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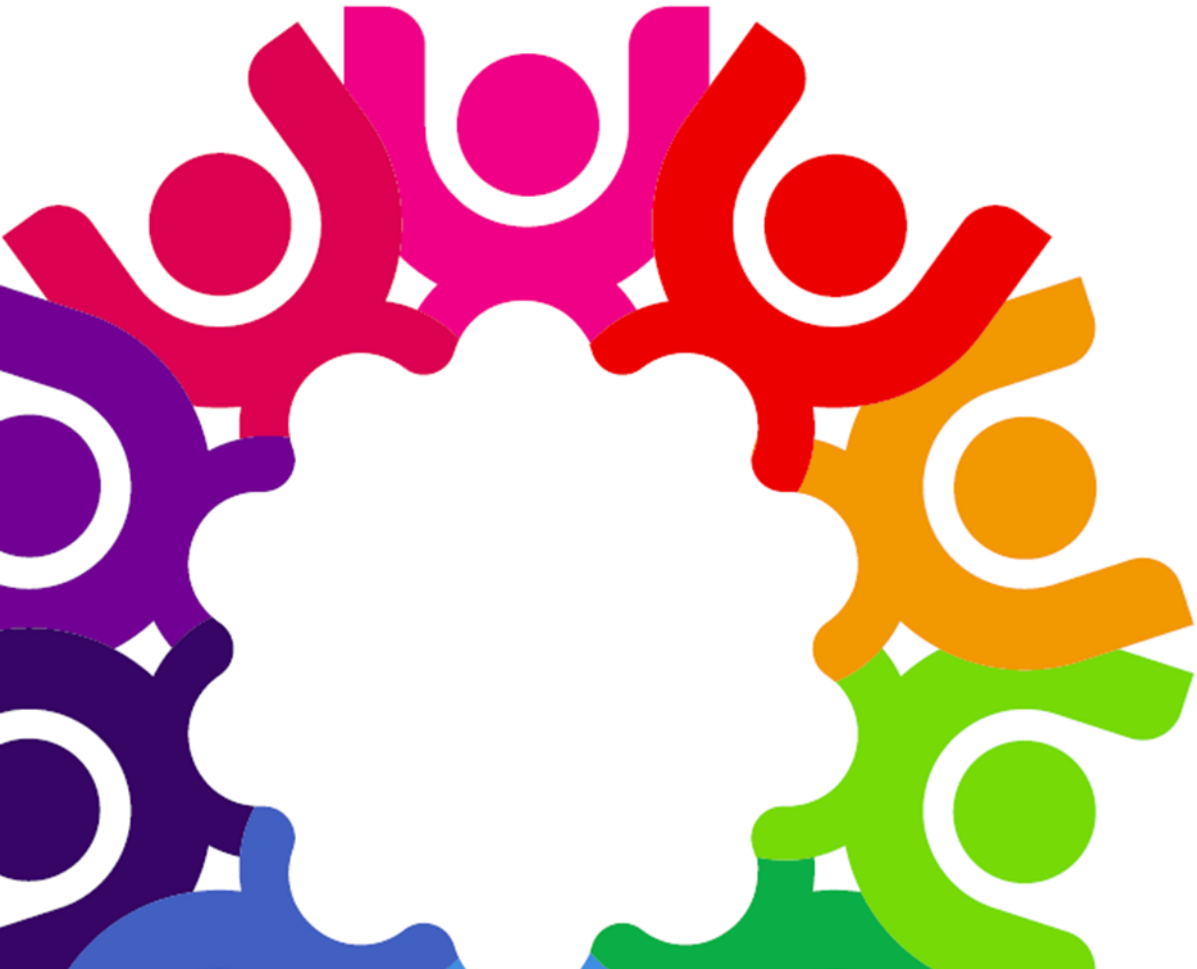
Annual Report 2020/21



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Introduction

Welcome to 2020/21 Annual Report for the Cheshire West and Chester Community Safety Partnership (CSP).

For the first time in the last five years, we have seen a decrease in total recorded crime across Cheshire West, this pattern has been followed across Cheshire and can with some degree of certainty be attributed to the Global Pandemic, which saw the opportunity of crime being somewhat removed. Many offences have seen reductions or slower rates of increase for example Harassment which has increased by 7.5% as opposed to the increase of 60.9% seen within 2019. Robbery Offences reduced by 29.4% which is the first time in 5 years we have seen a decrease, likewise with Theft from the Person, with offences falling by 69.5%. Residential Burglary has continued the pattern of 2019 with a decrease of a further 10.2% and this area has been a key focus for prevention across Cheshire West.

Violence Against the Person Offences have however increased by 11.3% across Cheshire West whilst Violence with Injury has decreased by 5.3% which is in line with the decrease seen during 2019.

Of note the offence of Stalking has seen an increase of 298.3% a total of 689 offences as opposed to 173 within 2019, this increase is attributed to a change in the process for recording this crime type. Increased reported crime in areas where there is an element of vulnerability should be viewed positively as this demonstrates trust and confidence to report what previously may have been hidden, exposing vulnerable victims to more harm and/or an increased awareness a recognition of these crime types, with specific reference to the Global Pandemic we anticipated and saw a 17.7% rise in the amount of Domestic Abuse related crime being recorded with a solved rate of these crimes at its lowest rate for the last 5 years,10%. The same is demonstrated within Hate Crime, which saw an 8.0% increase and a solved rate of 13%.

When looking at reported incidents rather than crime the overall picture is stable with a small volume increase of 1.1%, this is against the force trend though, as a force we saw a 1.3% decrease, Those incident types where we have seen increases include drug related, domestic related, anti-social behaviour Environmental, Nuisance and Personal and Mental Health related incidents and although this would normally follow a recommendation for CSP focus and element of caution should be applied for the forthcoming year as we navigate our way out of the response to the global pandemic, particular with regards to Anti-Social Behaviour, which captured a number of incidents relating specifically to the pandemic.

Road collisions have continued to be a priority for the CSP and 2020 data shows volumes of Fatal Collisions have reduced in line with Force reductions whilst the number of collisions resulting in serious injuries have increased.

The partnership has supported a range of projects during 2020/21 across its priority areas to support safety within our communities and is looking ahead to setting its priorities for the 2021/22 period.

This annual report sets out the work that has taken place within each of the priority areas shown in the table below:

Priority 1	**Reduce Reoffending**
Priority 2	**Exploitation**
Priority 3	**Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)**
Priority 4	**Substance Misuse**
Priority 5	**Domestic Violence & Abuse (DVA)**
Priority 6	**Killed and Serious Injured on our Roads (KSI)**

Priority 1: Reducing Re-offending

Lead Agency: Probation Service

Context:

The purpose of this priority is for partners to contribute positively to projects designed to promote and encourage change in individuals so that their risk of reoffending reduces.

Achievements 2020/21:

- ✓ Established a weekly Police and Probation pre-release group to more effectively plan and manage high risk of harm offenders being released into the community.
- ✓ Established a fortnightly meeting with Senior Police colleagues to improve our data sharing of DA perpetrators and plan and implement the refresh of the Integrated Offender Management (IOM) operating model .
- ✓ Contributed staff and financial resources to the newly established Harm Reduction Unit based at Police HQ.
- ✓ Co -commissioned Restorative Justice for victims being supported by Probation and to provide restorative awareness sessions and interventions for people on probation.
- ✓ Co-commissioned Women's centre provision across the Cheshire area
- ✓ Established better housing pathways through regular contact with Local Authority housing leads and the development of Probation specific accommodation contracts with providers who will provide short term accommodation (CAS3 – Mears) and Housing support (RSR- Interventions Alliance)
- ✓ Unified the Community Rehabilitation Company and the National Probation Service

Current picture:

The new unified Probation service was established in June 2021 and is now in the process of ensuring organisational stability moving to Transition to the new target operating model from December.

We have maintained and developed all the above achievements and are looking to further develop our contribution to the reducing reoffending agenda in the years to come

Emerging challenges

A key area of work is the ongoing work to implement the refreshed IOM model, this will involve ensuring an agreed approach and that our partnership agencies commit fully to supporting IOM.

Next steps

- To implement the refreshed IOM model.
- To Establish a Pan Cheshire Reducing reoffending board.
- To improve the links between substance misuse providers and the Criminal Justice System (CJS).
- To improve the links between Mental Health providers and the CJS.

Priority 2: Exploitation

Lead Agency: Cheshire West and Chester Council / Cheshire Police

Context:

The purpose of including this priority is for partners to work together to tackle Serious and Organised Crime (SOC) and to identify, prevent, and support those at risk of exploitation, both children and vulnerable adults.

Serious and Organised Criminals ruthlessly target the most vulnerable in our communities and their exploitation of others takes many forms, including sexual or criminal exploitation such as county lines, economic crime, modern slavery, and human trafficking. Offenders techniques are also continuously adapting, so collective efforts are needed to focus on ensuring our communities are better prepared to recognise the threat, are supported to report illegal activity and to work towards stopping the problem at source.

Achievements 2020/21:

- ✓ In May 2020 'EncroChat' was cracked by French and Dutch authorities and led to Cheshire Constabulary being part of a large-scale investigation led by the National Crime Agency and working with the North West Regional Organised Crime Unit and the Crown Prosecution Service. 15 men were arrested and seven have already been sentenced to almost 100 years custody for the part they have played.
- ✓ Board members have shared information with partners to inform the tactical response to a number of individuals and groups linked to serious and organised crime and supported the recovery of significant amounts under the Proceeds of Crime Act.
- ✓ Analysed and disseminated the refreshed Serious and Organised Crime Local Profile (December 2020) to develop partners awareness of emerging local picture
- ✓ Refreshed the Serious and Organised Crime Board workplan in line with the Local Profile and SOC National Strategy
- ✓ Developed a multi-agency Serious and Organised Crime dataset to enable members to identify emerging trends at a local level in real-time and target our collective responses more effectively

- ✓ Enhanced cross partnership working between the Community Safety Partnership, Local Safeguarding Adult Board and Safeguarding Children Partnership through the development and endorsement of an All-Age Contextual Safeguarding Vision which incorporates a response to all forms of exploitation.
- ✓ Launched a new Contextual Safeguarding Hub to respond to children at risk of exploitation in partnership with the Safeguarding Children Partnership.
- ✓ Continued to develop professional's awareness providing Child Exploitation Training to the workforce and briefings in relation to Contextual Safeguarding.
- ✓ Supported the National County Lines Week of Action
- ✓ Raised awareness of signs of cuckooing and how to report it through promotion of Operation Expel
- ✓ Endorsed the proposal to pilot a 'passive drug-dogs scheme' with local schools which will be rolled out in the next financial year to prevent exploiters targeting school pupils to sell drugs to their peers.

Current picture in 2020

COVID-19 has brought new and unique challenges in all areas of Police and Partnership working, including Serious and Organised Crime. Police and Local Authority priorities have adapted over this period to meet these challenges. New and innovative approaches to partnership working have been required. Serious and Organised Criminals have similarly changed and adapted their behaviours in response to the pandemic, but the level of criminality has continued, and some criminals have exploited new opportunities.

Operation Venetic has had a huge impact upon Serious Organised Crime across the UK and beyond, including here in Cheshire West and Chester. The full impact of Operation Venetic is currently being established. The current OCG picture shows an ongoing threat from Serious Organised Crime within Cheshire West and Chester. The OCG picture within Cheshire West and Chester shows that drug supply, with its associated violence and money laundering remains the predominant OCG threat to the area.

Emerging challenges

The COVID-19 Pandemic increased opportunities for exploiters to target vulnerable children and adults, particularly those who found themselves isolated from their usual support networks. As the world has turned to technology to enable us to stay in touch, so too have the perpetrators of serious and organised crime. Cybercrime is on the rise and opportunities for web-based corruption have increased in the last year due to the pandemic. We're responding with a focus on cyber-crime prevention and awareness raising in our new strategic plan; engaging communities, schools and businesses to ensure they are equipped to protect themselves from all forms of abuse that can occur online.

As always, a significant challenge is preventing those 'at risk' from becoming involved in Serious Organised Crime and diverting those already involved onto a different path. The links between vulnerabilities and the pathways into Serious Organised Crime are well established, as is the fact that partnership working is fundamental to achieving the desired outcomes for individuals and communities. We will all continue to play our part in making our communities safer from the threat of organised crime.

Next steps

- Turn our Strategic Vision into an All-Age Contextual Safeguarding Strategy
- Organise and deliver a series of Community Impact Events to target vulnerable groups at greatest risk of cyber crime
- Pilot and evaluate the 'Drug Dogs in School' initiative
- Enhance and refine the Multi-Agency SOC Dataset

Priority 3: Anti-Social Behaviour

Lead Agency: Cheshire West and Chester Council - Community Safety

Context

The purpose of including this priority is for partners to work together to increase community confidence through the prevention, detection, and reduction of Anti-Social Behaviour within our communities.

Addressing Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) remains a priority for the CSP. Within West Cheshire there are three dedicated ASB teams, all of which are based within local police stations. These teams include non-uniformed Community Safety Officers (CSOs) and uniformed Community Safety Wardens (CSWs) and dedicated Police Officers from the Local Policing Units (LPU). This joined up approach facilitates close working relationships across the partnership to address ASB and deliver a victim focused service, whist reducing duplication and ensuring that we maximise the resources available to respond and deter incidents of ASB.

Community Safety wardens and officers are accredited with a number of police powers under the National Community Safety Accreditation Scheme to tackle ASB, and staff undertake annual training in relation to these powers.

We also operate multiagency Problem-Solving Groups (PSGs) within each LPU footprint to maintain oversight of emerging ASB issues and local needs. These PSGs are managed by the

Community Safety Team and bring statutory and non-statutory agencies together to work in partnership to address ASB and support our communities.

20/21 was an unprecedented time due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Community Safety Wardens continued to provide a visible Prescence in our communities working alongside Police colleagues and supporting the local authority with the overall COVID-19 response including assisting with lockdown rules in our parks and green spaces.

In 2020 a partnership ASB board was established with the first meeting taking place in November 2020. The meeting is virtual and there are many partners engaged ASB Board. Terms of reference and an annual plan were developed and task and finish groups set up to cover three key areas. A joint communications plan was developed, and a bespoke subgroup was established to bring wider partners together to support national ASB Awareness week.

Achievements in 2020/21:

- ✓ Borough wide Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs) were reviewed and renewed for a further 3 years.
- ✓ All gating PSPOs were reviewed and renewed for a further 3 years.
- ✓ ASB Board established as a Sub Group to the CSP
- ✓ ASB Awareness week supported and brought partners together
- ✓ Joint communications Plan for ASB implemented.
- ✓ Problem Solving Groups continued to meet during the pandemic and provide a robust response to ASB.

Current ASB picture 2020-21

Anti-social behaviour incidents					
Year:	2016	2017	2018	2019	**2020**
ASB incident total:	10,431	10,149	7,585	6,554	**9,934**
Percentage increase / decrease:	-3%	-2.7%	-25.3%	-13.6%	**51.6%**

During the last twelve months there has been an increase of 51.6% (plus 3380) in anti-social behaviour incidents recorded in Cheshire West and Chester; this is the highest recorded volume during the five year review period; which also this year has been impacted by COVID-19 lockdown breaches adding to reported volumes.

Across the Cheshire Police area over the last twelve months there has also been an increase of 50.2% in ASB incidents, which means Cheshire West and Chester has recorded a comparable increase to the other Local Authority areas.

An analysis of incidents by Local Policing Unit indicates that during 2020 46% of all ASB occurred in Chester; 32% in Northwich and 22% in Ellesmere Port.

Identified COVID-19 related incidents have accounted for 23% (2,033) of all ASB incidents recorded during 2020 with the highest volumes being seen in April and May 2020 when the first national lockdown was in effect. A similar trend was observed in all Police Beat Team Clusters. Of the 2,033 COVID-19 related incidents 76% related to Nuisance ASB; 13% to Environmental ASB and 11% to Personal ASB.

Emerging challenges

Managing ASB during the COVID-19 pandemic and consideration for the impact of the pandemic on reporting and an escalation in incidents.

Next steps

- Review the Chester City PSPO.
- Refresh the Hate Crime Strategy.
- New Youth Work Strategy and delivery of agreed priorities.

Priority 4: Substance Misuse

Lead Agency: Cheshire West and Chester Council - Public Health

Context:

This priority aims to prevent and reduce the harms caused by substance misuse and understand the drugs profile for Cheshire West and Chester.

Achievements in 2020/21

Drug Related Deaths: The Cheshire West and Chester Drug Panel is commissioned by Public Health and provided Liverpool John Moore's University, who also provide panels across Cheshire and Merseyside. The panel is a multi- agency group which meets quarterly and reviews all drug related deaths in the borough. Intelligence in each death is gathered from relevant agencies including the coroners office and then deaths are discussed at the panel to identify any modifiable factors, key themes and trends and any learning for services to

help prevent future deaths. Throughout the year the Drug Related Death Panel continued to meet and all drug related deaths in the borough were reviewed.

Data on deaths:

- The number of ONS reported drug poisoning deaths which were registered in 2020 declined by 28%, with a 41% reduction in drug misuse deaths.
- Cheshire West and Chester had a total of 36 deaths reported to the DRD surveillance system in 2020, around the same number of deaths reported to the system during 2019.
- While the number of deaths outside of treatment fell slightly compared to 2019, the proportion of deaths in treatment or recently in treatment rose slightly.
- For deaths in treatment, just over two thirds of all cases (68%) occurred in individuals aged 40 or over.
- Cheshire West & Chester had the highest proportion of female deaths both inside and outside of treatment of all the Cheshire and Merseyside local authorities

Key panel findings:

- Overdose/drug toxicity remains a substantial issue and so widespread Naloxone distribution continues to be a critical tool for the purposes of prevention.
- Controlled medications appear to be a growing issue for DRDs, both prescribed and those obtained illicitly on the black market.
- A substantial minority of deaths occur in people living alone without being in a relationship. Social isolation appears to be a risk factor in terms of risk of overdose, and this has been exacerbated by the impact of COVID-19
- Pathways between mental health services and treatment providers for people who use drugs and alcohol and who are not currently abstinent remain challenging.
- Alcohol is still implicated in around one in six deaths identified as drug related by the coroner

Alcohol Related Harm in the night-time economy

The main focus for work to reduce harm in the night-time economy is Chester City Centre. Chester City retained it's Purple Flag status for 2020,. Purple Flag is an international accreditation programme that aims to reward those who achieve this in their destinations after dark. Purple Flag strives to help create safe and thriving locations at night for all users. The Chester Purple Flag steering group is a partnership of local agencies from the statutory and voluntary sector alongside residents, that uses the Purple Flag accreditation framework to make improvements in the night-time economy in Chester. The group works to make improvements on the following themes:

- Wellbeing and safety – including use of CCTV, licencing and regulation, policing.

- Movement – including public transport, car parking, pedestrian routes, crowd management and provision of information.
- Appeal – providing a mix of early evening and late night offers, arts and cultural activities
- Place – how design is used to make an appealing place including signage and branding etc.
- Policy – including strategy, partnerships, and involvement of the community.

Substance Misuse Treatment Services

New Beginnings specialist substance misuse treatment service is commissioned by the Council and provided by Westminster Drugs Project (WDP) and provides the following services to adults and young people:

- 1-2-1 Psychosocial Interventions,
- Prescribing interventions,
- Group Work,
- Relapse Prevention,
- Needle Exchange and harm reduction,
- Peer mentoring,
- Volunteering opportunities,
- BBV testing and vaccination,
- Criminal justice support,
- Access to Detoxification & Rehabilitation Services,
- Access to the Capital Card (incentive scheme).

Throughout the period covered by this report the service continued to perform well against all key performance indicators and treatment outcomes against which the service is monitored.

Overall clients are more likely to have a successful outcome and not re-present back to the service that the National, Regional or Comparators Groups. Clients are also more likely to report on an improvement to their Wellbeing.

However, criminal justice referrals and mental health referrals need some further attention, with a more detailed follow up on the CJ referrals/ transition process.

Current picture 2020-21

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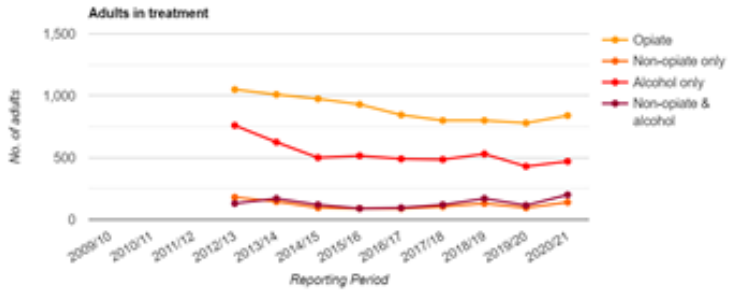
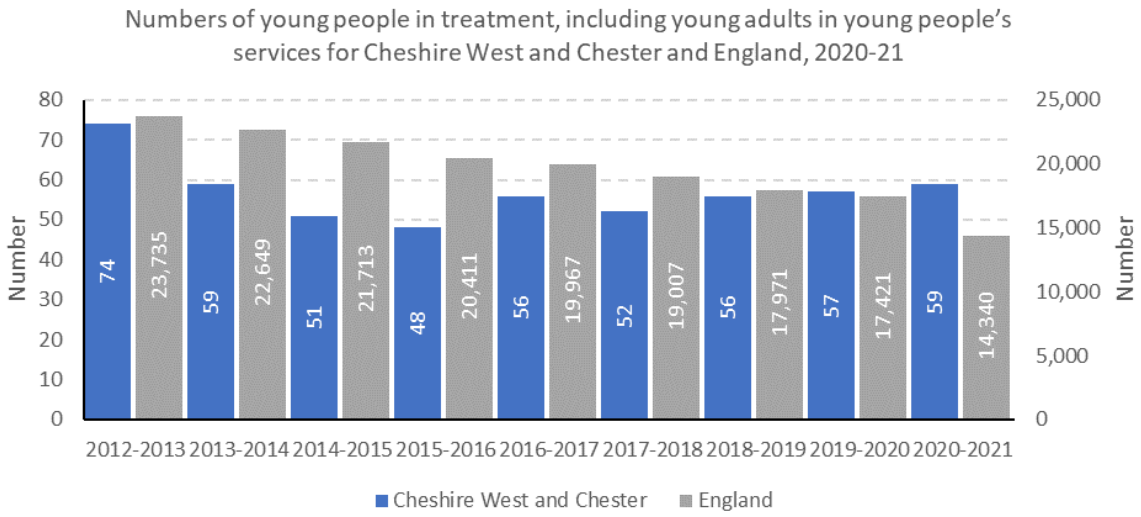
Adults in Treatment



Young People in Treatment



- There were **59** young people receiving treatment in Cheshire West and Chester, 73% were male and 27% female
- Cheshire West and Chester has a higher proportion of young males in treatment compared to the England average
- 88% of young people in CW&C reported cannabis as a problem substance, compared with 85% of England

Emerging challenges

There is a need to refresh the Drugs and Alcohol Joint strategic Needs assessment to better understand current patterns of use and supply of drugs and alcohol.

Areas of focus include:

- Children affected by parental substance misuse
- Improving Health Behaviours in young people (0-19) – includes substance misuse.

Next steps

- Establishing a robust system for collating and disseminating drug safety alerts
- Understanding the impact of COVID-19 on patterns of use for drugs and alcohol is a key priority

Priority 5: Domestic Violence and Abuse

Lead Agency: Cheshire West and Chester Council – Early Help and Prevention Service

Context

This priority aims for agencies to intervene to prevent or reduce repeat experiences of Domestic Violence and Abuse.

Achievements in 2020/21

- ✓ Increased reporting by male victims.
- ✓ Ongoing Roll out of Monkey Bob to Nurseries.
- ✓ Commencement of the 'ENGAGE' programme across children's services, creating a culture of engagement.
- ✓ Secured funding for additional Independent Domestic Violence Advocate (IDVA) capacity through Police Crime Commissioner (PCC) to respond to demands resultant from pandemic.
- ✓ Ongoing communications campaign adapted to respond to the pandemic, including Police Webchats and the You are Not Alone campaign.
- ✓ IDVA trained in Domestic Abuse (DA) Matters ahead of police training roll out in 21/22.
- ✓ Reduced numbers at Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conferences (MARACs) due to effective risk management through weekly multi agency meetings.
- ✓ MARAC audit completed and learning implemented.
- ✓ Local Authority (LA) training offer delivered through Safeguarding Children's Partnership (SCP) remodelled to meet needs of professionals ensuring a robust understanding of all areas of DA.

Current picture in 2020

In March 2020 the global pandemic hit the country. Since that time there have been periods of lockdown. There have been significant periods of time when all agencies have reduced the level of face to face. It has been assumed that victims would find it harder to seek support and would be trapped in abusive situations. Initially reporting to Cheshire Police reduced and there was a subsequent knock-on effect to the number of victims referred to the Council's domestic abuse provision 'Domestic Abuse Intervention and Prevention Service' (DAIPS). It was noted that there was an increase in the severity of incidents reported. The DAIPS service received more high-risk referrals compared to the previous 2 years. That said, the level of self-reporting to DAIPS remained stable which has been encouraging. Across agencies there are lower levels of reporting by ethnic minorities and those with other protected characteristics.

Delivery of Gateway moved to a virtual model; however, this took some time to achieve and was not particularly successful when implemented with victims showing a definite preference for face-to-face groupwork.

The average age of a victims in CW&C reporting to all services is between 25 and 35 years old; of the children impacted by domestic abuse 44% are aged 0-5 years of age.

The Domestic Abuse Act came into being on 01/04/2021.

The Countess of Chester IDVA and the Identification and Referral to Improve Safety (IRIS) project have continued to deliver high quality interventions to a broader range of clients year on year increase of referrals for children's recovery programmes.

There is a higher level of Domestic Abuse reported to all agencies within Northwich and Winsford localities.

Emerging challenges

Understanding the impact of the global pandemic on people who have been harmed, those who harm and their children.

Ensuring all partner agencies are meeting the requirements of the new Domestic Abuse Act 2021.

Data across agencies is not consistently recorded making it hard to analyse.

Provision of recovery groups in a timely fashion.

Absence of a substantial community offer.

Virtual delivery of children's groupwork led to a decrease in engagement.

Limited reach within ethnic minority groups.

People with complex needs are less likely to engage with DAIPS following a referral and more likely to experience a repeat incident within 6 months.

Next steps

- Refresh the Domestic Violence and Abuse Strategy 2021-2025.
- Develop trauma informed practice as a response to Domestic Violence and Abuse in line with 'Ways of Working' across all agencies.
- Increase reporting by ethnic minorities, male victims, people with disabilities and those with protected characteristics across all agencies.
- Explore and analyse the data relating stalking and harassment to ascertain the links to domestic violence and abuse.
- Develop the Cheshire West offer to non-intimate domestic violence and abuse including that perpetrated by children informed by national research.
- Roll out of operation encompass to pre-school providers.
- Cheshire Police roll out of 'DA Matters' to all new recruits and identification of DA Champions.
- Develop MARAC.
- CWP to appoint a DA Specialist.
- Develop a consistent approach to the collection and analysis of DA data across all partner agencies in CW&C, to inform DA responses.

Priority number 6: Killed and Seriously Injured

Lead Agency: Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service (CFRS)

Context

Through a multi-agency approach we encourage a coordinated and effective delivery of road safety improvements and interventions in Cheshire West and Chester. The ultimate aim is to reduce the numbers of people Killed and Seriously Injured (KSI) on the roads.

2020 figures relating to accidents and injuries on our roads must be observed with the understanding that the COVID-19 pandemic has seen a large change in the way people use our roads, this has happened over a short space of time and a reactive approach must be considered whilst recognising the short time and validity of the data returns.

Whilst during the pandemic, we saw less vehicles on the road this did lead to some vehicles then being more likely to exceed the speed limit/drive to an inappropriate speed to the conditions.

Unitary Area	2017			2018			2019			2020		
	Killed	Seriously Injured	Total	Killed	Seriously Injured	Total	Killed	Seriously Injured	Total	Killed	Seriously Injured	Total
CHESHIRE EAST	14	162	176	27	143	170	18	103	121	14	100	114
CHESHIRE WEST AND CHESTER	6	105	111	13	128	141	10	81	91	9	84	93
HALTON	1	27	28	2	28	30	3	28	31	1	25	26
WARRINGTON	1	66	67	4	77	81	5	53	58	5	47	52
Grand Total	**22**	**360**	**382**	**46**	**376**	**422**	**36**	**265**	**301**	**29**	**256**	**285**

A total of 174 Road Traffic Collisions required the attendance of CFRS in Cheshire during 2020 (Calendar Year)
48.3% of these incidents required extrication from the vehicle

Key priorities:

- Continue to Explore and understand key stakeholders and their planned initiatives for reduction in killed and seriously injured. All partners continue to work cohesively together across this area of activity, co-ordinated primarily from outcomes at the Cheshire Road Safety Group which feeds into the Education Training and Publicity Group. There are core areas that the teams continue to work towards utilising up to date intelligence ensuring that targeted activity occurs to address any upcoming issues.

- To explore the viability of a Road Safety Strategy to ensure coordinated activities with relevant partners are undertaken to reduce the number of fatalities and casualties. This work is ongoing via the Cheshire Road Safety Group a review is underway of the groups current structure, activities, governance and funding arrangements and work continues to promote the use of a strategic road safety plan.

- To explore and understand what data is available to monitor collision and casualties to ensure appropriate interventions. Supported by Cheshire Police and the Cheshire Police Partnerships team a request made by Cheshire Fire & Rescue Service to enable all of Cheshire's Safety Partnerships to adhere to the same data sharing agreement, so that a standard approach is utilised pan Cheshire.

Achievements 2020/21

Activity has had to change due to many of the restrictions imposed during the COVID-19 pandemic.

- ✓ Cheshire West & Chester continue to complete all school education from nursey to colleges – including cycle education, Cheshire Police support and CFRS when required/requested.
- ✓ CW&C have commissioned a new behavioural change programme for Road Safety education which will be delivered to all key stage 3/4 age groups across West Cheshire.
- ✓ CFRS Think, Drive, Survive has been refreshed so it is ready to deliver as COVID-19 restrictions are lifted, supported by Cheshire Police and Highways England.

- ✓ Biker down course for motorcyclists, free of charge for delegates completed by CFRS this has been refreshed so it is ready to deliver as COVID-19 restrictions are lifted.
- ✓ All partners continued to support "Engage" this gives driving instructor's relevant resources, a new website has been created to aid in the improved education of new drivers.
- ✓ Drive safe for longer delivered virtually for the past year face to face suspense.
- ✓ Winter and summer driving vehicle checks and advice were completed by all CFRS whole-time stations using social media as the delivery method.
- ✓ CFRS staff completed summer drink drive events, moved from June to coincide with the re-opening of Public House's.
- ✓ Junior safety officer programs have continued and are offered to all key stage two CW&C schools, adapted to virtual delivery during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- ✓ CW&C have continued to deliver the 'Modeshift Stars' programme which is a nationally accredited travel plan scheme recognising schools in supporting cycling, walking and other sustainable and active travel. Farndon was the first school to achieve the accreditation in West Cheshire. The online tool provides a facility to record modes of transport to school including how the students would prefer to travel, and assist in creating, developing and implementing an up-to-date School Travel Plan. The programme continues to include the creation of a #StaySafeGetActive walking bubble.

Current picture in 2020

Three infrastructure schemes will be implemented this year in Helsby, Frodsham and Northwich. These include work towards segregated cycle lanes.

All partners have seen a huge change in their normal delivery with the majority of all outputs have gone virtual.

CFRS continue to complete work as part of the service delivery plan for Road Safety utilising social media methods.

CFRS, Cheshire Police and the CW&C have taken part in active enforcement using an intervention called Operation Close Pass. A police rider is placed on the roads on a pedal cycle, those road users that pass within an unsafe distance are then where appropriate, educated or enforcement of the traffic law will occur, like wise those who cycle in an inappropriate manner are also engaged with. The key part of this is to promote consistent fair interactions with both target groups to encourage people to "Share the Road".

CW&C Roads Safety team continue to deliver fully funded adult, family or children or child cycle training and continue to help reduce congestion outside school gates. Graduated child drops offs brought in during COVID-19 have been beneficial to child safety and congestion in

local areas, CFRS and West Cheshire would support this to continue but it must be recognised it does course la large number of logistical issues to the schools.

They have also been actively encouraging schools to continue to take part in both the 'Bikeability' and Pedestrian training scheme, Let's Walk, along with the Parent Parking Charter for some time now.

Emerging challenges

Cycle deaths rise amid falling figures.

The drop in deaths varied among different road user types, with pedestrians (25%), motorcyclists (16%) and car occupants (15%) all experiencing reductions. However, the number of cyclists killed rose by 40%. But in context cycling has seen a huge increase in use. So much so, pedal cyclist casualty rates saw the greatest percentage decrease (34%) compared to all other road user types.

Operation Close Pass is one of many key tactics in West Cheshire to tackle this emerging safety issue for road users that use CWAC roads.

Powered scooters, continue to cause issues in specific areas in West Cheshire, with the main of issues coming from privately owned scooters.

The trail ongoing within Chester, from Ginger scooters has been extended and the number of units increased, again these are a new mode of transport and a reactive approach may be required to support any issues from them even when used correctly, also to react if these scooters are used in an inappropriate manner, via possible education and enforcement of riders and those that share the roads with them.

Next steps

- Explore and understand key stakeholders and their planned initiatives for reduction in killed and seriously injured.
- To explore the viability of a Road Safety Strategy to ensure coordinated activities with relevant partners are undertaken to reduce the number of fatalities and casualties.
- To explore and understand what data is available to monitor collision and casualties to ensure appropriate interventions.

Next steps for the Community Safety Partnership

The CSP will consider the next Strategic Assessment of Crime and Disorder and set priorities and a CSP plan for 2021/22. The partnership will continue to meet its statutory functions and partners will continue to work together to reduce crime and disorder across the borough.

Glossary

ABC	Acceptable Behaviour Contract
ABD	Acceptable Behaviour Discussion
ASB	Anti-Social Behaviour
BID	Business Improvement District
CBO	Criminal Behaviour Order
CCG	Clinical Commissioning Group
CFRS	Cheshire Fire & Rescue Service
CJS	Criminal Justice System
CSO	Community Safety Officer
CSP	Community Safety Partnership
CSW	Community Safety Warden
CW&C	Cheshire West and Chester
DAIPS	Domestic Abuse Intervention & Prevention Service
DRDP	Drug Related Death Panel
DA	Domestic Abuse
DAIPS	Domestic Abuse Intervention and Prevention Service
DVA	Domestic Violence & Abuse
DVPN	Domestic Violence Prevention Notice
DVPO	Domestic Violence Prevention Order
IDVA	Independent Domestic Violence Advocate
IOM	Integrated Offender Management
IRIS	Identification and Referral to Improve Safety
KSI	Kill & Seriously Injured
LA	Local Authority
LSAB	Local Safeguarding Adults Board
MARAC	Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference
MAPPA	Multi-Agency Public Protection Arrangements
NPS	National Probation Service
PCC	Police Crime Commissioner
PSPO	Public Space Protection Order
SCP	Safeguarding Children's Partnership