

Caerphilly Public Services Board Well-being Plan Performance Report

7 monthly report Oct 2021 – April 2022

Action Area AA4a

Safer Communities

Objective 1 - Positive Change - Improved partner working and sharing of workspace, facilities and information will use assets and resources more intelligently

Objective 2 - Positive Start—Educating young people in community responsibility, providing diversion from negative behaviours, work with Gwent Police ACES and Early Intervention providers.

Objective 3 - Positive People—Building and maintaining collaborative working/engagement with partners to explore concerns, identify and action relevant solutions. Use of community engagement events to encourage increased reporting.

Objective 4 - Positive Places—Work with partners to tackle environmental crime and property defacement and development of mediation services to help residents address problem persons and behaviour directly

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Performance Levels

Performance measures where identifiable	Is there a risk this will not be achieved?
Reduced number of people entering Criminal Justice System	Yes
Effective response to ASB—Strike 3 and 4 numbers	No
Identify and respond effectively to crime and ASB challenges	No

Quantifiable measures	Is there a risk this will not be achieved?
Feedback provided by the community following engagement re. issues in area, perception of community safety and effectiveness of actions being taken.	No

Evidence

Priority	Comment
Reduced number of people entering Criminal Justice System	
Effective response to ASB—Strike 3 and 4 numbers	The Safer Caerphilly Community Safety Partnership (SCCSP) and constituent partners involved in the 4 Strike Process for tackling Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) are committed to continual improvement to protect the community. The process incorporates elements of intervention/ prevention, education, and enforcement through the utilisation of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014. For the year of 2021/2022, The Safer Caerphilly Community Safety Partnership has undertaken 9 Strike 3 meetings discussing 84 cases and 5 Strike 4 meetings with 9 cases discussed. From these, 5 cases have progressed to court in the last 6 months with a 100% prosecution success rate.

Identify and respond effectively to crime and ASB challenges

CSP Board – Community safety partners have reviewed the local Community Safety Partnership (CSP) governance arrangements in Caerphilly and agreed to reintroduce the CSP Board. This will ensure that local decision making is fluid, efficient and managed appropriately. A first meeting of the CSP Board was held in February and a terms of reference established. As part of the reintroduction of the Board a community safety workshop event has taken place with over 40 partners to look at how the CSP is currently working and identify priorities going forward. This will assist with developing a future workplan for the partnership and ensure all relevant stakeholders are engaged and consulted.

ASB Bargoed – A number of ASB related incidents on the town centre was impacting on residents retailers and customers. Partnership work that included police, CCBC, youth services and local retailers helped to tackle this issue. As a result 66 ASB referrals were submitted, 30 advisory letters were sent to parents , 13 Acceptable Behaviour contracts were signed and 1 ASB injunction went to court. Youth intervention work was also implemented at the Morrisons store with educational inputs from SWFRS.

We continue to work closely as a partnership in relation to tackling crime and ASB matters. There is real focus on tasking and placing appropriate resources in areas where the repeat demand is highlighted. The performance data packs together with weekly police analytical data assists in identifying repeat victim / location and subject. As partners we collectively look at solutions/ interventions and other agency support to reduce this demand.

We are also supported by the We don't buy crime Department and Problem Solving Hub at

	Gwent Police that assist with crime prevention tactics and co-ordination of activity.
Feedback provided by the community following engagement re. issues in area, perception of community safety and effectiveness of actions being taken	Safer Streets Project – Rhymney – Feedback has been received from Dawn Bowden (member of Senedd for Merthyr and Rhymney) – she was very complimentary of the work conducted by the Neighbourhood Team in relation to the Safer Street Project. The project has been well received in Rhymney with key engagement by partners / councillors and police. Smart Water packs have been distributed and crime prevention advice provided. All recommendations in relation to home safety measures (door locks / CCTV / Signage) has been implemented. In addition to this Operation Jackal was running alongside this project whereby several individuals classed as an organised criminal group were arrested as a result of search warrants. These individuals have since received substantial custodial sentences for Class A Drug dealing offences.

Key Tasks

Ref	Task	Progress
	Community Mapping – Develop an understanding of the demographic and diverse composition of our local communities. This will assist with key engagement initiatives to involve our communities in problem solving issues that affect them. This will allow them to feel empowered and informed in order to deal with localised community safety.	This is still being developed and progressed with Gwent Police collaboratively working with South Wales Police to create a digital platform for this information to be held. There is a dedicated community support engagement officer for Caerphilly that is currently looking at opportunities to increase our watch schemes that will assist with problem solving. These include Allotment Watch/Shop Watch/Neighbourhood Watch/Pub Watch. Face to face engagement has been difficult during the pandemic, however engagement during that time resorted to messaging via our digital platforms/emails and TEAMS meetings. As the restrictions

		<p>continue to lift, this will provide more opportunities to engage in public spaces and community groups.</p>
	<p>Maintain an accurate picture of Anti-Social Behaviour and those responsible; encouraging and facilitating reporting and strengthening community confidence by effectively tackling issues through use of statutory powers or partnership referral and utilising early intervention and prevention schemes</p>	<p>Due to an increase in anti-social behaviour incidents in Blackwood town centre a partnership initiative has recently been introduced to help address the issues. The Blackwood Town Safe Initiative will aim to work with local businesses, partners and the community to tackle anti-social behaviour and youth nuisance problems within the town. An initial meeting has been held and community engagement events are planned in the near future along with training for local businesses to enhance the partnership response. Good work has also been undertaken in the Aber Valley where there has been partnership working between community safety wardens/police/youth workers and SWFRS to tackle ASB in the area. Regular meeting have also been held with residents and councillors to discuss ways of improving community safety and to provide relevant updates.</p>
	<p>To stand up to Hate/Intolerance and Extremism in our communities by ensuring we robustly monitor and deal with incidents and victims of hate-crime. To ensure that the responsibilities for PREVENT and CHANNEL under Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015 are met and to implement the Regional Prevent Action Plan that covers training, policy, Channel and community cohesion.</p>	<p>The Caerphilly Channel Panel continues to meet monthly to oversee Channel cases and manage the risk of individuals becoming radicalised. Regular Prevent and Channel training and updates are provided to Channel Panel members to ensure their knowledge and skills are enhanced and kept up to date with recent developments. Prevent training continues to be delivered to frontline staff including a number of specific sessions for education and enforcement staff. Sessions at this time are currently held online via Microsoft Teams. The regional Contest Board and Prevent Training and Delivery Group continue to meet regularly to ensure all statutory duties are met. The Regional Prevent group are currently reviewing the Prevent action plan to ensure key objectives are met. In relation to incidents of Hate Crime reported to the police, a new robust process map has been</p>

		<p>implemented that offers victims additional support if required. Every incident that is reported is scrutinised and monitored by the local Inspector on a daily basis to ensure an appropriate investigation response is adopted. A Hate crime toolkit has also been developed.</p>
	<p>To continue working in partnership with statutory, specialist and internal partners to co-ordinate activity in relation to emerging areas of repeat demand, Serious Violence/Serious organised criminality, intelligence and community issues. This will be facilitated via the Tasking process through both Community Safety Hubs and the Serious Organised Crime Partnership Group</p>	<p>Repeat demand/serious organised crime is monitored on a daily basis by police. Repeat demand drivers around location/subject and victim are co-ordinated via our problem solving hub and local neighbourhood teams. They work closely with the local authority and partners to create problem orientated policing plans to help tackle these issues. An appropriate tasking process is in place with diarised partnership meetings. There is also a separate organised crime partnership group that meet regularly to discuss intelligence updates and operational activity.</p>
	<p>To enhance engagement and activity in relation to the Night-Time economy – to reduce those incidents intrinsically linked to NTE such as violent crime/Disorder and areas of vulnerability (CCE/CSE/ Modern Day Slavery)</p>	<p>The problem solving hub has two dedicated operational licensing police officers covering the WEST of the force area. They regularly engage with licensed premises and work closely with Licensing officers from CCBC. Every incident that is reported to police that involves a licensed premise or occurs near a licensed premise is brought to the attention of these officers who investigate accordingly and take appropriate action. The officers and team also work closely with the Modern Day Slavery Team to target those premises that may be involved with illegal immigrants and/ who are trafficking /exploiting others. A recent operation had been conducted in Gwent where over 60 people were safeguarded within a two week period.</p>

Conclusion

No guidance is sought from the Board at this time



Contribution to the 7 Well-being Goals: A prosperous Wales, A resilient Wales, A healthier Wales, A more equal Wales, A Wales of cohesive communities, A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language, A globally responsible Wales.