

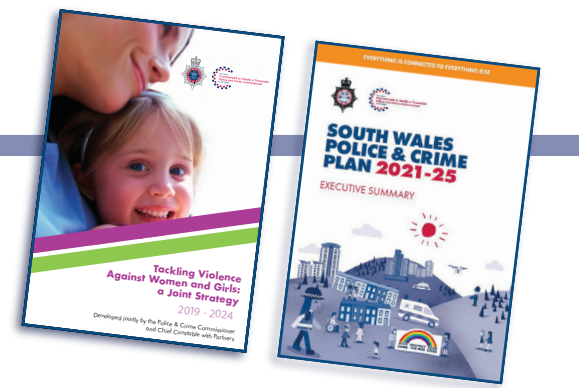
POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER'S | POLICY & PARTNERSHIP TEAM | WHAT WE DO

THE TOP 5 PRIORITIES IDENTIFIED BY OUR SOUTH WALES COMMUNITY

BASED ON COMMUNITY FEEDBACK FROM APRIL 2019-MARCH 2020, THE FOLLOWING AREAS WERE IDENTIFIED AS PRIORITIES:

VIOLENT CRIME, INCLUDING KNIFE CRIME, BURGLARY AND THEFT, ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR, DRUGS AND SUBSTANCE MISUSE, MENTAL HEALTH, CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION AND ABUSE.

THE POLICY AND PARTNERSHIP TEAM WORK TO DELIVER ON THESE PRIORITIES THROUGH THE FOLLOWING PORTFOLIOS: VIOLENCE PREVENTION • COMMUNITY SAFETY • CRIMINAL JUSTICE • SUBSTANCE MISUSE • VULNERABILITY AND VICTIMS.



VIOLENCE PREVENTION

The Violence Prevention Unit (VPU) is a partnership of passionate people from an alliance of organisations working together to prevent all forms of violence across Wales. The VPU take a public health approach to preventing violence and seek to understand the causes of violence based on evidence.

The VPU carry out research and evaluation projects to support partners and service providers to deliver programmes and interventions.



The VPU work at four levels of involvement with violence prevention activities, to have maximum impact in the prevention of violence we take our 4 A's approach.

The VPU and its partners share a collective responsibility to create change and reconstruct the landscape, protecting the most vulnerable people and communities across Wales.



The VPU feel passionately about ensuring that those with lived experiences are placed at the heart of what we do, informing and shaping the development of transformative approaches to early intervention and prevention.



COMMUNITY SAFETY

Community Safety is core to the Police and Crime Plan, promoting our partnership approach to preventing and reducing crime, as well as supporting safe, confident, resilient communities. The Commissioner has a statutory role in terms of Community Safety Partnerships (CSP) and we contribute funding to each CSP across the force area.

Community Safety is a critical mechanism for co-ordinating our policy work into key messages for partners. It allows us to raise the profile of our work and identify opportunities to improve existing services or work on new initiatives in partnership.



Our Principles:

- Partnership working is at the heart of our approach.
- Our early intervention and prevention approach.
- Working with partners to support safe, confident and resilient communities.
- Working together to support the vulnerable in our communities
- Working with partners to reduce and prevent crime.
- Working with partners to align priorities and resources to deliver more effective services.



Each Community Safety Partnership identifies their local priorities and we are able to inform and influence these in areas such as VANDASV, Serious Violence, Victims, Vulnerability and Anti-Social Behaviour.



Funding is directed towards priorities which align with the Police and Crime Plan, ensuring we provide value for money, as well as supporting our approach of early intervention, prevention of crime and protecting the vulnerable in our communities.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Criminal Justice covers a range of adult and youth justice services. We work with partners to ensure local criminal justice services are efficient and effective at meeting the needs of victims, and reducing re-offending across South Wales. We have strengthened the link between criminal justice and community safety, ensuring priorities are aligned in tackling the causes and consequences of criminal behaviour that have an impact on communities.

Key responsibilities include:

- Working with criminal justice partners to deliver the priorities within the Police and Crime Plan, upholding the statutory responsibility of ensuring an efficient and effective criminal justice system.



- Driving the Commissioner's projects and contribution to national innovative change



- Working with youth justice colleagues to advance approaches in tackling youth generated crime and anti-social behaviour.



- Maintaining strong relationships with South Wales Police and our partners, ensuring a clear approach to tackling offending and re-offending across our communities and identifying new opportunities to collaborate on interventions.



- Maintaining effective links with colleagues across the Commissioner's team, ensuring a considered and complementary approach to strategic policy development within the criminal justice landscape.

SUBSTANCE MISUSE

Substance Misuse is a key driver in offending behaviour and increases vulnerability. Our work aims to address substance misuse issues with individuals already within the Criminal Justice System (CJS) or those at risk of becoming involved. We work to support those with complex and co-occurring substance misuse and mental health needs.

The Dyfodol project addresses the substance misuse issues of those within CJS, a key driver for offending behaviour which also increases vulnerability.



The NCCC covers what needs to happen when people find themselves in a mental health crisis. In supporting people with mental health issues, it is not just the treatment pathways and quality of service, it is about building community resilience.



We have the National Crisis Care Concordat (NCCC) in Wales, a shared commitment, endorsed by leaders from the organisations most heavily involved in responding to mental health crises.



A harm reduction approach benefits communities by addressing many associated harms (i.e. needle litter, anti-social behaviour). It also addresses health inequalities which ties into the Police and Crime Plan supporting a healthier South Wales.

VULNERABILITY AND VICTIMS

VULNERABILITY: To better understand the links between vulnerability, and listen to the experiences of vulnerable people in order to identify and effectively respond to their needs.

VICTIMS: Work with Criminal Justice Partners to realise the Victims Code of Practice, commission specialist support services that assess the needs of victims and witnesses, including early intervention and prevention to cope and recover from crime.

VULNERABILITY

Developing an evidence-based, intelligence-led approach to supporting partnership activity with an emphasis on violence against women and girls.

Trialling and testing needs-led, strengths-based and trauma-informed activity which supports early intervention and prevention.



VICTIMS

Using victim and survivor experience, to better understand how we can improve services and the practice of those services we commission.

Working with criminal justice partners to support victims and witnesses through the Criminal Justice process, from the first point of contact. Ensuring victims and witnesses receive a consistent, good quality service.



Undertaking regular reviews of the needs of local victims in order to inform commissioning.



GOLDEN THREADS

• PARTNERSHIP • EARLY INTERVENTION & PREVENTION • TACKLING DEMAND • ENGAGEMENT • VULNERABILITY • ACE AWARE AND TRAUMA INFORMED APPROACHES



We focus on understanding community, offender and victim journeys and how we respond at different stages. Looking at crime across our communities we recognise the need for multi-faceted approach, from early intervention and prevention through to managing the most serious offenders.

Working with our community and criminal justice partners enables us to understand system changes and improve safety, resilience and reduce the risk of further offending.

The Area Planning Boards (APB) hold the funding for substance misuse commissioning across these areas.



We will prioritise equality and diversity, and work with all Chief Constables, Police & Crime Commissioners, and criminal justice partners in Wales, pursue joint outcomes on equality and inclusion.



Bringing partners and stakeholders together to share learning and establish common ground. Also, ensuring victims' and survivors' lived experiences inform our work.



Working to better understand the links between vulnerability, the protected characteristics under the Equalities Act and violence against women, domestic abuse and sexual violence.

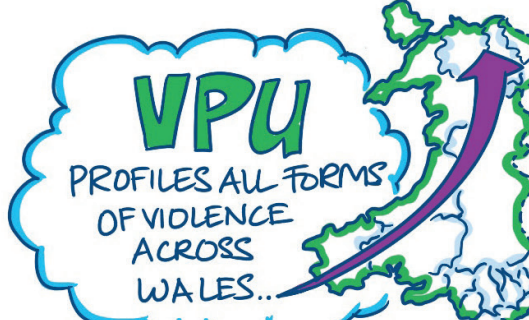


Working in partnership towards sustainable delivery and commissioning of support services within South Wales.



Tackling under-reporting through awareness raising of signs, signals and behaviours, and promoting reporting, referral/support mechanisms for victims and perpetrators of violence against women and girls.

The Violence Prevention Unit will assist other portfolio areas and partners to profile all forms of violence across Wales.



The VPU will support and work alongside local partnership structures such as Public Service Boards, Regional Safeguarding Boards, Regional Partnership Boards, Health Boards and Community Safety Partnerships to ensure that strategic responsibility for work around health, education, safeguarding and communications in relation to violence prevention are embedded within these structures.



The VPU will continue to maximise its efforts to liaise and connect partner organisations to develop a collaborative, joined up approach to identifying and reducing identified drivers of serious violence, involvement in drug dealing, county lines issues and the prevalence of knife carrying and crime.



We will use technology to improve how we work together, with our partners and with our communities.

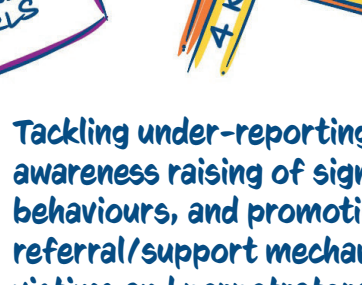
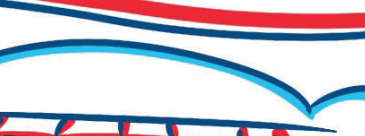


In doing so, we are able to not only highlight our work, but identify opportunities for joint working and commissioning which will deliver more effective services to our communities.

Scoping opportunities to explore and trial new interventions across South Wales.



All policy areas have a role in our community safety work and its important that we co-ordinate this effectively to ensure that each is appropriately represented at partnership meetings.



EVERYTHING IS CONNECTED TO EVERYTHING ELSE