

Safer Swansea Partnership

Crime and Disorder Scrutiny
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Established in 1998 as a result of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998

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Partnership Vision

'A place where all members of society can feel safe at all times'

Partnership Purpose

'Swansea partners delivering a collective vision to create a safe and welcoming environment in which to live, work, visit, trade, study, relax and retire'



Strategic Priorities

- Safe, Confident and Resilient Communities
- County Lines and Substance Misuse
- Violence against women, domestic abuse and sexual violence (VAWDASV)
- Hate Crime and Community Tension Monitoring
- Evening and Night Time Economy



Key Activities and Achievements

Safe, Confident and Resilient Communities

- Street Vulnerability MARAC and Sex Worker MARAC established
- Diverted Giving scheme set up
- Better co-ordinated County Lines and Serious and Organised Crime approach
- Better information flow and joint working



Key Activities and Achievements

County Lines and Substance Misuse

- Critical Incident Group Established made up of the two PSBs and Area Planning Board
- Awareness raising and Partnership focus
- Better Health based focus on treatment work
- Review of APB services and quick wins!
- Prevention, Treatment and enforcement re-balanced



Key Activities and Achievements

VAWDASV

- Increased awareness in children and young people of the importance of safe, equal and healthy relationships
- Focusing on early intervention and prevention
- Providing victims with equal access to appropriately resourced, high quality, needs led, strength based, gender responsive services
- Increased focus on holding perpetrators to account and provide opportunities to change their behaviour based around victim safety
- Strategic links to Social Services Contextual Safeguarding



Key Activities and Achievements Evening & Night Time Economy

- Swansea – a Purple Flag City since **2014** ‘*first in Wales*’
- Established Multi-Agency projects
- Early intervention approach tackling vulnerability
- Specialist Vulnerability Training among key stake-holders
- Feasibility Study complete setting out aspirations for the physical regeneration of Wind Street
- Increased activity for campaigns and key dates



Key Activities and Achievements

Hate Crime and Community Tension Monitoring

- Multi-agency Community Cohesion Group meets quarterly in Swansea
- Partnership engagement across all diverse groups
- Awareness raising re reporting ongoing
- Tension indicators shared monthly to compare trends
- Victim focus through Restorative justice



Performance and Crime Statistics

Recorded Crime Swansea	2017	2018	Change	% Change
Homicide	2	3	1	50.0%
Violence with injury	2038	2159	121	5.9%
Violence without injury*	3703	2512	474	12.8%
Stalking and Harassment*	NEW	1665		
Rape	192	259	67	34.9%
Other serious sexual offences	254	273	19	7.5%
Other sexual offences	98	132	34	34.7%
Robbery	109	132	23	21.1%
Residential burglary	857	885	28	3.3%
Business and community burglary	580	399	-181	-31.2%
Vehicle offences	1557	1551	-6	-0.4%
Bicycle theft	258	246	-12	-4.7%
Theft from the person	206	241	35	17.0%
Shoplifting	1793	1901	108	6.0%
All other theft offences	1855	1913	58	3.1%
Arson	87	128	41	47.1%
Criminal damage	2649	2441	-208	-7.9%
Drug trafficking	145	200	55	37.9%
Possession of drugs	562	625	63	11.2%
Possession of weapon offences	119	118	-1	-0.8%
Public order offences	1841	2004	163	8.9%
Miscellaneous crimes against society	363	317	-46	-12.7%
Grand Total	19268	20104	836	4.3%
<i>Note: Stalking and Harassment used to be captured within Violence Without Injury Group</i>				

All CSPs across South Wales recorded an increase in recorded crime ranging between 0.2% in Merthyr Tydfil to 5.3% in Neath Port Talbot.

Overall increase for South Wales was +2.9%.



Existing and Emerging Challenges

- Substance misuse
- Organised Crime
- Street vulnerable individuals
- Youth Offending Service
- Radicalisation and Extremism
- Issues associated with Brexit
- Student population growth

More with less!

