





NEATH PORT TALBOT PUBLIC SERVICES BOARD

Highlight Report

Well-being Objective	
All our communities will be thriving and sustainable	
Group/Partnership	
Safer Neath Port Talbot Community Safety Partnership	
Reporting Period	
May 2024 to October 2024	
Steps	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Collaborate with our communities, to reduce crime, the fear of crime and to make our communities safer and more cohesive	
Current position/recent progress:	<p>Background</p> <p>The Crime and Disorder Act (1998), as amended by the Police Reform Act (2002), places a statutory obligation on local authorities and the Police to form multi-agency partnerships in order to reduce crime and disorder across the local authority area.</p> <p>The Safer Neath Port Talbot Partnership operates a multi-agency partnership approach to community safety and crime and disorder issues. The partnership board is co-chaired by Head of Housing and Communities for NPTCBC and Superintendent for Communities and Partnerships, South Wales Police.</p> <p>As a partnership, we are committed to working together to achieve sustainable reductions in crime, fear of crime and anti-social behaviour as well as providing practical crime prevention and community safety advice and reassurance.</p> <p>Safer Neath Port Talbot is made up of the following 5 responsible authorities and other partners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Neath Port Talbot County Borough CouncilSouth Wales PoliceSwansea Bay University Health Board



	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service• National Probation Service <p>The current priorities of the Community Safety Partnership Board are;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse & Sexual Violence• Anti-Social Behaviour• Serious Violence• Substance Use• Acquisitive Crime• Community Cohesion <p>These are outlined in the Community Safety Strategic Intent Document for 2024-2027</p> <p> Community Safety Strategic Intent Doc</p> <p><u>Current Position</u></p> <p>During this reporting period, the Safer Neath Port Talbot Community Safety Partnership Board has met on two occasions (June 2024 and September 2024)</p> <p>At each meeting progress updates are provided on all 6 priority areas.</p> <p>A South Wales Police quarterly performance report is also provided, which helps to steer the work and campaigns of the Councils and Police Community Safety Teams who are co-located at Neath Police Station.</p> <p>Minutes of the June meeting are attached.</p> <p> CSP MINUTES - 12th June 2024.docx</p> <p>Minutes of the September meeting will be shared once available.</p>
Next steps:	<p>During the next quarter the partnership will be focusing on a number of key projects;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Operation BANG (Be A Nice Guy) – Safety during Halloween and Bonfire Night. A longstanding annual partnership campaign ‘It’s Not Fun For Everyone’.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hate Crime Awareness Week – The Regional Community Cohesion Team in partnership with South Wales Police and the BME Community Association will be delivering a series of events to recognise Hate Crime Awareness Week. • Operation Advent – A campaign for the build up to Christmas, to raise awareness of personal safety, home safety, crime prevention, alongside working with retailers and the night time economy sector on anticipated spikes in retail crime etc. • White Ribbon – Our participation in a global campaign that aims to end Violence Against Women and Girls. This will be supported through a series of local engagement events and a social media presence across the 16 days of action • Anti-Social Behaviour Awareness Week – This campaign usually takes places over summer but was rearranged by the Home Office due to the election. This will now be held during November and the partnership will support this through a series of engagement events with South Wales Police.
<p>How is progress being measured?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress on the implementation of our Community Safety Strategic Intent Document will be demonstrated in our Annual Report. • Each organisation in the partnership has their own Key Performance Indicators.
<p>Challenges Faced:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SDS40 (Early releases from Prison) - From a Community Safety perspective, concerns have been raised that there could be a longer term impact around public's trust and confidence, and the message this change is sending to the general public. The partnership works hard to raise awareness of reporting mechanisms, particularly the importance of reporting crime to South Wales Police. SDS40 has received much media attention, which could lead to tensions in the community. • Increase in retail crime – This is not unique to Neath Port Talbot but is being seen nationally. It is important for the partnership to work together to



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	<p>support our retailers, to encourage reporting, and to promote appropriate initiatives such as the Business Crime Reduction Partnership, ShopKind, PubWatch and various others. We can further promote these initiatives during key annual campaigns such as Business Crime Awareness Week.</p>
Decisions Required	<p>None</p>
Reporting Officer	<p>Report Author; Elinor Wellington, Principal Officer, Community Safety, NPTCBC Report Delivered By; Chief Superintendent Chris Truscott / Superintendent Mark Kavanagh</p>