

Annual Community Safety Report – 2018-19

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 16th January 2019, 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 & Drugs
- Road Safety

FINDINGS/SUMMARY

- All crime is showing a year on year increase.
- Violent crime has continued to increase – this is similar across Lancashire.
- Domestic abuse has increased and this is similar across Lancashire.
- Alcohol related crime and alcohol related violence have both increased.
- ASB has reduced by over 30%, all areas of Lancashire have seen a reduction.
- All crime has increased and it is possible that this is due to a change in recording practices. Police continue to ensure all crime reported by victims and third parties is recorded and these are only discarded if evidence shows a crime has not taken place. Police were previously allowed 72 hours to record a crime and this is now 24 hours.
- Things that were previously recorded as anti-social behaviour, may now be being recorded as public order offences and other offences.

- **Performance Update (Jan – 31st Oct 2018)**

The year to date performance could only be updated up to 31st October 2018. This is due to a change in the Lancashire Constabulary recording system. It is also important to stress that in considering the following performance statistics that it is difficult to compare the present figures with previous periods of time due to the recent change made by the police in the methodology of recording crime. For example what was previously treated as incidents may now have to be recorded as crimes. Therefore previously unreported crimes by the same perpetrator on the same victim have to be treated as additional crimes and one event may have to be recorded as involving multiple crimes.

| Category | Performance 2017* | Performance Description |
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| All Crime | +37% (+1897) | The majority of the increases have been with violence against the person. Increases have been seen across all districts. The increase across Lancashire was 37%. |

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| <i>Domestic Incidents</i> | -26% (-274) | Recent months have seen a reduction in the number of domestic incidents reported to the police. |
| <i>Domestic Abuse Crimes</i> | +64% (+377) | Domestic abuse offences have increased. The biggest increases have been seen in assault without injury and malicious communication. |
| <i>Domestic Assault Crimes (DV)</i> | +50% (+175) | There has been an increase in domestic assaults, the largest increases were in assault without injury. There was an increase of 8 serious injury offences. |
| <i>Violence against the person</i> | +75% (+1176) | All violence against the person has increased in Wyre, West and pan Lancashire. The greatest increases are in assault without injury and harassment. |
| <i>Alcohol related crime</i> | +45% (+328) | Alcohol related crime has increased across the county. Alcohol related violent crime increased by 30% (133). |
| <i>Anti-social behaviour</i> | -33% (-1191) | Anti-social behaviour has decreased in Wyre and across all districts of Lancashire. The Lancashire reduction is 30%. |
| <i>Road safety (KSI's)</i> | -20% (-11) | There have been 3 fatalities during the last 12 months. The number of serious injuries have decreased from 53 to 30. The number of slight injuries have risen by two. |

- *performance period is from January to October 2018, and compared to 2017.
- Road safety performance from January – December 2018.

Wyre Council - Community Safety Partnership Work 2018-19

- 1. Anti Social Behaviour – Marine Hall** – As discussed in last year's report Marine Hall at Fleetwood had been experiencing anti-social behaviour from local youths and work had already been undertaken to increase the co-operation between the Council, Youth Offending Team and Neighbourhood Policing Teams and they were meeting on a fortnightly basis, I am pleased to report that these meetings have continued throughout 2018 and they are no longer restricted to Marine Hall, but cover ASB throughout the Borough. The next challenge is to integrate this work into the new Civic Centre located Wyre and Fylde Integrated Team, which will be replacing the Early Action Panels currently in operation during 2019. In the run up to the summer school holidays in 2018 diversionary activities were developed with a number of satellite clubs with the help of Active Lancashire. This co-ordinated partnership action worked and we saw a marked reduction in ASB incidents at Marine Hall compared to previous years. Unfortunately there have been recent reports of a new cohort of children targeting Marine Hall recently and this situation is now being investigated.
- 2. Develop Mobile Camera Evidence Collection capability** – The Community Safety Partnership at the end of the financial year 2017/18 applied for funding from the Police and Crime Commissioners Office to purchase mobile cameras which could be placed in ASB hot spots to assist in the gathering of evidence. As a result some cameras have been purchased and have now been through testing. An auditable system for using the cameras has been developed which will be compliant with the

Information Commissioner requirements. It is hoped that initial trialling of the cameras can begin in the very near future, possibly at Marine Hall.

- 3. Development of Shop-watch** – The Community Safety Partnership applied for funding from the Police and Crime Commissioners Office to develop shop-watch within the Borough and in partnership with Fleetwood Town Council have improved the link between the CCTV control room and shop-watch members in Fleetwood via digital radio. This work has been completed and allows shop-watch members to report incidents immediately via the CCTV control room in real time. Wyre CCTV control room does not have monitoring officers 24/7 but all conversations are recorded enabling CCTV to be checked following an incident. It is hoped that Cleveleys shop-watch can be developed in the same way.
- 4. Selecta DNA** - The Community Safety partnership have applied for funding from the Police and Crime Commissioners Office to purchase 100 Selecta DNA packs. Each pack can be used to mark property. If that property is then stolen it can be identified back to the original owner via the Selecta DNA marking. The intention is for the police to issue the packs in rural areas in order to try and prevent repeat crimes and act as a deterrent. The first 50 packs will be made available free of charge but the remaining packs will be sold at cost price. In this way the packs can be offered sustainably in the future.
- 5. Chelsea's Choice** – The Community Safety Partnership have applied for and been awarded funding from the police and crime commissioner's office to commission Fylde Coast Women's Aid to deliver work shops in each of the secondary schools located in Wyre on the dangers of child sexual exploitation. Fylde Coast Women's Aid will as part of the project and will provide one to one support for any individuals who may have been affected.
- 6. CCTV** – As discussed this year the CCTV control room has strengthened it's links to shopwatch in the Fleetwood area. In addition the CCTV manager has been involved in the development of Wyre Council satellite CCTV control rooms, and is also working with Preesall Town Council to introduce a single camera to Knott End which is hoped to be installed in the near future.
- 7. Pan Lancashire Hate Crime Strategy/ Prevent / Modern Slavery** – The Head of Community Safety and Environmental Health attends a Pan Lancashire meeting on hate crime. The CSP role in this area is to raise awareness of the issue and signpost victims to available support. Hate crime is very closely aligned to Prevent, which is about the early identification of individuals in danger of being radicalised to undertake criminal/terrorist activity – any such individual identified will be referred into the Channel process. All partners are asked to be aware of the potential for Modern Slavery and where it is suspected refer into the relevant Authorities.
- 8. Strategic Assessment** – A Strategic assessment (SA) of crime is completed every three years and is the result of six months of research, engagement and consultation to highlight significant crime and ASB threats and issues impacting on community safety across Lancashire. The document is pulled together by the Partnership Analyst Team based with the police. As part of the process each Local Authority has been provided with a District Profile. A Strategic Assessment and District Profile has

been completed this year and will be used to focus the activities of the Community Safety Partnership.

9. **White Ribbon** – The aim of the campaign is to end male violence against women, once and for all by challenging male cultures that lead to harassment, abuse and violence. Last year a banner was placed in the reception area of the civic centre and a Member briefing was provided by the Executive Director and founder of the campaign. This year we are looking to work with the YMCA to promote the campaign amongst leisure centre users.
10. **CGL (Inspire)** – Are a Community Safety partner and they provide a fully integrated drug and alcohol service delivering in the community and custodial settings. The service provides rapid and open access to assessment and treatment services for people who have problems with drugs and/or alcohol.
11. **Community Engagement** – Throughout the year the CSP team work closely with the Communications teams which help deliver important measures such as Lock it or Lose it, Cyber crime etc.