

Caerphilly Public Services Board Well-being Plan Performance Report

6 monthly report May – Oct 2022

Action Area AA4a

Safer Communities

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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

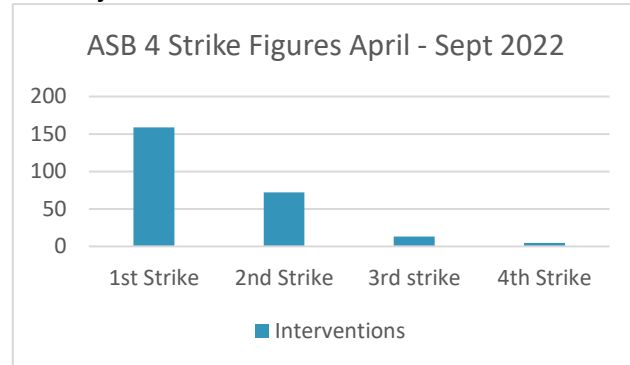
Performance measures where identifiable	Is there a risk this will not be achieved?
Reduced number of people entering Criminal Justice System	Yes
Effective response to ASB—Strike 3 and 4 numbers	No
Identify and respond effectively to crime and ASB challenges	No

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	Through the partnership work of the Strike 4 ASB Process the Youth Offending Service, Positive Futures, Youth Service and other partners run early intervention and prevention programmes to prevent people entering the 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

tools and powers. This can involve sending letters to individuals to warn them about their behaviour, parenting and mentoring support, Acceptable Behaviour Contracts and seeking Civil Injunctions in court.



The chart above shows the overall intervention figures for each stage within the process for both adults and children. During April – September 2022.

Identify and respond effectively to crime and ASB challenges

The Safer Caerphilly Community Safety Partnership Board has now been re-established with representation from the five responsible authorities and key partners.

Partnership Tasking and Organised Crime partnership meetings take place on a regular basis where Crime and ASB repeat demand drivers are discussed.

In relation to tackling some of the repeat demand drivers we take a problem-solving approach. A problem orientated policing plan will be created that will concentrate on four key elements - prevent/ pursue/protect /prepare. Each agency will be involved in the plan and a review is conducted on progress of the plan. Analytical data will also help to support the plan and its direction.

Highlights from Caerphilly North Section

Anti-Social Behaviour

Upper Rhymney Valley -

ASB (motoring offences and anti-social driving / drug offences) has been an issue in the Upper

Rhymney valley. Multi-agency working has yielded several road safety operations with some great results:

September / October

5 off road bikes seized

3 vehicles (stolen) recovered, and one arrest made

3 persons arrested on suspicion of drug driving

2 vehicles seized for road traffic offences

Officers also joined the DVLA on Tuesday 25 October and Tuesday 8 November for road safety operations geared towards tackling motoring and Driver Licensing offences.

During this operation,

- 2 arrests made on suspicion of drug offences
- 2 vehicles seized for being used without insurance
- 17 vehicles identified as being used without with valid road tax – fines issued by DVLA
- 13 vehicles reported for using illegal number plates.

In addition, colleagues from The Road Policing Support Team have conducted targeted patrols across Rhymney and a further 9 persons have been stopped and arrested for Drink Drive / Drug Drive offences during this period.

We've also continued with our focus on tackling the illegal use of off-road vehicles in Rhymney town and surrounding areas.

The team have also assisted their colleagues in our Bargoed Section with an ongoing multi-agency enforcement operation across Gelligaer Common to tackle both off-road biking and fly tipping. Three riders were stopped at the end of October and issued with Section 59 notices. Our team of community support officers also worked with partners on road safety speed checks. The team is now in the process of setting up a community speed watch initiative in the area to keep the focus on road safety.

Crime - Burglaries

A rise in Burglaries was seen in August / September. Proactive work led to the arrest of a local male from Rhymney for ten counts of Burglary. He has since been sentenced to three years in prison.

Targeting of Organised Criminals - Rhymney
Operation Jackal 2

The objective of Op Jackal 2 was to continue with the partnership approach of Jackal 1 focussing on 3 short term key phases.

- Investigative approach to recent incidents of violence involving both groups
- Public reassurance and management of community tensions
- Intelligence gathering

These are the agencies that have been consulted with during this Operation

Caerphilly County Borough Council
Housing
Highways, lighting, and waste management
Public protection
Youth services
Trading standards
Community Safety Wardens
Probation
GDAS (Drug Misuse Outreach Workers)
Fire Service
Crime stoppers
UK Border Agency



As a result of community intelligence there has been significant disruption in the Upper Rhymney valley area with this organised criminal group. In September / October – 6 drug warrants were executed resulting in arrest and charge of 8 persons for Class A Drug offences. One of the males has since received a 4-year custodial sentence and the other remain in prison awaiting trial. Two other drug warrants have taken place since.

Highlights from Caerphilly Central Section


	<p><u>Anti-social behaviour</u></p> <p>ASB rose during the months of May to July in the Blackwood area with the busiest locations in High Street and Cliff Road. However targeted proactive patrols and partnership work identified a number of individuals and Anti- Social Behaviour Injunctions have been issued. As a result, there has been a month on month decrease in the affected areas. Blackwood Neighbourhood Team submitted 61 ASB referrals in October alone resulting in 14 strike 1 letters and 7 strike 2. A further 34 were submitted in November. There has been clear success with ASBI applications at court. Support and thanks have been given by local councillors from the work that has been conducted on Blackwood Town Centre and Blackwood Town Safe Meetings takes place to discuss ongoing actions and engagement events.</p> <p><u>Crime</u></p> <p>Pro-active work has been conducted to tackle repeat offenders across all sections in Caerphilly. Crime slightly rose during the summer months in line with the school half term and have risen slightly during October early November in relation to shoplifting offences / ASB. An exercise has been conducted by our police cadets where they have been testing shops in relation to their security. Within a few hours they managed to 'steal' £1700 worth of goods. Crime prevention advice has been offered to those stores in the run up to the Christmas period.</p>
<p>Feedback provided by the community following engagement re. issues in area, perception of community safety and effectiveness of actions being taken</p>	<p>Feedback from the Operations and activity that took place in the Rhymney area was provided to local councillors and the Senedd Member Dawn Bowden. They were extremely pleased with the updates provided.</p>

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.	Work is currently being progressed in relation to a new Neighbourhood Alert engagement system in Gwent Police. A Business case is currently being written to progress this. The system is called Community Alert and is used by over 26 Police Forces. The system is a secure web-based two-way national community messaging system that enables agencies to deliver specified targeted messages to specific groups of users based on a wide range of criteria. It is bespoke and purpose built but can help manage Watch Schemes, KIN groups, private or public interest groups.
	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>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.</p> <p>Initial meetings have taken place and a pop up community engagement event took place in Blackwood marketplace. The Community Safety Team, alongside partner agencies (Gwent Police, Environmental Health, United Welsh, South Wales Fire & Rescue, Supporting People, OPCC, Caerphilly Youth Service) attended the marketplace in the centre of Blackwood and engaged with over 240 members of the public to discuss any problems currently being experienced.</p>

		<p>As part of the event people were asked to mark hotspot areas on a map of the area where any problems have been encountered. This information will be used to assist in our ongoing work. Social media was used throughout the day to promote the event.</p> <div data-bbox="798 627 1356 1232"> <p>← Tweet</p> <p> Safer Caerphilly @SaferCaerphilly</p> <p>We're here at Blackwood Market place, speaking to residents and business owners about anti-social behaviour. There are lots of agencies here to chat with you... come and say Hi!</p>  <p>caerphillycbc and 3 others</p> <p>11:34 AM · Jul 27, 2022 · Twitter for iPhone</p> </div>
<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.</p> <p>Throughout September and October a number of online Prevent training sessions were held for social services and education staff. Regular Prevent and Channel updates are also provided to Channel Panel members to ensure their knowledge and skills are enhanced and kept up to date with recent developments. The Home Office have recently released a number of e-learning Prevent packages which will be promoted internally to appropriate frontline staff.</p> <p>The regional Contest Board and Prevent Training and Delivery Group continue to</p>

		<p>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 and new guidance adhered to.</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 key partner agencies 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. The Community Safety Partnership are also preparing for the introduction of a new Serious Violence Duty which will commence in January 2023.</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> <p><u>Violence against women and girls</u></p> <p>A ‘ Women’s safety at night charter’ initiative was rolled out in June across our</p>

	<p>Pubwatch schemes. This initiative is to ensure that these premises are as safe as they can be, their staff are briefed and trained to recognise vulnerability and deal with any call for help from their customers. The Charter also covers spiking and advice to help reduce these incidents. The CSP will also be launching a ‘Behave or Be Banned’ campaign in the lead up to Christmas. All local licenced premises who are part of the pub watch scheme will be provided with posters and branded beer mats promoting the scheme.</p> <p>If a member of the public is caught causing trouble in any of the pubs they will be banned from all licensed premises who are part of the Pub Watch scheme.</p> 
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Conclusion

No guidance is sought from the Board at this time