# North Wales Safer Communities Board Plan 2014-17

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## Foreword

The aim of the North Wales Safer Communities Board is to **make North Wales a safe place**.

The role of the Safer Communities Board members is to work in partnership to achieve that aim.

In developing this plan, which is an annual refresh of the 2014-17 plan, we have worked alongside the Police and Crime Commissioner to ensure that the Police and Crime Commissioner's strategic outcomes of "security in the home" and "safety in public places" are both embedded within the plan.

Our plan has clear priorities which have been informed by a North Wales strategic assessment undertaken in November 2014 and the local community safety partnerships across the 6 counties of North Wales. It is vital that we maintain the links with local communities to enable us to understand and respond differently to crime and anti-social behaviour, which is often not confined to administrative boundaries. By learning from each other's experiences, identifying good practice and understanding what works and doesn't work we are better able to deliver successful outcomes and remove obstacles.

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**Chair, North Wales Safer Communities Board**

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## What is the North Wales Safer Communities Board?

The North Wales Safer Communities Board was established in July 2012 and our work is already influencing how the region's public organisations strategically tackle crime and disorder.

We are a partnership of senior leaders and elected members from North Wales' public organisations, established to tackle crime and disorder1.  The following organisations are represented:

- Anglesey County Council
- Betsi Cadwalader University Health Board
- Community Rehabilitation Company
- Conwy County Borough Council
- Cyngor Gwynedd
- Denbighshire County Council
- Flintshire County Council
- Medrwn Mon (on behalf of Welsh Council for Voluntary Action)
- National Probation Service
- North Wales Fire and Rescue Service
- North Wales Police
- Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner
- Welsh Government
- Wrexham County Borough Council

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[1] As defined by the Crime and Disorder Act 1998

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## Introduction

This North Wales Safer Communities Board Plan outlines how we will focus our work over the next 12 months, by working in partnership to prevent and tackle crime and disorder. It sets out how the Board has prioritised its areas of work, and summarises the main outcomes, priorities, and indicators.

This is the delivery document for the Police and Crime Plan and sets out: (1) what the Board will do and; (2) what the Board expects local Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) to focus on. These are all based on the need identified in the 'strategic assessment', which is the evidence base for the Police and Crime Plan. However it should be noted that the statutory responsibilities to discharge the relevant sections of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 continue to sit with local CSPs.

## Our shared values

1. Working together to keep people safe by enabling the best services we can
2. Working collectively to put our communities first
3. Supporting the most vulnerable in our communities
4. Seeking to minimise the effects of reducing resources on front line services
5. Developing new ways of working in partnership
6. Delivering on our promises

## The Statutory Framework

Section 6 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 as amended by the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011, requires responsible authorities to work in partnership to implement strategies that:

- Reduce crime and disorder in the area

- Combat substance misuse in the area; and

- Reduce reoffending

In drawing up those strategies, responsible authorities are required by the 2011 Act to have regard to the police and crime objectives of the Police and Crime Commissioner for North Wales.
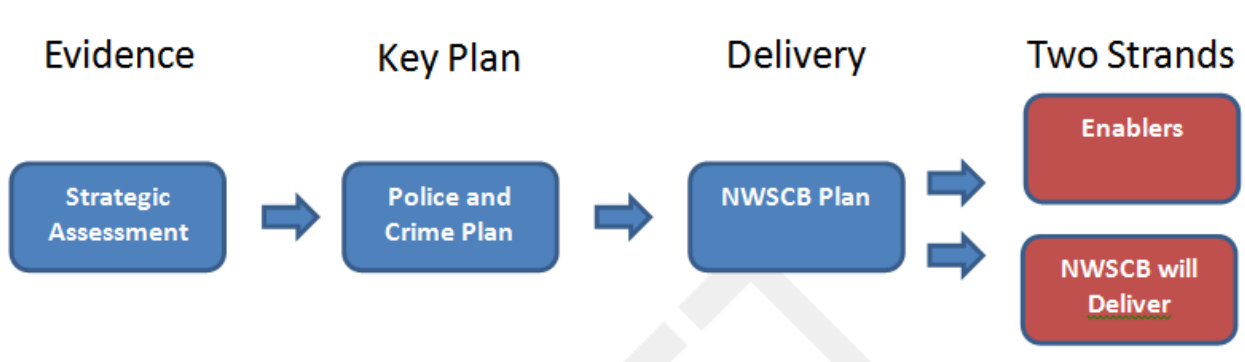
The Commissioner's Police and Crime objectives are:

- Prevent Crime
- Deliver an effective response
- Reduce harm and the risk of harm
- Build effective partnerships
- All of the areas of work in this plan are linked to these objectives.

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## What does the evidence tell us?

In working together we use evidence from a "strategic assessment" to provide a needs basis in order to determine where we should focus our finite resources. The same strategic assessment provides the evidential basis for the Police and Crime Plan.



## The Strategic Assessment

The strategic assessment has identified four key themes for North Wales:

Drug and Alcohol Misuse - Addiction to illegal drugs drives many acquisitive crimes such as burglary, shoplifting and theft from vehicles. Alcohol is known to be a significant factor in many violent crimes, especially those that are domestic related, and in a large number of sexual crimes and anti-social behaviour.

Mental Health – Mental health problems can make individuals highly vulnerable to becoming a victim of crime. Understanding these issues and working together to support vulnerable people will be a priority for CSPs.

Technology Enabled Crime – Technology continues to play an increasing role in criminal activities and anti-social behaviour. Important issues for our communities may include cyber bullying, online sexual offending or cyber-attacks on businesses.

Hidden Crime – Many of the offences which carry the greatest risk of harm to the individual are those about which we know the least. Whether it is rape, domestic violence, child sexual exploitation (CSE) or modern slavery the detail behind many of these crimes is unknown. Rather than attempt to fill these gaps in isolation a coordinated cross-agency framework of information gathering is being implemented, delivering a more holistic assessment of threat, risk and harm.

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## The North Wales Safer Communities Board focus

1. Reduce crime and disorder in the area

*Having regard to the PCC objectives 'Prevent crime' and 'Reduce harm and the risk of harm' and the strategic risks 'Mental health', 'Technology enabled crime' and 'Hidden crime'*

- Counter terrorism
- Child Sexual Exploitation
- Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence
- Anti-Social Behaviour
- Technology enabled crime
- Modern Slavery
- Supporting families
- Mental Health

2. Combat Substance misuse in the area

*Having regard to the PCC objectives 'Reduce Harm and the Risk of Harm' and the Strategic Risk 'Drug and Alcohol Misuse'*

- Drugs and Alcohol

3. Reduce Reoffending

*Having regard to the PCC objective 'Prevent crime'*

- Reduce Reoffending

4. Governance

*Having regard to the PCC objectives 'Deliver an effective response' and 'Build effective partnerships'*

- Strategic governance
- Analytical support requirements
- Data Sharing
- Community safety review
- Reporting mechanism

| Framework | NWSCB Focus | Actions | Milestone | Success | Lead Officer |
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| **Reduce crime and disorder in the area** | Counter Terrorism | ▪ Agree guidance on how the Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015 will be delivered | ▪ CONTEST Board and Channel Panels operating effectively | ▪ Reduce the risk of a terrorist attack in the region | Mark Polin |
| | Child Sexual Exploitation | ▪ Share intelligence amongst partners to understand the risks<br>▪ Convene a regional summit and agree an action plan | ▪ Implementation of a prevention strategy monitored through NW Safeguarding Board | ▪ Protection of young people from CSE<br>▪ To deter and breakup perpetrator networks | Mark Polin |
| | Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence | ▪ Development a multi-agency approach to domestic abuse<br>▪ Use local service user feedback to shape service delivery | ▪ Use service user feedback to evaluate and review specialist services to improve outcomes for service users. | ▪ Increase the confidence of victims to report domestic abuse and sexual violence<br>▪ High risk victims are protected, and feel protected | Colin Everett |
| | Anti-Social Behaviour | ▪ Develop a coordinated approach to the new Police, Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2014 | ▪ NW SCB to agree a framework for local implementation | ▪ Protect high risk victims of ASB<br>▪ Achieve a long term reduction in ASB | Ken Finch |
| | Technology enabled crime | ▪ Guidance to safeguard against technology enabled crime is produced | ▪ An increased awareness of technology enabled crime | ▪ Protect the most vulnerable from cyber crime | Mark Polin |
| | Modern Slavery | ▪ Develop a multi-agency approach to awareness raising, victim care, prevention and investigation | ▪ Increased number of referrals are received by the relevant agencies | ▪ Increased awareness of modern slavery<br>▪ Protection of high risk victims of modern slavery | Gwen Carrington |

| Framework | NWSCB Focus | Actions | Milestone | Success | Lead Officer |
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| | Supporting families | • Identify and support vulnerable families who exhibit challenging behaviours | • Implement preventative action plan to support vulnerable families | • Reduction in demand on frontline services<br>• Reduction in crime and disorder rates | Morwena Edwards |
| | Mental Health | • Identify the vulnerabilities of those who suffer with mental health issues<br>• Partners commit to support mental health crisis care concordat (Wales) | • Actions agreed to mitigate identified risks for mental health service users<br>• Implementation of the mental health crisis care concordat (Wales) | • Protect and prevent mental health service users from crime and disorder | Gwen Carrington |
| **Combat Substance misuse in the area** | Drugs and Alcohol | • Support and hold to account and the APB to implement the WG substance misuse strategy | • Delivering on the APB's commissioning priorities | • Reduce the impact of substance misuse on our communities | Andrew Jones |
| **Reduce Reoffending** | Reduce Reoffending | • Minimise gaps in service provision for those at risk of offending | • Support the delivery of the All Wales Reducing Reoffending Strategy | • Reduction in re-offending rates | Andy Jones |
| | Youth Justice | • Improve collaborative working across the region | • Adopt regional YJ plan | • Reduction in young people entering the criminal justice system<br>• Prevent those in the criminal system from custodial sentencing<br>• For young offenders to have fulfilling life plans which help them avoid re-offending in the future | Colin Everett |
| | Data Sharing | • The NW SCB and each CSP will sign off a data sharing protocol | • Information is shared in a timely and appropriate way | • The work of the SCB is intelligence led | Cllr Hugh Jones |

| Framework | NWSCB Focus | Actions | Milestone | Success | Lead Officer |
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| | Analytical support requirements | ▪ Identify regional and local support needed, and establish associated funding costs | ▪ Sufficient resources for needs assessments is in place | ▪ The work of the SCB is intelligence led | Mark Polin |
| | Community safety review | ▪ Review of NW Community Safety resource | ▪ More efficient and more focussed regional, sub regional and local community safety activity | ▪ Best use is made of resources and expertise | Lee Robinson |
| | Reporting mechanism | ▪ NW SCB hold local CSPs to account | ▪ Share good practice and expertise to improve performance | ▪ Reduction in levels of crime and disorder | Cllr Hugh Jones |

# The North Wales Community Safety Partnerships focus

Whilst the NW SCB is focusing at a regional level on mental health, hidden crimes and technology enabled crimes, the Board is asking local CSPs to focus on:

1. Reduce crime and disorder in the area

*Having regard to the PCC objectives 'Prevent crime' and 'Reduce harm and the risk of harm'*

- Reduce victim based  crime
- Reduce ASB
- Support vulnerable people to prevent them  becoming victims of crime
- Reduce repeat incidents of victim based crime and ASB for victims and perpetrators
- Work with MARAC to manage the levels of repeat victims of Domestic Abuse
- Deal effectively with high risk cases of Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence
- Increase the confidence in reporting  Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence
- Increase awareness amongst young people of sexual violence

2. Combat substance misuse in the area

*Having regard to the PCC objective 'Reduce harm and the risk of harm' and the strategic risk 'Drug and Alcohol Misuse'*

- Reduce substance misuse
- Reduce drug and alcohol use

3. Reduce reoffending

None specified

| Framework | CSP Focus | Top Level SCB Measure* |
|---|---|---|
| **Reduce crime and disorder in the area** | Reduce victim based crime | Level of victim based crime |
| | Reduce ASB | Level of anti-social behaviour |
| | Support vulnerable people to prevent them becoming victims of crime | Number of repeat victims of crime |
| | Reduce repeat incidents of victim based crime and ASB for victims and perpetrators | Number of repeat victims of ASB |
| | Work with MARAC to manage the levels of repeat victims of Domestic Abuse | Number of repeat victims of domestic abuse |
| | Deal effectively with high risk cases of Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence | Level of high risk domestic abuse Level of high risk sexual violence |
| | Increase the confidence in reporting Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence | Level of domestic abuse |
| | Increase awareness amongst young people of sexual violence | TBA Cats Paw related measure or a specific feedback measure from young people |
| **Combat substance misuse in the area** | Reduce substance misuse | TBA Measure relating to volume of substance misuse or a measure relating to successful completion of treatment |
| | Reduce drug and alcohol use | This is duplication, merge with reduce substance misuse and reword? |

*Local measures to be developed as part of CSP action plans and linked to specific local actions