

ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL Scrutiny Report Template	
Committee:	Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee
Date:	20/11/2024
Subject:	Gwynedd and Isle of Anglesey Community Safety Partnership
Purpose of Report:	Consider the Gwynedd and Isle of Anglesey Community Safety Partnership Annual Report: 2023/24
Scrutiny Chair:	Councillor Dylan Rees
Portfolio Holder(s):	Councillor Alun Roberts
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Local Members:	Relevant to all members

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1 - Recommendation/s

To note the contents of the report and attached documents, and state whether the Scrutiny Committee supports the priorities and future direction of the work.

2 – Link to Council Plan / Other Corporate Priorities

The Community Safety Partnership is required to formally report to this committee each year to present an overview of activities. This ensures that the Partnership delivers its obligations in accordance with sections 19 and 20 of the Criminal Justice and Police Act 2006.

The committee's duty is to scrutinize the Partnership's work, rather than the work of individual members (bodies).

3 – Guiding Principles for Scrutiny Members

To assist Members when scrutinising the topic:-

- 3.1** Impact the matter has on individuals and communities [focus on customer/citizen]
- 3.2** A look at the efficiency & effectiveness of any proposed change – both financially and in terms of quality [focus on value]
- 3.3** A look at any risks [focus on risk]
- 3.4** Scrutiny taking a performance monitoring or quality assurance role [focus on performance & quality]
- 3.5** Looking at plans and proposals from a perspective of:
 - Long term

- Prevention
- Integration
- Collaboration
- Involvement

[focus on wellbeing]

3.6 The potential impacts the decision would have on:

- protected groups under the Equality Act 2010
- those experiencing socio-economic disadvantage in their lives (when making strategic decisions)
- opportunities for people to use the Welsh language and treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language

[focus on equality and the Welsh language]

4 - Key Scrutiny Questions

1. To what extent does the committee agree with the Partnership's priorities, which are based on a local needs assessment process, and are there other matters which need to be prioritised?
2. In what ways does the statutory partnership add value and work in an effective and efficient manner in accordance with the expectations of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998?
3. To what extent is the action plan sufficiently robust to deal with aspects of the priority areas for the benefit of Anglesey's communities?

5 – Background / Context

BACKGROUND:

- 1) There is a statutory duty on Local Authorities in accordance with the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, **and subsequent amendments within the Police and Criminal Justice Act 2002 and 2006**, to work in partnership with the Police, the Health service, the Probation Service and the Fire and Rescue Service. These are the main agencies that make up the Community Safety Partnership. There are also co-operating partners such as the Area Planning Board (Substance misuse), Education, Youth Justice and Community Cohesion.
- 2) As a statutory member of the Partnership, it is important that the LA is appropriately represented. This is achieved by the presence of the current Local member with Community Safety Portfolio, Alun Roberts, and the principal officer with responsibility for the work, Rhys Hughes (Deputy Chief Executive).
- 3) **Community safety partnerships were originally called crime and disorder partnerships, and although the name has been changed, the areas or responsibility have not, and they remain –**
 - Crime and Disorder
 - Substance Misuse
 - Reducing reoffending

- We also have a responsibility to formulate and implement a strategy to prevent and reduce serious violence, following amendments to the Crime and Disorder Act as a result of the new Serious Violence Duty. In North Wales, a regional approach is being taken.
 - Under the Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004, CSPs also have a statutory duty to establish Domestic Homicide Reviews. These are a review of the circumstances in which the death of a person aged 16 or over has, or appears to have, resulted from violence, abuse or neglect by— (a) a person to whom he was related or with whom he was or had been in an intimate personal relationship, or (b) a member of the same household as himself, held with a view to identifying the lessons to be learnt from the death.
- 4) Quarterly meetings are always well attended. Partners and Local Members who attend the meetings contribute positively, and quarterly data on crime figures and plan delivery are shared at every meeting. Every responsible member of the partnership contributes financially to having in place a partnership analyst, so that regular data can be supplied to support evidence-based decisions.
- 5) Working between partners is fundamental to community safety. The main reason for the introduction of CSP's back in 1998, was to ensure that crime and disorder was seen as '**everybody's problem**' and not the realm of the Police alone.
- 6) We do not commission any projects or services directly (only the DHRs) **as we have no funding allocated to Community Safety on a permanent basis**. Any funding opportunities are 'ad hoc' and are only available by applying for them.

THE PARTNERSHIP'S PRIORITIES/DOCUMENTS FOR SCRUTINY:

The partnership works to an annual plan. Attached is the 2024-25 plan, which is based on the priorities within the Safer North Wales Board's Strategy. These priorities are:

- Preventing Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour
- Tackling Violent Crime
- Tackling Serious Organised Crime
- Protecting and building resilient communities and maintaining public safety.

OVERVIEW OF OFFENDING RATES OVER THE REPORTING PERIOD:

Background:

- 1) The Police look at crime figures constantly and review all changes on a regional and local basis. Any significant changes are subject to further analysis. Problem areas will then be reviewed, with policing plans put in place to tackle the issues. Local policing methods include the daily tasking of resources to tackle issues as they emerge.
- 2) The Partnership receives data on crime levels on a quarterly basis, and the 'softer' or longer-term approaches of tackling crime trends will be the basis of the partnership

plan. The data we generally use is that of a comparison between the period in the current year, and the same period in the former year.

CRIME DATA

The table below highlights the year-to-date (YTD) volumes of each crime category for the fiscal years 2022/23 and 2023/24. The comparative data used is for the period 1st April to 17th October for both fiscal years. Also included on the chart, for the same data periods, is the current YTD change in volumes for 2024/25 in comparison to 2023/24 and a comparison to the overall change being seen across North Wales:

Ynys Mon - Crime & Incident Data	Fiscal Year		% Change (YTD)	North Wales
	2023/24 (YTD)	2024/25 (YTD)		% Change (YTD)
All Victim Based Crime	1,983	1,897	-4.3%	-5.8%
Violence with injury	246	245	-0.4%	-7.7%
Violence without injury	438	350	-20.1%	-8.5%
Stalking & Harassment	370	379	2.4%	-4.7%
Sexual offences	101	85	-15.8%	6.2%
All Acquisitive Crime	416	454	9.1%	-5.1%
- Burglary Residential	38	50	31.6%	16.2%
- Burglary - Business and Community	16	25	56.3%	10.4%
- Robbery	5	5	0.0%	39.7%
- Vehicle Crime	24	40	66.7%	8.0%
- Theft and Handling	333	334	0.3%	-10.4%
Criminal Damage & Arson	258	241	-6.6%	-4.8%
Domestic Crime	512	442	-13.7%	-10.2%
Domestic Incidents (non-crime)	246	269	9.3%	-7.9%
Hate Crime	45	45	0.0%	3.3%
Anti-Social Behaviour	699	634	-9.3%	-6.5%

Violence Offences

Violence against the person offences have, overall, decreased in Ynys Mon in 2024/25, compared to the same period last year. Violence without injury offences have seen a significant fall in volumes, with over 80 fewer offences recorded so far this fiscal year, compared to last.

Stalking & Harassment

Year-to-date data for 2024/25 shows a marginal increase of 2.4% in comparison to the same period in 2023/24. This equates to an additional 9 Stalking & Harassment offences being recorded this year.

Sexual Offences

The 2024/25 year-to-date recorded level of Sexual Offences in Ynys Mon has seen a -15.8% decrease in comparison to 2023/24. There can be significant fluctuations in reported offences from week to week, partly due to reporting of historic offences.

Acquisitive Crime

Acquisitive crime includes the categories Burglary Residential, Burglary Business & Community, Robbery, Vehicle Crime and Theft & Handling. Burglary Residential offences have increased in Ynys Mon this year by 31.6% (+12 occurrences), in comparison to last year. Burglary – Business & Community offences have also increased this year (+9 occurrence), in comparison to last year. An increase have also been seen for Vehicle Crime, whilst the number of Robberies has remained the same. Year-to-date, there has been a very slight increase in the volume of Theft & Handling offences in Ynys Mon in comparison to last year. Shoplifting offences fall within the Theft & Handling category and recent analysis shows a slight increase in such offences in Ynys Mon across the first half of the 2024/25 fiscal year.

Criminal Damage & Arson

A decrease in the year-to-date volume of Criminal Damage & Arson offences has been seen so far in Ynys Mon this year, in comparison to the same period last year. This reduction in volumes is being seen across North Wales.

Domestic Crime

Domestic Crime in Ynys Mon has fallen by -10.2% year-to-date, in comparison to last year. This equates to 70 fewer domestic crimes. These reductions are also being see across the force area. Domestic Incidents (Non-Crime) are calls received by North Wales Police's Control Room which have a domestic element to them; however do not constitute a criminal offence and are therefore not recorded on the force records management system. They include incidents such as verbal domestic disputes, where no criminal offences have taken place. These incidents generate a CID 16 referral, for consideration of sharing with the relevant safeguarding partners. A slight increase has been seen in the volumes of these non-crime incidents in Ynys Mon in 2024/25, compared to the previous year. Across North Wales, there has been a decrease seen in volumes.

Hate Crime

The 2024/25 volumes are on a par with the volumes recorded last year. Across North Wales as a whole, a slight increase has been seen in recorded Hate Crimes.

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)

ASB in Ynys Mon has seen a year-to-date decrease of -9.3% in 2024/25, in comparison to the same period in 2023/24. This equates to over 60 fewer incidents being reported. Repeat victims of ASB, repeat locations where ASB is occurring, and high-risk vulnerable victims are referred for review to monthly multi-agency tasking groups.

WORK COMPLETED SO FAR DURING 2024:

- 1) The annual plan was developed in accordance with the regional Safer North Wales Board's priorities. The 2024-25 plan (attached) sets out the activity the Partnership would achieve during this financial year.
- 2) Crime figures are shared on a quarterly basis through a performance report prepared by the Police Analyst, so that any trends and additional activity needed could be discussed.
- 3) We have a statutory duty under the Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004 to establish Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHRs/definition above). Sadly, the Partnership has had 4 ongoing DHRs this year. This work inevitably has significant and continuing resourcing implications, including Home Office sign off which can be a very lengthy and unwieldy process. Since October 2024, in Wales DHRs are included within the new Single Unified Safeguarding Review (SUSR) process.
- 4) A summary of the work completed this year:
 - a) Ongoing delivery of the annual Community Safety plan and quarterly reporting to the Regional Safer North Wales Partnership Board.
 - b) The North Wales Serious Violence Strategy was published in January 2024, in response to the new Serious Violence Duty. The Duty requires specified authorities to work together to prevent and reduce serious violence in the area. Following recent amendments to the Crime and Disorder Act, the CSP has an explicit role in evidence based strategic action on serious violence, and we were involved in the development of the regional strategy from the beginning.
 - c) As part of the Serious Violence Strategy, the Partnership was awarded £82k for preventative projects in our region. This funding resulted in eight different projects, including:
 - Training for professionals supporting boys and young men on facilitating constructive dialogue around masculinity and being safe and safe to be around.
 - 'Don't Steal My Future' sessions held in schools by RASA Wales. This is an educational campaign, raising awareness of the widespread prevalence of sexual violence in society, and most importantly, how we can begin to change attitudes and behaviors.
 - Training for frontline staff members across Children and Family Services on the nature of child to parent/carer abuse.
 - Opening discussions in Schools around County Lines and exploitation through listening to the lived experience of a survivor and a subsequent competition to explore these topics.
 - d) Working closely with Local Policing Teams, we identified areas that could benefit from the Westminster Government's Shared Prosperity Fund. One goal of the UKSPF is to build resilient, safe and healthy neighbourhoods, which includes targeted improvements to the built environment and innovative approaches to crime prevention. Our project under this funding is the upgrading and installation of new CCTV in Holyhead and Llangefni, with the aim of improving perception of safety and reducing neighbourhood crime. £250k has been awarded to Anglesey under this project.

- e) We continued to coordinate the ongoing Domestic Homicide Reviews in the County. This has involved the attending of Panel Meetings throughout the year, researching the background of the cases, and providing an input into discussions around any missed opportunities, lessons learnt and recommendations. During this year, we have focused on sharing the learning from the completed DHRs. Presentations have been made to Social Workers, Safeguarding Boards and Local Members.
- f) As mentioned above, DHRs will now sit under the new SUSR process in Wales, since it came into force on the 1st October 2024. This has involved significant preparation work in collaboration with the Regional Safeguarding Board in order to ensure we have made arrangements for the new expectations placed on us as CSP in undertaking DHRs.
- g) We continued our membership with the regional group to implement the Alcohol Harm Reduction Strategy for North Wales 2020-24. The Strategy seeks to reduce the harms associated with alcohol to the individual and wider society and highlights the need for a whole system approach of collaborative partnership working. Membership of this group includes the Health Board, Area Planning Board, councils across the region and local support service providers. This year, the Strategy was refreshed for the years to come.

WORK ONGOING:

- 1) Continue to implement local projects identified within the plan for Q3 and report to the Regional Safer North Wales Partnership Board.
- 2) Continue implementation of the eight preventative projects under the Serious Violence Duty Funding.
- 3) Continue to support the implementation of the Regional Alcohol Harm Reduction Strategy.
- 4) Once completed, sign off the content of the DHR reports and submit to Home Office for Quality Assurance process before publication.
- 5) Continue roll out of the Shared Prosperity Fund CCTV project in Holyhead and Llangefni. Project to be completed by the end of February. Impact of the project will be evaluated by the external company QUOD.

6 – Equality Impact Assessment [including impacts on the Welsh Language]

6.1 Potential impacts on protected groups under the Equality Act 2010

The annual report does not contain reference to any developments, which are deemed to have an unfavorable impact on any of the protected groups

6.2 Potential impacts on those experiencing socio-economic disadvantage in their lives (strategic decisions)

The annual report does not contain reference to any developments, which are deemed to have an unfavorable impact on anyone experiencing socio-economic disadvantage in their lives

6.3 Potential impacts on opportunities for people to use the Welsh language and treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language

The annual report does not contain reference to any developments, which are deemed to have an unfavorable impact on opportunities for people to use the Welsh language and treating the Welsh language no less favorably than the English language

7 – Financial Implications
The report does not identify any specific financial implications for the Local Authority

8 – Appendices:
1. 2024-25 Plan

9 - Background papers (please contact the author of the Report for any further information):
Work programme of the Regional Safer North Wales Partnership Board



Gwynedd and Anglesey Community Safety Partnership Annual Plan 2024-25

Background

The Community Safety Partnership is a group of organisations that collaborate to consider how best to address crime and disorder. The requirement to have such a partnership in place on a local level is part of the law, under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998. Several organisations have a part to play within the partnership, including the local authority, the police, the probation service, the fire and rescue service and the health board.

We have responsibilities under the 1998 Act for a number of areas, including – reducing crime and disorder, reducing re-offending, substance misuse and anti-social behaviour. In addition, we have a duty to commission Domestic Homicide reviews under certain circumstances.

Our plan will deliver against the priorities within the Safer North Wales Partnership Board Strategy, namely:

1. Prevent crime and anti-social behaviour
2. Tackle violent crime
3. Tackle serious organised crime
4. Safeguard and build resilient communities and maintain public safety

#	Action	Output	Outcome	Responsibility	Timescale	Regional Priority
1	Meet our responsibilities under the new Serious Violence Duty – serious violence is now an explicit priority for CSPs. A regional strategy has been developed to be embedded in both Counties. We will coordinate local spend of SVD Funding on several preventative interventions in Anglesey and Gwynedd.	Based on 4 priorities, respond to Regional Strategy published in January 2024 Business case to be submitted end of May 2024 June 2024 – Business case approved Projects completed by March 2025	Responsibilities under the Duty are met locally. Actions resulting from the strategy are delivered and reviewed. Local interventions delivered focused on prevention through SVD funding. SVD implemented across the region, serious violence prevented and reduced across the region	CSP / relevant LA departments / SVD Regional Steering Group	Throughout 2024/25.	Priority 2.4 in the Safer North Wales Plan



2	We will ensure that responsibilities placed upon the CSP in relation to undertaking Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHRs) will be appropriately completed. Essentially, this means ensuring that appropriate review panels, chairs and authors are commissioned, and that final review reports are submitted and accepted by the Home Office before publication.	Commission review panels, chairs, and authors for the DHRs Undertake the DHR and submit to the Home Office.	The responsibilities placed upon the CSP in relation to undertaking DHR reviews are appropriately completed. Action plans in place to respond to recommendations - lessons learned to improve services in the future and safeguard victims.	CSP	Ongoing	Priority 2.3 in the Safer North Wales Plan
3	Respond and share DHR Learning: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The need for improved professional and agency understanding of, and response to, domestic abuse and its impact on mental health and suicidality. - Ensure identified learning is implemented in Local training frameworks. - Engage with Women’s Aid ‘Ask Me’ Project to support communities to give a better response to survivors. - Raising awareness of older people as victims 	Develop work plan with the Regional Coordinator for Suicide and Self Harm Prevention and Regional VAWDASV Lead Relevant actions/messages to take place nationally Liaise with regional training co-ordinator Attend training and promote project locally	Practice is improved and victims are better safeguarded	CSP / regional leads	Throughout 24-25	Priority 2.3 in the Safer North Wales Plan
4	Increase awareness of reporting domestic abuse and access to services for victims	Promote Live Fear Free Helpline, Clare’s Law and Gorwel Raising awareness with staff of themes arising from DHR learning – Older people as victims, tech-facilitated abuse, filial abuse	The profile of domestic abuse, the situation locally, and the help available, is raised	CSP	Throughout 2024/25.	Priority 2.3 in the Safer North Wales Plan



		Mark the annual White Ribbon campaign in November				
5	Monitor the progress of Ask and Act training - National Training Framework as required by the Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (Wales) Act 2015	Understand current picture of progress Collaborate with the Regional Training Development Officer and relevant training departments to monitor and improve progress	Improved awareness in Local Authorities of domestic violence to enable effective referral to support services	Training departments in both counties Regional training officer	Throughout 2024/25.	Priority 2.3 in the Safer North Wales Plan
6	Deliver on statutory Prevent Duty Update arrangements as necessary in conjunction with the Home Office Regional Adviser	Update Prevent Plan to reflect current circumstances Respond to annual Assurance Process – complete self assessment Develop and implement a training plan. Continue providing an input to the Regional Prevent Delivery Group	Contribute to the regional CONTEST Board Action Plan Contribute to the Home Office's Prevent outcomes of reducing radicalisation	CSP / Local Authority relevant departments	Throughout 2024/25.	The Home Office's Prevent Scheme Regional CONTEST Board
7	Complete the work under the SPF funding to extend CCTV provision in both Counties.	Additional CCTV installed Project completed by December 31, 2024	Improved perception of safety Reduction in neighbourhood crime	CSP / LA Highways / Anglesey Town Councils	Until Dec 31 2024	Priority 1.1 in the Safer North Wales Strategy



8	Targeting problem ASB areas through our powers within the ASB, Crime and Policing Act 2014 – consideration of the introduction of Public Space Protection Orders in 3 towns.	<p>Hotspot areas identified</p> <p>Early consultation and research</p> <p>Public consultation</p> <p>Analysis of responses, reported to the Cabinet for final decision</p>	Preventing ASB being committed in public spaces	CSP / Police	Q1 / Q2 2024-25	Priority 1.1 and 4 Safer North Wales Plan
9	In partnership with other LAs across the region, submit a bid to the Preventing Harm Forum to further roll out the Best Bar None Scheme.	Funding application prepared to include awareness sessions for each LA and promotional materials, training for assessors and accreditation plaques.	<p>Customers are able to identify well-run establishments, positive working relationships are fostered and efforts to reduce crime and disorder and supported.</p> <p>Linked with SVD and reducing violence in the night time economy. Also linked to the Protect Duty and ensuring staff are trained in evacuation procedures.</p>	CSP + relevant officers from the region	Throughout 2024-25	Priority 2.1 in the Safer North Wales Strategy
10	North Wales Fire and Rescue Service (NWFRS) will continue to present the Phoenix youth referral programme.	Continue to present the intervention programme in the region	<p>A reduction in fires/ASB</p> <p>A reduction in the number of repeat offenders</p>	NWFRS	Throughout 2024/25.	Priority 1 in the Safer North Wales Plan