



**Caerphilly Public Services Board Well-being Plan**  
**Six Monthly Performance Report**

**Agenda Item: 08-AA4a**

**Date: 7th Sept 2020**

**Action Area: AA4 – Safer Communities**

**Contribution to the 4 Well-being Objectives:**

**Positive Change**—Improved partner working and sharing of workspace, facilities and information will use assets and resources more intelligently.

**Positive Start**—Educating young people in community responsibility, providing diversion from negative behaviours, work with Gwent Police ACES and Early Intervention providers.

**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.

**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.

**Contribution to the 7 Well-being Goals:**

Safer Community actions will contribute towards the resilient, more equal and cohesive communities goals.

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
<b>Qualitative measures</b>	
Feedback provided by the community following engagement events re. issues in area, perception of community safety and effectiveness of actions being taken.	No

**Evidence**

Throughout the recent Covid 19 pandemic partners have excelled in adapting to new ways of working in a rapidly changing environment whilst ensuring that our communities continue to be supported throughout these unprecedented times. All processes and multi-agency meetings have continued to run throughout this period using various digital methods.

Through the creation of the Community Safety Hub fortnightly partnership tasking meetings take place to identify areas and individuals that are placing demand on partners services, emerging trends and priority areas to tackle anti-social behaviour and crime. Partners then pool resources to address the priorities identified in the meetings and task staff appropriately. In addition to the hub, the Serious Organised Partnership group have also met via digital means to continue to share information in relation to the management and targeting of serious offenders.

Partners continue to engage with our youth in Caerphilly and have now opened a cadet unit within Trinity Fields School in Ystrad Mynach. This school caters to the needs of children with learning and physical disabilities. Officers within Gwent police attend the school on a fortnightly basis and work with the children to help them understand what the police do and to provide guidance and information to ensure that they remain safe within the communities. It helps to build trust and confidence. Work is also ongoing with the Youth Offending Service to look at alternative diversionary opportunities that links into the projects that are funded by the Police and Crime Commissioners office. A youth mapping exercise is also being undertaken to understand what youth provision is in Caerphilly.

Op Harley is now embedded to deal with Off Road Bikes that continue to disrupt communities and deface the environment. Enforcement operations are run regularly and tasked appropriately via the Community Safety Hub.

Ref	Key Tasks	Progress
A	<p>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>	<p>In recent months partners have worked together to address anti-social behaviour with off road bikes under Operation Harley. This has included carrying out enforcement operations throughout the county borough. These have involved the use of drones, large numbers of officers and CCTV vans.</p> <p>A media campaign has been launched appealing for intelligence, with posters and flyers at key locations. Local Police and partners Twitter accounts have been utilised to publicise the campaign.</p> <p>The Hub Tasking process was used to gain participation from partners, such as Registered Social Landlords, to share intelligence on who is involved in this activity and where bikes are stored. Disruption at garages/sites where bikes fuel and wash-down has also been carried out. It is hoped that all of this work will help to alleviate the anti-social behaviour problems experienced in our communities</p>
B	<p>Ensure responsibilities for PREVENT and CHANNEL under Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015 are met and develop an action plan to ensure all duties are fulfilled including training provision and promotion of community cohesion.</p>	<p>A Gwent Prevent action plan has now been ratified by the Gwent Contest Board. The plan includes actions on the following key strands: Counter Terrorism Local Profile, Risk Assessments, Channel &amp; Prevent Referrals, Training, Schools &amp; Higher/Further Education, Policies and Community Cohesion. Development is now taking place to establish a regional Channel Panel to discuss referrals across the five local authority areas and share best practice.</p>
C	<p>Work closely with statutory, specialist and internal partners to identify Serious Organised Crime through the Caerphilly Serious Organised Crime Partnership.</p>	<p>Through the Safer Caerphilly Serious Organised Crime Group partners have worked together and carried out a considerable amount of proactive work in tackling serious organised criminality with success. Over the last nine months approximately 30 investigations have/are ongoing involving those individuals causing the most harm in the Caerphilly county borough.</p> <p>Initial investigation outcomes have seen charges and remands brought for Class A and B Drug Supply, possession of criminal property, possession of drugs, prohibited weapons and breach of serious crime prevention orders. A substantial amount of drugs including heroin, amphetamine, cocaine and cannabis have also been recovered. Cash has also been seized under the proceeds of crime act, and recovered stolen vehicles.</p>
D	<p>Work with partners to improve joint working and information sharing through the creation of the Caerphilly Community Safety Hub to address demand within Caerphilly County Borough.</p>	<p>In 2019 partners were co-located in the Safer Caerphilly Community Safety Hub to enhance the way partners work together and share information. This year we carried out a survey with all partners to seek their views on how effective the Hub is. The consensus is that the Hub is working extremely well and has improved partnership working where it is now more concise and efficient</p>

**Guidance sought from the Public Services Board** Nothing at this time.