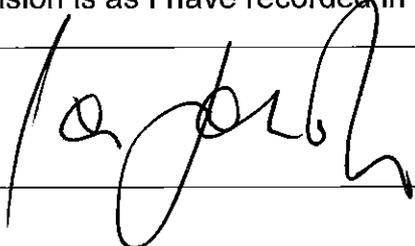


<b>Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent Decision</b>	
PCCG-2013-091	Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent Decision Session
Subject	Gwent Drugs Intervention Programme (DIP) 2012/13
Summary	To record the decision of the Police and Crime Commissioner regarding monitoring of the Gwent DIP and the steps to be taken to further improve outcomes.

## DECISION

1. I have considered the annual report from the Gwent DIP for 2012/13 and am pleased with the positive outcomes the programme is having and how it contributes to achieving the priorities as set out in my Police and Crime Plan.
2. The Gwent Region remains the only region in Wales to be totally "intensive" across the whole area with drug testing on arrest for trigger offences being carried out in both Newport and Ystrad Mynach custody suites.
3. 2012/13 has seen a slight reduction in positive drug tests for opiates and cocaine in custody, however, the Criminal Justice Integrated Team (CJIT) has seen an increase in its overall caseload. In the financial year 2012/13 532 people entered service with Gwent DIP, this rose 15% to 611 for 2012/13.  
  
Levels of throughput across the year have increased by 24% when compared to the previous year predominantly due to the introduction of a voluntary drug testing scheme in both the Newport and Ystrad Mynach custody suites. The scheme tests for methadone, Cocaine, Opiates, Amphetamines, Benzodiazepines and Methamphetamine. The results provided by this scheme (a total of 270 voluntary drugs tests were undertaken with an average positive test rate of 45%) may provide reasons behind the recent decline in positive tests for opiates and cocaine. Of those who tested positive, 59% are not, or ever have been, in any substance misuse service. Theft and burglary offences, 78% in total, account for the vast majority of arresting offences.
4. An area of concern is the low number of individuals tested under Inspectors Authority, especially in light of the Domestic Abuse, Stalking, Harassment Risk Assessment (DASH) forms completed. I will ask the Chief Constable to examine this area as a priority as its effectiveness could have a positive impact on the Police and Crime Plan priorities.

<b>Ian Johnston QPM, Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent</b>	
My decision is as I have recorded in this paper	
Signed	Date
	19.7.13

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<b>Background papers</b>	Gwent DIP Annual Report 2012/13