

North Wales Safer Communities Board (NWSCB) Plan, 2017 - 2021



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, we have worked alongside the Police and Crime Commissioner to ensure that the Police and Crime Commissioner's strategic outcomes are embedded within the plan.

Our plan has clear priorities which have been informed by a North Wales strategic assessment undertaken in November 2016 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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Cllr Hugh Jones JP
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 Cadwaladr 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

¹ As defined by the Crime and Disorder Act 1998

Introduction to our North Wales Safer Communities Board Plan

This North Wales Safer Communities Board Plan outlines how we will focus our work over the next 4 years, and specifically 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

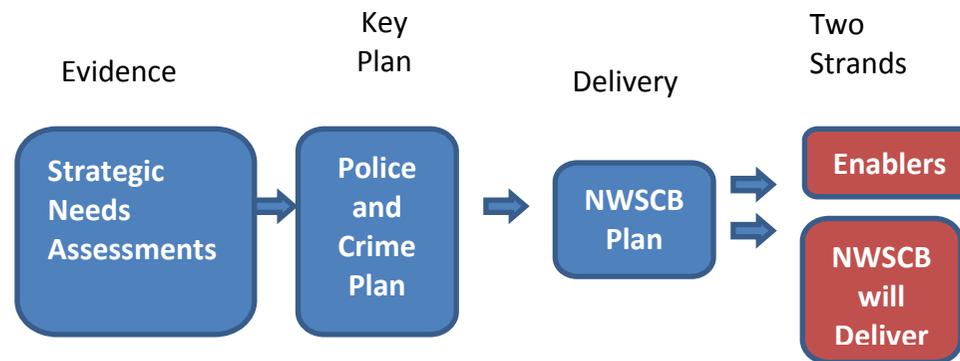
In drawing up those strategies, responsible authorities are required by the 2011 Act to have regard to the police and crime objectives of the Police and Crime Commissioner for North Wales.

The Police and Crime Commissioner's objectives are:

- Domestic abuse
- Modern slavery
- Organised crime
- Sexual abuse (including Child Sexual Exploitation, CSE)
- Delivering safer neighbourhoods

What does the evidence tell us?

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



The Strategic Needs Assessment

A strategic needs assessment was undertaken by North Wales Police in November 2016 and refreshed in April 2017 with the objective of evaluating crime and disorder issues impacting on the communities of North Wales.

A national risk assessment matrix was used to assess areas of crime and disorder and inform priority setting.

The matrix assesses each area by identifying:

- The nature and degree of the harm.
- The Likelihood of the Impact occurring.
- The level of Risk posed after mitigation has been considered (mitigation is the capacity and capability of organisations to manage the issue).

The areas that were identified as high risk priorities for North Wales were:

- Child Sexual Exploitation
- Domestic Abuse
- Modern Day Slavery
- Organised Crime and the supply of illegal drugs

The North Wales Safer Communities Board focus

Based on the information in the North Wales strategic assessment, the Police and Crime Commissioners Plan and the local Community Safety Partnership knowledge the table below outlines the work that the NW SCB will oversee:

	NWSCB Focus	Actions	Milestones	Success	Lead Officer
1	PCC Objective: Domestic Violence				
1.1	Regionalised DA service established and embedded across North Wales	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with Welsh Government and the North Wales regional DAC Manager to implement the Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (Wales) Act 2015 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional Domestic Abuse service (strategic and operational) in place for April 2018 agreed by all partners. Clarity of local and regional roles agreed and communicated 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase the confidence of victims to report domestic abuse and sexual violence 	Colin Everett
2	PCC Objective: Modern Slavery				
2.1	Develop our services to better understand and act against Modern Slavery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a multi-agency approach to awareness raising, victim care, prevention and investigation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased number of referrals are received by the relevant agencies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased awareness of modern slavery Protection of high risk victims of modern slavery 	Annwen Morgan
3	PCC Objective: Organised Crime				
3.1	Technology enabled crime	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guidance to safeguard against technology enabled crime is produced 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Providing education and information on the prevention of cyber crime NWSCB partners have a safe environment to share information 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Protect the most vulnerable from cyber crime An increased awareness of technology enabled crime 	Mark Polin

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3.2	Drugs and Alcohol	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support and hold to account the APB to implement the WG substance misuse strategy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Delivering on the APB's commissioning priorities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduce the impact of substance misuse on our communities 	Lee Robinson
3.3	Counter Terrorism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agree guidance on how the Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015 will be delivered 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CONTEST Board and Channel Panels operating effectively An increase in the number of front line staff in NWSCB partners agencies who have been appropriately trained in Prevent 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduce the risk of a terrorist attack in the region Vulnerable people are safeguarded from the involvement in violent extremism 	Iwan Davies
3.4	Drug supply	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tackle the OCGs that supply Class A drugs Develop our understanding of NPS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Set up multi agency OCG panels Share experiences of Wrexham town centre via the town centre action plan. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Better sharing of intelligence re OCGs across NWSCB partners. A reduction in the number of NSP users and a better public understanding of the dangers of NPS. 	Mark Polin Lee Robinson / Vicky Jones
4	PCC Objective: Sexual Abuse (including Child Sexual Exploitation, CSE)				
4.1	Child Sexual Exploitation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Share intelligence amongst partners to understand the risks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implementation of a prevention strategy monitored through NW Safeguarding Board 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Protection of young people from CSE To deter and breakup perpetrator networks 	Mark Polin

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5	PCC Objective: Delivering Safer Neighbourhoods				
5.1	Community Tension Monitoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Embed effective partnership community tension monitoring processes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local partnerships agree arrangements for community tension monitoring Local Authorities maintain a strategic overview of potential community tensions to inform local decision making 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community tensions are identified and addressed at an early stage 	Annwen Morgan
5.2	Hate Crime	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Embed "Tackling Hate Crimes and Incidents: A framework for action"² 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Front line services increase their understanding of Hate crime and support an increase in reporting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An increase in Hate Crime reporting Victims of Hate Crime receive appropriate support 	Annwen Morgan
5.3	Supporting families and children at risk of ACE's	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify and support vulnerable families who exhibit challenging behaviours 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Using an ACE informed lens for early intervention and root cause prevention 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduction in demand on frontline services Reduction in crime and disorder rates 	Lee Robinson
5.4	Reduce Reoffending	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimise gaps in service provision for those at risk of offending 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support the delivery of the All Wales Reducing Reoffending Strategy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduction in re-offending rates 	Andy Jones
5.5	Youth Justice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve collaborative working across the region Review the Youth Justice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adopt regional YJ plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduction in young people entering the criminal justice system 	Colin Everett / Youth Justice Board Chairs

² Welsh Government Tackling Hate Crimes and Incidents: A Framework for Action [2014]

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		structures in light of reduced funding		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prevent those in the criminal system from custodial sentencing For young offenders to have fulfilling life plans which help them avoid re-offending in the future 	
5.6	Migration changes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The migration toolkit identifies migration patterns and the implications for community safety 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relevant information is shared in a timely and appropriate way 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The impacts of demographic change on the community safety agenda are understood and addressed 	Annwen Morgan
6	Governance of the NWSCB				
6.1	Ensure our work is evidence based	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhance the research and analysis processes across partners. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The NW SCB and each CSP will sign off a data sharing protocol Consolidate Needs Assessments to support resource allocation and collaboration. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information is shared in a timely and appropriate way A proposal and timetable for consolidating the needs assessments in 2018 is drafted. 	Mark Polin
6.2	Commissioning Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of Commissioning of OPPC and APB 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> More efficient and more focussed regional, sub regional and local community safety activity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Best use is made of resources and expertise 	Lee Robinson

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6.3	Reporting mechanism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ NW SCB hold local CSPs, the Channel Panel and Modern Slavery delivery group to account 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Share good practice and expertise to improve performance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Reduction in levels of crime and disorder 	Cllr Hugh Jones
6.4	External audit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Implement the relevant findings from the WAO review of community safety ▪ Participate in the Welsh Government review of community safety 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ensure that the NWSCB reflects good practice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Partners participate in the NWSCB appropriately 	Cllr Hugh Jones

The 4 North Wales local Community Safety Partnership's (CSPs) focus

This document outlines the plans to ensure we are working together to **make North Wales a safe place**.

The document should also act as a framework for the individual CSPs across North Wales to develop a local delivery plan that meets the objectives of the PCC, supports the evidence in the North Wales Police strategic assessment and meets the needs of the CSP at a local level.