

Annual Community Safety Report - 2017

SCOPE

Research and analysis for this document has been focused on the local priority areas and significant threats. Multi-agency data has been used to provide an objective understanding of key issues. This information has been obtained on the 14th February 2018, unless stated otherwise. Analysis is focused upon the Wyre CSP Priorities for 2017/18, which are:

- Anti-Social Behaviour
- Violence against the person
- Domestic Abuse
- Substance Misuse – Alcohol
- Road Safety

FINDINGS/SUMMARY

- All crime is showing a year on year increase.
- Violent crime has continued to increase – this is similar across Lancashire.
- Small increase in reports of domestic abuse year to date – Wyre has the smallest increase across all districts within Lancashire.
- Small reduction in alcohol related crime.
- Similar number of ASB incidents reported during the last 2 years.
- **Performance Update (Jan – Dec 2017)**

Category	Performance 2017*	Performance Description
<i>All Crime</i>	+11.4% (+632)	The majority of the increases have been with violence against the person and vehicle crime. Increases have been seen across all districts. The increase across Lancashire was 15%.
<i>Domestic Incidents</i>	-6.9% (-91)	Recent months have seen a reduction in the number of domestic incidents reported to the police.
<i>Domestic Abuse Crimes</i>	+9.8% (+64)	The quarterly totals since April have been similar (n=182 to 186) and are increases on the comparative quarter from the previous year. Wyre has seen the smallest increase across all the districts within Lancashire.
<i>Domestic Assault Crimes (DV)</i>	-0.2% (-1)	The non-injury assaults are showing a small increase (+7), and the injury assaults a small reduction (-8). All districts are showing an increase, with the exception of Wyre.
<i>Violence against the person</i>	+20.6% (+327)	VAP has increased in each of the districts. Proportionally, Wyre has had one of the smallest increases. 84% (+276) of the increase has occurred with violence without injury offences – this includes harassment/stalking/malicious communication, threats to kill and assault without injury. Serious assaults have reduced by 30% (-16).

<i>Alcohol related crime</i>	-2.0% (-18)	The small reduction occurred in Q2 of 17/18 (July-Sept). Levels of alcohol related crime have been similar for the past 2.5 years.
<i>Anti-social behaviour</i>	-0.1% (-6)	There was an increase in Q1 17/18 with the quarterly total being the highest recorded during the last 3 years.
<i>Road safety (KSI's)</i>	+3.9% (+2)	There has been 1 fatality during the last 12 months. The number of serious injuries have increased from 50 to 52. The number of slight injury casualties have reduced from 215 to 208.

Wyre Council - Community Safety Partnership Work

1. **Community Safety Reorganised** - During the course of the last 12 months Community Safety has been amalgamated with the Environmental Health - Environmental Protection Team. There are a number of synergies that we want to build on going forward for e.g. noise investigations often have an anti-social behaviour element.
2. **Mediation** – A number of officers within the team have been trained to deliver mediation during the course of the year. The aim is to push mediation at an early stage in an investigation, to try and achieve a negotiated settlement, and hopefully prevent disputes escalating. Whilst it is now something we can offer mediation does need both parties to agree to participate.
3. **Licensing, Police & Trading Standards** – The partnership has helped organise underage drinking tests for the licensed trade, to try and ensure that challenge 25 is routinely undertaken in all our licensed establishments. Where anomalies are found appropriate enforcement action will be taken.
4. **Representation at Early Action meetings**, these meetings are chaired by the Early Action police team, and are attended by various agencies including Wyre Council staff. Each agency can refer cases into the early action meeting, and this allows a multi-agency response to an individual case, to be developed.
5. **Marine Hall anti-social behaviour meeting** – During the course of the year the team started and chaired a multi-agency group with representatives from Fleetwood Town Council, Lancashire Sport, YMCA, Wyre Council Building maintenance, Wyre Council Asset owners, Community Safety team, Neighbourhood police, Youth Offending Team and Young Addaction attending. The group was set up specifically to look at how best to respond to youth related anti-social behaviour causing damage to Wyre Council assets, not only looking at enforcement options but also engagement. Significant target hardening has been delivered by Wyre Councils building maintenance team on the back of this groups work.
6. **Fortnightly ASB meeting** – As a result of the above meetings it was recognised that there was a need for the enforcement agencies to meet separately to discuss individual cases. Representatives from the Youth Offending Team, Wyre Council Community Safety team and the Neighbourhood Policing team meet to discuss cases as they arise. During the course of the year Community Protection Warning

notices have been issued on a number of individuals as a result of close co-operation between the agencies.

7. **Represented at MARAC** – Wyre Council housing officers attend the Multi Agency Risk Assessment conference related to medium to high risk domestic violence cases, providing support where appropriate.
8. **CCTV** – During the course of the year Jane Murray retired, Jane was the driving force behind the Wyre and Fylde CCTV offer. However we have appointed a CCTV partnership officer from within the team, and the work Jane started has continued supported by a number of Council volunteers.
9. **Road Safety** – We are represented on a Northern Lancashire Casualty reduction group, partners include the fire brigade, traffic police, Lancashire County Council, Fylde, Blackpool, and Lancaster Councils. The aim of the group is to support the Pan Lancashire partnership group in delivering its action plan.

http://www.safe2travel.co.uk/more_info.asp?current_id=188

10. **Communication's** - The Community Safety team have worked with the Councils Communication team to use social media and the Web page to raise awareness on the Prevent, Hate Crime and the White Ribbon campaign. We also worked with the Street scene team to deliver lock it or lose it leaflets to every property in Wyre.
11. **Local Authority Partnership Work** – We are represented on a Pan Lancashire Prevent group charged with raising awareness about the strategy and making necessary links to safeguarding. We are developing partnership work with our neighbouring authorities at Fylde and Lancaster Community Safety teams, to raise awareness on generic issues such as organised crime, hate crime and road safety.
12. **Police and Crime Commissioners office** – The Authority via the Police and Crime Commissioners office receive regular updates from victim services on how they deliver support to victims of domestic violence. In addition the Authority has applied for granted funding to improve the Shop Watch offer, basically we will be installing equipment in the CCTV office to enable shops to report crime in real time via their radio to the CCTV control room. It is hoped that this will reinvigorate the scheme. In addition we have applied for and granted funding to purchase mobile cameras which can be used by partners in anti-social behaviour hot spots to assist in the gathering of evidence.