



Safer Swansea Partnership Annual Review 2024

This annual review provides evidence, performance and data against the outcomes we want to achieve with contributions from Stakeholders and Partners in the Safer Swansea Partnership.

PRIORITY 1:



Reducing Neighbourhood Crime & Anti-Social Behaviour

Priority Lead: South Wales Police

Outcomes we want to achieve

- Seek to reduce the number of repeat victims to incidents of Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) and neighbourhood crime
- Comprehensive ASB profile for Swansea to inform operational tactics
- Evening & Nighttime Economy (ENTE) strategy links to Safer Swansea priorities and works to reduce the impact of ASB
- Aim to promote and raise awareness of the correct procedures to report ASB
- Improve the way issues and concerns are and escalated to Problem Solving Groups and outcomes monitored.
- Seek to reduce the number of deliberate fire incidents/ off road biking incidents

SWP has the same policing model as previous year with response officers in all four Swansea sectors as well as neighbourhood officers.

Anti-social behaviour is responsible for the highest volume of all incidents reported to police within the Swansea local authority area and so remains a priority. In the last calendar year there were 4,379 reports made to police which represents a reduction of 24% compared to the calendar year of 2023. This represents 1387 less reports which potentially equates to the same number of fewer victims.

ASB 'nuisance' continues to be the highest category with 2374 incidents.

The four policing sectors have seen the following reductions:

Sector	2023	2024	& change
City	1980	1384	30%
Morrison / Eastside	1532	1192	22%
Gorseinon / Penlan	1278	1062	17%
Townhill / Gower	982	758	13%

There have a number of multi-agency initiatives across the various sectors in the last 12 months and police and partners are well versed in working together to provide a coordinated approach to youth related issues. The city centre has seen the greatest reductions due to a number of partnership initiatives. The city did not experience the same level of issues that were associated with large groups of youths during the summer of 2023. This is partly due to the resources that were drafted into the city centre under 'Op Viscaria' and ongoing partnership initiatives. However, problems still

exist with levels of homelessness, vulnerability and drug use with the latter increasing by 18.9%. This increase is potentially due to increased enforcement rather than increases in users as arrests across Swansea increased by 8% to 4807.

We have embedded a Partnership wide approach to developing bids for future funding opportunities to address ASB and community safety issues. An example being the Home Office Safer Streets grant and the match funding with the local authority street lighting service to improve and install new streetlights in areas identified where levels of ASB are a concern. Funding was secured in 23/24 which enabled the following lighting improvements to be undertaken, particularly in some of the ASB hotspot areas:

Replaced/upgraded 19 columns on High Street/Castle Street with new LED lanterns.

- Due to complete a further 12 lantern replacements on High Street near the station in next two weeks.
- We have installed and re-cabled the street lighting underground cabling network on High Street and Castle Street.
- Paxton Street – two additional lighting columns installed.
- Wyndham Street – removed existing column, replaced with two columns.
- New Cut Road – new length of cable and ducting installed, upgraded seven lanterns around junction with Strand to LED.
- Prince of Wales Road – new underground cable and ducting installed.
- Primrose Street – two new lighting columns installed.
- Page Lane – new street lighting column installed

Partners have an excellent working relationship with the 'BCRP' and 'Swansea Business Improvement District' (Bid) and are working together to tackle acquisitive crime and anti-social behaviour. Whilst reference has been an 8% increase in shoplifting offences, we have seen a reduction in commercial burglaries of 21% and residential burglaries by 8.6% and thefts of 8.6% for all of Swansea.

Problem Solving Groups (PSG's) continue to be held in all four sectors on a monthly basis. These are multi agency meetings that are very well attended by partners who continue to provide a cohesive approach to resolving issues with individuals and local hotspots. Repeat victims of ASB are a standing item on the agenda of the meeting.

The partnership recognises that youth related activity is critical to addressing ASB problems and to this end, the ASB coordinators within CSP are joined up with the youth offending services, CMET, local area coordinators and Youth Engagement Officers (formerly schools' officers). A new multi-agency 'youth violence group' has commenced where all partnership work with youths is being mapped to identify any opportunities in the gaps of service provision.

Enforcement continues through the ABO process which is very successful in the vast majority of cases.

Police 'stop searches' are critical to dealing with neighbourhood crime.

The PCC's office has funded a partnership analyst to collate data from all partners to better inform our activities. Due to the 12-month funding of the post the incumbents

are consistently leaving to acquire permanent employment. However, partners continue to share information in the many meetings that we cross over. 'Op Sentinel' data is shared with partners and clearly identifies areas (micro beats) that are a priority. Funding has also been made available throughout the year for joint patrols.

SWP has an excellent information / intelligence system (Sigma) that is live linked to our incidents and occurrences. All neighbourhood Inspectors and community safety & partnerships staff use this system on a daily basis in order to direct resources accordingly.

Whilst our quantitative data is useful, South Wales Listens provide qualitative data to better inform us where communities feel unsafe due to ASB. This is also considered in our deployments and engagements.

The ENTE strategy continues to significantly contribute to each of the six priorities. The multi-agency meetings continue to sit monthly, co-chaired by the police and local authority, providing the link between the day and night-time activities. The meetings are well attended by statutory and 3rd sector partners which is reflected in their activities on the ground. The prevention of violence in general, VAWDASV, ASB and vulnerability are strongly represented in the nighttime economy briefing packs where specific activities are directed to target these areas, as well as the other priorities. New licensing initiatives, door staff training, taxi operations and initiatives are just some of the ongoing work.

In respect of ASB, local officers are well briefed and directed in the use of the PSPO, particularly in respect of confiscating alcohol. SWP have developed an app to streamline the PSPO reporting process.

The 'operation footfall' initiative that was referenced last year was further developed this year with the trial of crowd control barriers to keep numbers to safe levels. This was a resounding success and has provided a model for managing future key dates. The city has retained its 'Purple Flag' status for a number of years and a recent inspection suggests that this will continue to be the case. The city has seen a 27.9% reduction in what is classed as 'serious crime'.

SWP remains accessible through phone lines, QR codes, emails and online reporting. In addition, all officers and PCSO's have personal work mobiles that they should be sharing with partners and members of the public for contact when they are on duty. We have seen an increase in online reporting in the past 12 months. The new PSPO will also assist in integrating breaches with the ASBO process.

The majority of ASB referrals are created by neighbourhood staff, albeit response officers attend the majority of priority ASB incidents. Education sessions are being planned to address this imbalance and increase submissions.

Neighbourhood staff hold engagements and surgeries, often with Safer Swansea partners where they discuss ways to contact SWP to report ASB along with awareness raising around partners who can help tackle ASB depending on what is happening.

South Wales listens is not a reporting mechanism, but key messages are pushed out through the system providing updates on ASB and how to report it.

The PSG is a forum where all issues pertaining to that sector can be discussed. Once brought into the PSG, the matter will remain there until partners and police are happy that it has been satisfactorily resolved. Individual cases are seldom escalated to the CSP as they are generally resolved through a multi-agency approach. The city has a fortnightly '5 star' meeting with partners that sits beneath the PSG. This is a tactical meeting that focuses purely on the top 5 individuals or locations and is seeing great success, hence the reductions. This and the PSG provide two levels of scrutiny (as well as Street Vulnerability MARAC) before the CSP which is probably why there are few escalations. However, there are still recurring issues / individuals that should be escalated. The neighbourhood chief Inspector scrutinises the PSG meetings to provide direction and gain consistency. The '5 star' meeting will shortly be rolled out to other sectors.

Each year, the police and partners embark on 'Operation Berberis' which is an initiative to prevent wild grass fires. In readiness for this operation, the police and fire services share data around previous locations and anticipated future locations. Problem areas are subject to OSARAS and POP's and crime prevention exercises and patrols are instigated to prevent issues. The Morriston, Penlan and Gower sectors in particular have strong links with the MAWWFS Arson Reduction Team and MAWWFS Community Safety Team, holding joint engagements which tackle deliberate fire setting and off-road bike riding as that has been linked previously to grass fires.

Deliberate Grass Fires													
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Totals
2023	1	9	15	18	26	66	11	1	2	2	5	10	166
2024	15	5	15	37	18	20	13	8	3	3	4	3	144
All Grass Fires													
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Totals
2023	2	11	16	32	38	84	15	1	4	4	5	15	227
2024	17	7	17	42	19	26	17	10	4	4	4	3	170

Where issues present themselves, local neighbourhood officers and Youth Engagement Officers (Previously schools' officers) attend local schools to supplement the ongoing work from the fire service.

Problems with off road motor bikes, E scooters and electric bikes are still an issue, and reports will no doubt increase as spring lands. 'Operation Lorocco' is still in place with SWP and involves off road police officers with drone capability observing culprits from a distance and then engaging them when safe to do so. Due to safety concerns, the police rely heavily on the public informing us who the riders are and where bikes are stored so that we can take enforcement action at a time which is safe for all concerned.



South Wales Listens - Swansea

01.01.2024 – 31.12.2024



4,369
SURVEYED

87% feel safe where they live
Feelings of Safety

3% feel unsafe where they live
Feelings of Safety

Top reasons why people feel unsafe where they live;

- Neighbour disputes – 15 responses
- ASB – 13 responses
- Crime (general) – 12 responses
- Drugs – 10 responses

Top Issues (that would benefit from joint working between Police, partners & community members to resolve)

ASB – 37%

Nuisance motorbikes / scooters – 18%

Drug Dealing – 17%

28% of residents reported to have no issues

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KeepingSouthWalesSafe



PRIORITY 2:

Tackling Hate Crime, Community Tensions & Extremism

Priority Lead: Swansea Council



Outcomes we want to achieve

- Facilitate and improve hate crime reporting and to respond.
- Protection and support for victims of hate crime.
- Regular training and awareness on Hate Crime and PREVENT for front line staff.
- Seek to increase the number of PREVENT referrals through education and training.
- Improved public trust and confidence that support is available and that everybody is treated fairly.
- Ensure people know what to do if concerned about someone who is vulnerable to radicalisation or think are being radicalised.
- Establish a Hate Crime Perpetrator MARAC.
- Produce counter-narrative to assist in deconstructing and delegitimise propaganda/fake news/conspiracy theories around hate crime and extremism.

PREVENT Training for Frontline Staff

The Community Cohesion Team organized training and awareness-raising sessions, which were delivered by the Small Steps Organisation, to council staff and key partners across the Western Bay region on the following topics:

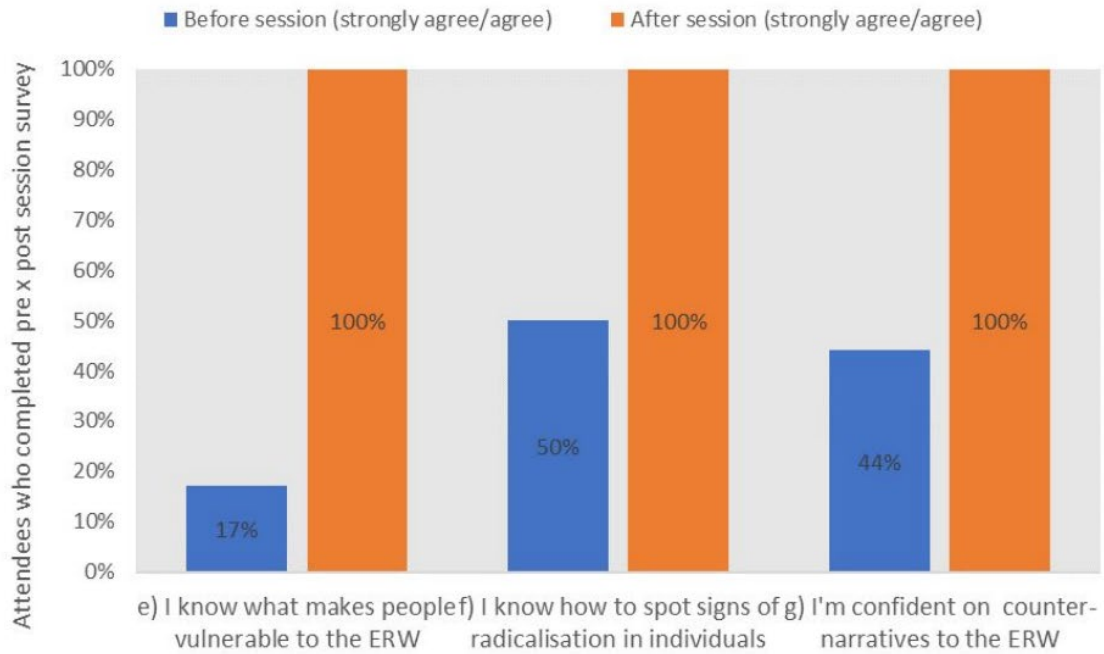
- Extreme Right-Wing Awareness
- Antisemitism & Islamophobia Awareness
- Patriotism & Identity
- Debate Not Hate

Objective:

The purpose of these sessions was to raise awareness about the dangers of extreme right-wing extremism, explore why individuals may be drawn to extremism, and identify the vulnerabilities and signs of radicalisation. The sessions provided alternative viewpoints to empower local people to challenge hate and extremism at both the local and national levels.

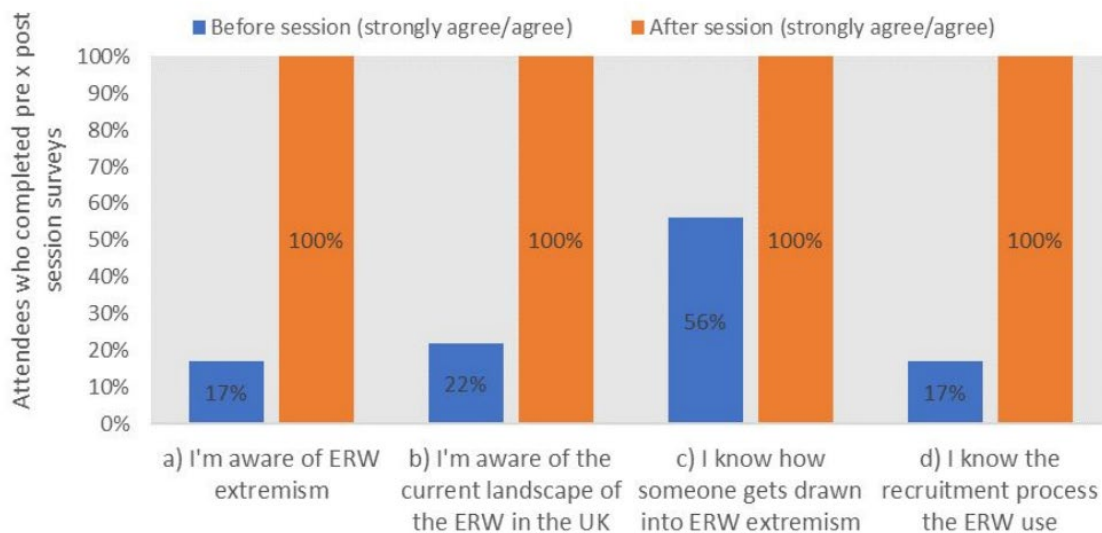
Below is a sample of data from the End of Project Evaluation Report. A full report detailing feedback from each session is available.

How much do you agree with the following statements

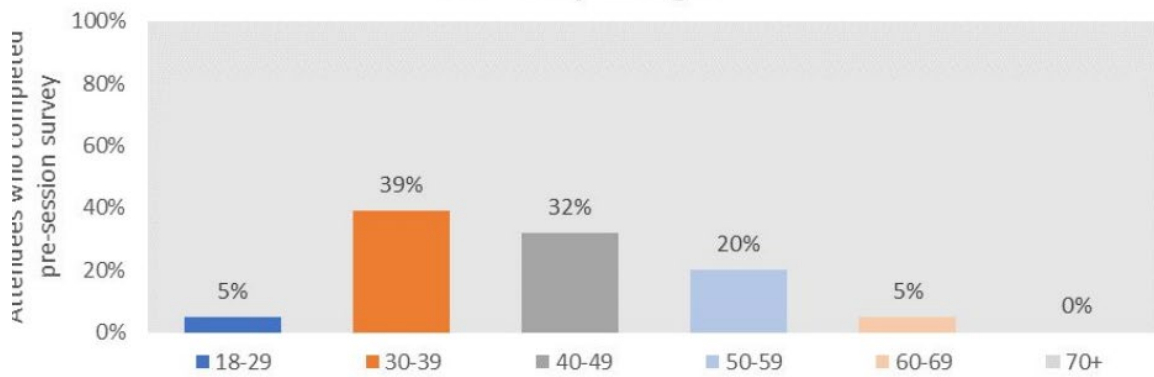


Extreme Right-Wing Explained Pre X Post Session Results

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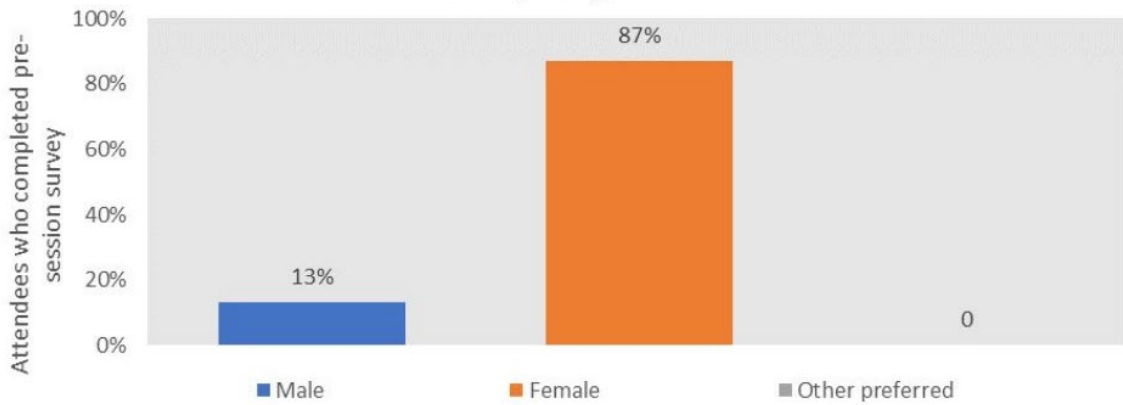


What is your age?

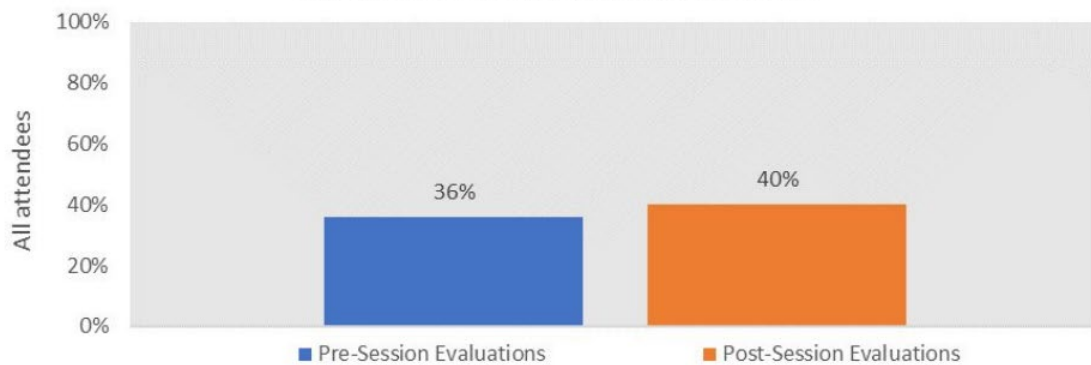


Socio-ethnic questions (all sessions together)

What is your gender?



Attendees x evaluations received



Outcome:

- A total of 115 staff members and key partners across the region received training on critical issues such as extreme right-wing extremism, antisemitism, Islamophobia, and patriotism.

- Enhanced understanding of extremism, with attendees gaining insights into the vulnerabilities and signs of radicalisation and learning strategies to challenge hate and extremism.
- All attendees were granted access to the Small Steps Support Hub (www.supporthub.uk) for ongoing support following the training.
- Ongoing support provided through the Small Steps Support Hub, enabling continued education and assistance for attendees beyond the training sessions.
- Empowered local communities, with participants equipped to tackle hate and extremism at both local and national levels.

Prevent and Channel

There have been 27 Prevent referrals made during this period. These have originated from Education, Health, Local Authority, Prison & Probation, Business, Online, South Wales Police, CT Policing.

Examples of referrals have been for Extreme Right Wing, Islamic Extremism, Left Wing Extremism, no ideology but other susceptibilities.

There were 6 cases in Channel.

Hate Crime Awareness Week 2024 – Engagement and Awareness Raising

The Community Cohesion Team delivered three awareness sessions to staff in collaboration with Victim Support’s Wales Hate Support Centre, covering the following topics:

- Online Hate
- LGBTQIA+ Hate Crime
- ‘It Starts with Us’ Allyship Event – How to be an ally and safely intervene when witnessing a hateful incident or crime.

A total of 40 staff members across the Western Bay region participated in these sessions. Additionally, the team organized a Hate Crime Week drop-in session for councillors and cabinet members in Bridgend, providing an opportunity for communities to express concerns, raise awareness of hate crimes and incidents, and discuss the support services available.

Furthermore, the Cohesion Team launched the Western Bay Community Cohesion Small Grant Fund during Hate Crime Awareness Week 2025.

Objective:

To raise awareness about hate crime and its impact on communities, while equipping staff with knowledge and tools to address online hate, LGBTQIA+ hate crime, and how to safely intervene in hate incidents.

Outcome:

- 40 staff members engaged in awareness sessions, enhancing their understanding of hate crime issues, including online hate and LGBTQIA+ hate crime.
- Increased awareness among councillors and cabinet members, with the Hate Crime Week drop-in session serving as a platform for discussing community concerns and support options.
- Empowered staff and community leaders with the knowledge and skills to effectively intervene in hate incidents and provide support to victims.
- Launch of the Western Bay Community Cohesion Small Grant Fund, aimed at funding initiatives that address community cohesion and support victims of hate crimes.

Unconscious Bias and Cultural Competence Training

The Community Cohesion Team commissioned two training sessions for council staff across the Western Bay region on Unconscious Bias and Cultural Competence, with 60 staff members participating in the sessions.

Cultural Competence: The purpose of this session was to enhance staff members' ability to communicate and interact effectively with people from diverse backgrounds. The training aimed to increase awareness of one's own cultural values and the impact these values may have on making respectful, reasoned decisions and choices. Cultural competence provides a framework for ensuring the needs of all individuals and communities are met in a responsive and respectful manner.

Unconscious Bias: As communities become more diverse, it is crucial for organizations to explore various forms of unconscious bias and their impact on decision-making processes and organizational culture. The session encouraged professionals to reflect on their own biases and understand how they might affect their actions and decisions. Participants were prompted to identify actions that could help address barriers created by unconscious bias and commit to personal steps that would help mitigate its impact.

Objective:

To enhance staff understanding of cultural competence and unconscious bias, fostering more inclusive, respectful, and effective communication and decision-making within the council and the wider community.

Outcome:

- 60 council staff members participated in training, increasing their knowledge and awareness of cultural competence and unconscious bias.
- Improved communication skills, as staff gained the ability to interact more effectively with individuals from diverse backgrounds, ensuring respectful and reasoned decisions are made.

- Increased awareness of unconscious bias, with participants reflecting on their own biases and identifying actionable steps to address them in their professional practice.
- Strengthened organizational culture, with staff better equipped to navigate cultural differences and contribute to a more inclusive environment for all community members.

Western Bay Community Cohesion Small Grant Fund 2024

The Community Cohesion Small Grant Fund was launched during Hate Crime Awareness Week 2024 to support initiatives that revolves around activities related to supporting ethnic minority communities and activities that bring together people from diverse communities.

A total of £28,099.95 of WG funding was awarded to various community groups, funding a range of projects that align with the below objectives. Please note that the specific names of organisations/community groups are not disclosed for privacy and safeguarding reasons. A separate document with detailed descriptions of each funded project is available.

Objective:

To support initiatives that promote social integration, tackle community tensions, and foster a sense of belonging through activities that bring together diverse communities, with a focus on ethnic minorities, refugees, and marginalized groups.

To deliver activities that support ethnic minority communities, including Gypsy, Roma, and Traveller communities, refugees and asylum seekers, and actions to address antisemitism and Islamophobia. These activities aim to address community tensions and build community cohesion.

To organize events and activities that bring together people from diverse communities, fostering a broader sense of community and belonging. Proposals were required to consider how activities support integration, combat loneliness and isolation, identify common ground through shared interests and experiences, and celebrate the culture and heritage of the area.

Funded projects include:

- Social Engagement and Integration for Muslim Women
- Unity Through Food Festival
- Free weekly creative workshops for isolated community members
- Queertawe Festival – LGBTQIA+ events
- Weekly Tea Lounge for Muslim Elders
- Creative sessions for families supporting children and young people with additional learning needs
- Culture Connect: Building Unity Through Shared Heritage and Mental Wellbeing

- Empowering Women, Building Community: Over-50s Club for Ethnic Minority Women
- City of Sanctuary “Home from Home” Exhibition
- Integration activities for Unaccompanied Asylum Seeker Children
- Activities and volunteer training for Chinese New Year events
- Workshops for artists from underrepresented and ethnic minority communities
- LGBTQIA+ History Month event
- Black, Asian, Minority Ethnic community group sport and integration activities
- LGBTQIA+ Sports Team equipment and training support
- Fitness Group – delivery of accessible outdoor activities for isolated community members across the region

Outcome:

- £28,099.95 awarded to fund 14 projects, directly benefiting ethnic minority communities, refugees, asylum seekers, and other marginalized groups.
- Increased community cohesion, with activities fostering integration, shared experiences, and cultural celebration across diverse communities.
- Positive impact on isolation, as many projects focused on combating loneliness and creating opportunities for social engagement.
- Strengthened support networks for vulnerable groups such as Muslim women, LGBTQIA+ communities, and individuals with additional learning needs.
- Enhanced cultural awareness and celebration of heritage through events like the Unity Through Food Festival, Chinese New Year events, and the “Home from Home” exhibition.

Flip the Streets Project

- **Inspire Training Centre**

The Community Cohesion Team collaborated with Swansea University to deliver workshops to young people aged 16-21 at the Inspire Training Centre on the topics of Misogyny and Masculinity.

During the workshops, the young people shared their personal experiences of sexism and discussed their views on how masculinity and misogyny are defined, including how these narratives can be transformed to create more equal and safe environments for all students, regardless of sex or gender.

The participants also contributed ideas for an art mural that represents the change they wish to see, challenges stereotypes, and reflects the desired environment and ethos of the Centre. They collaborated closely with a local artist to bring their ideas and conversations to life, culminating in the creation of the mural, which is now displayed at the Centre.

Objective:

To engage young people in discussions on misogyny, masculinity, and gender equality, providing a platform for them to express their ideas and contribute to a collaborative art project that reflects their vision for a more inclusive and respectful environment.

Outcome:

- Active participation of young people, with 16-21-year-olds engaging in discussions about sexism, masculinity, and misogyny.
- Co-creation of an art mural, with young people contributing their ideas and collaborating with a local artist to bring their vision for change to life.
- Increased awareness of gender equality issues, as young people explored how to challenge stereotypes and create more inclusive environments.
- Lasting impact with the art mural displayed at the Inspire Training Centre, serving as a visible representation of the change young people want to see in their community.

Art Mural:



• **Clase Community and Primary School Community Day with Flip the Streets**

Reports of an increase in hateful incidents within the wider community of Clase were submitted to the council by the local primary school. As these issues were affecting both the school environment and the wider community, a wraparound approach was required. Sessions were delivered to pupils from Year 3 to Year 6 focusing on topics such as positive relationships, respect, and healthy communication both within the school and the broader community.

These sessions were delivered in close collaboration with partner agencies specializing in community safety, cohesion, and online safety.

Aligned with the UNCRC (United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child), a rights-respecting mascot session was held to help pupils understand that all children in Wales have the same rights and the right to be heard and respected.

The success of the sessions, driven by the exceptional engagement of both pupils and school staff, led to an exciting opportunity with Flip the Streets and Fresh Creative to create a lasting memory that highlights Clase Primary School as a rights-respecting school with a positive community atmosphere.

The pupils were given the opportunity to develop and design a graffiti art piece to represent what matters most to their community. This artwork was unveiled at a community day, where pupils participated in creating their design with a local artist. The project was a full collaboration between partners, including the CMET team, who delivered the core sessions, Community Safety, Community Cohesion, Evolve, South Wales Police, and the Partnerships and Involvement Team.

Objective:

To address rising tensions and hateful incidents in the community of Clase by promoting positive relationships, respect, and healthy communication among pupils, while fostering a sense of rights and community belonging.

Outcome:

- Engagement of pupils, with Year 3 to Year 6 participating in sessions focused on positive relationships, respect, and communication.
- Collaboration between partners, including the CMET team, South Wales Police, and other local agencies, resulting in a comprehensive wraparound approach to addressing community issues.
- Increased awareness of children's rights through the rights-respecting mascot session and the incorporation of the UNCRC principles.
- Creation of a lasting community legacy, with pupils designing a graffiti art piece that represents their community, which was celebrated at the community day.
- Strengthened community ties, with pupils, local artists, and partner agencies working together to build a positive community image.

Pictures/Images:



Interfaith Week

The Community Cohesion Team collaborated with the Interfaith Network and Swansea University to launch a creative competition across the region, centered on the theme of 'Home.' Additionally, the team organized a 'Food on Foot' evening, where 20 members of the faith and student community visited various places of worship to learn about different faiths and experience food that is culturally significant to each faith community.

Objective:

To foster interfaith dialogue and cultural understanding through creative expression and experiential learning, while promoting inclusivity within the community.

Outcome:

- Increased engagement within the community, with 20 participants attending the 'Food on Foot' evening, gaining insights into different faiths and cultural traditions.
- Enhanced cultural awareness, as participants learned about the significance of food and religious practices from diverse communities.

- Promoted creative expression, with the 'Home' themed competition offering participants an opportunity to reflect on and share their perspectives on belonging and community.
- Strengthened interfaith collaboration, with ongoing partnerships between the Community Cohesion Team, the Interfaith Network, and Swansea University.

Ramadan and Eid 2024

The Community Cohesion Team disseminated a series of social media posts to raise awareness about the significance of Ramadan and Eid. These posts provided detailed information on the cultural and religious importance of the holiday and offered guidance on how non-Muslim community members could participate in the celebrations.

Additionally, the team supported the 'Eid in the Park 2024' event by collaborating with local faith representatives and providing cohesion funding to enhance community engagement and inclusivity.

Objective:

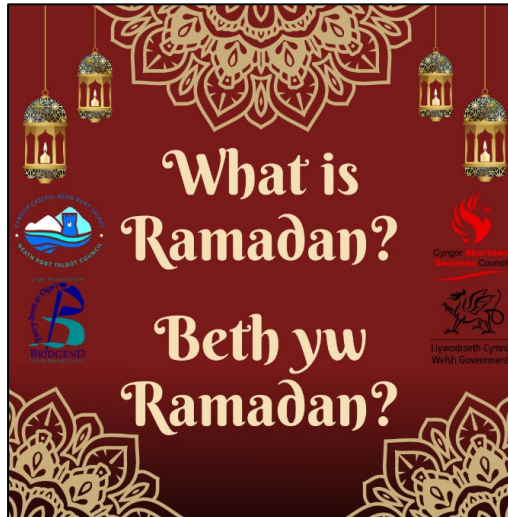
To promote awareness and understanding of Ramadan and Eid among the wider community, fostering inclusivity and strengthening interfaith relations through educational outreach and community support initiatives.

Outcome:

- Increased engagement with social media posts, with a measurable rise in reach, shares, and interactions compared to previous awareness campaigns.
- Enhanced participation in Eid in the Park 2024, with a noticeable increase in attendance from both Muslim and non-Muslim community members.
- Strengthened interfaith relations, demonstrated by new collaborations with local faith groups and community organizations.
- Improved cultural awareness, assessed through post-event feedback, with most respondents indicating a better understanding of Ramadan and Eid.



Poster:



Refugee Week 2024

The Community Cohesion Team, in collaboration with Displaced People in Action, delivered a training and awareness-raising session for 50 council staff and regional partners as part of Refugee Week 2024. The session aimed to enhance understanding of key topics related to refugees and asylum seekers, including:

- The correct terminology and distinctions between refugees, asylum seekers, and migrants.
- Addressing misinformation and gaining a clearer understanding of the realities of the refugee and asylum process.
- Engaging in discussions with practitioners working in immigration.
- Hearing a first-hand account of the refugee experience from a local community member.

Objective:

To equip council staff and regional partners with accurate knowledge about refugees and asylum seekers, challenge misinformation, and foster empathy through direct engagement with practitioners and lived experiences.

Outcome:

- 50 participants trained, increasing awareness among council staff and regional partners.
- Enhanced understanding, as indicated by participant feedback on their improved knowledge of refugee and asylum-related terminology and processes.
- Strengthened collaboration, with increased engagement between local authorities, refugee support organizations, and community groups.
- Greater awareness impact, reflected in participants expressing interest in further training, discussions, or policy considerations related to refugee support.

Tension Monitoring and Information Sharing

The Community Cohesion Team continuously monitors community tensions through the assessment of social media platforms, news channels, and discussions with partners and community groups.

To enhance their understanding and maintain up-to-date skills, team members participate in training sessions on the safe collection and dissemination of information. Additionally, to facilitate effective information sharing, the team organizes such training events for staff members.

The team also engages in regular collaboration, including attendance at the Weekly Cohesion Meeting with key partners such as Swansea and NPT Police.

A monthly tension monitoring report is produced by the team and submitted to the Welsh Government. Furthermore, the team provides support to local and regional boards, including the Community Safety Partnership Board, CONTEST, and the Regional PREVENT Board.

At a national level, the Community Cohesion Team maintains an extensive network, actively participating in the Special Interest Group within the Counter Extremism Network and national roundtables on Anti-Asylum Activity. This engagement has been invaluable in sharing best practices and gaining insights from local authorities that have encountered heightened community tensions.

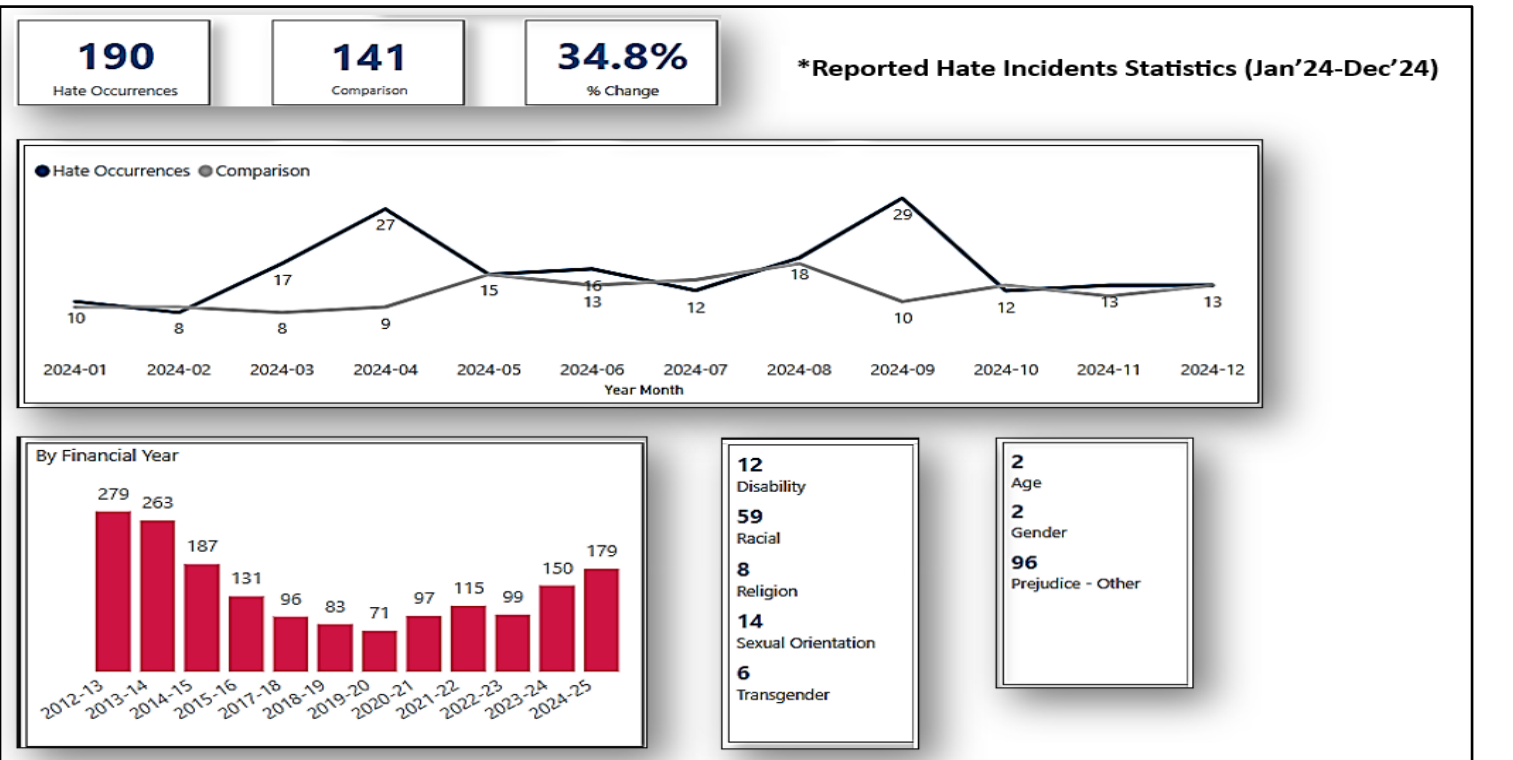
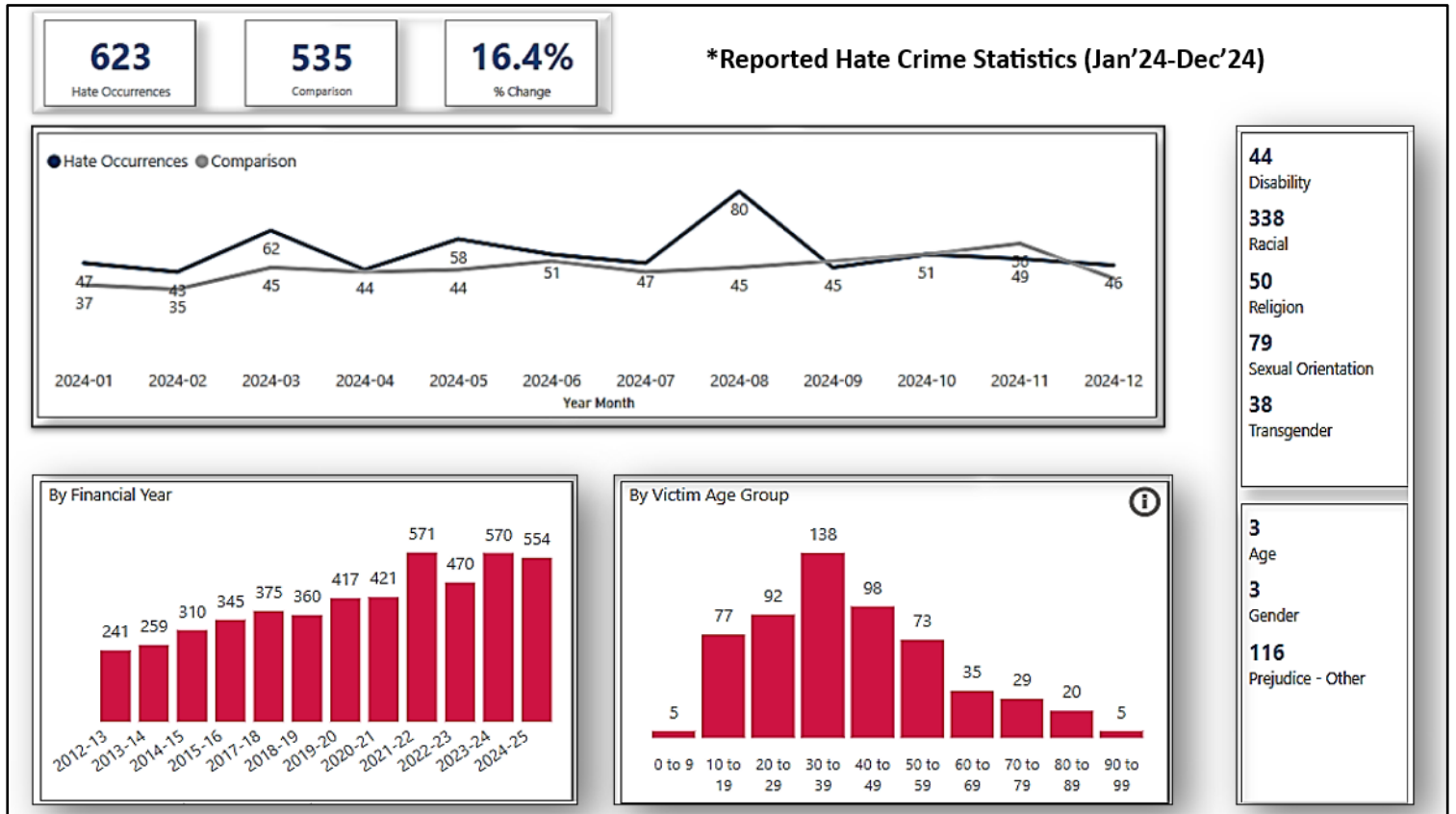
Objective:

To proactively monitor and assess community tensions, enhance staff capability in information gathering and sharing, and strengthen collaboration with local, regional, and national stakeholders to promote community cohesion and safety.

Outcome:

- Improved monitoring and assessment of community tensions through systematic evaluation of social media, news sources, and community discussions.
- Enhanced staff knowledge and expertise through continuous training on data collection and dissemination.
- Strengthened multi-agency collaboration, including regular participation in the Weekly Cohesion Meeting with Swansea and NPT Police.
- Consistent reporting, with a monthly tension monitoring report submitted to the Welsh Government to inform policy and decision-making.
- Active contribution to local and regional boards, supporting discussions on community safety, counter-extremism, and social cohesion initiatives.
- Expanded national engagement, facilitating the exchange of best practices and knowledge through participation in the Counter Extremism Network and national roundtables on Anti-Asylum Activity.

Statistics: The following data is from SWP for the period of January 2024 to December 2024.



PRIORITY 3:

Challenging Substance Use Priority Lead: Western Bay Area Planning Board



Outcomes we want to achieve

- Reducing the number of drug related deaths in Swansea (and Neath Port Talbot).
- Reducing the harms associated with substance use
- Embedding Service User involvement into delivery and planning of services.
- Substance use issues are identified and challenged early through strong partnership working and information sharing.
- Everyone across the region affected by substance use issue can access timely, evidence based, safe and effective quality service

The 2023/24 financial year presented both significant achievements and ongoing challenges for the Western Bay Area Planning Board (APB) in addressing substance use across our communities. Key initiatives and new developments that focussed on improving access, treatment, and community support that have yielded positive outcomes, although we acknowledge critical issues remain.

The APB successfully expanded access to treatment services, resulting in increased engagement and support for individuals. Collaborative efforts across the APB partnership were key in driving forward improvements. The year also highlighted persistent challenges, including financial constraints that further complicated efforts to implement comprehensive solutions.

In conclusion, while progress has been made in several areas, the APB recognises the need to address the rising fatal overdose rates and enhance the effectiveness of its substance use initiatives. Continued collaboration and innovation will be essential in overcoming these challenges and improving outcomes for people and the wider community.

More detail can be found by clicking on the link below which will take you to the Western Bay Area Planning Board Annual Report 23/24

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PRIORITY 4:

Reducing reoffending and tackling the drivers of crime

Priority Lead: Probation



Outcomes we want to achieve

- Increase in number of CSTR's for appropriate individuals in Swansea
- Reduction of reoffending rates across Fixed, Flex and Free IOM Cohorts within Swansea
- Successful disruption and enforcement of SOC nominals
- Visible drug and alcohol use and dealing reduced • Reduction in the reoffending rate for adults and juveniles.
- Reduce reoffending behaviour through Integrated Offender Management
- Fewer first-time entrants into the criminal justice system

A previous study by Public Health Wales in partnership with HMPPS which undertook a health needs assessment (HNA) for people on probation in the Swansea, Neath and Port Talbot area concluded that people on probation have poorer health than the general population, lower use of health services and higher rates of emergency care (35% visiting A&E in the previous year). The prevalence of mental health disorders was found to be 4.9 times higher than the general population, with 38% of respondents wanting more mental health support.

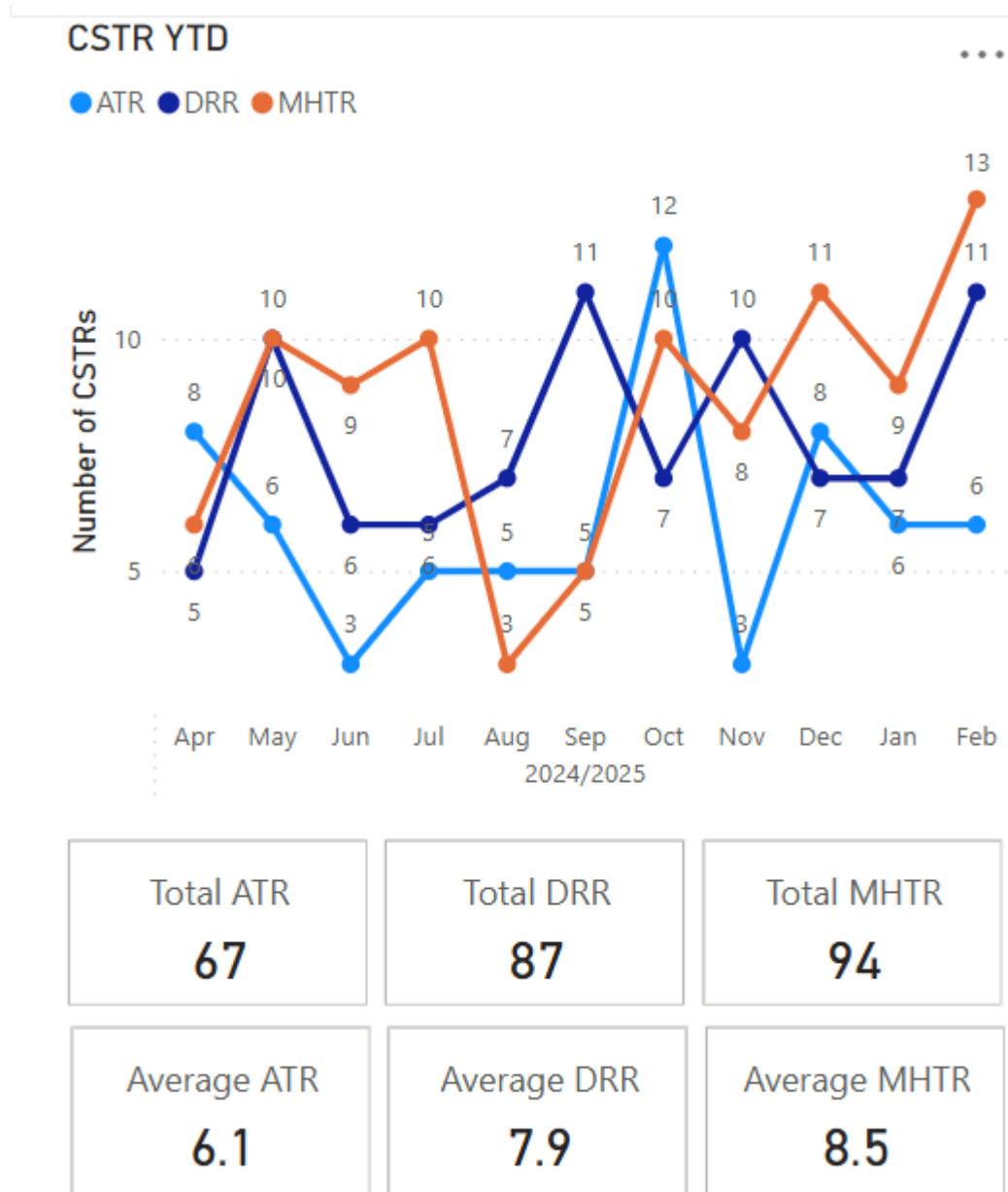
The Community Sentence Treatment Requirements (CSTR) programme supports our key goals in reducing reoffending rates and addressing the poor health outcomes experienced by this group. Further supporting our shared commitment to increase the usage of CSTRs. The CSTR programme ensures swift access to high quality treatment that is tailored to support rehabilitation by addressing the underlying causes of the offending behaviour. For people to receive treatment, and support to ensure those convicted on an offence(s) with a mental health issue/vulnerability including co-occurring substance misuse needs have access to structured treatment and support as an alternative to a short custodial sentence.

The Mental Health Treatment Requirement (MHTR) is one of the three Community Sentence Treatment Requirements (CSTRs) available to the court alongside, Drug Rehabilitation Requirement (DRR) and Alcohol Treatment Requirement (ATR).

For people who experience multiple disadvantages with complex and entrenched needs, combined treatment requirements (MHTR/DRR or MHTR/ATR) offer structured support to address the interlinking issues. The Probation complex treatment team drives increased joint working, cross location between Probation and partnership agencies such as alcohol, substance misuse and mental health treatment. This approach ensures more cohesion in terms of appointments being completed jointly in probation and at partner agencies buildings. We also hold bi-monthly meetings with specific focus around quality such as reviewing the current model, court reports etc.

This has led to greater information sharing, joint working towards aims of both services, but also a deeper understanding of both organisations. Which in turn leads to better outcomes and service for the client base.

The data below outlines the delivery of CSTRs year to date 24/25 which reflects an increased usage which is positive:



Integrated Offender Management

The IOM steering group continues to meet, bringing together key IOM partners to continue to drive effective practice. In Swansea we have introduced strategies to engage nominals to support compliance and reduce offending such as a compliance panel. This brings together partners who can support the individual to ensure a collective approach in an attempt to avoid a revolving door return to custody. Targeted work has been undertaken this reporting period in response to the criminogenic needs

outlined below, for example a tailored approach in engaging people on probation subject to IOM to ensure that service user voice informs service delivery, thorough analysis of data provided by IOM nominals as part of the exit survey undertaken as well as a pilot in conjunction with HMP Swansea, focussing on enhanced reach in to custody, given the significant number of nominals currently in custody.

Swansea, Neath & Port Talbot currently have 110 nominals sat within IOM.

Swansea: Have 90 nominals which accounts for 82% of the total cohort.

Fixed: 43 Nominals

Flex: 22 Nominals

Free: 25 Nominals

Order Status:

The distribution of these cases in terms of type of sentence is that 3 cases are subject to a Community Order, 36 are in the community on licence following a custodial sentence and 51 are currently in custody.

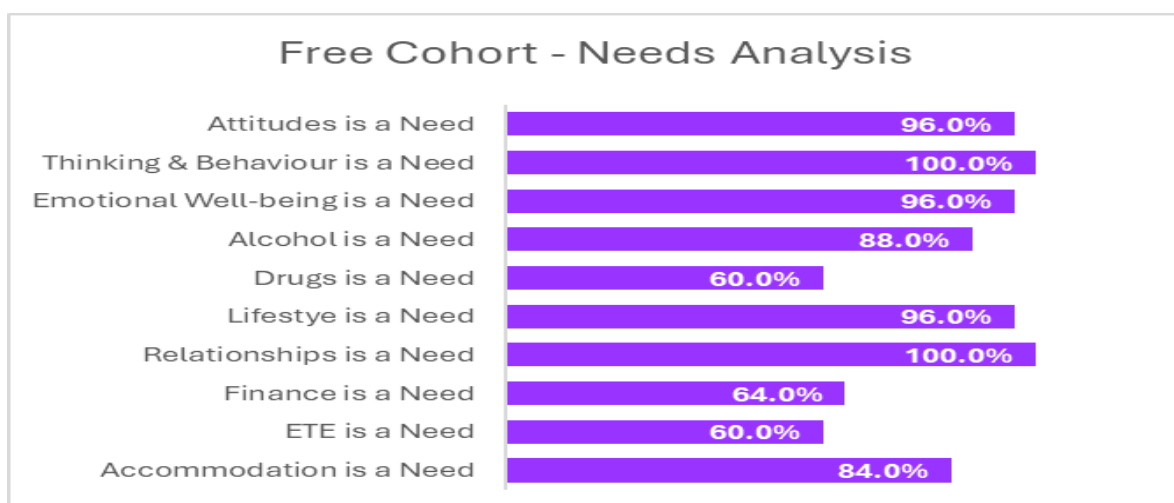
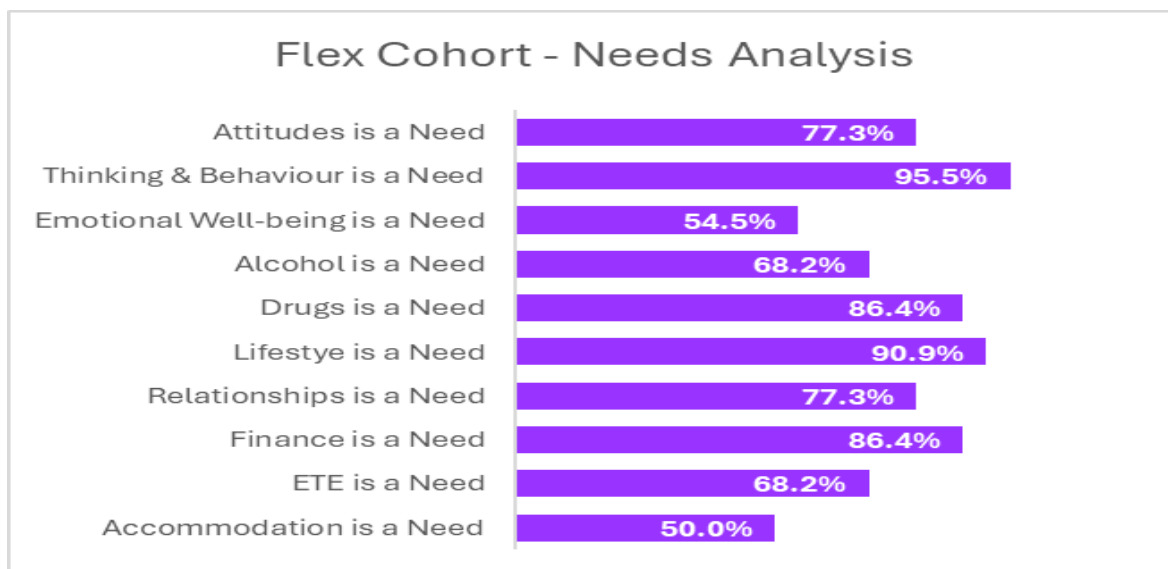
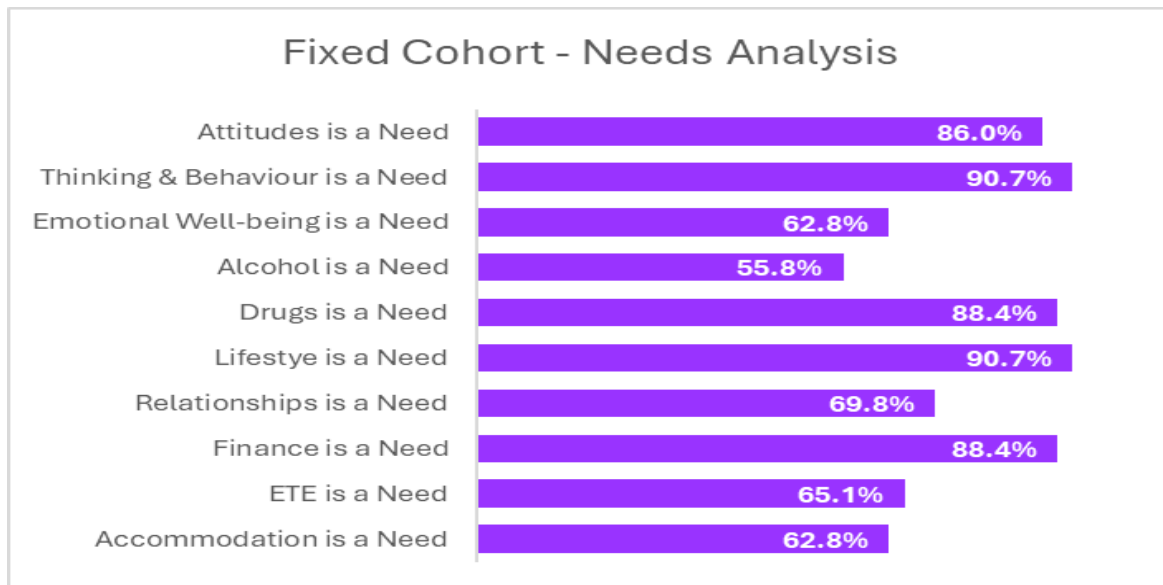
Age – There are 7 (8%) Young adult nominals aged 18 – 25. The 39 – 45 age group holds the largest volume of nominals with a count of 32 (36%)

Ethnicity – 2 (2%) nominals are from a Black, Asian or Minority ethnic heritage. 1 nominal is in the Flex cohort (Drug Possession & Supply) and the other in the Free cohort (Violence).

Crime Patterns:

Fixed Cohort	Flex Cohort	Free Cohort
1. Robbery (34.88%) 2. Burglary Domestic (30.23%) 3. Burglary (Other) (9.30%) 4. Violence & Public Order (4.65%)	1. Robbery (36.36%) 2. Burglary (Domestic) (31.82%) 3. Drug Possession / Supply (9.09%) 4. Drug import / export / production (9.09%)	1. Violence (40%) 2. Sexual offences (against a child) (24%) 3. Robbery (16%) 4. Public Order (12%)

Needs Analysis by Cohort:



A recent survey of People on Probation subject to IOM resulted in the following comments being made:

"I have been supported to go into rehab and have had full support."

"It made me think about my behaviour and actions more clearly. I started to slow down and think first as I was aware I had more people keeping an eye on me, as in in police and probation."

"It has helped me a lot. I don't think I would be out of jail without the support I have had. The kids can see I am trying and how much I have changed. Home visits have been a good as they have been a deterrent from me letting people come to my flat to use the place as somewhere to go to take drugs and other negative things."

In relation to **Serious Organised Crime**, from a Probation perspective, we have seen an increase in the referrals to the Multi Agency Case Conference (MACC) meetings. The meetings provide an opportunity to share information in relation to change of address/new mobile numbers and new relationships has been shared, thus feeding into any ongoing police intelligence.

In terms of individuals sentenced to lengthy custodial sentences for offences of Possession with Intent to Supply (PWITS), Probation liaises closely with partners via the Joint Intelligence Project (JIP) at the stage when individuals are considered for release from prison on temporary licence (ROTL). On a number of occasions, addresses being brought forward have been unsuitable due to associates with the drug culture. The Joint Intelligence Project also supports with sharing intelligence of ongoing county lines concerns which can result in the transfer of cases between areas being stopped due to risk concerns.

PRIORITY 5:

Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (VAWDASV)

Priority Lead: Swansea Council



Outcomes we want to achieve

- Ensure the voice of the service user is heard and listened to.
- To stop 'victim blaming'.
- Prevent and reduce VAWDASV.
- Increase in referrals to DV specialist agencies and Police and Health.
- All victims to have equal access to appropriate services
- Negative attitudes are challenged and communities are educated and better informed of the issues around VAWDASV.
- There is a multiagency approach to ending VAWDASV.
- VAWDASV is 'everyone's business'.
- Victims and perpetrators are offered support at the earliest possible time and to prevent cases reaching a point of crisis.
- There is a regional and national collaborative approach to VAWDASV.
- Perpetrators are held accountable.
- Victims are fully informed and supported through the Civil and Criminal justice system.
- Professionals are more informed and confident in reporting incidents of abuse.
- A decrease in the fear of this type of criminality.
- A positive increase in the perception of Swansea as a safe space

Language Toolkit: In collaboration with Swansea Women's Aid Co-production Centre, we developed a Language Toolkit to address victim-blaming language. This toolkit was designed with input from victims-survivors and has been shared with partners for integration into policies and training frameworks. It directly empowers survivors by ensuring their voices are prioritised in all discussions. This ensures that the voice of service users is heard, respected, and reflected in how services and support are provided. In addition, our Contextual Safeguarding Team worked with children and young people to develop language flash cards. These offers suggestions for alternative language which replaces unhelpful and labelling language that professional continue to use, which reinforces stereo types and feeds into unconscious biases.

Implementation: The toolkit challenges the negative language that often blames victims for the abuse they experience. By working closely with service providers and local partners, we have embedded this into the framework of training and policies. This directly combats victim-blaming by promoting language and attitudes that hold perpetrators accountable and provide support to survivors without judgment.

Regional Campaign on Misogynistic Behaviours in Young People: A regional campaign was launched to address the rise in misogynistic attitudes and behaviours in young males within Swansea schools. This was designed by children and young people from Media Academy and focused on increasing awareness among young people of the importance of healthy relationships and respectful behaviour. These educational campaigns and the social media campaign with Media Academy are key to challenging harmful societal attitudes. This directly challenges negative attitudes and fosters a community-wide understanding of VAWDASV, encouraging collective responsibility in addressing these issues.

Public Awareness Campaigns: In addition to launching our CYP Campaign on White Ribbon Day staff from the IDVA service and the Health Board attended Swansea Hospital and Morriston Hospital. They raised awareness by hosting information stalls that provided valuable resources, advice, and safety guidance to both staff and members of the public. These events were well-attended, demonstrating strong community engagement. Furthermore, to mark White Ribbon Day, the Guildhall was illuminated in purple as a visible sign of support for the campaign. Continuing awareness campaigns to educate the community on VAWDASV, emphasising prevention and early intervention. These initiatives aim to reduce future instances of abuse by addressing root causes and increasing awareness early on.

Regional Communication and Engagements Group: Through this group we have promoted Local and National Campaigns supporting the Welsh Government 'Sound' Campaign which encourages men aged 18-34 in Wales to learn about gender-based violence.

Increase in Referrals: Over the last year we have seen a substantial increase to all DA partner agencies. This is evidenced through our new data set which we have developed to ensure that we are capturing local need, identifying trends and gaps in service. This is presented every 6 months at the VAWDASV Leadership Group for discussion and further analyses. In Q1 alone, over 500 referrals were made to the IDVA (Independent Domestic Violence Adviser) service. This increase underscores the importance of early intervention, but it also highlights the growing demand for services.

Housing Support Grant (HSG) Services Review: We are in the initial stages of the review for VAWDASV housing and support services. Our primary aim is for victims have access to the right services at the right time ensuring the voice of the victim /survivor is heard and listened to and that the options available meet current and future needs.

Development of a HBA forum: We recognised that victims from diverse communities are often marginalised and have additional barriers to accessing services. Consequently, we have developed a Honour Based Abuse (HBA) and Harmful Cultural Practices forum to map trends, barriers, prevalence, share good practice and opportunities to support agencies to ensure they can provide support to all victims of VAWDASV.

Commissioning: We have commissioned CALAN DVS to deliver the Myriad programme across the region, ensuring that victims/survivors of domestic abuse from the LGBTQ+ Community have access to a specialist support service. In addition, we commissioned a post to support Swansea Women's Aid SWAN project who support those of the most vulnerable harder to reach victims/ survivors with our community.

Regional MARAC Steering Group: The merging of local MARAC Steering Groups into a Regional Group with oversight of the MARAC ensures a cohesive, multi-agency approach to VAWDASV, allowing better tracking of cases, themes, and data. The introduction of the MANTA case management system has improved engagement and accountability within MARAC arena ensuring that those that are at serious risk of harm of death have a collective, multiagency response to reduce risks and offered the right support at the right time. This ensures a collective and coordinated response to VAWDASV, ensuring that all sectors work together towards common goals.

MARAC Development Day: We commissioned a Regional MARAC Development Day to ensure that we continue to have buy in from all VAWDASV Partners. Ensuring all MARAC Reps are trained, knowledgeable and committed to the process and for strategic leads to have a renewed commitment to the MARAC process and accountability for engagement and delivery. This was a great success with a high number of VAWDASV partners attending and reaffirming their commitment to a multiagency approach to ending VAWDASV.

Workplace Sexual Harassment Conference: We attended the Welsh Government Workplace Sexual Harassment Conference aimed at public sector leaders helped raise awareness and provided tools for creating safe working environments, promoting the message that VAWDASV is a societal issue that affects everyone. By engaging employers and public sector leaders, we are spreading the message that VAWDASV is not isolated to certain spaces but affects all sectors of society.

SDS40 Legislation Response: Coordination with HMPPS and other partners to manage the early release of offenders and safeguard victims shows regional cooperation. By working regionally and nationally, we are aligning local efforts with broader VAWDASV strategies to ensure a coordinated, holistic approach.

Welsh Government Blueprint: The WG Blueprint is a new shared governance structure reflecting the joint ownership of this shared priority, tackling VAWDASV. We are actively engaging with the work stream disseminating information, gathering and feeding back material and data ensuring that we have a regional and national lens on VAWDASV.

International exposure: Our practice Lead from the Equilibrium service presented at a conference in San Francisco promoting the work of our bespoke Respect accredited service. The programme is designed to hold those that displaying harmful behaviours

to account whilst offering opportunities for behaviour change. This provided opportunities for collaborative working on an international level.

Early Interventions: Continued provision of support services for victims/survivors and the Swan Project's outreach services for sexually exploited women in Swansea is a proactive attempt to address issues before they escalate into crises. Early interventions help prevent cases from escalating, ensuring support is given before abuse reaches critical points.

Equilibrium: We offer opportunities for those displaying negative behaviours to take accountability and to make positive changes through the Equilibrium service.

DA HUB: We have strengthened our DA Hub offering a whole family approach to domestic abuse ensuring that victims/survivors are offered the right support at the earliest opportunities.

IDVA: We've expanded the provision of IDVA service to victim /survivors who are high risk of harm or death now including a child IDVA, and an additional DRIVE IDVA .This vital support not only gives victim /survivor a voice but provide an opportunity to get advice and support at the earliest opportunity to reduce the risks significantly and prevent re-victimisation.

DVDS: We have promoted the Clare's Law disclosure scheme having leaflets printed and distributing them across services. This provides an opportunity for victims/survivors to apply for information or be informed by Police about your current or ex-partner because they worried, they may have a history of abuse and are a risk them preventing harm/abuse. We have seen an over 100% increase in Q1-Q2 reporting period of requests for Clare's Law.

Workplace Sexual Harassment Legal Framework: The legal guidance provided at the Workplace Sexual Harassment Conference ensured that employers understand their duties to hold perpetrators accountable through internal governance framework Holding perpetrators accountable is fundamental to reducing VAWDASV and ensuring justice for victims.

DRIVE: we have continued to work closely with Drive Case managers and prison ensuring through our IDVA provision that victims are safe and supported and perpetrators are held to account. The prison pilot has developed and continued to offer behaviour change work and accountability for those that commit domestic abuse whilst ensuring the safety of the victim.

Equilibrium: this service has continued to offer those that use harmful behaviour opportunities to change whilst holding accountability and reducing the risks of harm.

Specialist Domestic Violence Court (SDVC): We have been able to continue to provide a specialist Court IDVA at the SDVC to ensure that the victims voice is heard and that

perpetrators are held to account. Consequently, ensuring that victims have justice and are protected from further abuse and harm.

Specialist Domestic Violence Court IDVA: We have been able to continue to provide a specialist Court IDVA at the SDVC to ensure that the victims voice is heard and is supported through the Criminal Justice System with our team of IDVA's.

Remote Evidence Site: We have developed and promoted the Remote Evidence Site which was introduced to support victims/ survivors to give evidence away from Magistrates and Crown Courts. This special measure can be reducing the barriers to providing evidence and going to Court. Our Team of IDVA's support victim's survivors through Civil and Criminal Justice system, ensuring that they are fully aware of the process, their rights and to advocate for them. This ensures that victims are not only informed but also receive timely, appropriate support through the complex systems of law and justice.

Training: The newly adapted DASH Risk Assessment training helps social workers, support staff to recognise domestic abuse risks and increases their confidence in reporting incidents and making appropriate referrals. This has empowered professionals to better identify domestic abuse, improve referral processes, and support victims through the justice system.

National Training Framework: We continue to promote and ensure that all staff in Swansea council complete the VAWDASV mandatory training level 1 and offer Ask & Act 2 & 3 to those who are front facing with service users. We will be delivering in the last quarter an Ask and Act Development Day for trainers to ensure that they are aware of all services, fully confident in delivering the training aware of all the update to date legalisation upskilling the trainers.

Bystander Training: We have promoted the Welsh Government funded bystander training across the council which provides professionals the skills and confidence to have conversations with friends and colleagues on recognising abuse and how to intervene and report.

Public Awareness Campaigns and Community Engagement: Through the regional campaigns and school outreach programs, we aim to normalise conversations about VAWDASV, challenge stigmas, and reduce fear within the community. As awareness grows, we aim to reduce fear and create an environment where individuals feel supported in coming forward.

Communications and engagement: Through our Regional Communications and Engagement forum we are developing ways to share positive news and good practice to counterbalance the constant rhetoric from social media news etc. This is an ongoing piece of work which we hope will provide insight to the excellence work that services in this area are providing given the current climate and increase in referrals across all services.

PRIORITY 6:



Safeguarding those at risk of violence & exploitation

Priority Lead: South Wales Police

Outcomes we want to achieve

- Strategic Needs Assessment to be completed for the South Wales Police force area relating to the Serious Violence Duty.
- Serious Violence Problem Profile completed for Swansea.
- Development of a Serious Violence action plan to address issues and provide partnership solutions to tackling the issues.
- Development of prevention and intervention initiatives.
- A holistic safeguarding approach offered to all young people who experience significant Extra Familial harm.
- Operational and Strategic approach to disrupting those that exploit young people.
- A multi-agency approach to recognising and preventing early indicators of youth violence and child exploitation.
- Effective multi agency information sharing that supports the disruption of youth violence and exploitation.
- Identification and disruption of Exploitation by organised crime groups (OCG).
- Development of safety within the places and spaces young people spend time

A SWP Strategic Needs Assessment and Problem profile has been completed via the Violence Prevention Unit, and next steps will involve the development of a local problem profile and action plan with support from the Violence Prevention Unit (VPU) and key Partners. The SNPT Serious Violence Prevention Board will undertake this action alongside the VPU. Links are developed with the VPU to establish a problem profile specific for Swansea. This work will be undertaken by a newly formed Serious Violence Prevention Board covering Swansea and Neath Port Talbot.

A Serious Violence Prevention Board has been established in SNPT, which will in turn will develop a serious violence action plan with partners to address the local problem profile and develop solutions to tackling them.

The Contextual, Missing, Exploited and Trafficked Panel (CMET) is a multiagency group consisting of partners such as South Wales Police, Child & Family Services, Community Safety, Youth Justice Service, and third-sector organisations. The CMET panel work within a contextual safeguarding framework to recognise and respond to the individual needs of young people that have been identified by partners.

CMET team have piloted a project which provides 2 community teams who consider extra familial harm including violence and how we tackle this with a community based approach. These teams are multi agency, which focus on prevention, early

intervention and reducing the impact of those that are or have experienced harm. The team works closely with the schools in the area to provide support to reduce incidents of violence.

Swansea Youth Justice Service have embedded the Turnaround project into the community, to provide prevention and bail support. The offer has expanded to now include the Turnaround project, as well as the traditional Prevention intervention. As part of this the offer has also extended to support more young people when they are on police bail or have been released under investigation.

Swansea Bay University Health Board has a Violence Prevention Team based in Morriston Emergency Department; the service began in April 2022 funded by the Youth Endowment Fund via the PCC. The Team consists of 2 full time Violence Prevention Nurses, working from 8am - 8pm Monday to Friday. The aim of the service is to break the cycle of crime in relation to injuries from violence. The Nurses see patients who have attended the Department, with injury through violence including from the use of weapons. The intended focus is the age group 10 -25 years, however children as young as 8 years old have been seen and supported as well as adults over 25 years of age. Referrals are received by different means and if individuals are not seen by the Violence Prevention Nurses in the Department, they are contacted within 72hours of attending.

Partners work together with the Violence Prevention Unit on several of their funded prevention and intervention projects which are detailed below –

- Teachable Moments (South Wales Police and Media Academy Cymru (MAC)) - Teachable Moments aims to intervene and prevent young people from becoming further involved in violence by treating the point a young person comes into custody as a 'teachable moment'. The model employs caseworkers from Media Academy Cymru (MAC) to deliver motivational interviews, involving a needs assessment and exploration of life goals.
- St Giles Trust (St Giles Trust) - St Giles offers a targeted secondary intervention to support young people who are at risk of or involved in violence and exploitation e.g., county lines, criminal activity, child sexual exploitation, trafficking, and exploitation. The service helps young people overcome barriers to allow them to get the support they need to move forward with their lives.
- Fearless (Crimestoppers) - Fearless delivers educational workshops to empower children and young people to make positive, informed decisions about reporting crime. The primary aim of the service is to educate young people about crime issues that may affect them and encourage them to report crimes they have witnessed.
- Braver Choices (Media Academy Cymru (MAC)) - Braver Choices works with children and young people who engage in risky behaviours, such as carrying weapons. They deliver evidence-based programmes around weapons, violence, and sexual exploitation to enable children and young people to make informed decisions, develop coping strategies, and understand the implications of their actions.

- NHS Violence Prevention Team (VPT) (NHS and Media Academy Cymru (MAC)) - The VPT work to identify and respond to patients with violence-related injuries. The team engage with these patients whilst they are in hospital and deliver advice, support, and guidance to encourage young people away from lifestyles encased in violence by encouraging engagement with services.
- Serious violence between Jan 2024 and December 2024 (Homicide, Personal Robbery, Violence with Injury) has reduced slightly (-6.7%) in comparison with the SPLY (3304 v 3540). 1186 in Neath Port Talbot and 2118 in Swansea respectively.
- SNPT recorded 148 knife crimes between Jan 2024 and December 2024, a - 8.6% decrease on the 162 recorded in the previous year. 108 in Swansea and 40 in NPT respectively.

SWP safeguarding officers engage in discussions and meetings, working closely with the relevant partners in their efforts to protect and prevent further harm (abuse & exploitation) to the children of SNPT. SNPT CSE officers make efforts to speak to the young persons identified at most significant risk and likewise the exploitation distribution team engage in undertaking face to face visits with those individual children at greatest risk of criminal exploitation with a view to gathering further evidence / intelligence to enable disruption to perpetrator activities.

We continue to develop our contextual safeguarding approach to create a safeguarding response to places and spaces where harm may occur. We have developed a training package for local businesses raising the awareness of child exploitation and changing the narrative around the negative language used towards exploited young people. We have a strong multi agency partnership that sit around CMET panel, the panel has around 25-35 professionals that attend on a fortnightly basis.

Children and young people (CYP), who attend Morriston Children's Emergency Unit (CEU), Paediatric wards and the Minor Injuries Unit (MIU) in Neath Port Talbot are assessed for Safeguarding concerns during their admission. A system is in place in CEU and MIU where all CYP are asked if they have a Social Worker on admission. Staff are trained to Level 3 Safeguarding as per Intercollegiate documents and Health Board mandatory training, to ensure that staff can recognise the signs of extra familial harm, undertake an assessment and make the appropriate Safeguarding reports/referrals to support the individual and the family.

Organised crime groups are identified, mapped and scored with those posing the greatest threat to exploitation of adults and young persons being prioritised. The intelligence cell is now present in strategy meetings where there is suspected to be an organised crime element to exploitation.

The Violence Prevention Nurses attend multiagency Contextual Safeguarding meetings both in Swansea (CMET) and Neath Port Talbot (Contextual Strategy Meeting). The arrangements for these are different, however cases are discussed at operational level and each agency shares responsibility of actions to be completed to help disrupt exploitation. For Health a 'key note' can be added to the electronic record systems, which in turn highlights concerns to nursing and medical staff, who are then

able ask more pertinent questions as to how the injury has been obtained or contact other services e.g. social services or police, depending on the agreement at the meeting. The Violence Prevention Nurses also feedback to nursing and medical staff, any specific injuries to look out for in relation to exploitation, which have been highlighted at the meeting attended. Any specific issues highlighted at operational level, are then escalated to strategic meetings as and when necessary.

CMET meetings are well established and attended by partners, Neighbourhood Insp's and SWP public protection staff. Individuals are discussed in detail to explore intervention opportunities and diversionary activities. The relationship between local inspectors and CMET Local authority staff is so well established that officers engage CMET staff very early when they identify emerging youth related issues. Examples of this are joint proactive plans to target seasonal issues in the marina and the city centre. Schools police officers also play a vital part in having a relationship with young persons that transcends from the school environment into the community. SPO's are responsible for submitting high numbers of safeguarding referrals.

The Violence Prevention Nurses (VPN) alongside other agencies can refer and report any contextual safeguarding issues to the Local Authority, to highlight the need for intervention in a multiagency approach. The VPNs maintain a database and amongst other information, can highlight specific geographical areas of concern or venues e.g. schools. To date the VPN's have highlighted schools and interventions from other agencies have been put in place.

Dedicated staff with the SWP Community safety department work closely with local authority staff processing ASB referrals. This information is shared with the youth offending team who engage with youths who are repeat offenders. The Youth Offending Service work closely with these individuals, supporting them and finding diversionary activities. The intelligence cell is now present in strategy meetings where there is suspected to be an organised crime element to exploitation. CMET and Triangulation meetings along with strategy scoping meetings have been used to bring all partners together to share information and coordinate responses where exploitation of young persons is suspected. Vulnerability report now gets shared with SS. The ASB Case review process has been refreshed for 2024 to ensure that YOS and the Early Help Team have a place on the review panel to provide a full range of support, intervention and

We continue to have multi agency meetings for individuals, peer networks and places that seek to disrupt any exploitation and we have developed partnerships with policing teams that are in the best positions to support this disruption. We are looking at joint ways of tackling significant issues and seeking support from areas across the UK that have achieved this.

Violence Prevention Nurses (VPNs) attend contextual safeguarding meetings as described above and attend individual young persons strategy & review meetings to support with any extra information that needs to be shared, or if any other recommendations can be suggested. VPNs refer all safeguarding concerns as per Safeguarding Policy to the appropriate Local Authority Peer group mapping and contextual safeguarding lends itself to identification of OCG's, Children services sit on

the SOC board and take part in Extra Ordinary SOC board meetings. Extra Ordinary CMET meetings are arranged where there is an incident that links to SOC.

SWP utilises markers on an individual within our systems to identify that a young person is potentially subject to exploitation. These are often young individuals being drawn into the world of county lines and are not aware of the dangers. They are vulnerable and as such, when they go missing, the marker encourages officers to increase the risk assessment resulting in greater focus on promptly locating them.

Visibility on council estates and high-rise blocks using the resources available including housing CCTV.

Children services sit on the Serious organised crime board, we feed in concerns on a quarterly basis and have feedback from police on OCG threats, we have staff that can identify potential links to OCG and map out peers and associate's safeguard. Our team understand what can be achieved by multi agency partnership to increase safety for those that are exploited.

The local Serious Organised Crime Board has oversight on how Partners respond to the threat of organised crime groups.

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Serious Organised Crime Groups (OCGs)

Swansea Neath Port Talbot have 26 recorded county lines within PND as of today.

34 Lines closed since June 2024

128 have been arrested since June 2024 with 81 being charged

28 NRM's submitted and 34 safeguarded.

The number of unmapped OCGs is difficult to quantify as police may be unaware of their criminal activity or they are operating below the radar - this statement remains true with recent drug seizures from subject with little or no intelligence footprint, and the transient nature of County Lines drugs supply.

Safety plans are developed in areas that are open contextually. There is work in conjunction with community safety team to upskill community members in recognising exploitation. There is also a business pack that is in development helping local businesses to understand safeguarding vulnerable people in the community. Training has begun to be rolled out in the city.

Work around developing Safe Spaces for young people, within the Swansea area has been commenced by CMET staff in the city centre with the aim of raising awareness of child exploitation and increasing guardianship from local business premises. This

has included face to face engagement and information sharing e.g. how to report concerns to Police and Partners.

We continue to work with places and spaces to create safety and to disrupt attendance if safety cannot be achieved. We have a number of examples of creating safe spaces amongst peers and within areas that can be shared.

Young people who attend health departments are in a safe place to disclose any issues related to their safety, if they so wish and are not being watched or intimidated by anyone whilst in the department. If young people are accompanied and staff have concerns, there are options that can be undertaken to determine a safe space to speak individually with the patient and action plans can be put in place, to ensure their safety whilst on Health Board premises. Staff are then able to contact Police or Social Services to ensure that the young person has a safety plan in place when they leave.

CMET Case Study

At the end of the last academic year there was a reported assault upon another pupil in during lunch break in school. This was a violent assault, such that the other pupil was knocked unconscious. In the words of numerous eyewitnesses: the other pupil posed no threat to them; however, they approached the pupil with a group of other pupils, hitting and kicking him numerous times. After this shocking and extremely dangerous attack, a number of the boys were witnessed laughing with each other, "even congratulating each other" for participating in the attack - this despite the other pupil being unconscious by this point and requiring an emergency medical response. A number of the pupils have shown remorse, and all have been sanctioned by the school. Police arrived on the scene and have followed up the incident. Following this the group were referred to CMET and received group intervention.

Aims and Objectives:

The aims were to help the peer group understand the dangers and consequences of youth violence, help the boys develop coping strategies and react differently when faced with adversity. school hoped that the peer group could continue their positive school journey and hope that the boys could process some of the trauma and emotions from past experiences, which led to this incident. The hope is for them to improve their self-esteem and maximise their potential while in education.

Challenges to achieving change:

After working with the peer group, it became apparent that the boys had endured racism in school and that this was sadly part of their everyday lives, this showed that the work being done had to be taken from a different angle and viewpoint.

Due to the boys themselves being victims of prolonged abuse and being involved in "blacks against whites" football matches, it was a matter of time before there was such an incident.

The complexities of this case meant that the peer groups were both victims and aggressors in this incident and that there were many grey areas to work in.

Although the young people were remorseful, they did feel let down that the racial abuse they had faced for so long and had not been acted upon by school.

Outcomes:

- The young people were so inspiring and open in their sessions that we felt we had learnt as much as they did. They did some excellent work with Bright that highlighted the difficulties they go through daily that white people would not even consider. The group put together a presentation around racism and specifically around racism in football as this is something they have all been passionate about.
- The group worked on their anger management, coping strategies and built strong relationships with school and external agencies such as Swansea City Safeguarding Team.
- Feedback from professionals/family/young people: The peer group received amazing feedback from every person or agency they encountered. This has strengthened their relationships with members of staff at school who did not realise the boys had this sort of ability.
- Swansea City Safeguarding team said they were the most polite, informative and inspirational group of young people that they have ever worked with and asked the boys if they would go back and perform their presentation in the Suite used for pre match tactics by the team. They were also offered the opportunity to play a match against some of the academy players in the future.
- Maes Derw Pupil Referral Unit asked if CMET could do some work around racism with some of their primary pupils and when we explained what the peer group had created, they asked if they could tailor it and present to the pupils there, the boys have agreed.

Most importantly, the families have said how proud they are of their children, that they have used adversity as a channel for positive change. They have rarely had positive feedback from their children and only ever get calls and emails when there is negativity so to get such feedback from a positive point of view gives them a great sense of pride.

Glossary of Terms

ASB	Anti-Social Behaviour
PSPO	Public Space Protection Order
MARAC	Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference
BCRP	Business Crime Reduction Partnership
PSG	Problem Solving Group
YJS	Youth Justice Service
CMET	Contextual, Missing, Exploited & Trafficked
SNPT	Swansea Neath Port Talbot
BCU	Basic Command Unit
ENTE	Evening Night Time Economy
MAWWFS	Mid & West Wales Fire & Rescue Service
EDI	Equality Diversity Inclusion
NSU	Neighbourhood Support Unit
CT	Counter Terrorism
IAG	Incident Advisory Group
APB	Area Planning Board
BAME	Black, Asian, Minority Ethnic
ERW	Extreme Right Wing
BRAG	Black, Red, Amber, Green
NPCC	Nation Police Chiefs Council
CTPHQ	Counter Terrorism Police Headquarters
DRDs	Drug Related Deaths
WASPI	Wales Accord on Sharing Personal Information
IOM	Integrated Offender Management
MAPPA	Multi Agency Public Protection Arrangements
CSTR	Community Sentence Treatment Requirement
HNA	Health Needs Assessment
MHTR	Mental Health Treatment Requirement
DRR	Drug Rehabilitation Requirement
ATR	Alcohol Treatment Requirement
IOM	Integrated Offender Management
MACC	Mult Agency Case Conference
PWITS	Possession with Intent to Supply
JIP	Joint Intelligence Project
ROTL	Release on Temporary License
SPLY	Same Period Last Year
CBO	Community Behaviour Order
PPT	Public Protection Teams
DWP	Department for Work & Pensions
VAWDASV	Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse & Sexual Violence
HBA	Honor Based Abuse
EFH	Extra Familial Harm
IDVA	Independent Domestic Violence Advisor
RASSO	Rape and Serious Sexual Offences
DaPG	Demand and Performance Group
SOC	Serious Organised Crime
PND	Police National Database
OCG	Organised Crime Groups
VPU	Violence Prevention Unit
VPN	Violence Prevention Nurses