



Safer Swansea Partnership

Crime & Disorder Scrutiny Committee Session

18th May 2021



Background

The Safer Swansea Partnership was established in 1998 as a result of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998

Co – Chairs: Adam Hill, Deputy Chief Executive Swansea Council and
Chief Superintendent Trudi Meyrick, South Wales Police
Secretariat support shared and meetings held quarterly

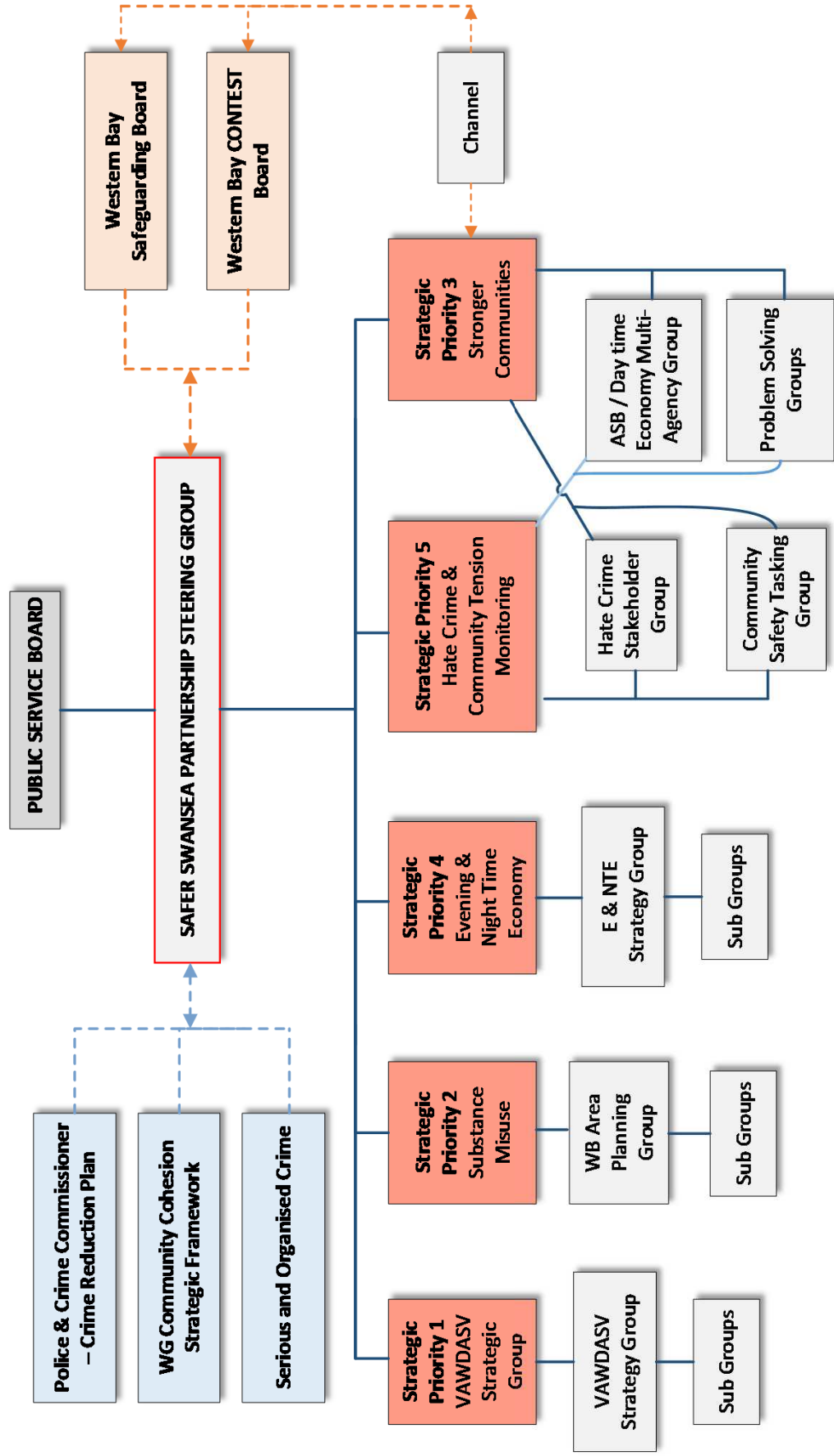
Partnership Vision

'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'

CURRENT SAFER SWANSEA PARTNERSHIP GOVERNANCE





Strategic Priorities

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



Never Waste a Good Crisis



A Journey in a Pandemic

A Community Safety response to a changing landscape



Pandemic: Flexibility of Response

What we created, what we maintained

1. Joint Enforcement Team
2. Problem Solving Groups
3. Community projects
4. Partnership meetings
5. Outreach work

Pandemic: Flexibility of Response

1. Joint Enforcement Team

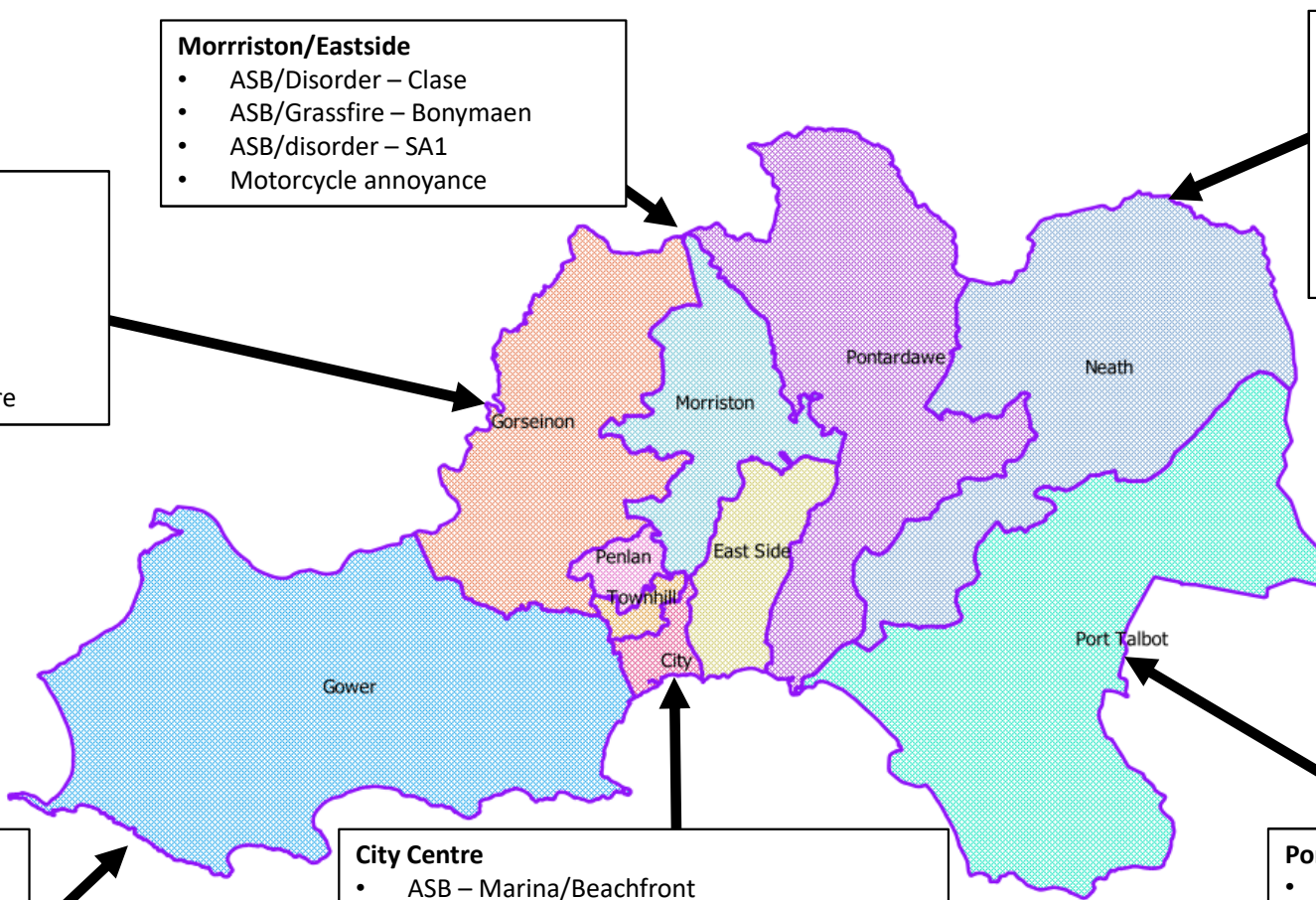
- Joint Commitment
- Joint Tasking and Coordinating – flexibility in response
- Tracking and Performance
- Coherent approach to Education and Enforcement (licensing)

Pandemic: Flexibility of Response

2. Problem Solving Groups

- Challenge
- Engagement
- Partnership
- Outcome and Escalation

Problem Solving Generic Themes



- Morryston/Eastside**
- ASB/Disorder – Clase
 - ASB/Grassfire – Bonymaen
 - ASB/disorder – SA1
 - Motorcycle annoyance

- Neath/Pontardawe**
- Substance Misuse/ASB/Disorder – Neath Town Centre
 - Day time/Night time economy
 - ASB – Homeless
 - Drugs use – Briton Ferry
 - Motorcycle annoyance
 - Grass Fires

- Gorseinon/Penlan**
- Motorcycle annoyance
 - Grass Fires
 - ASB/Damage – Penlan
 - ASB/Disorder – Pontardulais
 - Penlan – substance misuse
 - ASB – Gorseinon Town Centre

- Townhill/Gower**
- ASB – Mumbles/Langland
 - ASB - Caswell, Langland, Rotherslade Beaches
 - ASB - Singleton/Underhill Park
 - Grass Fires
 - Motor Cycle Annoyance
 - Theft of catalytic converters

- City Centre**
- ASB – Marina/Beachfront
 - Day time/Night time economy
 - Sex Workers
 - Crime/ASB – Brynmill/Uplands
 - ASB – Homeless
 - ASB/Criminality – High Street/St Helens Road
 - Quay House - MOSOVO

- Port Talbot**
- Motorcycle annoyance
 - ASB/Disorder Aberavon Beachfront
 - Substance Misuse/ASB Port Talbot Town Centre
 - Grass Fires



Pandemic: Flexibility of Response

3. **Community projects**
4. **Partnership meetings**
5. **Outreach work**



South Wales Police

- Reduction in Demand
- Increase in Demand
- New Internal and External Challenges
- New evolving Policing Context
- Embed Learning through Recovery



Impact of Covid (23rd Mar 20 to 22nd Mar 21)

What we see and what we don't see – the sleeping giants.

Swansea Neath Port Talbot BCU		Total 23rd Mar to 22nd Mar	Change
Missing Persons	2020-21	1616	-31.6%
	2019-20	2364	
Business and Community Burglaries	2020-21	343	-35.0%
	2019-20	528	
Residential Burglary	2020-21	1025	-18.8%
	2019-20	1263	
Robbery	2020-21	156	-4.9%
	2019-20	164	
Drugs Trafficking	2020-21	330	36.4%
	2019-20	242	
Drugs Possession	2020-21	1041	11.9%
	2019-20	930	
Possible Drugs Deaths (based on reporting circs)	2020-21	18	5.9%
	2019-20	17	
Possible Drugs Overdoses (based on reporting circs)	2020-21	86	14.7%
	2019-20	75	
Op signature	2020-21	145	-37.8%
	2019-20	233	

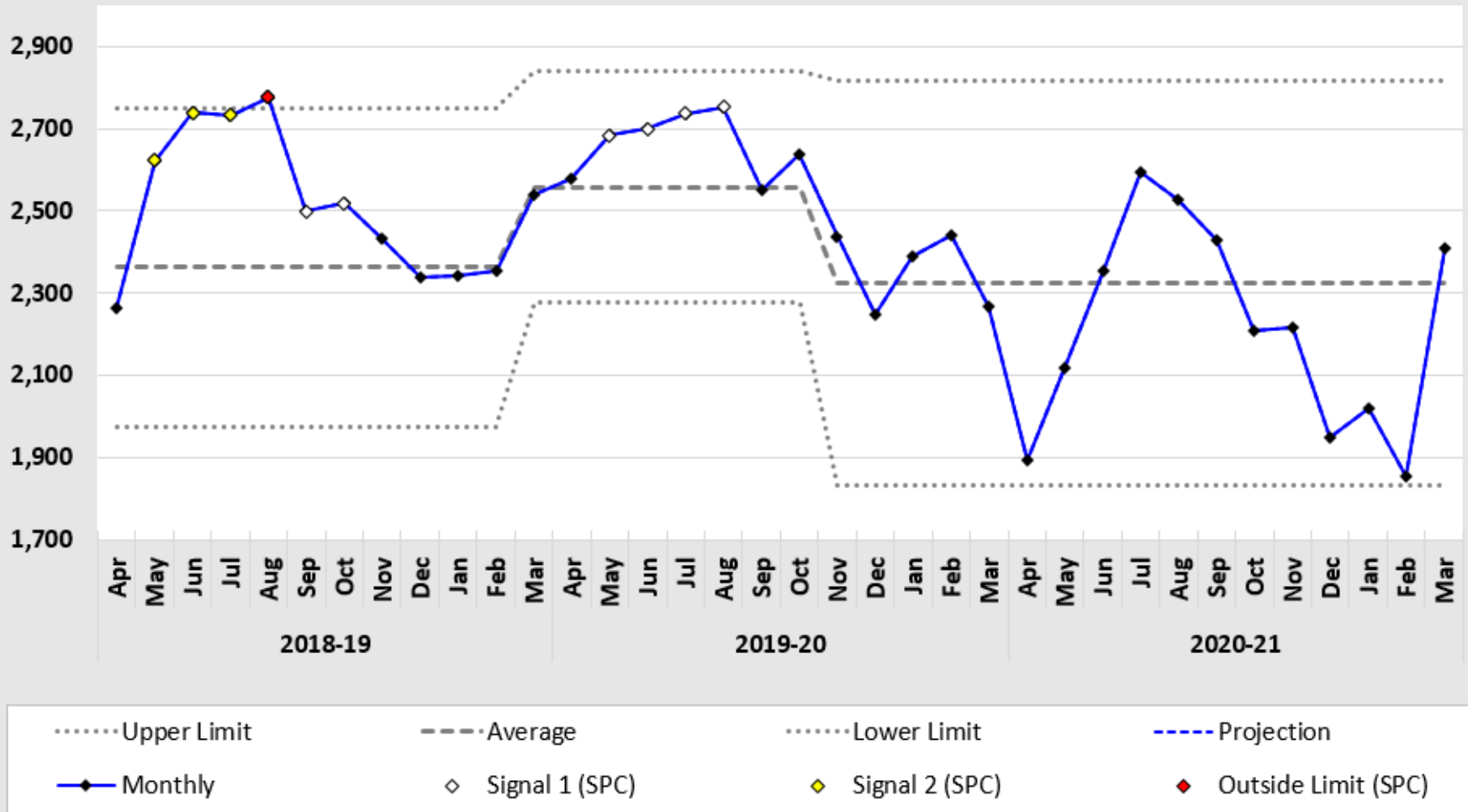
Swansea Neath Port Talbot BCU		Total 23rd Mar to 22nd Mar	Change
Rapes	2020-21	289	-9.1%
	2019-20	318	
Child Protection	2020-21	849	-25.9%
	2019-20	1145	
Child Abuse	2020-21	125	-30.2%
	2019-20	179	
Child Sexual Abuse	2020-21	123	-34.9%
	2019-20	189	
Child Sexual Exploitation	2020-21	69	-15.9%
	2019-20	82	
Domestic Abuse Incidents (including crimes)	2020-21	8830	-11.3%
	2019-20	9957	
Domestic Abuse (crimes only)	2020-21	4649	-9.0%
	2019-20	5111	
Arsons	2020-21	122	-27.4%
	2019-20	168	
ASB (finalisation code)	2020-21	8406	41.3%
	2019-20	5947	

7.9% increase in ASB force-wide (with covid data abstracted)



Total Recorded Crime over time

Recorded Crime - All Crime - Swansea, Neath and Port Talbot - Monthly





PINCHPOINTS

Cohesion - Voice Of Wales

Protest -

BLM

Kill The Bill

Reclaim The Streets

SA1 / Beaches / Hotspots

Licensing

Student Population

Impact of Homeless in
Temporary Accommodation

Covid Regulations –
The 4 Es.

Daily Business –
VAWDASV / Substance
Misuse / Hatecrime

SSP

CHALLENGES

Partnership

Practical consequences
of Regulation change

Proportionate but
Robust Response

Consent

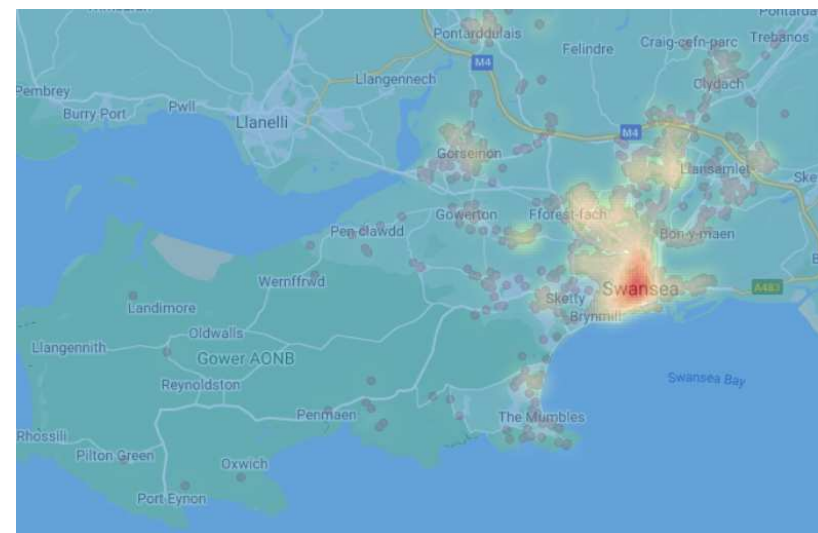
Wellbeing

Recovery

Violence against Women and Girls

For the period of 2020 (January to December) there was a total of 1979 offences where victims of violence were female, in Swansea.

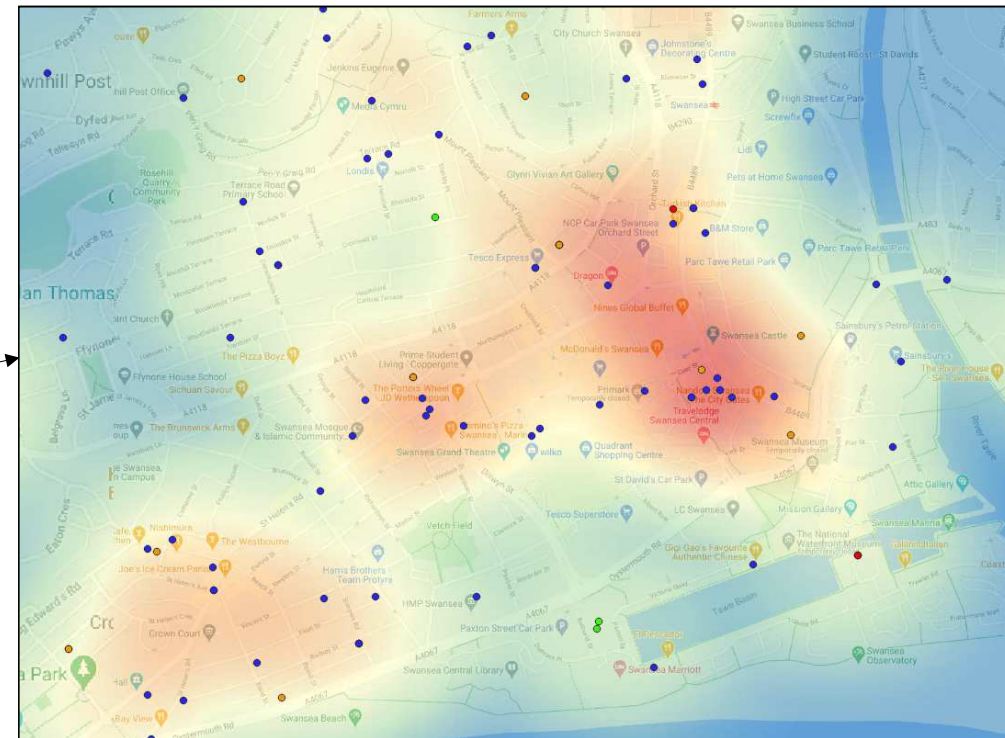
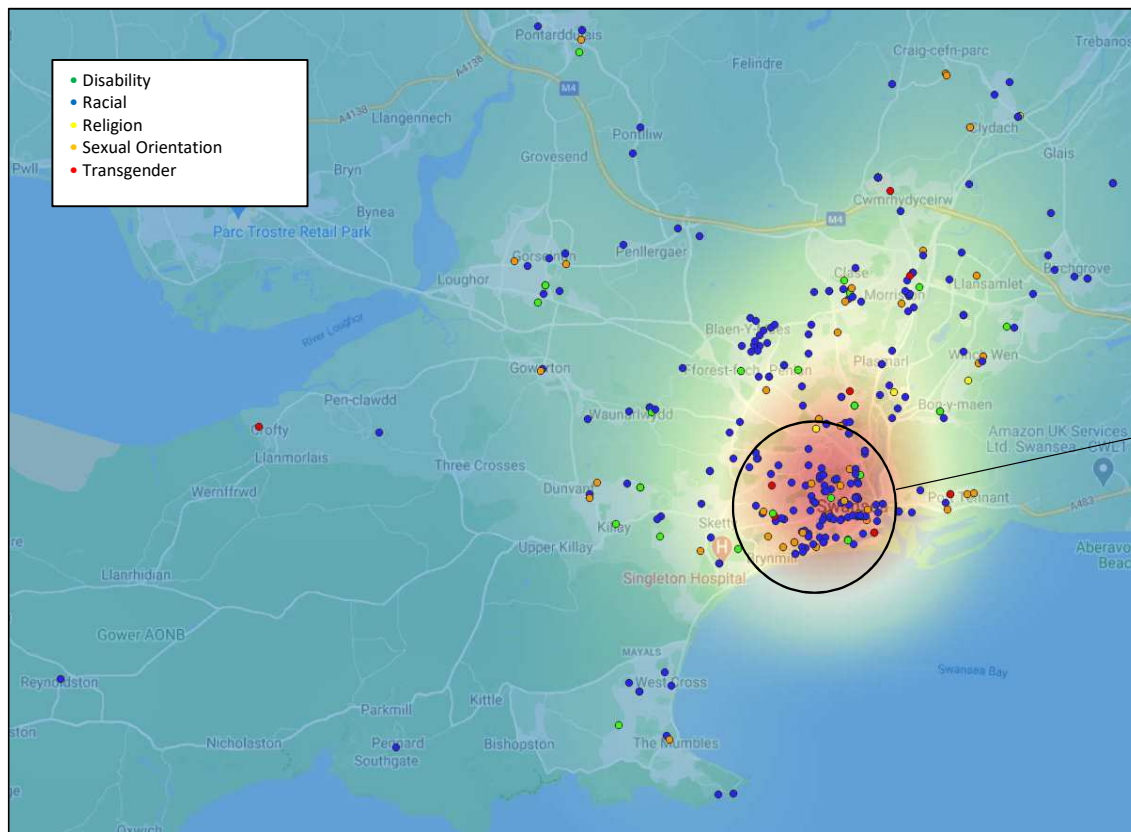
- **978** violence with injury (**552** domestic related);
- **1001** violence without injury (**484** domestic related);
- Of the **1577** unique female victims identified; **250** were repeat victims with almost a third of these (32.8%, 82) being a repeat victim on 3 or more separate offences.



Performance & Crime Statistics

Hate Crime

Over the period of January to December 2020 there were **330** hate crimes reported in Swansea

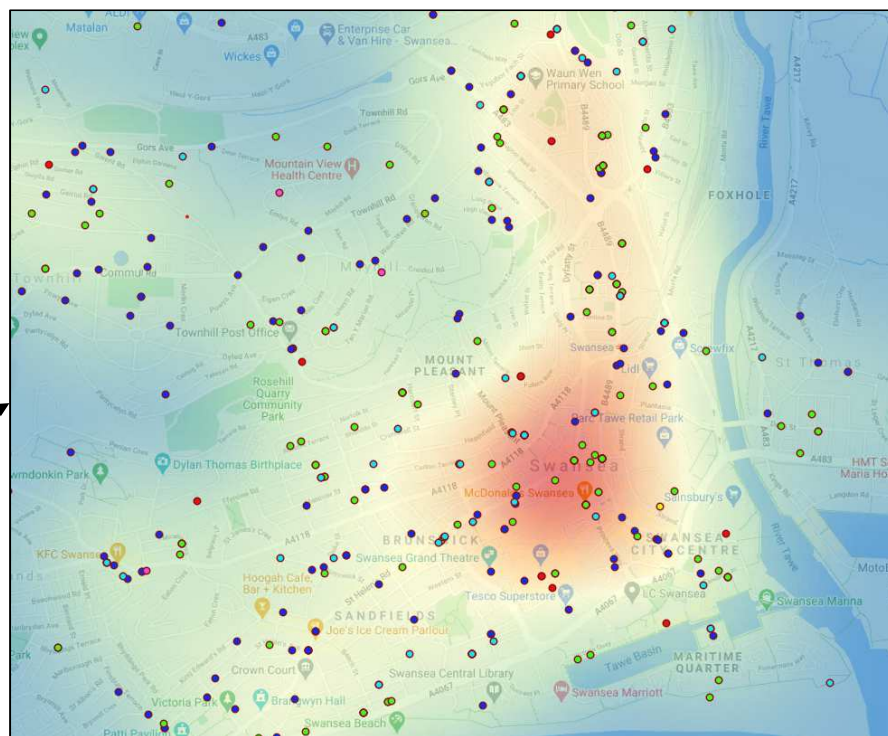
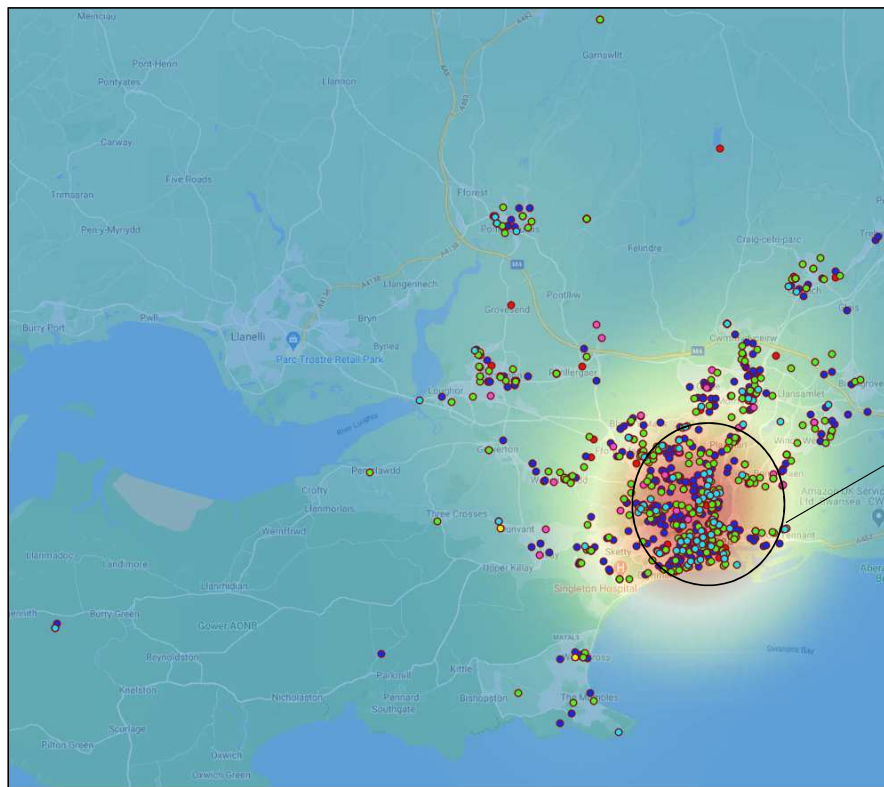




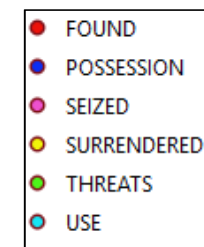
Performance & Crime Statistics

OP SCEPTRE – Knife related crime/ incidents

Over the period of January to December 2020, there were **954** knife related occurrences reported in Swansea (**608** crimes and **346** incidents)



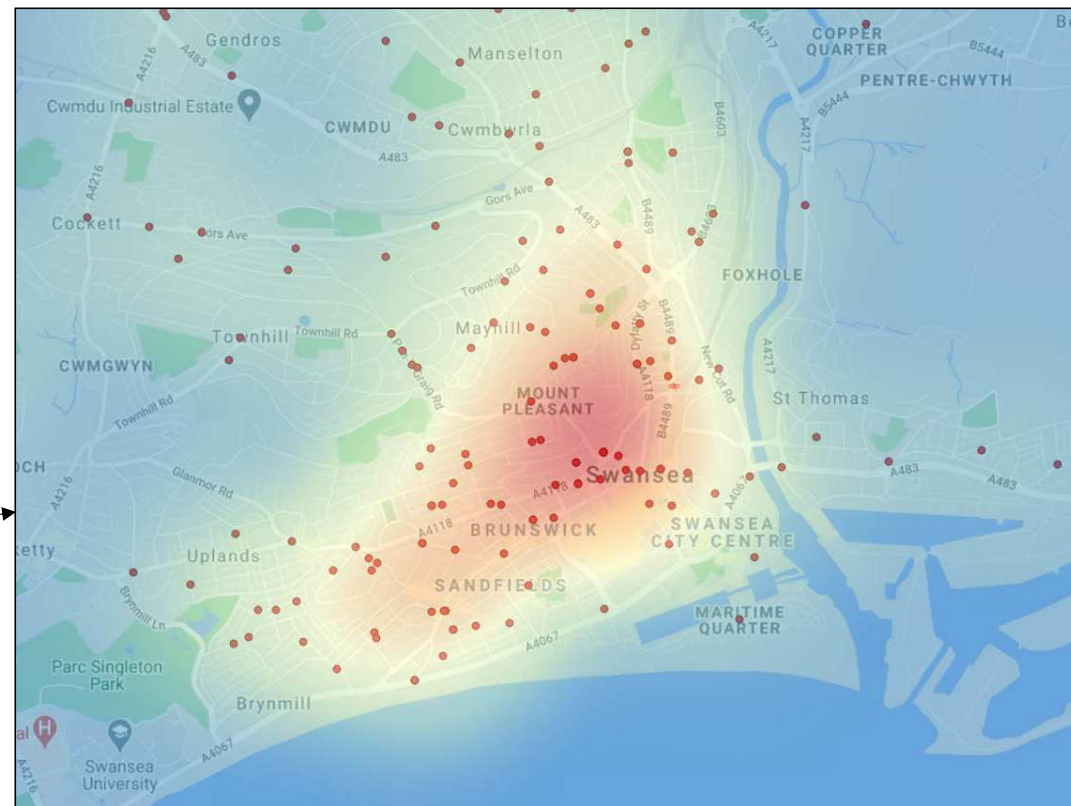
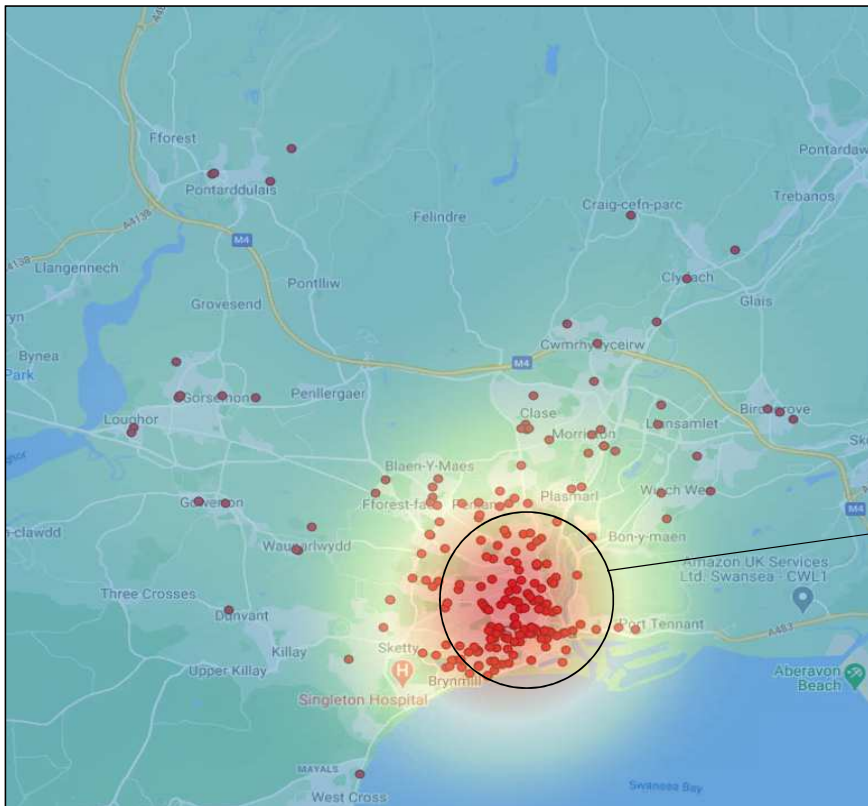
Type / Sub category	Swansea
Crime	608
Found	6
Possession	311
Seized	23
Threat	200
Use	68
Non-crime	346
Found	37
Possession	170
Seized	2
Threat	112
Use	21
Surrender	4



Performance & Crime Statistics

Drug Trafficking

Over the period of January to December 2020 there were **238** drug trafficking offences recorded in Swansea



Future

1. Recovery
2. Keep the good bits – structure / escalation / contact / accountability & focus
 - Safeguarding / Disruption / Enforcement (sustainable impact in a team of 3)
 - Contextual Safeguarding
3. The next 12 months - Joint Challenges
 - Business as 'usual'
 - Business as 'unusual' (socio and crime related impact of lifting of Pandemic)
 - The Funding challenge (Safer Streets – Violence against women and girls)