

## CORPORATE RESOURCES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

<b>Date of Meeting</b>	Thursday, 16 <sup>th</sup> September 2021
<b>Report Subject</b>	Community Safety Partnership Annual Report
<b>Cabinet Member</b>	Cabinet Member for Planning and Public Protection
<b>Report Author</b>	Chief Executive
<b>Type of Report</b>	Strategic

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To provide Members with an overview of the Community Safety Partnership's activities and progress over the past 12 months.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

1	To note and support the contents of the report.
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### REPORT DETAILS

<b>1.00</b>	<b>EXPLAINING THE BACKGROUND OF THE FLINTSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFEY PARTNERSHIP</b>
1.01	The Flintshire Community Safety Partnership is required to formally report to this Committee on an annual basis to provide an overview of activities undertaken over the previous twelve months. This ensures that the Partnership meets its obligations under sections 19 and 20 of the Police and Criminal Justice Act 2006.
1.02	Flintshire County Council has a statutory duty under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, and the subsequent amendments by the Police and

	Justice Act 2006, to work in partnership with the police, health service, probation and fire service as a Community Safety Partnership (CSP).
1.03	There has been a partnership in existence in Flintshire since 1999. The Partnership is supported by a small team of local authority and police officers who work on shared priorities, alongside the Neighbourhood Wardens.
1.04	Over the past decade there have been significant changes in the way the local CSP is governed. The Partnership now sits under the auspices of the Public Service Board, and discharges its duties through the People are Safe Board. The work of the board is underpinned through the implementation of a local delivery plan.
1.05	The work programme of the People Are Safe Board also reflects the recommendations contained within the regional Strategic Assessment (produced by North Wales Police), and takes into account the Police and Crime Plan and the work of the Substance Misuse Area Planning Board.
1.06	<p>Outlined below are the priorities for 2021/22, along with a summary of the actions to support their implementation:</p> <p><b><u>Priority 1: Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence</u></b></p> <p><b>Impact</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Raise people's confidence to report appropriately to partners.</li> <li>▪ Recognition of the signs and symptoms of domestic abuse and sexual violence by public and voluntary sector agencies.</li> <li>▪ Improved response from public services to Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (VAWDASV) should see an increase in reporting as individuals will be confident in coming forward.</li> <li>▪ High risk cases of domestic abuse dealt with effectively.</li> <li>▪ Improved sharing of intelligence across partner agencies</li> <li>▪ Increase support to victims of VAWDASV.</li> <li>▪ Reduce the number of repeat victims of VAWDASV.</li> <li>▪ Reduce the number of repeat VAWDASV perpetrators</li> <li>▪ Support victims within BAME communities in relation to VAWDASV related offences,</li> </ul> <p><b>Specific actions in 2021/22 to support this priority:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Roll-out of training of body worn worn videos for North Wales Police (NWP) officers when attending domestic incidents.</li> <li>2. NWP to have a dedicated Domestic Abuse support vehicle to be staffed by dedicated officers who will obtain evidence, support the victim, arrest the perpetrator.</li> <li>3. Continue to work with and develop relationships with the Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Regional Advisor to roll out Levels 2 and 3</li> </ol>

of the National Training Framework, developing the “Ask and Act Training”. The main principles are based on an approach to targeted enquiry; it represents Groups 2 and 3 of the National Training Framework on Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence. Its aim is to increase identification and support for those who experience violence against women, domestic abuse and sexual violence.

4. Youth Justice Service (YJS) to actively be involved with the weekly MARAC meetings in Flintshire, to ensure an effective engagement of partners within the MARAC process.
5. Continue the focused customer visits from Flintshire County Council Housing Officers to affected tenants – will be completed at the request of / referral from MARAC.
6. Neighbourhood Wardens to continue with ‘Homesafe’ service for victims of domestic abuse.
7. North Wales Fire and Rescue Service (NWFRS) to ensure a consistent agency referral rate of 35% for Safe and Well Checks.
8. To receive direction and actions from the newly established Vulnerability and Exploitation Group.
9. Partnership to work with specialist sector to improve support for victims and survivors of VAWDASV.

## **Priority 2: Protecting Vulnerable Adults**

### **Impact**

- Vulnerable adults prevented from becoming victims of crime
- Substance misuse tackled collaboratively on a local and regional level
- Awareness of the impacts of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) amongst partners through the life course
- Committed regional partnership approach to addressing crime and disorder continued
- Better sharing of intelligence across partner agencies
- Increased partnership action to tackle Organised Crime Gangs
- Recognition of the signs and symptoms of Modern Day Slavery by public and voluntary sector agencies.
- Increased partnership action to tackle Modern Day Slavery

### **Specific actions in 2021/22 to support this priority:**

1. To identify and support the vulnerable individuals in Flintshire County with complex substance misuse and mental health needs, particularly those who are homeless or rough sleeping.

2. Regular multi-agency working to respond to the emerging issues that place a demand on frontline services.
3. People Are Safe to lead on the '4P Plan' (Protect, Prepare, Prevent and Pursue) to implement the recommendations of NWP's Community Profiling assessment.
4. Effective use of powers under The Modern Slavery Act 2015 to include National Referral Mechanism (NRM) referrals
5. Make best use of multi-agency intelligence to identify and protect victims of crime and anti-social behaviour through the CDRP Group process – ongoing.
6. Victims identified by the National Scam Team are referred to Trading Standards on a monthly basis, visits to be completed by the T/S tea

### **Priority 3: Protecting Vulnerable Young People**

#### **Impact**

- Awareness of the impacts of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) amongst partners.
- Earlier intervention in recognition of the above.
- Partnership action to tackle Child Sexual Exploitation.
- Vulnerable young people prevented from becoming victims of crime.

#### **Specific actions in 2021/22 to support this priority:**

1. NWP to increase the number of effective Risk Management Plans, (RMP), for persons identified as vulnerable, and ensure that they are regularly updated and multi-agency partnership working is in place to support the person.
2. To identify and support the 'visible vulnerable' with complex substance misuse and mental health needs, particularly those who are homeless or rough sleeping.
3. Multi-agency groups (such as the CDRP and MET) to undertake assessment of trends or emerging issues in relation to Child Criminal Exploitation, County Lines, Modern Day Slavery and Child Sexual Exploitation.
4. People Are Safe to lead on the '4P Plan' relating to Community Profiles recommendations and to deliver them across Flintshire, feeding into both the Regional and National Pictures
5. A review of the MET panel to be undertaken – ongoing.
6. YJS to explore possible diversionary schemes around exclusions linked to drugs / alcohol and knife related behaviour.

	<p>7. Set up a multi-agency Serious Youth Violence task and finish group, which will undertake an audit to ensure a multi-agency response to serious violence for young adults and those who are on the cusp of offending.</p> <p>8. NWFRS to identify any trends or spikes in incidents within Flintshire, e.g., FACE (Fire Awareness Child Education) referrals, deliberate fires, house fires.</p> <p><b><u>Priority 4: Protecting Our Communities</u></b></p> <p><b>Impact</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Respond appropriately to intelligence gathered from our communities.</li> <li>▪ Identify and deter those individuals who could cause our communities the most harm.</li> </ul> <p><b>Specific actions in 2021/22 to support this priority:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. PAS to lead on the 4P Plan relating to Community Profiles recommendations and to deliver them across Flintshire, feeding into both the Regional and National Pictures</li> <li>2. Understand community needs and tensions, through all available resources, and to feed into the 3 Counties Community Cohesion Group.</li> <li>3. Flintshire County Council Housing Department to address anti-social behaviour reports at their properties, to work with other housing providers and partners to reduce demand. Ongoing – monthly housing meetings that specifically address anti-social behaviour and substance misuse.</li> </ol>
1.08	The work that this undertaken locally is influenced and directed by regional trends and priorities. In recent years the North Wales Safer Communities Board (now known as the Safer North Wales Partnership) has facilitated a greater consistency of approach in terms of strategic and tactical working across the region.

<b>2.00</b>	<b>RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS</b>
2.01	None as a result of this report.

<b>3.00</b>	<b>IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND RISK MANAGEMENT</b>
3.01	Impact assessment is not required as this is a report on progress and is for information only.

	Risks are listed under each priority area of the People are Safe Plan.	
3.02	<b>Ways of Working (Sustainable Development) Principles Impact, as outlined in the Flintshire Well-Being Plan</b>	
	Long-term	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is a vision to make the communities of Flintshire safer by working in partnership.</li> <li>• There is a clear focus on vulnerability and tackling organised crime.</li> </ul>
	Prevention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The early identification of victims by a wide range of agencies, the focus on victim support and pursuing those who cause harm will help make Flintshire a safer place to live and a hostile environment for criminals to operate.</li> <li>• Monthly multi-agency meetings to support this agenda.</li> </ul>
	Integration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The objectives of this group fit in well with the Well-Being Plan with a wide range of partners actively involved.</li> </ul>
	Collaboration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working together as a partnership and with our communities is at the centre of this plan.</li> <li>• The sharing of intelligence and a joined-up response to incidents is critical to our success.</li> </ul>
	Involvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Actions in this plan will lead to a greater understanding of community needs</li> <li>• Encouraging partners become the eyes and ears of local communities to enable us all to make people feel safe - both at home and elsewhere</li> </ul>
	<b>Well-being Goals Impact</b>	
	Prosperous Wales	Positive: The aspiration of making the county a safer place to live, work and visit.
	Resilient Wales	Neutral

	Healthier Wales	Positive: Reduction in substance misuse, reduction in crime, reduction in incidents of domestic abuse, increased likelihood of physical activity outside of the home, improved mental health by tackling fear of crime
	More equal Wales	Positive: Promotion of community cohesion.
	Cohesive Wales	Positive: Promotion of community cohesion.
	Vibrant Wales	Neutral
	Globally responsible Wales	Neutral

<b>4.00</b>	<b>CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED / CARRIED OUT</b>
4.01	None as a result of this report.

<b>5.00</b>	<b>RISK MANAGEMENT</b>
5.01	None as a result of this report.

<b>6.00</b>	<b>APPENDICES</b>
6.01	None

<b>7.00</b>	<b>CONTACT OFFICER DETAILS</b>
7.01	<b>Contact Officer:</b> Sian Jones, Community and Business Protection Manager <b>Telephone:</b> 01352 702132 <b>E-mail:</b> sian-jones@flintshire.gov.uk

<b>8.00</b>	<b>GLOSSARY OF TERMS</b>
8.01	<b><u>MARAC (Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference)</u></b> A MARAC, or multi-agency risk assessment conference, is a meeting where information is shared on the highest risk domestic abuse cases between representatives of local police, probation, health, child protection, housing practitioners, Independent Domestic Violence Advisors (IDVAs) and other specialists from the statutory and voluntary sectors.

	<p>After sharing all relevant information about a victim, representatives discuss options for increasing safety for the victim and turn these options into a co-ordinated action plan. The primary focus of the MARAC is to safeguard the adult victim.</p>
8.02	<p><b><u>National Training Framework</u></b></p> <p>The National Training Framework for violence against women, domestic abuse and sexual violence outlines the Welsh Government's requirements for training on these subjects across the public service and specialist third sector.</p> <p>The Framework is made up of six levels. Officers employed by the 'responsible authorities' (as defined by statute) will be required to undertake training in relation to domestic abuse and sexual violence.</p>
8.03	<p><b><u>Public Services Board (PSB)</u></b></p> <p>The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 established statutory PSBs, which replaces the voluntary Local Service Boards in each local authority area. The role of the board is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• assess the state of economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being in its area</li> <li>• set objectives that are designed to maximise the PSBs contribution to the well-being goals.</li> </ul> <p>Each PSB must prepare and publish a plan setting out its objectives and the steps it will take to meet them. This is called a Local Well-being Plan. It must state:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• why the PSB feels their objectives will contribute within their local area to achieving the well-being goals</li> <li>• how it has had regard to the assessment of Local Well-being in setting its objectives and steps to take.</li> </ul>
8.04	<p><b><u>Safer Communities Board (now known as the Safer North Wales Partnership)</u></b></p> <p>The aim of the Safer North Wales Partnership is to provide strategic direction for the exercise of the Community Safety functions across the region. The Board promotes consistency of policy objectives, and the shared use of expertise and resources across the region.</p> <p>The objectives of the SCB include:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reducing bureaucracy and formality through streamlining strategic and operational functions.</li> <li>• Identifying shared and/or common priorities</li> <li>• Acting as a lobbying group to influence the Welsh Government, Home Office and Local Policing Body.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establishing a common and consistent framework for strategic, tactical and operational delivery at regional, sub-regional and local levels.</li> <li>• Facilitating and encouraging regional working in the interests of public value.</li> </ul> <p>Providing a more efficient and consistent service in contributing to reducing crime and disorder and improving the criminal justice services in North Wales.</p>
8.05	<p><b><u>County Lines</u></b></p> <p>A law enforcement term used for the tactic Organised Crime Gangs have been using to operate their illegal business across the UK.</p>
8.06	<p><b><u>Onyx Team</u></b></p> <p>A specialist team tackling Child Sexual Exploitation.</p>