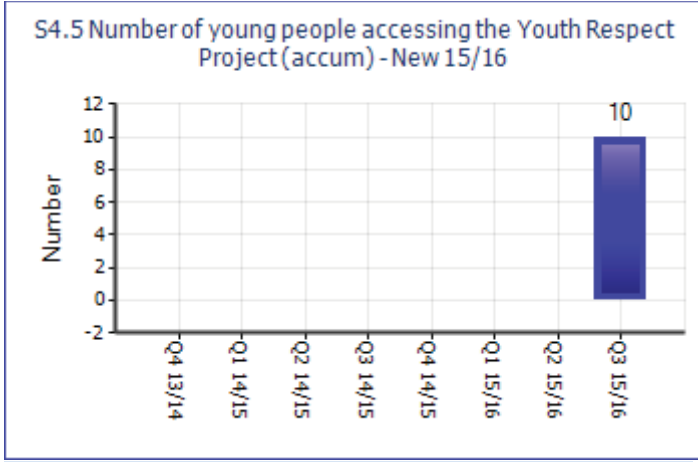
Priority S4: Support domestic abuse victims and their families and raise awareness of domestic abuse, violence against women and sexual violence



Period	Comment
Q3 15/16	Figures are reported on a six-monthly basis.



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Period	Comment
Q3 15/16	The recruitment process is now complete and the new part time worker commenced in post on 02.11.15. Following an induction period, the worker is now 'live' and working with young people and their families.



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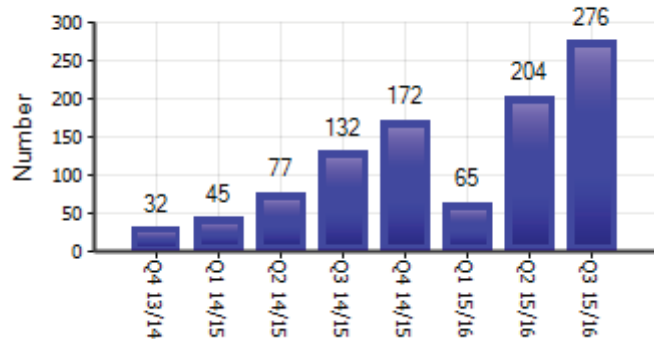
Period	Title	Comment	RAG	Overall Status	Progress Status	% Complete
Q3 15/16	Monitor the success of the Youth Respect Project within the Youth Offending Service and Supporting Family Change Project	The person responsible for the Youth Respect Project has been appointed but is yet to take up the post while the post is finalised.	⊖	Not Yet Started	Late	0
Q3 15/16	Support the Gwent Regional Domestic Abuse Advisory Team in delivering public awareness raising activities and messages for domestic abuse	In November, the regional VAWDASV team held and supported a number of White Ribbon activities. A regional awareness event was held at Newport City Campus and walk a mile in her shoes took place at Caerphilly Castle.	⊖	In Progress	On Track	15
Q3 15/16	Work with the Regional Domestic Abuse Advisory Team to meet the aims and statutory duties of the Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse, and Sexual Violence Act 2015 (New 15/16)	CCBC form part of the Regional partnership and are involved in the main work streams of the VAWDASV team. These include pieces of work on Education, Training/Ask&Act, Target Hardening. The national Adviser for VAWDASV has developed an Annual plan and this document is currently with the Minister. A national strategy will be released for consultation in spring/summer 2016 and will be published in November 2016. The development of a regional strategy will take place and be aligned with the national strategy. Local Strategies will be published in May 2017.	⊖	In Progress	On Track	40
Q3 15/16	Work within the Gwent Violence Against Women, Sexual Violence and Domestic Abuse Board to develop a regional IDVA (Independent Domestic Victim Advocate) Service	The Regional IDVA research is now complete and it was decided at the Board that the fully funded model would be perused in order to ensure the safety of high risk victims. Funding applications have been made for an IDVA manager/coordinator to sit within NCC.	⊖	In Progress	On Track	20



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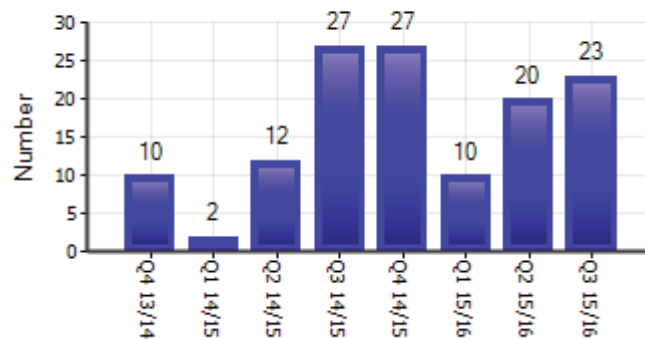
S5.1 Provide preventative support to at risk groups and those affected by substance misuse

S5.1 APB (Strengthening Families) - Number of referrals to family services (accum)



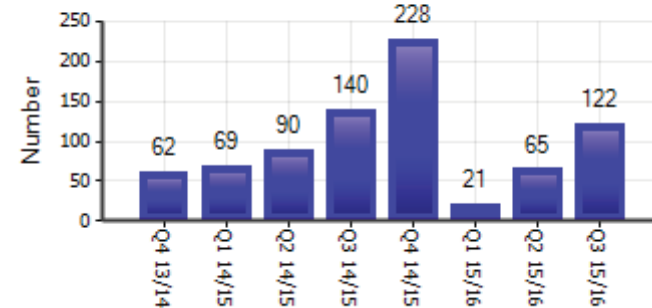
Period	Comment
Q3 15/16	GDAS family service had 44 referrals this qtr, namely partner followed by the son of the substance misuser, 8 did not attend, whilst 36 completed treatment. Hidden harm (project which works with parents who have had their children removed/at risk of having their children removed as a result of their substance misuse) has 19 active service users 5 male and 14 female. 10 had alcohol issues and 9 drugs. Strengthening families had 9 families referred. 5 of these attended the programme and 3 families completed. (72)

S5.1 APB Primary Prevention Sub-group - Number of preventative campaigns delivered (accum)



Period	Comment
Q3 15/16	The main focus throughout October was alcohol awareness. This raised awareness about safe limits, acceptable units for men and women and also included training for ARBI for Tier 2 professionals. We also delivered awareness raising about oral health amongst substance misusers. November was National Overdose month so the focus was on Naloxone training and administration. (3)

S5.1 Gwent Young Persons Service Provider - Number of Referrals to the Young Persons Substance Misuse Service (accum)

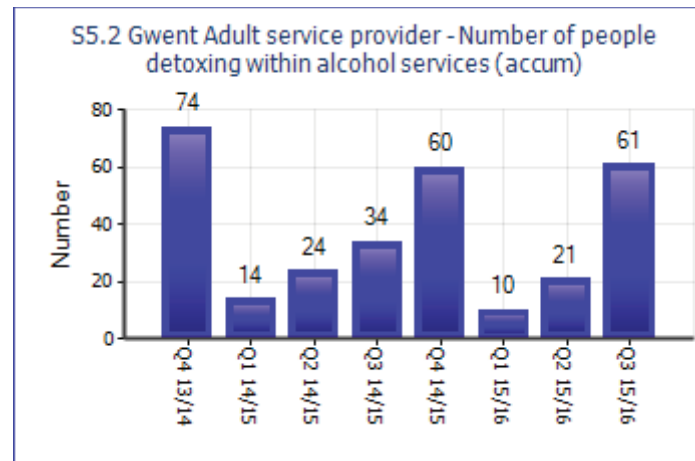
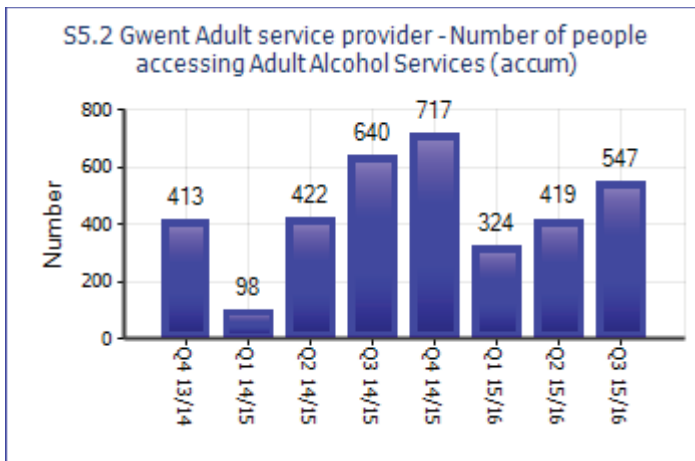
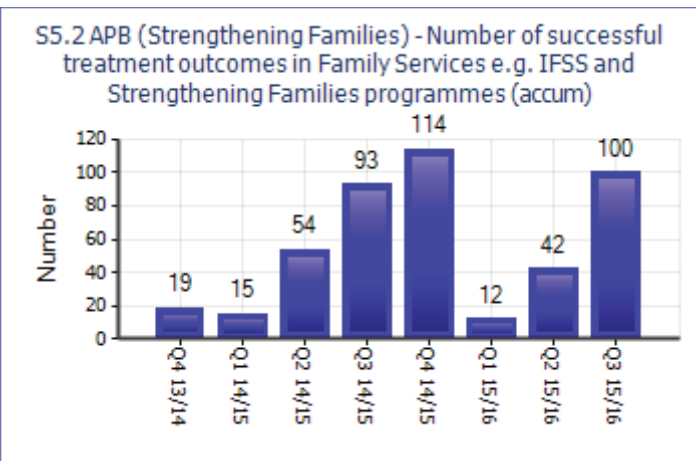


Period	Comment
Q3 15/16	DAYS have had 39 referrals this qtr (27m, 12F). These referrals are mainly from education and the majority are age 16+. DAYS have 102 active clients. 12 have completed treatment this qtr, the rest are still in treatment because of the complexity. The main drug is cannabis followed by alcohol. This qtr has seen an increase in the complexity with young females engaging in risky sexual behaviour and an increase in Young people being made homeless. 10 Young people have accessed and completed the SEED project this qtr. YPSSMS had 8 referrals (6m 2f) mainly aged 16-18. 3 of these were diagnosed with mental health problems. YPSSMS had 18 referrals this qtr. The majority of these being in the 16-18 age bracket, followed by 11-15. There was 8 male and 10 female. 16 were taken onto the caseload. The main drug being used was cannabis followed by alcohol. 5 of the cases had been sexually exploited. 14 have completed treatment successfully with only 1 DNA, and 3 were transferred back to Tier 2 services as their complexity changed. An issue that was highlighted as part of contract review meetings was the issue of inpatient treatment for young people. One young female had severe alcohol issues, repeatedly absconded from her placement, showed signs of ARBD and alcohol withdrawal. The only placement they could get the YP to undertake an inpatient alcohol detox was in Ireland. This will need to be addressed as part of the APB Complex Care



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S5.2 Support treatment services for substance misusers



Period	Comment
Q3 15/16	In the strengthening families programme, 9 referrals were received. 5 started to programme and 3 completed successfully. In the GDAS Family service, they received 44 referrals, 9 male and 35 female. The main drug being used by the service users loved one was alcohol and cannabis. The family service currently have 44 active clients. 36 clients completed treatment successfully this qtr. The hidden harm service had 19 referrals who all completed the programme successfully

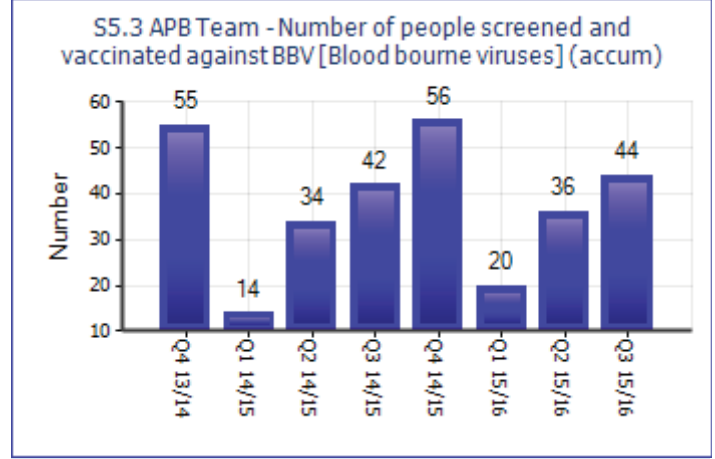
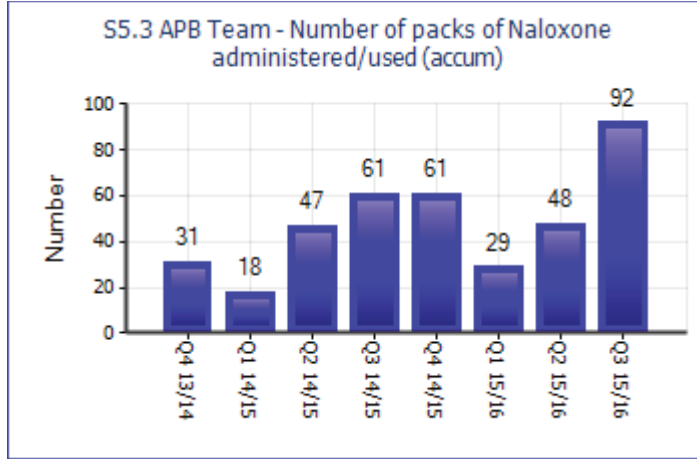
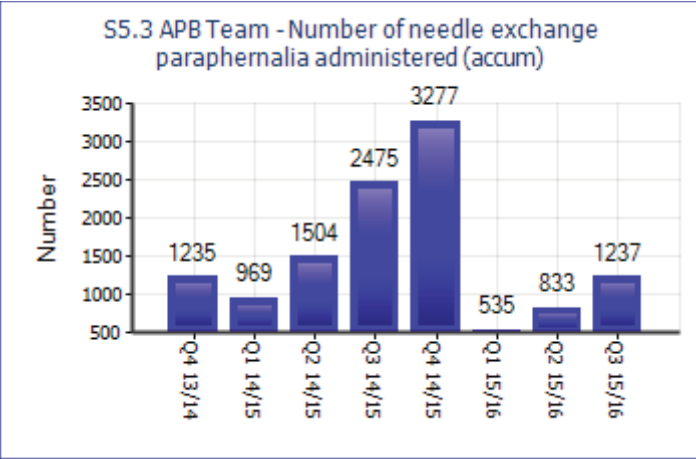
Period	Comment
Q3 15/16	The alcohol service have had 113 referrals this qtr (76m, 37F).The main age range is 40-49 followed by 30-39 Their active case-load is 128. The number of referrals has increased due to the new service starting to settle.

Period	Comment
Q3 15/16	There were 40 alcohol detoxes this qtr. The numbers have started to increase since the launch of the new service in May 2015.



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S5.3 Provide harm reduction advice and interventions to reduce the risk of substance misuse



Period	Comment
Q3 15/16	GDAS administered 404 transactions. Mostly male clients with the main age range between 25-29. GDAS saw 69 new clients this qtr. The majority of the clients were steroid users followed by opiate users. The main age between 25-29. They have 313 active clients on their books

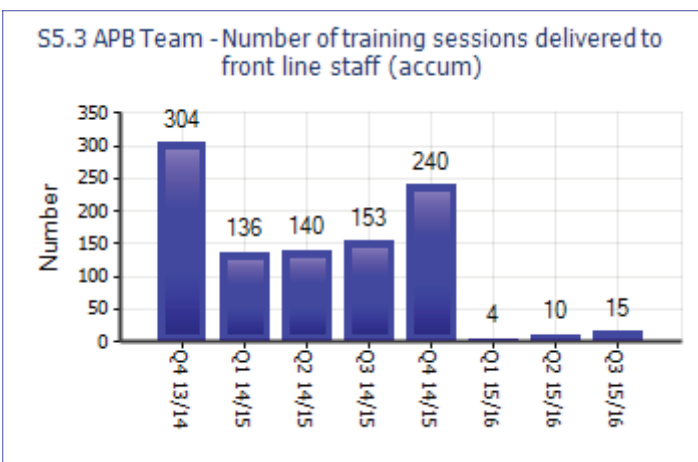
Period	Comment
Q3 15/16	GDAS administered 24 transactions and GSSMS administered 20 this qtr. 83 clients received naloxone training. No pots were used as a result of overdose this qtr.

Period	Comment
Q3 15/16	There were 8 clients screened and vaccinated against BBVs. Seven of the tests undertaken came back negative.



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S5.3 Provide harm reduction advice and interventions to reduce the risk of substance misuse



Period	Comment
Q3 15/16	There were 5 training sessions delivered this qtr to Tier 1 staff. This included ARBi training for 37 midwives , and 70 individuals from the rough sleepers team to address the issues with homeless in Blackwood bus station and older peoples teams

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Q3 15/16	Develop a service for working with people who have issues with their illicit or prescribed use of benzodiazepine.	This protocol has been developed and will be incorporated into the new service which went live on the 1st May 2015	🟢	Complete	On Track	100
Q3 15/16	Develop a substance misuse resource centre in the north of the county borough.	A base has been identified Hafod Deg) and refurbishment works have been finalised.Services are now fully operating from this base.	🟢	Complete	On Track	100
Q3 15/16	Provide support for significant others whose loved ones are misusing alcohol or drugs. This will include family parenting support for young people who misuse substances	There has been 44 referrals this qtr. This is mostly the partner or son of the substance misuser. The main substance being misused by the client is alcohol followed by cannabis. These loved ones are still accessing services. The strengthening families service had 9 referrals this qtr. 5 of these were suitable for the programme and 3 completed successfully. Hidden harm had 19 referrals this qtr, namely females. There were 10 parents misusing alcohol and 9 drugs. All completed the programme successfully.	🟡	In Progress	On Track	55
Q3 15/16	To implement and monitor a rigorous returns policy in needle exchange outlets across Caerphilly in order to minimise the incidence of discarded needles, syringes and paraphernalia	GDAS has 69 new clients this qtr and 313 active clients. There has been 404 transactions. The majority are steroid users followed by opiate users. The main age group is age 25-29. The returns rate is 84%. The main postcode area is Caerphilly town. The majority of users in full time employment using this service are steroid users. The rest are unemployed.	🟡	In Progress	On Track	60
Q3 15/16	To provide access to vaccinations for Hepatitis A,B and C to at risk groups via targeted tier 1 services, tier 2 Open access services and all treatment providers	8 clients have been screened and vaccinated against BBV this qtr. 7 of these were negative tests.	🟡	In Progress	On Track	60
Q3 15/16	To support and develop the Day After Alcohol Project providing initial support and engagement into intensive services the day after an alcohol related incident has occurred.	CRI are commissioned to provide Health Inclusion project (HIP). During Q3 there has been 55 referrals. * of these are safeguarding cases. 12 of the families being worked with have alcohol related issues. 119 home visits were carried out. There are currently 59 families active with this service.	🟡	In Progress	On Track	60
Q3 15/16	Work with the Gwent Substance Misuse Area Planning Board to provide services across the whole of the borough to treat and prevent the effects of substance misuse.	A commissioning exercise took place in 2014 whereby a new service was commissioned GDAS. This service was launched on the 1st May 2015 and is made up of a consortium of Kaleidoscope, Drugaid and G4S. The service provides a service to drug and alcohol users, their families and concerned others. It also incorporates the criminal justice service.	🟡	In Progress	On Track	70

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