



# CRIME PREVENTION STRATEGY

2020

VERSION 1



## FOREWORD

This crime prevention strategy seeks to provide the framework to allow us to identify the conditions of the physical and social environment that provide the opportunities for criminal acts to happen and then alter those conditions so that less crimes occur.

Here in Gwent our vision is to be an outstanding police service that is trusted by all of our communities.

We will:

- **Make our communities safe by upholding the law firmly and fairly**
- **Prevent Crime and ASB**
- **Keep the Peace**
- **Protect and reassure communities**
- **Pursue those that cause harm - Investigating crime and bringing offenders to justice**

We know society is becoming more complex and that although crime is often located in neighbourhoods, it's criminality base can be global. We understand more about the exploitative types of crime that are being committed and how they are changing. Alongside this we are also seeing an increase in the demand for policing services.

The evidence states that the reduction in crime can be achieved by effective and sustainable problem solving that includes:

- **Structured problem solving**
- **A clear understanding of the problems**
- **Effective ownership**
- **Appropriate and cost-effective interventions at the earliest opportunity**
- **Evaluation of interventions and their outcomes**

## CONTEXT

It is recognised that there are six key drivers of crime and therefore this strategy seeks to focus its activity in these areas in its response to crime prevention.

1. **OPPORTUNITY** | Crime happens online and offline and identifying how we can work with communities and our partners to remove these opportunities is an important part of crime prevention.
2. **CHARACTER** | We have recognised through our early intervention work the value of working with those members of our communities who are exposed to factors that might in turn lead to a high propensity to commit crime;
3. **EFFECTIVENESS OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM (CJS)** | We recognise the need to bring those that offend to justice. This includes the use of a wide range of CJ outcomes to provide early intervention for first time entrants as well as the effective management of those persistent offenders
4. **PROFIT** | We need to be persistent and challenging in ensuring that the opportunities to profit from crime are closed down making it impossible to operate.
5. **DRUGS** | We recognise the significant factor drugs use plays in the commission of a range of offending. Targeting the supply of drugs and tackling the organised crime behind the drugs market in Gwent will match the focus on our work with partners to educate, treat and intervene to prevent the harm drug misuse has in our communities.
6. **ALCOHOL** | This remains one of the largest factors in the commission of violence and disorder. Making the night time economy safe so that people can socialise without the fear of becoming a victim of alcohol-related crime or disorder will increase community safety and recognising and signposting offenders into alcohol referral agencies will assist.

We will structure our approach to these challenges using the evidence base of **‘what works’** to ensure that we invest the public money in tried and tested solutions to these multifaceted problems.

The Public Service Board is a legislative requirement under the Future generations Act and as police we are invited partners. The Public Service Board sets priorities for its locality and sits over the Crime and Disorder Partnerships. The Crime and Disorder partnerships role within Crime prevention is located within the governance section of this strategy.

Understanding the approach that will be adopted.

## **PRIMARY CRIME PREVENTION**

This focuses on social and situational factors. Situational prevention addresses the environment (for example the design of building, landscapes and the products purchased)

The focus will be on:

- **Preventing people from becoming victims and**
- **Targeted and effective situational crime prevention using the Problem Analysis Triangle (Victim / Offender / Location)**

## **SECONDARY CRIME PREVENTION**

This approach seeks to prevent crime by focusing on the early identification and intervention in the lives of those who are at high risk of entering the criminal justice system.

The focus here will be on:

- **Targeting those that are at a high risk of a life of crime**
- **Early intervention (ACE)**
- **Substance misuse intervention**
- **Troubled families programme**

## **TERTIARY CRIME PREVENTION**

This approach focuses on the operation of the criminal justice system and deals with offending after it has happened. The primary focus is on intervention in the lives of known offenders to prevent re-offending.

The focus will be on:

- **Dealing with the criminal /individual not just the crime or the vulnerability.**
- **Using the most appropriate intervention (IOM, RJ, CJ)**
- **Using national, regional and local analysis to allow staff to tackle high risk offenders (ie OCG's) and protect their victims**

## THE CRIME PREVENTION PLAN

Delivery of the strategy will be through a balance of action in six headline areas, as follows: -

ENABLER	AMBITION
<b>People</b>	We invest in leadership and build capability in our people to provide strong and imaginative leadership to problem solve
<b>Process</b>	We will develop our understanding, provide training and utilise the wide range of skill within our partnerships
<b>Partnership</b>	We develop close relationships with external partnerships to ensure we develop combined solutions to complex problems
<b>Leadership</b>	We will ensure that this plan is managed through the Crime Prevention meeting reporting into the operational effectiveness and efficiency board
<b>Communication &amp; Engagement</b>	We will communicate and engage to ensure that all opportunities are maximised to decrease crime and increase confidence
<b>Performance</b>	We measure, monitor and manage performance in a way that all staff understand and are held to account for their contribution to reducing demand

## **LEADERSHIP**

We invest in leadership and build capability in our people to provide strong and imaginative leadership to problem solve.

### **WE WILL ACHIEVE THIS BY:**

- **Our prevention and intervention team, will act as a focal point in our force to ensure good practice both internally and external is identified, considered and shared**
- **The Crime Prevention meeting will be led by Chief Superintendent for local policing and will deliver against this plan**
- **Our tactical tasking and co-ordination group will focus on quality problems solving and prevention activity**
- **Performance meetings will focus on crime reduction in crime categories that we know there is not an issue with underreporting**

## **KNOWLEDGE**

We will develop our understanding, provide training and utilise the wide range of skill within our partnerships.

### **WE WILL ACHIEVE THIS BY:**

- **Ensuring that evidence-based tactics are incorporated in our problem-solving plans**
- **Developing a repository of good practice accessible to all staff**
- **Training all our officers and staff in problem solving**
- **Develop and maintain a comprehensive and high-quality directory of crime prevention advice for the public and partners on our force website**
- **Using investment in IT to maximise visibility in crime hotspots**

## **PARTNERSHIP**

We will develop a close relationship with external partnerships to ensure we develop combined solutions to complex problems to tackle the drivers of crime.

### **WE WILL ACHIEVE THIS BY:**

- **We will develop an intelligence requirement to understand the prevalence and location of the drivers of crime in our communities**
- **We will use this intelligence products in neighbourhoods and via the regional team**
- **We will ensure that partners are involved and engaged in full life cycle of the collation and understanding of these intelligence products**
- **We will build on existing early intervention adopting a public health approach to reducing crime**
- **We will ensure that problems solving is everyone's responsibility within our organisation and working within the Community Safety Partnership encourage our partners to take this approach**

## **GOVERNANCE**

We will ensure that this plan is managed through the Crime Prevention meeting reporting into the operational effectiveness and efficiency board.

### **WE WILL ACHIEVE THIS BY:**

- **We will work with the NPCC group to drive the national agenda at a local level**
- **We will encourage our partners to be actively involved as owners, leaders and contributors to preventative policing activities at all levels of policing via the Community Safety partnership**
- **We will develop consistent local and regional structures to coordinate and drive preventative policing**
- **We will establish force SPOCs to support and benefit from the national developments**
- **Preventative policing and problems solving will be integrated into the national intelligence model at all levels across Gwent**

## PERFORMANCE

We measure, monitor and manage performance in a way that all staff understand and are held to account for their contribution to decreasing demand and preventing crime.

### WE WILL ACHIEVE THIS BY:

- Our performance framework.
- Reduction in 'Neighbourhood Harm' Offending
- Use of PDR and CPD to target areas that are problematic
- Recognising and rewarding positive examples of crime prevention and demand reduction
- Maintaining a 'good' rating for Crime Data Integrity
- Making sure explicit performance conversations take place about problem solving helping staff to understand the relationship between this and crime prevention.

### For OPCC use only

**Office of the Chief Constable**

I confirm that the Crime Prevention Strategy 2020 has been discussed and approved at a formal Chief Officers' meeting.

It is now forwarded to the OPCC for **approval / information / monitoring purposes.**



**Signature:**

**Date: 14/05/20**

**Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent**

I confirm that I have considered whether or not I have any personal or prejudicial interest in this matter and take the proposed decision in compliance with the Code of Conduct.

The above request has my approval.

**Signature:**