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Safer Policy and Performance Board

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Chief Executive

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The next meeting of the Board is on Tuesday, 16 September 2014

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IN THE PRESENCE OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

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REPORT TO: Safer Policy & Performance Board

DATE: 24 June 2014

REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director, Corporate and Resources

SUBJECT: Public Question Time

WARD(s): Borough-wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To consider any questions submitted by the Public in accordance with Standing Order 34(9).

1.2 Details of any questions received will be circulated at the meeting.

2.0 RECOMMENDED: That any questions received be dealt with.

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 Standing Order 34(9) states that Public Questions shall be dealt with as follows:-

- (i) A total of 30 minutes will be allocated for dealing with questions from members of the public who are residents of the Borough, to ask questions at meetings of the Policy and Performance Boards.
- (ii) Members of the public can ask questions on any matter relating to the agenda.
- (iii) Members of the public can ask questions. Written notice of questions must be given by 4.00 pm on the working day prior to the date of the meeting to the Committee Services Manager. At any one meeting no person/organisation may submit more than one question.
- (iv) One supplementary question (relating to the original question) may be asked by the questioner, which may or may not be answered at the meeting.
- (v) The Chair or proper officer may reject a question if it:-
 - Is not about a matter for which the local authority has a responsibility or which affects the Borough;
 - Is defamatory, frivolous, offensive, abusive or racist;
 - Is substantially the same as a question which has been put at a meeting of the Council in the past six months; or
 - Requires the disclosure of confidential or exempt information.

- (vi) In the interests of natural justice, public questions cannot relate to a planning or licensing application or to any matter which is not dealt with in the public part of a meeting.
- (vii) The Chairperson will ask for people to indicate that they wish to ask a question.
- (viii) **PLEASE NOTE** that the maximum amount of time each questioner will be allowed is 3 minutes.
- (ix) If you do not receive a response at the meeting, a Council Officer will ask for your name and address and make sure that you receive a written response.

Please bear in mind that public question time lasts for a maximum of 30 minutes. To help in making the most of this opportunity to speak:-

- Please keep your questions as concise as possible.
- Please do not repeat or make statements on earlier questions as this reduces the time available for other issues to be raised.
- Please note public question time is not intended for debate – issues raised will be responded to either at the meeting or in writing at a later date.

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

None.

5.0 OTHER IMPLICATIONS

None.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

6.1 **Children and Young People in Halton** - none.

6.2 **Employment, Learning and Skills in Halton** - none.

6.3 **A Healthy Halton** – none.

6.4 **A Safer Halton** – none.

6.5 **Halton's Urban Renewal** – none.

7.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

7.1 None.

**8.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE
LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

8.1 There are no background papers under the meaning of the Act.

REPORT TO: Safer Policy and Performance Board
DATE: 24 June 2014
REPORTING OFFICER: Chief Executive
SUBJECT: Specialist Strategic Partnership minutes
WARD(s): Boroughwide

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

The Minutes from the last Safer Halton Partnership meeting, which are subject to approval at the next meeting of the Safer Halton Partnership, are attached for consideration.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That the minutes be noted.

3.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

3.1 None.

4.0 OTHER IMPLICATIONS

4.1 None.

5.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

5.1 Children and Young People in Halton

None.

5.2 Employment, Learning and Skills in Halton

None.

5.3 A Healthy Halton

None.

5.4 A Safer Halton

None.

5.5 Halton's Urban Renewal

None.

6.0 RISK ANALYSIS

6.1 None.

7.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

7.1 None.

8.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

8.1 There are no background papers under the meaning of the Act.

SAFER HALTON PARTNERSHIP

At a meeting of the Safer Halton Partnership Tuesday, 18 February 2014 The Board Room - Municipal Building, Widnes

Present	S. Bell	Public Health
	K. Bennett	Cheshire Police
	D. Cargill	Police Crime Panel
	L. Crane	Children's Organisation & Provision
	N. Ellwood	Communities & Partnership Officer (PCC - Cheshire)
	D. Gordon	Community Safety
	S. Henshaw	Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service
	D. Johnson	Communities, HBC
	A. Jones	Democratic Services
	D. Parr	Chief Executive
	N. Sharpe	Halton Housing Trust
	E Sutton-Thompson	Policy & Performance, Communities

Action

SHP17 WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

David Parr opened the meeting and Introductions were made around the table.

Kevin Bennett was introduced as the new Chief Inspector for Halton, replacing Darren Hebden.

SHP18 APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Michael Andrews, Jeremy Duff, Chris Frazer, Councillor Osborne, John Davidson, Deana Perchard and John Williams.

SHP19 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING & MATTERS ARISING

The Minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a correct record.

SHP20 SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARD UPDATE

Dwayne Johnson presented the Partnership with an update on key issues and the progression of the agenda for safeguarding vulnerable adults in Halton.

Appended to the report was the 'Integrated Adults Safeguarding Unit' (IASU) Activity Report. This was a

statistical analysis of the allegations of abuse reported to them in quarters 1 and 2, but it was noted that this data related to the most complex safeguarding issues so did not reflect the full picture of safeguarding across Halton.

It was reported that the Safeguarding Adults Board agreed for an internal peer challenge review to be undertaken during June 2013 to August 2013, based on the 'Standards for Adult Safeguarding Peer Reviews'. So a Peer Challenge Team was formed along with a number of Lead Officers identified to take forward the review. As part of the review, the Lead Officers undertook a self-assessment against the Adult Safeguarding Standards and produced a report for the Challenge Team.

The recommendations from the report had been converted into an action plan to be worked on throughout 2014; the progress of this would be monitored by Halton Safeguarding Adult Board. A copy of the action plan was also appended to the report.

RESOLVED: That the Partnership notes the contents of the report.

SHP21 WIDNES STREET PASTORS

Dave Gordon presented to the Partnership the work of the Widnes Street Pastors from June to December 2013.

He advised that there were presently 15 Street Pastors and it was planned to recruit a further 5 this year. Pastors had no connections to the Police and were all volunteers. All Pastors received extensive training for the role and were all DBS checked.

Since 1 June 2013, a team of at least 4 Street Pastors went out on the streets on Saturday nights between 2300 hours to 0400 hours the next day; which equated to a total of 620 patrol hours.

He announced that over the past 7 months of operation the Pastors had made contact with over 400 members of the public, helping them in many ways, eg; proving flip flops to women who were walking bare footed, dealing with minor injuries, helping people who had lost contact with their friends, providing water and wipes to people vomiting and helping with taxis home, etc. Additionally the Pastors had removed glass bottles and drinking glasses from the High Street, Victoria Road and the Town Square thus making the streets safer.

It was noted that the attitude of the public so far had been very positive and people had welcomed what the Pastors were doing. With regards to door staff, feedback from forums had also been positive and there had been incidents where door staff had sought out the Pastors to assist with injured members of the public. It had been noticed that since the presence of the pastors, some bars and clubs were stopping people leaving with bottles and glasses and some were clearing up the front of their premises.

The Street Pastors had reported that they found the work very rewarding especially when they were thanked afterwards by the very same people they had assisted whilst unwell and vulnerable. There was also a general feeling of respect from the public towards the Street Pastors. It was hoped to expand in the future but this was dependent upon volunteers and funding. Due to a different night time economy in Runcorn, there were no plans to expand there at the moment.

It was commented that the work of street pastors in Cheshire had been supported by the PCC through the Crime Prevention Fund.

RESOLVED: That the information be noted.

SHP22 TASK GROUP UPDATES

The Partnership was provided with the following task group updates which were discussed in detail in the reports:

- a) Alcohol Harm Reduction Group – The Chambers and The Establishment were now working well with the Police. The Doctors and The Grapes had reopened in December with no issues to date, however would be still be monitored. *ArcAngel* was launched in Runcorn in December – The Ferryboat, Rockwells Diner, Preston Brook, Evenwood, The Daresbury Park Hotel and the Prospect Arms had been awarded the Cheshire Constabulary standard.
- b) Quarterly Alcohol Update – Data showed that Halton was narrowing the gap with other authorities and reported that under 18's admissions had dropped. Halton had been successful in obtaining LAAA (Local Alcohol Action Area) status. Public Health England will host a meeting on 7 March 2014 with the LAAA staff. Simon Bell would circulate further information and invitations to relevant people.

- c) Anti-Social Behaviour – A further 16.1% decrease in incidents for Q3; and Q4 was looking the same so far. Also, youth ASB was down by 32% when compared to this time last year. The two main areas of concern were still mini motos and neighbour nuisances. Police were liaising with Halton Housing Trust and maintained a good relationship with the staff there who were best able to deal with some perpetrators of ASB who resided within their properties.
- d) Domestic Abuse – MARAC referrals were slightly down on this time last year, as were repeats. However the number of children involved had increased by 7 for Quarter 3. It was announced that the perpetrator programme was about to go live with 12 referrals to start this at the end of February. The Domestic Abuse strategy would soon be up for consultation.
- e) Substance Misuse – Halton was joint 5th highest for effective engagement rate in the North West with 91% for problem drug users (PDUs) and for all drug users 18+ Halton was the highest in the North West at 94%. Treatment exits were also improved for both PDUs and 18+ and above the regional average. Again changes to the benefits system continued to cause issues and the fact that clients were reluctant to tell the DWP that they accessed drugs services. A networking event had recently taken place to highlight and discuss this. Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) was now meeting weekly at Ashley House.
- f) Partnership Tasking & Coordination – Bechers and Upton Green ASB was down this quarter compared to this time last year. Cheshire Fire and Rescue football initiative was now up and running, supported by HHT and partners. This profile had now been closed but monthly returns would continue. Halton Youth provision would be hosting a diversionary event on ??
- g) Hate Crime & Community Tensions – Reported incidents and crimes had both fallen in quarter 3. Halton were developing a further permanent Gypsy Traveller site adjacent to the transit site on Warrington Road, Runcorn.

SHP23 POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER

The Partnership was presented with a link to the PCC website which led to the refreshed Police and Crime Plan for

Cheshire.

Members were asked to comment on the Plan. It was agreed that Community Safety would draft a collective response to the Crime Plan, for sign off by the Partnership as a whole.

RESOLVED: That the information be noted.

SHP24 POLICE & CRIME PANEL

Dave Cargill advised the Partnership that the Police Crime Panel (PCP) would be holding a confirmation hearing on 24 February 2014, for the replacement Chief Constable for Cheshire.

RESOLVED: That the information be noted.

SHP25 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

The following items were presented to the Partnership for information:

- a) Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS) for Halton 2011-16 Performance Report –

It was noted that this 5 year reporting period was coming to an end in 2016. The Leader of the Council would be contacting Partners for collective input and views with regards to the next period: to identify new priorities, suggest how these would be delivered; and how would they be monitored.

- b) The Stevens Report – *Policing for a better Britain*
- c) Police & Crime Panel – Information Letter
- d) Widnes Blue Lamp Report
- e) Runcorn Blue Lamp Report

Meeting ended at 3.35 p.m.

REPORT TO: Safer Policy & Performance Board

DATE: 24 June 2014

REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director, Communities

PORTFOLIO: Community Safety

SUBJECT: Presentation: Operation Emblem

WARD(S) Borough-wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To provide update on Operation Emblem to the Safer Policy and Performance Board.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That the report be noted;

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 To provide an update on the results on the ongoing pilot around mental health triage joint patrols.

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 No policy implications.

5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 No financial implications.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

6.1 Children and Young People in Halton

None identified.

6.2 Employment, Learning & Skills in Halton

None identified.

6.3 A Healthy Halton

None identified.

6.4 A Safer Halton

None identified.

6.5 **Halton's Urban Renewal**

None identified.

7.0 **RISK ANALYSIS**

7.1 None identified.

8.0 **EQUALITY & DIVERSITY ISSUES**

8.1 There are no Equality and Diversity issues associated with this report.

9.0 **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

None under the meaning of the Act.



Mental Health in partnership

Dave Sweeney

Director of Transformation

John Heritage

Director 5BP

Section 136 Mental Health Act

- "...a person who appears to be suffering from mental disorder and to be in immediate need of care or control..... remove that person to a place of safety"

Number of 136 detentions in 2012 & 2013

<i>Cheshire East</i>	<i>101</i>	<i>(128)</i>
<i>Cheshire West</i>	<i>143</i>	<i>(172)</i>
<i>Halton</i>	<i>92</i>	<i>(93)</i>
<i>Warrington</i>	<i>107</i>	<i>(120)</i>

	AVERAGE COST	% ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL
EASTERN	£1613	32%
WESTERN	£1445	30%
HALTON	£2350	39%
WARRINGTON	£1607	30%

	HALTON	WARR	EAST	WEST
Average duration	<i>7 hours</i>	<i>6.5 hours</i>	<i>6.5</i>	<i>6.5</i>
Detained	<i>39%</i>	<i>30%</i>	<i>32%</i>	<i>30%</i>
Total Cost	<i>£216, 000</i>	<i>£172,000</i>	<i>£156,220</i>	<i>£203,360</i>

Street Triage *(Operation Emblem)*

*Cheshire Police and 5BP Assessment Team
practitioners*

- *Provided an immediate response to situations that would benefit from intervention of Mental Health Services*
- *Improve the outcomes through appropriate early intervention referrals*
- *Reduce the number of inappropriate 136 detentions*
- *The ability to have access and review 'live time' Care Plans*

Outcomes

- A total of 246 incidents have been attended by the team over 94 shifts to date
- Officers were considering the use of 136 at 42 incidents , the team intercepted and sectioned only 5 of those.
- Out of the 5 sectioned by the team ALL were detained.
- In 2012 35 % of all arrests were formally detained across Cheshire

Early headlines

- Reduction in the volume of section 136s made by 88 %
- Through direct liaison subjects have not only been assessed far quicker but have been taken to the most appropriate site
- 81 % known to services
- 55% open to services

Savings

- Service costs £500 per shift
- Without intervention cost for 136 arrests would have been £84,000 to date
- Actual cost incurred was £10,000 for 5 arrests, saving £74,000 over 94 shifts – average of £780 per shift
- 7 day service- average time to deal with incident 50 minutes

Established Provision

- Op Emblem
 - Extended for 12 months
 - Wider coverage – 7 days a week, to 2am
- Funded by partnership approach
 - 2 Police officers and police vehicle
 - 2 Community Psychiatric Nurses
 - PCC
 - Halton and Warrington CCG & Local Authorities

Future

- Seeking to collectively deliver the principles contained within the Mental Health Concordat
- Seeking to collectively deliver the principles contained within Closing the gap
- Identify gaps in service provision and influence commissioners in providing such services

REPORT TO: Safer Policy & Performance Board

DATE: 24 June 2014

REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director, Policy and Resources

PORTFOLIO: Community Safety

SUBJECT: Performance Management Reports, Quarter 4, 2013 – 14

WARD(S) Borough-wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 This Report describes the progress of key performance indicators, milestones and targets relating to Safer Halton in Quarter 4 of 2013-14. This includes a description of factors which are affecting the service.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That the Policy and Performance Board:

- i) Receive the Quarter 4 Priority Based report**
- ii) Consider the progress and performance information and raise any questions or points for clarification**
- iii) Highlight any areas of interest or concern for reporting at future meetings of the Board**

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 The Policy and Performance Board has a key role in monitoring and scrutinising the performance of the Council in delivering outcomes against its key health priorities. In line with the Council's performance framework, therefore, the Board has been provided with a thematic report which identifies the key issues in performance arising in Quarter 4 2013 – 14.

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are no policy implications associated with this Report.

5.0 OTHER/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no other implications associated with this Report.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

6.1 **Children & Young People in Halton**

There are no implications for Children and Young People arising from this Report.

6.2 **Employment, Learning & Skills in Halton**

There are no implications for Employment, Learning and Skills arising from this Report.

6.3 **A Healthy Halton**

There are no specific implications for health arising from this Report.

6.4 **A Safer Halton**

The indicators presented in the thematic report relate specifically to the delivery of the priorities for a Safer Halton.

6.5 **Halton's Urban Renewal**

There are no implications for Urban Renewal arising from this Report.

7.0 **RISK ANALYSIS**

7.1 Not applicable.

8.0 **EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

8.1 There are no Equality and Diversity issues relating to this Report.

9.0 **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

9.1 None under the meaning of the Act.

Safer Policy & Performance Board Priority Based Report

Reporting Period: Quarter 4 – 1st January 2014 – 31st March 2014

1.0 Introduction

This report provides an overview of issues and progress against key service area objectives and milestones and performance targets during the fourth quarter of 2013/14; for service areas within the remit of the Safer Policy and Performance Board.

The report has been structured by the following key priorities for Safer PPB, as identified in the Directorate and Corporate Plans:

- Community Safety
- Safeguarding and Dignity (including Consumer Protection and Substance Misuse)
- Domestic Violence
- Drugs & Alcohol
- Environment Health
- Risk & Emergency Planning

The way in which the Red, Amber and Green, (RAG), symbols have been used to reflect progress to date is explained in Appendix 2 at the end of this report.

2.0 Key Developments

There have been a number of developments within the Directorate during the fourth quarter which include:-

COMMISSIONING AND COMPLEX CARE

Domestic Abuse

The Domestic Abuse tender has been completed, and a new provider will deliver both the Refuge and Community Support Services from 1st July 2014. A contract mobilisation meeting will be held on 29th April 2014.

The refuge remodelling is on target to be completed by May 2014. The first two phases of the remodelling work have now been completed and the first floor now provides fully self-contained units. Phases 3 & 4 will remodel the ground floor accommodation and will also include improvement work on the reception area and provision of new flooring in communal areas.

Alcohol Strategy and Pathway Development

Reducing alcohol harm is a key priority for Halton and it is one of the five priorities identified in the local Health and Wellbeing Strategy. Work commenced during the fourth quarter on the development of a local Alcohol Strategy and Pathway. A multi-agency Workshop took place in mid-January to bring key stakeholders together to facilitate discussions about what local action needs to take place to tackle alcohol-related harm in the Borough. An Alcohol Strategy Steering Group was set up and has met twice since the workshop in early January. A series of sub-groups reporting to the Alcohol Strategy Steering Group have also been set up to focus on specific actions in accordance with a lifecourse approach. Work on the development of the strategy and pathway is scheduled

to run until the launch of the Strategy during Alcohol Awareness Week (mid November 2014).

PREVENTION AND ASSESSMENT

Making Safeguarding Personal Update

Halton joined the Making Safeguarding Personal (MSP) project in November 2013. The intention of MSP is to facilitate person-centred, outcomes-focused responses to adult safeguarding. Since the project commenced 24 cases have now been analysed and of these cases 96% of people involved felt that the investigation was conducted in such a way that they felt in control, informed and involved.

Currently Halton Safeguarding Adults Board receives performance data in relation to safeguarding adults however this data is unable to provide Board members with any real understanding of whether the safeguarding processes in Halton are making a difference for those who are most vulnerable and at risk in the locality. On-going work from this project to embed this approach into day to day practice will change the nature of the performance data and will provide Halton Safeguarding Adults Board with a better understanding of people's experiences and thus serve to influence and improve the delivery of safeguarding services in Halton.

As the project moves forward, it is with a generally accepted view amongst the 53 participating local authorities that outcome focused, person centred approaches must be integrated into safeguarding procedures if people are to be supported to live their lives with as much autonomy as possible. It is clear that seeking the person's own definition of a good outcome at the start of a safeguarding process, keeps professionals focused on a person centred approach and leads to better outcomes for the person and their family. As people achieve better outcomes, they are less likely to re-enter the system at a later date, being supported to stay independent for longer and encouraged to utilise their own skills, strengths and natural supports to build a safer future for themselves.

PUBLIC HEALTH

A new conversation about Alcohol

An alcohol harm reduction event was held on the 14th January to engage with key stakeholders in Halton. The event included an overview of the national regional and local picture of alcohol harm reduction. A local resident also shared her personal story of the impact of alcohol. The event was very successful with over 60 key stakeholders attending. Partners were asked to identify the key things we should be doing in Halton to reduce alcohol related harm. The information gathered will be used to inform Halton's new alcohol harm reduction strategy.

Presentations are available via the following link:

<http://www3.halton.gov.uk/healthandsocialcare/318895/339434/>

Halton has successfully applied to participate in a pilot scheme with the Home Office to become a "Local Alcohol Action Area". Such a focus will enable key partners to work together to establish plans to reduce the harm to health from alcohol, tackle crime and improve community safety and also contribute to the stimulation of the local night time economy. The Borough is waiting to hear whether it has been successful.

In addition, the Public Health Team has also:

Commissioned Alcohol Concern to support local activity to promote the “Dry January” campaign. Many Halton people made the commitment to stay sober in January and examine their own relationships with alcohol.

- Developed a pilot “social norms” programme to examine young people’s relationship with alcohol. Work in underway to develop a Halton wide programme to change the perceived “social norms” through more intelligent presentation of facts, improving self-esteem and emphasising the normalcy of positive health behaviours as a means to promote health and reduce risky behaviour in schools.
- Began work to examine the potential role of a “dry room” for Halton.
- Alcohol Education and Awareness – YTD 409 Halton School Children and Young People received 1 hour’s alcohol awareness education. 252 front line staff have been trained in IBA. January has seen the Launch of the alcohol campaign “Dry January” across the borough of Halton to encourage residents to abstain from alcohol for the month to improve their health.

POLICY, PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION

No key developments to report regarding Risk & Emergency Planning

3.0 Emerging Issues

COMMISSIONING AND COMPLEX CARE

No Emerging Issues to report for Commissioning and Complex Care

PREVENTION AND ASSESSMENT

No Emerging Issues to report for Prevention and Assessment

PUBLIC HEALTH

No Emerging Issues to report for Public Health

POLICY, PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION

No Emerging Issues to report regarding Risk & Emergency Planning.

4.0 Risk Control Measures

Risk control forms an integral part of the Council’s Business Planning and performance monitoring arrangements.

As such progress concerning the implementation of all high risk mitigation measures will be monitored in Quarter 2 and Quarter 4. However no high risks have been identified for this service area.

5.0 Progress against high priority equality actions

Equality issues continue to form a routine element of the Council's business planning and operational decision making processes. Additionally the Council must have evidence to demonstrate compliance with the Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED) which came into force in April 2011.

As a result the Board will receive further information following the completion of the Annual Equality Assessment which will be undertaken during Quarter 3.

There have been no high priority equality actions identified in the quarter.

6.0 Performance Overview

The following information provides a synopsis of progress for both milestones and performance indicators across the key priorities that have been identified for Safer PPB, as stated in the Directorate and Corporate Plans.

COMMISSIONING AND COMPLEX CARE

Key objectives and milestones

Ref	Milestones	Q4 Progress
CCC1	Conduct a review of Domestic Violence Services to ensure services continue to meet the needs of Halton residents	

SUPPORTING COMMENTARY

CCC1: Conduct a review of Domestic Violence Services:

During a review of domestic violence services it was highlighted that the current refuge was not fit for purpose. Riverside ECGH secured funding to remodel the refuge into self-contained units, and the improvement work is underway. The first two phases have been completed and all first floor units are now fully self-contained. The remodelling is expected to be completed by May 2014, and will include improvement work to reception and communal areas.

Key Performance Indicators

None applicable to Safer Halton priorities

PREVENTION AND ASSESSMENT

Key objectives and milestones

None applicable under Safer Halton priorities

Key Performance Indicators

Ref	Description	Actual 2012/13	Target 2013/14	Quarter 4	Current Progress	Direction of Travel
<u>PA 3</u>	Percentage of VAA Assessments completed within 28 days (Previously PCS15) (Previously PA5 [12/13], PA8 [11/12])	86.73%	82%	87.69		

SUPPORTING COMMENTARY

PA3: This target has been exceeded.

COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT**Key objectives and milestones**

None applicable under Safer Halton priorities

Key Performance Indicators

Ref	Description	Actual 2012/13	Target 2013/14	Quarter 4	Current Progress	Direction of Travel
<u>CE LI 14</u>	Residual household waste per household	633 Kgs	700 kgs	624 Kgs		
<u>CE LI 15</u>	Household waste recycled and composted	37.30%	40%	38.53%		
<u>CE LI 16</u>	Municipal waste land filled	58%	60%	57.17%		
<u>CE LI 19</u>	Number of Green Flag Awards for Halton	12	12	12		
<u>CE LI 20</u>	Improved Local Biodiversity – Active Management of Local Sites	58.49%	54%	50.94%		

SUPPORTING COMMENTARY**CE LI 14: Residual household waste per household:**

This is an estimated figure but indications are that this target has been met.

CE LI 15: Household waste recycled and composted:

This is an estimated figure but indications are that this target will be met. Despite an increase in recycling compared to 2012/13, performance is slightly short of this year's target. The new waste treatment services contract referred to in 'Key Developments' will ensure a significant increase in recycling performance in 2014/15.

CE LI 16: Municipal waste land filled:

This is an estimated figure but indications are that this target has been met.

CE LI 19: Number of Green Flag Awards for Halton:

The 12 Green Flag Award parks were awarded in July 2013.

CE LI 20: Improved Local Biodiversity – Active Management of Local Sites:

Although sites in the ownership of HBC have continued to improve some sites owned by third parties have not been actively managed during the period. This has resulted in a lower overall score.

PUBLIC HEALTH**Key objectives and milestones**

Ref	Milestones	Q4 Progress
PH 02	Continue to review and assess air quality within the Air Quality Management Areas to assess effectiveness of the action plan. Identify any other Areas within the Borough where national air quality objectives are likely to be exceeded. March 2014	
PH03	Work proactively with GPs, all service providers, Alcohol Liaison Nurses, teachers in schools to reduce the number of people drinking to harmful levels and alcohol related hospital admissions given the rise in pancreatic and liver cancer rates. March 2014	
PH06	Implement the alcohol harm reduction plan working with a range of providers including schools, focusing on preventive interventions and behaviour change to target the following vulnerable groups – pregnant women, women with babies and young people under 16 years. March 2014	

SUPPORTING COMMENTARY**Continue to review and assess air quality**

Halton are continuing to assess air quality across the borough including within the air quality management area. The 2014 Air Quality Progress Report indicates that air quality objectives have been achieved in all parts of the borough except within the AQMA where the annual mean objective for NO₂ continues to be exceeded, the likely source being road traffic. In response the action plan seeks to promote and implement measures aimed at reducing emissions from transport. The Progress Report has been submitted to Defra for approval.

Reduce the number of people drinking to harmful levels

Halton promoted the Dry January campaign to encourage local people to abstain from drinking.

Halton has been selected as a Local Alcohol Action Area (LAAA). Work is underway to develop a multi-agency action plan to pull together all activity to support a reduction in the harm to health, antisocial behaviour and crime and the diversification of the night-time economy.

A new alcohol strategy and action plan is also in development to expand and develop the work of the LAAA over a longer period.

Work is ongoing with the Whiston Alcohol Liaison Nurse Service to improve the local pathway, to develop better relationships with community services and also improve outcomes for those who regularly attend hospital as a result of drinking. A similar piece of work is due to start soon with the equivalent service in Warrington.

Implement the Alcohol Harm Reduction Plan

A social marketing campaign is under development to highlight the dangers of drinking through pregnancy, and encouraging abstinence.

The Healthitude programme is being developed to ensure consistent messages are provided by partner organisations in line with national curriculum requirements.

A social norms programme is being developed to challenge young people's perceptions of alcohol use locally and promote positive behaviour change.

Key Performance Indicators

Ref	Description	Actual 2012/13	Target 2013/14	Quarter 4	Current Progress	Direction of Travel
PH LI 01	a) % of scheduled Local Air Pollution Control audits carried out	90%	94%	94%		
	b) % of Local Air Pollution Control Audits being broadly compliant	95%	79%	98%		
PH LI 02	Food Establishments in the Area which are broadly compliant with Food Hygiene Law. (Previously PA 26 [12/13], PA 19. NI 184)	90%	85% (has been amended)	90%		
PH LI 13 (SCS HH1)	Alcohol related hospital admissions, AAF > 0, rate per 100,000 population (previously NI 39)	2815.9*	3,142	2925.1 (Jan – Dec '13)		
PH LI 14 (SCS HH1)	Admissions which are wholly attributable to alcohol AAF = 1, rate per 100,000 population	878.0	1039	949.0 (Jan – Dec '13)		

SUPPORTING COMMENTARY

PH LI 01: Both targets exceeded particularly the broadly compliant figure which is a result of targeting previously poor premises and achieving results from both informal and formal actions.

PH LI 02: This is based on 2012-13. The official return to the food standards agency for 2013-14 has yet to be produced. 2013-14 performance will be reported in Q1 or Q2 2014

PH LI 13: The 2012/13 local rate is provisional data and will be updated nationally next month. Current quarter data shows an increase in the rate from 2012/13 although it is currently below target.

PH LI 14: The 2012/13 local rate is provisional data and will be updated nationally in next month. Current quarter data shows an increase in the rate from 2012/13 although it is currently below target.

POLICY, PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION**Key objectives and milestones**

Ref	Milestones	Q4 Progress
PPT 03	Develop and consult on a local flood risk strategy for Halton. November 2013 and then to progress towards adoption by March 2014.	

SUPPORTING COMMENTARY

PPT03: Following review by the Environment Agency and initial partner consultation, the draft strategy is currently being updated to take account of our local partners' developed strategies and to ensure a consistent approach and structure for the document across the Cheshire Mid-Mersey sub-region.

This has delayed public consultation on the strategy, which is now expected to commence in May 2014.

Key Performance Indicators

None applicable under Safer Halton priorities.

APPENDIX 1 – Financial Statements

COMMISSIONING & COMPLEX CARE DEPARTMENT

Not Yet Available

PREVENTION & ASSESSMENT DEPARTMENT

Not Yet Available

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Not Yet Available

COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT

Not Yet Available

POLICY, PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

Not Yet Available

APPENDIX 2 – Explanation of Symbols

Symbols are used in the following manner:

Progress		<u>Objective</u>	<u>Performance Indicator</u>
Green		Indicates that the <u>objective is on course to be achieved</u> within the appropriate timeframe.	<i>Indicates that the annual target <u>is on course to be achieved</u>.</i>
Amber		Indicates that it is <u>uncertain or too early to say at this stage</u> , whether the milestone/objective will be achieved within the appropriate timeframe.	<i>Indicates that it is <u>uncertain or too early to say at this stage</u> whether the annual target is on course to be achieved.</i>
Red		Indicates that it is <u>highly likely or certain</u> that the objective will not be achieved within the appropriate timeframe.	<i>Indicates that the target <u>will not be achieved</u> unless there is an <u>intervention or remedial action</u> taken.</i>

Direction of Travel Indicator

Where possible performance measures will also identify a direction of travel using the following convention

Green		Indicates that performance is better as compared to the same period last year.
Amber		Indicates that performance is the same as compared to the same period last year.
Red		Indicates that performance is worse as compared to the same period last year.
N/A		Indicates that the measure cannot be compared to the same period last year.

REPORT TO: Safer Policy and Performance Board

DATE: 24 June 2014

REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director, Policy & Resources

PORTFOLIO: Community Safety

SUBJECT: Sustainable Community Strategy Quarter 4 year-end Progress Report 2013-14

WARDS: Borough wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To provide information to the Safer Policy & Performance Board on the progress in achieving targets contained within the 2011 – 2016 Sustainable Community Strategy for Halton.

2.0 RECOMMENDED THAT:

- I. The report is noted**
- II. The Board considers whether it requires any further information concerning actions taken to achieve the performance targets contained within Halton's 2011-16 Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS).**

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 3.1 The Sustainable Community Strategy, a central document for the Council and its partners, provides an evidenced-based framework through which actions and shared performance targets can be developed and communicated.
- 3.2 The previous Sustainable Community Strategy included targets which were also part of the Local Area Agreement (LAA). In October 2010 the coalition government announced the ending of government performance management of local authorities through LAAs. Nevertheless, the Council and its Partners need to maintain some form of effective performance management framework to:-
- Measure progress towards our own objectives for the improvement of the quality of life in Halton.
 - Meet the government's expectation that we will publish performance information.
- 3.3 Thus, following extensive research and analysis and consultation with all stakeholder groups including Elected Members, partners and the

local community and representative groups, a new SCS (2011 – 2016) was approved by the Council on 20th April 2011.

- 3.4 The new Sustainable Community Strategy and its associated “living” 5 year delivery plan (2011-16), identifies five community priorities that will form the basis of collective partnership intervention and action over the coming five years. The strategy is informed by and brings together national and local priorities and is aligned to other local delivery plans such as that of the Halton Children’s Trust. By being a “living” document it will provide sufficient flexibility to evolve as continuing changes within the public sector continue to emerge, for example the restructuring of the NHS and Public Health delivery, and the delivery of the ‘localism’ agenda.
- 3.5 As such, articulating the partnership’s ambition in terms of community outcomes and meaningful measures and targets to set the anticipated rate of change and track performance over time, will further support effective decision making and resource allocation.
- 3.6 Placeholder measures have also been included where new services are to be developed or new performance information is to be captured, in response to legislative changes; for which baselines will be established in 2011/12 or 2012/13, against which future services will be monitored.
- 3.7 Attached as Appendix 1 is a report on progress for the period to year-end 31st March 2014, which includes a summary of all indicators for a Safer Halton.
- 3.8 The full reports for each of the strategic priorities are reported to the respective Policy and Performance Boards. Additionally the Halton Strategic Partnership Board will receive a report for all measures.
- 3.9 An annual ‘light touch review’ of targets contained within the SCS, has also been conducted to ensure that targets remain realistic over the 5 year plan to ‘close the gaps’ in performance against regional and statistical neighbours. This review has been conducted with all Lead Officers being requested to review targets for 2014/15 and 2015/16. Targets were thus updated where appropriate in the light of actual/anticipated performance. All SCS measures are included in the draft medium term Directorate Business Plans 2013-16
- 3.10 The Corporate Policy and Performance Board is also asked to consider the inclusion of any additional measures to the above set to “narrow gaps” in performance where appropriate or respond to legislative/policy changes; thereby ensuring that all measures remain “fit for purpose”.

4.0 CONCLUSION

- 4.1 The Sustainable Community Strategy for Halton, and the performance measures and targets contained within it will remain central to the delivery of community outcomes. It is therefore important that we monitor progress and that Members are satisfied that adequate plans are in place to ensure that the Council and its partners achieve the improvement targets that have been agreed.

5.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The Sustainable Community Strategy for Halton is central to our policy framework. It provides the primary vehicle through which the Council and its partners develop and communicate collaborative actions that will positively impact upon the communities of Halton.

6.0 ATTACHED DOCUMENTS

- 6.1 The publication by Local Authorities of performance information is central to the coalition government's transparency agenda.

7.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCILS' PRIORITIES

- 7.1 This report provides information in relation to the Council's shared strategic priorities.

8.0 RISK ANALYSIS

- 8.1 The key risk is a failure to improve the quality of life for Halton's residents in accordance with the objectives of the Sustainable Community Strategy. This risk can be mitigated through the regular review and reporting of progress and the development of appropriate interventions where under-performance may occur.

9.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

- 9.1 One of the guiding principles of the Sustainable Community Strategy is to reduce inequalities in Halton.

10.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDERSECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

Document Sustainable Community Strategy 2011 – 26

Place of Inspection 5th Floor, Municipal Building, Kingsway, Widnes

Contact Officer Mike Foy (Performance & Improvement Officer)



The Sustainable Community Strategy

for Halton

2011 – 2016

Year-End Progress Report
01st April – 31st March 2014

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This report provides a summary of progress in relation to the achievement of targets within Halton's Sustainable Community Strategy 2011 - 2016.

It provides both a snapshot of performance for the period 1st April 2013 to 31st March 2014 and a projection of expected levels of performance to the year-end.

The following symbols have been used to illustrate current performance as against the 2013 / 2014 target and as against performance for the same period last year.

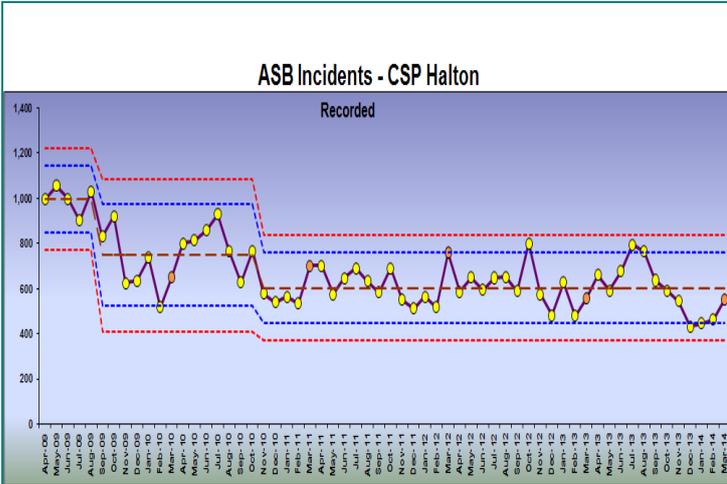
	Target is likely to be achieved or exceeded.		Current performance is better than this time last year
	The achievement of the target is uncertain at this stage		Current performance is the same as this time last year
	Target is highly unlikely to be / will not be achieved.		Current performance is worse than this time last year

Safer Halton

Page	Ref	Descriptor	2013 / 14 Target	Direction of travel
	SH 1	Reduce Actual Number of ASB incidents recorded by Cheshire Police broken down into youth and adult incidents.		
	SH 2	Reduce the number of Deliberate Fire incidents (NI33)		
	SH 4	Safeguarding Children: Reduce the Number of Young People who repeatedly run away in Halton (New Measure)		
	SH 5	Vulnerable Adults – Safeguarding: Increase the percentage of VAA Assessments completed within 28 days.		
	SH 6	Reduce repeat incidents of domestic abuse within the MARAC Cohort (NI32)		
	SH 7	a) Increase the percentage of successful completions (Drugs) as a proportion of all in treatment (over 18)		
		b) Increase the percentage of successful completions (Alcohol) as a proportion of all in treatment (over 18)		
	SH 8	a) Reduce the number of individuals re-presenting within 6 months of discharge (Drugs) [New Measure]		
		b) Reduce the number of individuals re-presenting within 6 months of discharge (Alcohol) [New Measure]		
	SH 9	Reduce the rate of young people (0-18) admitted to hospital due to substance misuse (will include alcohol)		
	SH 10	Reduce Alcohol related hospital admissions (NI 39)		
	SH 12	Reduce the number of first time entrants to the Youth Justice System (formerly NI111).		
	SH 13	Use of Custody (New Measure)		
	SH 15	Reduce the re-offending rate of young offenders (Formerly NI 19)		
	SH 16	Reduce serious acquisitive crime (Formally NI16)		
	SH 17	Reduce Assault with Injury crime rate (Formerly NI 20) New Revised Measure		

SCS / SH1

Reduce Actual Number of AASB incidents recorded by Cheshire Police broken down into youth and adult incidents



2012/13 Actual	2013/14 Target	2013/14 Qtr 2	2013/14 Qtr 4	Current Progress	Direction of Travel
7228	8065	4166	7232		

Data Commentary:

Actual number of antisocial behaviour (ASB) incidents reported to the Cheshire Police, cumulatively in the year.

Performance Commentary:

According to the Safer Halton Partnership Task Group Updates Report for Quarter 4, for the period April 2009 to March 2014, average volumes of anti-social behaviour incidents are following an imminent decrease due to less demand reported during October 2013 to March 2014.

% Change 2013 from 2012	-1.1%
April 2013 - March 2014	7,155
April 2012 - March 2013	7,238
April 2011 - March 2012	7,424
April 2010 - March 2011	8,473

Summary of Key activities taken or planned to improve performance:

Specific details and partnership activities regarding cases and problem locations are documented in the Monthly Quality Of Life Inspector reports, the MAM meetings, and the Partnership T&C monthly meeting, notwithstanding profiles and occurrence logs on Niche (Police case management system / ASB profiles).

Operation Mode and Partnership T&C are working on profiles associated with **Dundalk Road, ASDA, Stewards Avenue and Liverpool Road** (We have approx. 3 groups of youths causing the ASB).

Interventions for the 3 profiles include:-

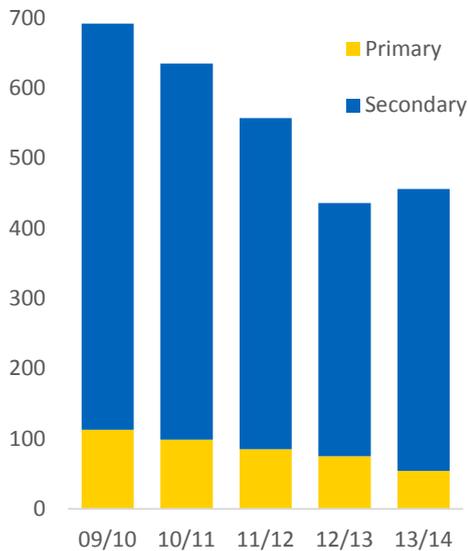
- Op Granite – Off road bikes and 4x4 vehicles to target off road bikes.
- 10-12 Young Persons (Aged 11-17) invited into police station regarding wheelie bin fires and general ASB. Housing also involved.
- Styker CCTV camera deployed
- Youth outreach programme targeting the problem youths. Young Addaction have set up a project with the young persons.
- ABC`s have been issued.
- Op Mode has been set-up to target the 3 groups and the problem locations.

- Partnership Tasking vehicle was delivered on the 14th March.
- Truancy Sweeps were carried out on the 7th Feb and 10th March.

SCS / SH2

Reduce the number of Deliberate Fire incidents (NI33)

	2012/13 Actual	2013/14 Target	2013/14 Qtr 2	2013/14 Year End	Current Progress	Direction of Travel
Primary	5.97	6.45	2.94	4.30		
Secondary	28.72	34.45	20.21	31.98		
Total	34.69	40.90	23.15	36.28		
Data Commentary:						
<p>Data relates to all fire incidents deemed to have been caused by deliberate ignition, between 1 April 2013 and 31 March 2014.</p> <p>It is the number of deliberate :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) primary and (ii) secondary fires per 10,000 population. <p>This is an APACS indicator: SPI 7.1 deliberate fires.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deliberate fire is any fire where the cause of fire is suspected non-accidental. • Primary fire is any fire involving casualties OR any fire involving property (including non-derelict vehicles) OR any fire where at least 5 fire appliances attend. • Secondary fires are reportable fires that were not involving property; were not chimney fires in buildings; did not involve casualties; were attended by four or fewer appliances. An appliance is counted if either the appliance, equipment from it or personnel riding in it, were used to fight the fire. Derelict building or derelict vehicle fires are secondary fires. 						
Performance Commentary:						
<p>All Fire and Rescue Services in England reported decreases in deliberate fire activity year on year from 2011/12 to 2012/13. This has never been seen before and was attributed mainly to the increased rainfall experienced in 2012/13.</p> <p>As such, Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service used the previous 3 year average number of incidents rather than just the previous year figures to set deliberate fire targets for 2013/14, to ensure that targets were more realistic and obtainable.</p> <p>Deliberate primary fires ended the year positively under target, however deliberate secondary fires were over target and this indicator recorded an increase when compared to 2012/13, as expected. The graph above demonstrates a downward trend over the past 5 years, with 2012/13 a noticeably lower number than previous years. Please note, 2013/14 figures are still positively lower than every other year.</p>						

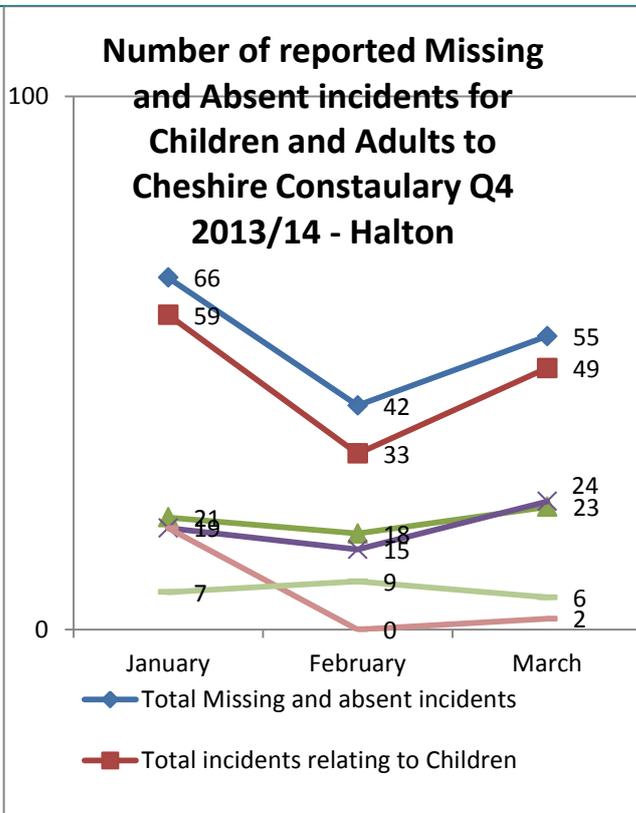


Summary of Key activities taken or planned to improve performance:

- Youth engagement activities including: RESPECT, the Phoenix Project, 2 X Fire Cadet units, Princes Trust, Hough Green Football Project and Fire Station Community Garden at Runcorn.
- Established Police Notification Reporting (PNR) process so deliberate fire information and intelligence gathered by fire crews is user friendly and accessible between partners. Following every deliberate fire a report is completed and sent a 'single point of contact' (SPOC) in the Police.
- Areas of high activity are reported to the Halton Tasking and Coordination Group, in order to shape a multi-agency approach to the problem.
- Each of the stations have dedicated 'arson routes' which are reviewed monthly to encompass the areas of greatest anti-social fire activity. Crews patrol the areas in their fire appliances to act as a deterrent and provide reassurances to the community. They actively knock on doors and remind residents to stow away bins and likewise, businesses to arrange for skips to be removed once full.
- Advertising/ Marketing on fire appliances ref crime and arson prevention.
- Fitting of Domestic Fire Retardant Letter box covers to the vulnerable.
- Fire Safety Enforcement activity in areas of high risk for arson.
- Joint SMART Water/crime prevention/home fire safety initiatives with Police and Partners.
- Multi-agency Halloween and Bonfire initiatives.
- Discussions ongoing to increase the number of organised community bonfires and firework displays over the bonfire period.
- The concept and development of Phoenix Cadets – this is an addition to the current Phoenix Project in Halton to extend the Fire Cadets out to primary age children in schools within the community.
- Fitting Wheelie Bin Locks in areas of high activity or to vulnerable households.

SCS / SH4

Safeguarding Children: Reduce the Number of Young People who repeatedly run away in Halton (New Measure)



2012/13 Actual	2013/14 Target	2013/14 Qtr 2	2013/14 Qtr 4	Current Progress	Direction of Travel
Cheshire Constabulary reported incidents 623 for adults and young people	To reduce the number of repeats	Total 178 incidents 96 for children and 45 incidents for children in care	Total 163 missing incidents for 141 children of which 58 are children in care		

Data Commentary:

Cheshire Constabulary from this quarter started to collect absence incidents. However, some data quality issues have been identified. Upon resolution, data will be amended accordingly. The Police Strategic Public Protection Unit now sends the local authority a tracker that shows all missing and absent young people. The tracker will show the type of placement and the number of episodes over the last 6 months, the responsible local authority, CSE or other significant risks.

Performance Commentary:

Cheshire Constabulary has seen a 12% reduction in the annual number of recorded incidents from 623 to 550. The commissioned service (Catch 22) for quarter 4 have received 100 Notifications from Police, 6 Notifications from Social Care and completed 75 return interviews and the below shows a summary.

	Home	Care	30 Mile
Incidents over 24 hours	12	12	1
Repeat Individuals	7	14	1
Repeat Incidents	26	52	3
Cases that identify CSE	6	5	2

Summary of Key activities taken or planned to improve performance:

The Missing from Home and Care protocol has been revised in April 2014 to take into account new definitions concerning children who go missing which now has 3 classifications, 'absent, missing and away from placement without authorisation.' The new protocol also defines agencies roles and responsibilities including the collecting and analysing of data to assist with trends around missing but to also make links to Child Sexual Exploitation and trafficking. From 1 April 2014 the local authority will record all episodes of 'away from placement without authorisation' regarding children in care, absent and missing for children from care and from home. We will be able to be more effective going forward to compare police and LA data to give a more accurate picture of number of children 'running' away in order to put strategies into place to reduce the number of repeat incidents. Compliance visits will be undertaken with residential providers and part of this will be to review data/records of 'away from placement without authorisation,' absence and missing young people.

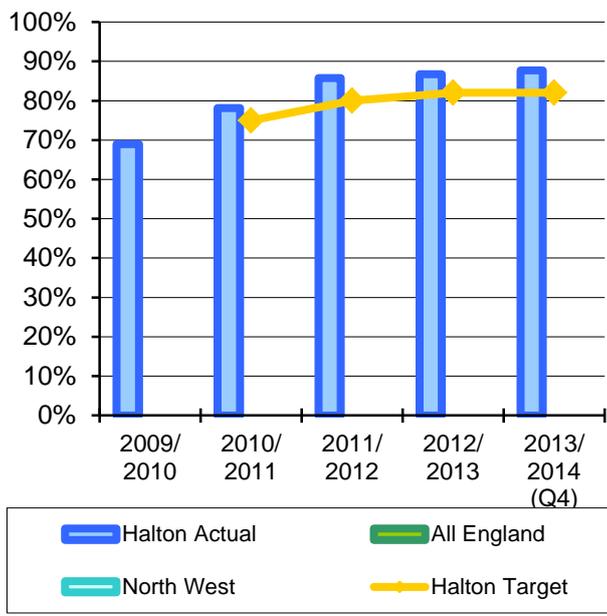
The commissioned service (Catch 22) will report on the activity of commission around return

interviews as well as further data on reasons for young people running, associates that they run with as well as highlighting positive outcomes for young people that they support with direct work. These outcomes will be reported using the outcome star model.

SCS / SH5

Vulnerable Adults – Safeguarding: Increase the percentage of VAA Assessments completed within 28 days.

Increase the percentage of VAA Assessments completed within 28 days



2012/13 Actual	2013/14 Target	2013/14 Qtr 2	2013/14 Qtr 4	Current Progress	Direction of Travel
86.73%	82%	89.8%	87.69%		

Data Commentary:

The higher the number of VAA's completed within 28 days ensures that investigations are conducted in a timely manner and the resulting outcome delivered quickly for the alleged victim. This potentially reduces the impact that abuse can have on those involved.

Performance Commentary:

The overall performance is very encouraging with a positive performance increase year on year, consistently exceeding and improving on the target.

Summary of Key activities taken or planned to improve performance:

During 2013 an internal Peer Challenge Review was undertaken based on the Standards for Adult Safeguarding Peer Reviews developed by the LGA and endorsed by ADASS. The report was presented to HSAB with an action plan to improve and sustain performance in this area. An Executive Board has been established with an overall aim to support the Halton Safeguarding Adults Board (HSAB) to deliver on its priorities and work plan. The Executive Board will also aim to ensure that all agencies work together to provide safeguarding services, which enable adults in Halton to live as full members of the community, free from harm/abuse and intimidation, where dignity is respected.

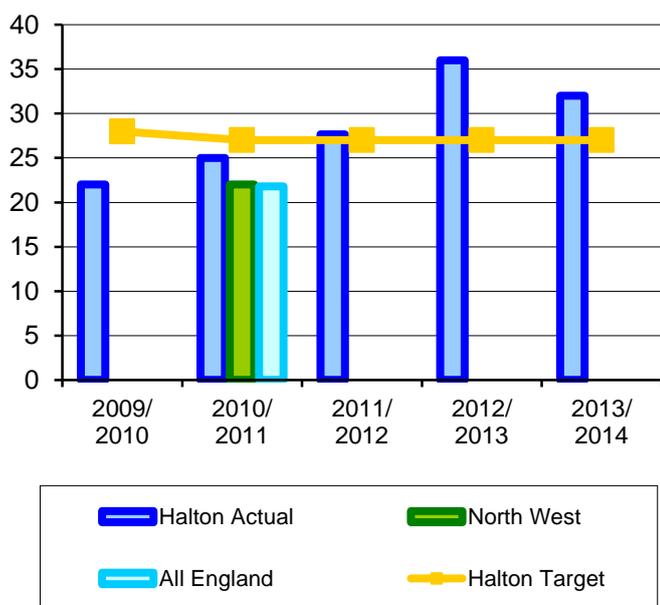
In November 2013 Halton were invited to participate in the Making Safeguarding Personal Programme. This work aims to provide a commitment to improve outcomes for people at risk of harm. The key focus is on developing a real understanding of what people wish to achieve, recording their desired outcomes and then seeing how effectively these have been met.

Currently Halton Safeguarding Adults Board receives performance data in relation to safeguarding adults however this data is unable to provide Board members with any real understanding of whether the safeguarding processes in Halton are making a difference for those who are most vulnerable and at risk in the locality. On-going work from this project to embed this approach into day to day practice will change the nature of the performance data and will provide Halton Safeguarding Adults Board with a better understanding of people's experiences and thus serve to influence and improve the delivery of safeguarding services in Halton.

SCS / SH6

Reduce repeat incidents of domestic abuse within the MARAC Cohort (NI32)

Repeat incidents of domestic abuse within the MARAC cohort (Formerly NI 32)



2012/13 Actual	2013/14 Target	2013/14 Qtr 2	2013/14 Qtr 4	Current Progress	Direction of Travel
36%	27%	33%	32%		

Data Commentary:

For the purposes of this indicator, a repeat case occurs when a case that is reviewed at a MARAC has also been seen or reviewed at the same MARAC or a different MARAC within the same Local Area Agreement within the preceding 12 months (from the review). Each repeat case will also be counted each time it is reviewed in a given 12 month period (i.e. If a case first comes to MARAC in January and then is reviewed in February and July this will count as two repeats). If a case was reviewed at a different MARAC outside of the Local Area Agreement within the preceding 12 months, this will not be counted as a repeat.

Performance Commentary:

MARAC - Halton MARAC has a current rolling NI 32 performance level of 32%. 217 cases were discussed during 2013-14; 4.6% referrals where the victim was recorded as having a disability; 3.7 % of the victims were noted as male; 251 children were identified within the MARAC case's.

Summary of Key activities taken or planned to improve performance:

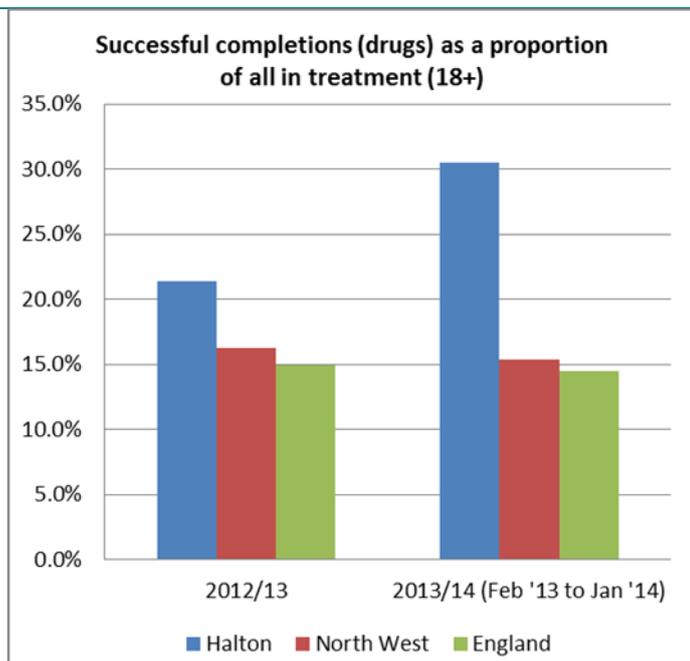
Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conferences (MARACs) are regular local meetings where information about high risk domestic abuse victims is shared between local agencies. By bringing all agencies together at a MARAC, and ensuring that whenever possible the voice of the victim is represented by the IDVA, a risk focused, co-ordinated safety plan can be drawn up to support the victim. There are currently over 270 MARACs are operating across England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland managing more than 64,000 cases a year.

Halton Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference meets on the second and fourth Wednesday of every month. The conference is made up of approximately fifteen individuals from a variety of agencies. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss Domestic Abuse cases that have been referred in to the MARAC process. The MARAC only discusses cases that are deemed to be 'High Risk' which is defined as follows and taken from the DASH risk assessment.

High - 'There are identifiable indicators of risk of serious harm. The potential event could happen at any time and the impact would be serious.'

Risk of serious harm – 'A risk which is life threatening and/or traumatic, and from which recovery whether physical or psychological, can be expected to be difficult or impossible.'

The MARAC has until now always been administrated by a designated member of staff however, due to organisational cuts Cheshire Police no longer provide this support resource. Other mechanisms for providing administrative support are being explored.

SCS / SH7^{1a} Increase the % of successful completions (Drugs) as a proportion of all in treatment (18+)

2012/13 Actual	2013/14 Target	2013/14 Qtr 2	2013/14 Qtr 4	Current Progress	Direction of Travel
21.4%	(Above NW average)	26.4%	30.5% (Feb 13 – Jan 14)		

Data Commentary:

The new substance misuse service, provided by CRI commenced on 1st February 2012. Data used for Q2 and Q4 above is a rolling yearly percentage. The latest data (Q4) is for 1st February 2013 to 31st January 2014.

Performance Commentary:

The data is demonstrating an increase in the number of clients accessing the treatment service and an increase in the number of successful completions for all drugs. Performance for Feb '13 to Jan '14 is better than the 2012/13 end of year figure of 21.4%. The Halton percentage is statistically significantly higher (better) compared to the North West and England averages.

Summary of Key activities taken or planned to improve performance:

The factors that have contributed to the improving stats are:

- The Foundations of Recovery programme
- Prioritising support and routes out of treatment
- Continued development of peer mentoring programme.
- Recovery event 2013
- Robust case management
- Staff training and robust report processes to improve key performance targets.
- Increase in volunteer programme to support individuals through person journeys of drug treatment.

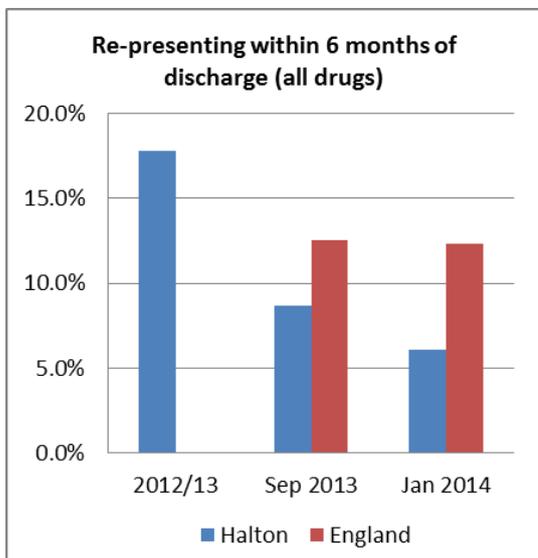
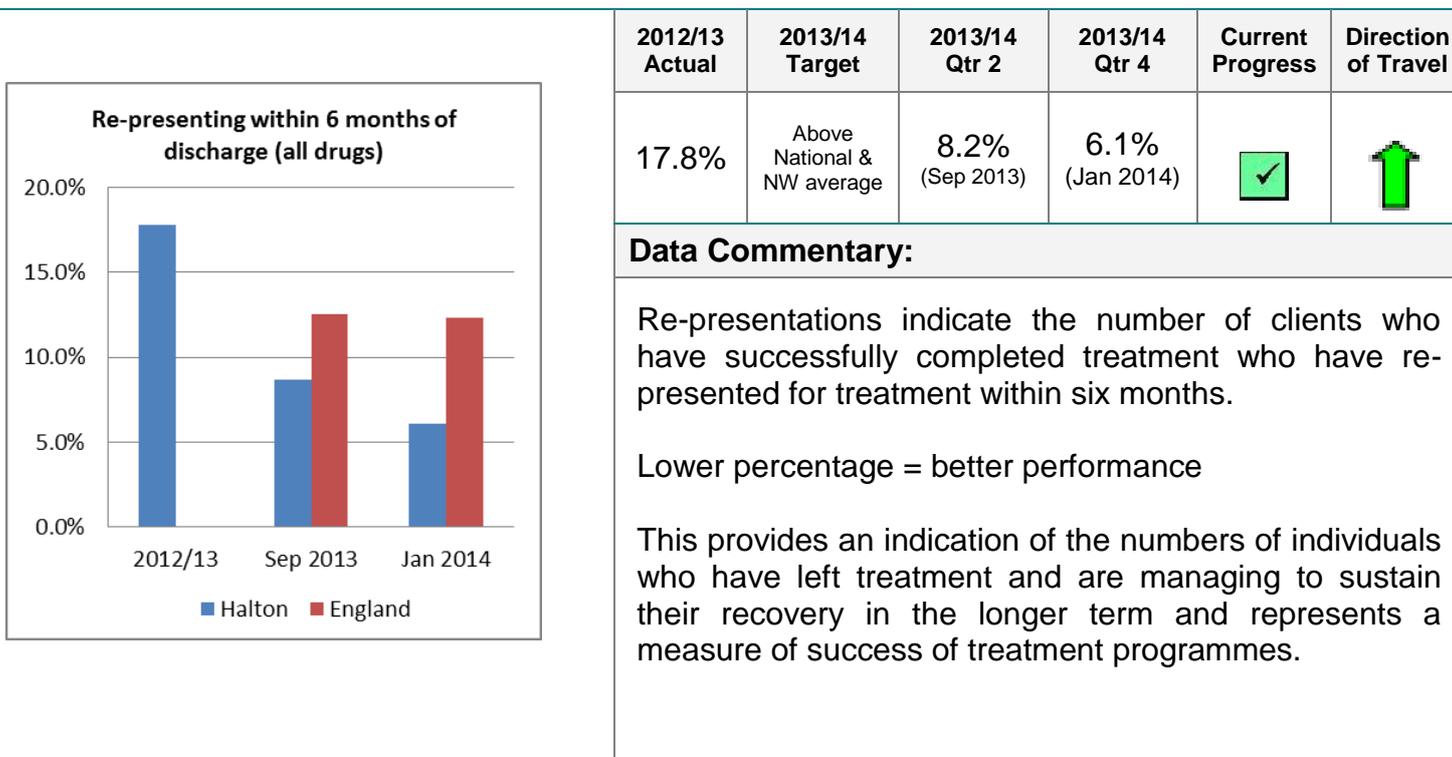
SCS / SH7^{2b}

Increase the percentage of successful completions (Alcohol) as a proportion of all in treatment (over 18)

<p>Successful completions (alcohol) as a proportion of all in treatment (18+)</p>	2012/13 Actual	2013/14 Target	2013/14 Qtr 2	2013/14 Qtr 4	Current Progress	Direction of Travel
		37.7%	Increasing percentage of completions	42.8% (July 12 – Aug 13)	58.6% (Feb 13 – Jan 14)	
Data Commentary:						
<p>The aim of this service is to increase the % of successful completions as a proportion of all people in treatment for an alcohol addiction. It is a measure of how successful the Tier 3 Community Service is, in treating alcohol dependency and ensuring that the in-treatment population does not remain static.</p> <p>Data used for Q2 and Q4 above is a rolling yearly percentage. The latest data (Q4) is for 1st February 2013 to 31st January 2014.</p>						
Performance Commentary:						
<p>The data is demonstrating an increase in the number of clients accessing the treatment service and an increase in the number of successful completions for alcohol. Performance for Feb '13 to Jan '14 is better than the 2012/13 end of year figure of 37.7%. The Halton percentage is statistically significantly higher (better) compared to the North West and England averages.</p>						
Summary of Key activities taken or planned to improve performance:						
<p>Alcohol treatment forms part of the Health and Wellbeing Action Plan. A new alcohol strategy for Halton is in development with multi-agency support.</p> <p>Work continues with CRI to develop optimal Alcohol pathways which will encourage safe discharge and robust aftercare, in order to maintain treatment gains and avoid repeat admissions.</p> <p>Work has begun in relation to linking the Community Service CRI into the Whiston Alcohol Nursing Scheme in order to identify people with high need who may re-present to Hospital Accident & Emergency departments and at differing access points within the treatment system.</p> <p>Work is also underway to better understand the reasons why approximately two thirds of clients assessed by the Whiston Alcohol Liaison Nursing Scheme who accept a referral to community services do not attend an initial assessment with the community service.</p>						

² SCS / SH7b is also replicated under Healthy Halton as SCS / HH 11b.

SCS / SH8a

Reduce the number of individuals re-presenting within 6 months of discharge (Drugs)
[New Measure]**Performance Commentary:**

The latest data is for people who have completed drugs treatment between 1st February 2013 and 31st July 2013, and re-presented up to 31st January 2014.

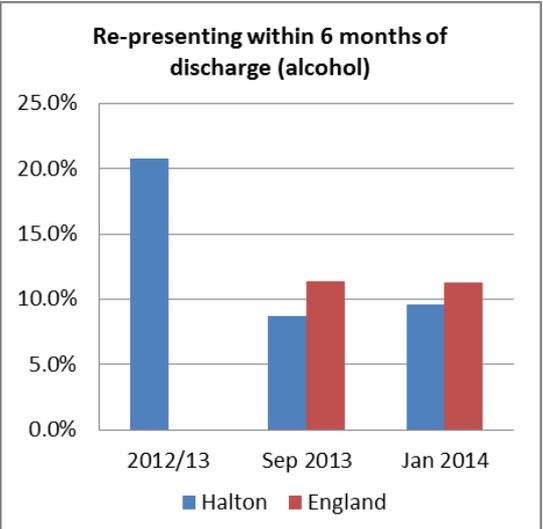
Summary of Key activities taken or planned to improve performance:

The factors that have contributed to the improving stats are:

- The Foundations of Recovery programme
- Prioritising support and routes out of treatment
- Continued development of peer mentoring programme.
- Recovery event 2013
- Robust case management
- Staff training and robust report processes to improve key performance targets.
- Increase in volunteer programme to support individuals through person journeys of drug treatment.

SCS / SH8b

Reduce the number of individuals re-presenting within 6 months of discharge (Alcohol)
[New Measure]

	2012/13 Actual	2013/14 Target	2013/14 Qtr 2	2013/14 Qtr 4	Current Progress	Direction of Travel
		20.8%	Above National & NW Average	8.7% (Sep 2013)	9.6% (Jan 2014)	
Data Commentary:						
<p>Re-presentations indicate the number of clients who have successfully completed treatment who have re-presented for treatment within six months.</p> <p>Lower percentage = better performance</p> <p>This provides an indication of the numbers of individuals who have left treatment and are managing to sustain their recovery in the longer term and represents a measure of success of treatment programmes.</p> <p>The latest data is for people who have completed alcohol treatment between 1st February 2013 and 31st July 2013, and re-presented up to 31st January 2014.</p>						
Performance Commentary:						
<p>The latest data shows that the percentage of people representing within 6 months of discharge has decreased in Halton, when comparing it to the 2012/13 data. The percentage of people re-presenting in Halton is lower than the national average.</p>						

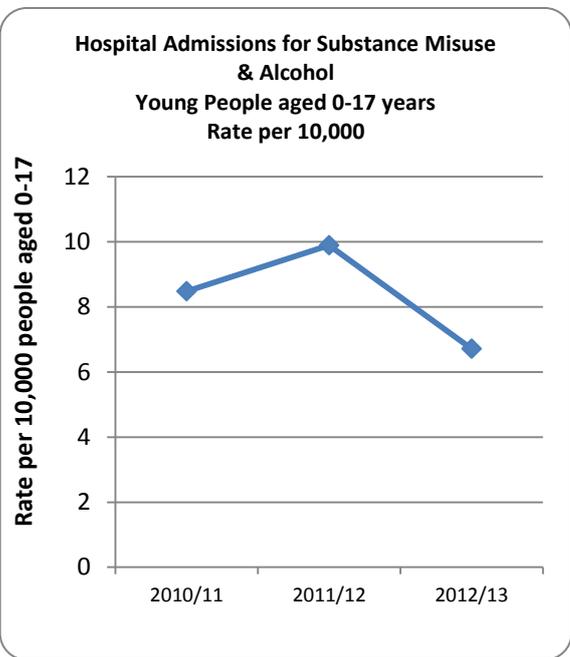
Summary of Key activities taken or planned to improve performance:

Work continues with CRI to develop optimal Alcohol pathways which will encourage safe discharge and robust aftercare, in order to maintain treatment gains and avoid repeat admissions.

Work is currently underway to develop an alcohol harm reduction strategy and action plan for Halton. Part of this work is to ensure effective pathways through treatment to recovery. This will include ensuring data is shared between organisations to identify clients who may re-present at differing access points following treatment. This will ensure we identify people of high need and support them to sustain their recovery.

SCS / SH9

Reduce the rate of young people (0-18) admitted to hospital due to substance misuse (will include alcohol)

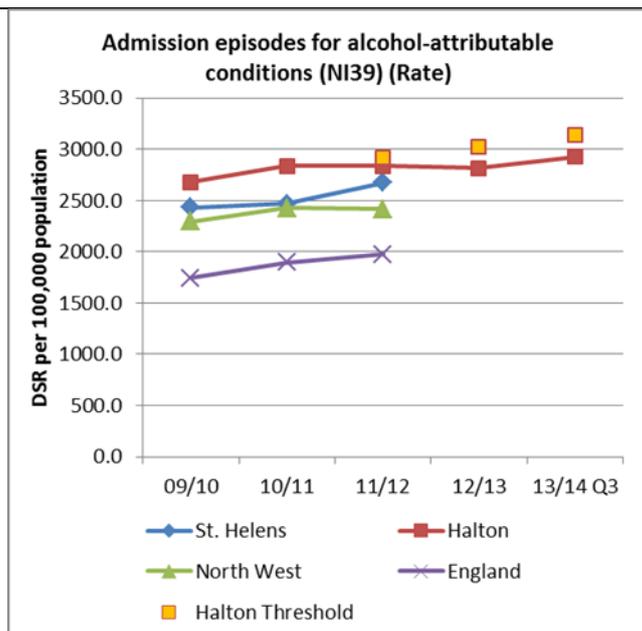
 <p>Hospital Admissions for Substance Misuse & Alcohol Young People aged 0-17 years Rate per 10,000</p>	2012/13 Actual	2013/14 Target	2013/14 Qtr 2	2013/14 Qtr 4	Current Progress	Direction of Travel
	11.66 (Q2 2012/13)	26.2	Current data is 2012/13 complete year. Rate of 6.71 (0-17 yrs admissions for substance misuse and alcohol)	The total number of admissions during Q1 & Q2 2013/14 was less than 10 and when broken down to u18s are all less than 5. Figures cannot be provided due to potentially identifying patients with the numbers being so small	✓	↑
Data Commentary:						
This indicator measures the % of hospital admissions for 0 – 17 year olds where substance misuse is coded as a reason for admission per 10,000.						
Performance Commentary:						
Admissions for alcohol and illegal substances continue to reduce and the substance responsible for the majority of admissions is the prescription pain killer codeine .						
Summary of Key activities taken or planned to improve performance:						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensured 100% of workers, volunteers, and young leaders directly working in drug and alcohol services are working towards Drug and Alcohol National Occupational Standards (DANOS) through service provide contract monitoring processes and the IYSS workforce development plan. • Facilitated the DfE Skills for Change and to targeted schools, in partnership with the Amy Winehouse Foundation. • Ensured access to tier 3 treatment services within 5 days of referral for 100% of all referrals • Promoted Provision within Community Centres, Locality Teams, Children Centres, GP surgeries and further establish referrals/screening systems into universal, targeted and 						

specialist provision.

- Used the VRMZ outreach bus and street based teams in hotspot areas 6 nights a week, to provide young people with information and advice reducing substance misuse.
- Facilitated the multi-agency Healthitude programme in Primary and Secondary Schools across Halton.
- Ensured young people aged 10 to 19yrs and affected by parental substance misuse are supported and safeguarded.
- Developed partnership with Riverside College, to ensure young people at risk of dis-engaging with education, training or employment are supported to remain in College.

SCS / SH10³ Reduce Alcohol related hospital admissions (NI 39)

	2012/13 Actual	2013/14 Target	2013/14 Qtr 2	2013/14 Qtr 4	Current Progress	Direction of Travel
a) Alcohol related hospital admissions AAF > 0 (Previously NI 39)	2815.9	3,142	2898.1 (Qtr 1)	2925.1 (Qtr 3)		
b) Admissions which are wholly attributable to alcohol AAF = 1 (Rate)	878.0	1039	921.6 (Qtr 1)	949.0 (Qtr 3)		

**Data Commentary:**

The first indicator measures the cumulative rate of alcohol related hospital admissions per 100,000 population using Hospital Episode Statistics. The 2012/13 rate was calculated using local unverified data. Local data can be utilised as an interim measure.

The second measure provides further detail and relates to admissions which are wholly attributable to alcohol in other words AAF=1. This rate is not released nationally so always uses local data.

The most up to date information available is Qtr 3 (December 2013). It is a rolling yearly rate and includes data from 1st January 2013 to 31st December 2013 and uses local unverified data in the absence of published information.

Performance Commentary:

- The Q3 2013/14 rate has increased above 2012/13 data, although is still currently below annual threshold.
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The national trend has also shown an increase in alcohol related admissions over the last 3 years.

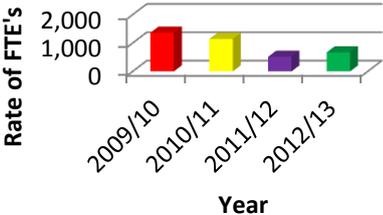
Summary of Key activities taken or planned to improve performance:

Alcohol harm reduction continues to be a priority area within the Health and Wellbeing action plan. Work is currently underway to develop an alcohol harm reduction strategy and action plan for Halton. This involves engagement of all key stakeholders. A key focus of the strategy will be reviewing pathways related to prevention, early identification, treatment and recovery within Halton in order to reduce alcohol related hospital admissions.

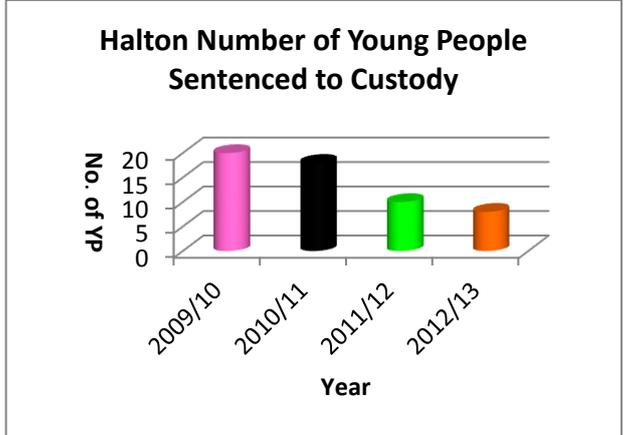
³ SCS / SH10 is also replicated under Healthy Halton as SCS / HH 1

SCS / SH12

Reduce the number of first time entrants to the Youth Justice System (formerly NI111).

Halton Rate of First Time Entrants Per 100,000 Population Aged 10-17 Years	2012/13 Actual	2013/14 Target	2013/14 Qtr 2	2013/14 Qtr 3	2013/14 Qtr 4	Current Progress	Direction of Travel
	81	81	10	9			
Data Commentary:							
The official source for this measure is Police National Computer (PNC). This information is reported to Ministry of Justice (MoJ) who will publish the figures. These figures are published quarterly on a 12 month rolling process and will always be 6 months behind. These figures will be reported when available including the rate per 1,000 aged 10-17 local population.							
Performance Commentary:							
<p>Please note the information contained within this template is at Q3. Unfortunately due to reporting timescales the YOS are required to work within, Q4 information will not be available until end of April.</p> <p>The 9 FTE's for this quarter have been further analysed to look at those young people who went straight to Court without any previous disposals in relation to what routes of diversion were sourced.</p> <p>We found that in total 4 young people were not considered for the Diversion Programme and were subsequently summonsed to Court. Having looked at these cases in closer detail, the following explanation accounts for why these young people did not received a diversion outcome; all 4 young people were not eligible for the Diversion Scheme based solely on the gravity of their offending (x2 Robbery offences, and x2 Possession of a Blade).</p>							
Summary of Key activities taken or planned to improve performance:							
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To attend Police training days to undertake refresher training on the Diversion Scheme in Halton. 2. To continue to raise the profile and embed the completion process of the new Divert recording mechanism with all staff who attend Court 							

SCS / SH13 Use of Custody (New Measure)

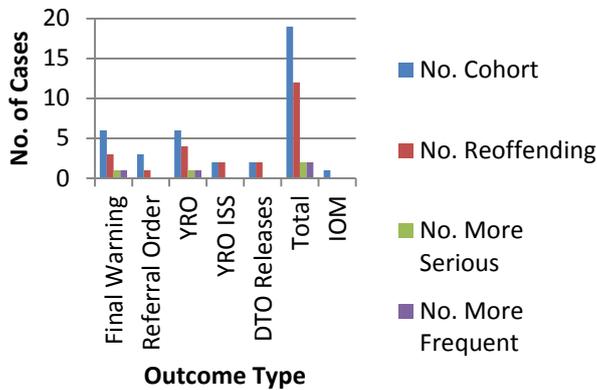
Halton Number of Young People Sentenced to Custody	2012/13 Actual	2013/14 Target	2013/14 Qtr 2	2013/14 Qtr 3	Current Progress	Direction of Travel
	8	8	1	0		
<p>The Youth Offending Service report back to the Management Board the number of young people receiving a custodial sentence each quarter.</p> <p>We also monitor for LASPO (Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act) purposes the number of remand cases and report back the costs involved in terms of bed nights.</p>						
<p>Performance Commentary:</p>						
<p>Please note the information contained within this template is at Q3. Unfortunately due to reporting timescales the YOS are required to work within, Q3 information will not be available until end of April.</p>						
<p>The LASPO (Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act) arrangements were introduced on 3.12.12 which, amongst other elements, saw the introduction of Youth Detention Accommodation (YDA) where all young people under 18 will be subject to the same Remand conditions (allowing 'vulnerability' factors to be considered for 17 year olds). In addition, courts will have to apply a 'remand test' before securely remanding a young person - that the offence must be 'serious' (violent or sexual) and where the young person must 'have a realistic prospect of receiving a custodial sentence'. The YJB/MOJ estimate that the consistent application of these alone should lead to a 15% reduction of young people being securely remanded across the country. Also under LASPO where a young person is made subject to a YDA - they are also made LAC - and if they remain so for 13 weeks or more - they will become eligible for leaving care status. It is also a part of the LASPO arrangements that (from April 2013) the full cost of YDA is to be met by the 'designated LA' defined as being the local authority from where the young person originates or the local authority in which the young person habitually resides.</p>						
<p>Summary of Key activities taken or planned to improve performance:</p>						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The standard of Pre Sentence Reports/Breach Reports is monitored to ensure a minimum standard and therefore reduce the risk of a custodial outcome from a poor report. • No young person receiving a custodial sentence will have done so without the opportunity to have a community sentence considered by the Court. • Any patterns of custodial outcome are identified and reviews of outcome inform learning for the team. • The YOS has noted a downturn in the number of young people being returned to court for being in breach of their order/licence; ensuring that it is reserved only for 'persistent and wilful' non-compliance. 						

SCS / SH15

Reduce the re-offending rate of young offenders (Formerly NI 19)

Halton Reoffending Cohort Jan - Mar 2013

9 Month Reoffending Summary



2012/13 Actual	2013/14 Target	2013/14 Qtr 2	2013/14 Qtr 3	Current Progress	Direction of Travel
33.3%	33.3%	31.6%	63.2%		

Data Commentary:

The Youth Offending Team (YOT) has now ceased reporting on the old NI19 – Reoffending Rate of Young Offenders. From April 2011, a new unified reoffending measure is reported to the Ministry of Justice directly from Police National Computer data.

For local reporting, the YOT Management Board agreed to monitor and track its own cohort of young people which will link closely with young people on the Integrated Offender Management (IOM) scheme to reduce the rate of re-offences.

Performance Commentary:

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The reoffending cohort is devised using young people who received an outcome (pre-court or court) during January to March 13. Reoffending will be actively tracked over a 12 month period and monitored every 3 months. Thus, the current cohort is 9 months through the period of tracking.

Halton

Outcome Type	No. Cohort	No. Reoffending	No. More Serious	No. More Frequent
Final Warning	6	3	1	1
Referral Order	3	1	0	0
YRO	6	4	1	1
YRO ISS	2	2	0	0
DTO Releases	2	2	0	0
Total	19	12	2	2
IOM	1	0	0	0

As we can see, out of the 19 cases in the Halton cohort 12 re-offended, giving a re-offending rate of 63.2%. This is an increase from the previous quarter where the re-offending rate was 31.6%. However, some increase is to be expected as those young offenders on the cohort commit further offences during the monitoring period. We will not have a true picture of reductions or increases in offending until we can compare year on year. The cohort has committed 42 offences in total with a frequency of 2.2 offences per person. Two members of the cohort re-offended more frequently and two committed a more serious offence. The re-offending rate for Halton (63.2%) is significantly higher than

Warrington (37.5%) and CW&C (32.4%). I can find no specific reason for this difference other than the Halton cohort is relatively smaller than CW&C (37 cases) and Warrington (24 cases) leading to a disproportionate impact on the figures if a young person re-offends. Anecdotally, the number of prolific offenders on the Halton cohort appears higher pro-rata than the other two areas.

The Integrated Offender Management (IOM) scheme targets the most prolific and problematic offenders in the community, and includes adults and young people. Locally it is known as the Navigate scheme. It is a multi-agency approach to reducing re-offending, anti-social behaviour and victimisation in the local community.

There have been some recent changes to the Navigate scheme across Cheshire, and from now on all members of the Navigate cohort will be classed as Prolific and Priority Offenders (PPOs). In conjunction with this the scoring criteria has changed and it is anticipated some young people will no longer meet the criteria for Navigate and will therefore not have access to this enhanced service. This is something the YOS will need to monitor and to ascertain whether a change in approach is merited for these young people falling just outside the Navigate scheme.

Out of the Halton cohort there is currently 6 young people on the Navigate scheme; this is an increase from the previous quarter, where there was only one young person, reflecting the changeable nature of the Navigate participants. There are currently 12 young people from Halton on the Navigate scheme, 9 of whom are currently under YOS supervision

Summary of Key activities taken or planned to improve performance:

- Any young person scoring 21 or over on the YOT Risk assessment tool (Asset) is automatically considered for the Navigate Scheme.
- Additionally, each month a YOS Team Manager and the YOS Police Officer review any cases scoring over 15 on Asset to see if they meet the Navigate scheme criteria.
- Young people on the Navigate scheme, and those assessed as a high risk of harm, are automatically considered for a fast-track breach if they fail to engage.
- All young offenders designated as a PPO, and serving a Detention and Training Order (DTO), are automatically considered for DTO Intensive Supervision and Surveillance (ISS) as a licence condition.

SCS / SH16 Reduce serious acquisitive crime (Formally NI16)

	2012/13 Actual	2013/14 Target	2013/14 Qtr 2	2013/14 Qtr 4	Current Progress	Direction of Travel
<p>Reduce Serious Acquisitive Crime (Formerly NI 16)</p>	1400 (rate 11.84 per 1,000)	To maintain and reduce the number of incidents from 2010/11 baseline	833 (6.99 per 1,000)	1481 (11.78 per 1,000 population)		

Data Commentary:

This measure covers the following acquisitive crime rates;

- Domestic burglary
- Theft of motor vehicle
- Theft from motor vehicle
- Robbery (personal and business)

It is calculated as follows:

Number of recorded serious acquisitive crimes/total population x 1,000

Performance Commentary:

From April 2013 to March 2014 there was a total of 1481 incidents of serious acquisitive crimes reported for Halton. These can be broken down as follows:-

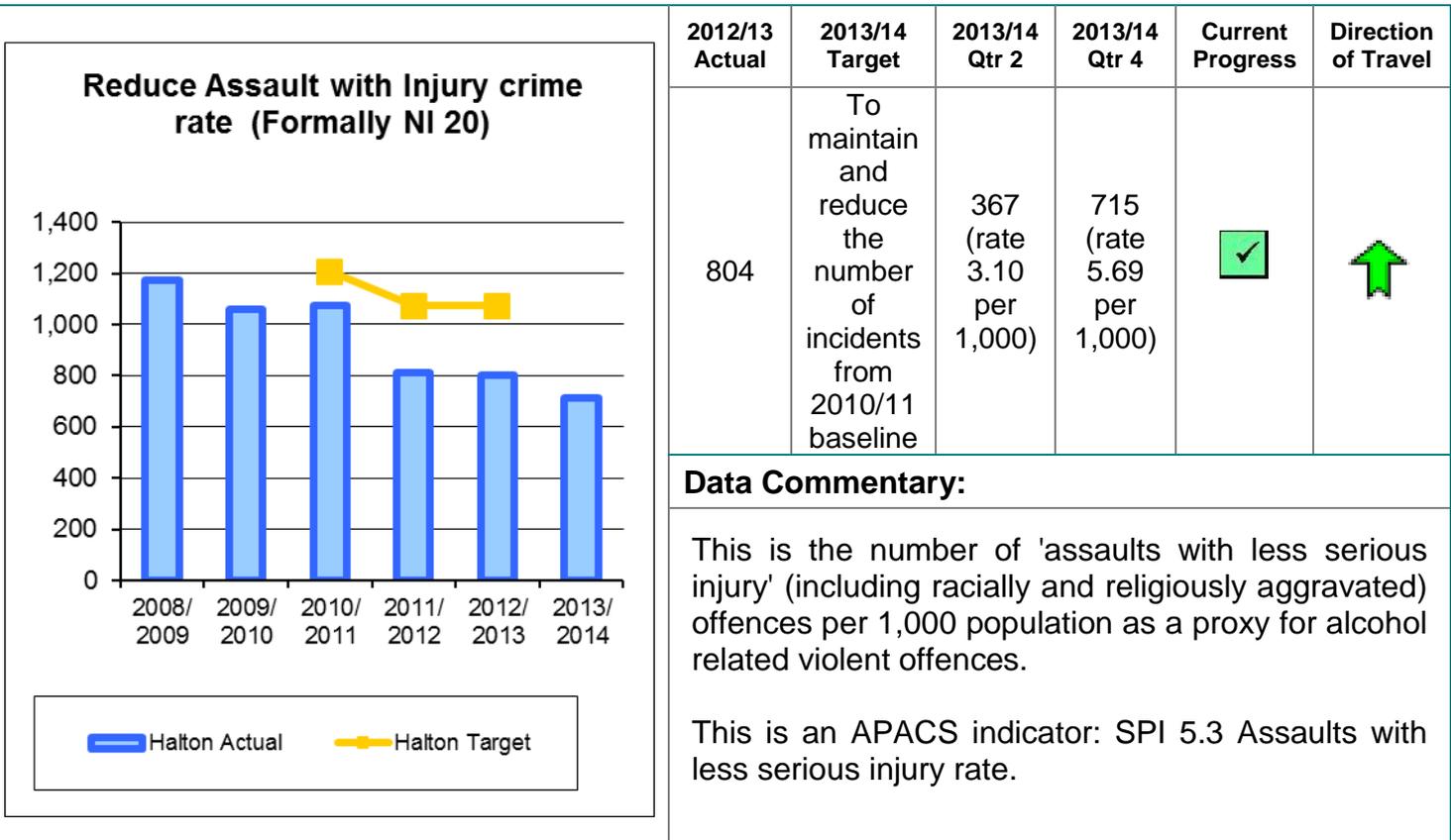
- Domestic burglary (this includes aggravated burglary, attempted burglary and distraction burglary in a dwelling – 493)
- Theft of a motor vehicle – 160
- Theft from a motor vehicle – 756
- Robbery (personal and business) - 71

Summary of Key activities taken or planned to improve performance:

Partnership T&C continues to work in a focused way with the partnership Inspector and key partner agencies rotating the chair. The group continues to target the emerging trends and seasonal patterns to address hot spots in the area. During this quarter the main thrust has been to address a handful of problem profiles identified by the police and partner agencies. These profiles are discussed in detail and actions agreed by all parties recorded and reported back upon until the problem has been solved or dissipated. The profiles provide visibility and audit trails and document any potential spending allocated to a profile.

SCS / SH17

Reduce Assault with Injury crime rate (Formerly NI 20) New Revised Measure

**Performance Commentary:**

From April 2013 – March 2014, there was 715 assaults with less serious injury in Halton. This can be broken down to 398 assaults in Runcorn and 317 assaults in Widnes.

Summary of Key activities taken or planned to improve performance:

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REPORT TO: Safer Policy & Performance Board

DATE: 24 June 2014

REPORTING OFFICER: Director of Public Health

PORTFOLIO: Health and Wellbeing

SUBJECT: Alcohol update

WARD(S) Borough-wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To provide an update to Safer Policy and Performance Board on Alcohol.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS: That The Board is asked to receive this report and note its contents

3.0 PERFORMANCE INFORMATION

3.1 The “Healthy Halton” Strategic objective is to “**Reduce alcohol related hospital admissions (NI 39) Rate per 100,000 population**”.

	2012/13 Actual	2013/14 Threshold	2013/14 Qtr 2
a) Alcohol related hospital admissions AAF > 0 (Previously NI 39)	2815.9	3,142	3,184
b) Admissions which are wholly attributable to alcohol AAF = 1 (Rate)	878.0	1039	1038.2

3.1.1 The first indicator above measures the cumulative rate of alcohol related hospital admissions per 100,000 population using Hospital Episode Statistics. The 2012/13 rate was calculated using local unverified data. Local data can be utilised as an interim measure. This is a broad indicator which includes all admissions that are caused by alcohol in some, but not all cases. (This would include conditions such as stomach cancer and unintentional injury). Alcohol-related admissions have been increasing in Halton over recent years, but did decrease during 2012/13.

3.1.2 The second measure provides further detail and relates to admissions which are wholly attributable to alcohol (in other words AAF=1.) This rate is not released nationally so always uses local data. The Halton rate has fluctuated during recent years but did decrease between 2011/12 and 2012/13.

3.1.3 The most up to date information available is Qtr 2 (September 2013). It is a rolling yearly rate and includes data from 1st October 2012 to 30th September 2013 and uses local unverified data in the absence of published information.

3.2 Alcohol Liaison Nursing Service at Whiston and Warrington Hospitals

3.2.1 Performance data has now started to flow from the two providers of the Alcohol Liaison Nurse Service. Work is now underway to further develop the reporting mechanisms and the level of detail provided that relates to Halton residents.

St Helens & Knowsley NHS Hospital Trust – (Apr 13 – Jan 14)

3.2.2 The Alcohol Liaison Nursing Service developed at Whiston Hospital during 2012 continues to operate and has recently expanded its remit. Performance over the last quarter has reduced due to staffing issues and winter pressure.

3.2.3 There is a relative balance between patients seen in the Emergency Department / EAU / Obs and those seen on the wards.

3.2.4 The service is developing a pilot scheme for “regular attenders” which will seek to work with community services and all partners to provide a package of care for those individuals who attend the Emergency Department on a regular basis due to the impact of alcohol.

3.2.6 During the first three quarters of 2013/14 82 out of 505 post-admission patients (16% of total clients) were from Halton. Of those assessed in pre-admission, the following accepted or attended a community referral.

Post- Admission Assessment Activity	April	May	June	Q1 Total	July	August	Sept	Q2 Total	Oct	Nov	Dec	Q3 Total	Grand Total
Number of all referrals to Community Service Halton CRI	1	3	6	10	7	2	6	15	2	0	3	5	30
Attended initial appointment Halton CRI	0	1	2	3	0	0	1	1	0	2	3	5	9
Number of fast-track referrals to Halton CRI	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	2
Attended initial Fast Track Appointment Halton CRI	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1

Warrington & Halton Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

3.2.7 The Alcohol Nursing Service continues to operate at Warrington Hospital and work is underway to ensure that there are streamlined pathways into the Community Treatment Service in Halton (CRI). The cost of the Service for Halton residents is being met by Public Health Budget.

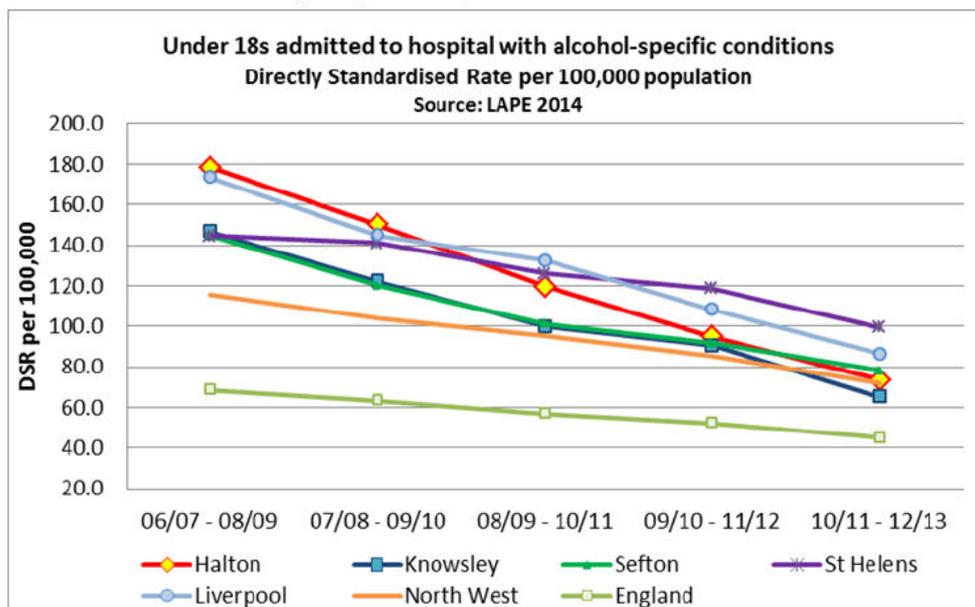
3.2.8 Robust data for the Warrington service is not yet available, but full year performance will be reported to the next meeting of the Partnership.

3.3 Under 18s admitted to hospital for alcohol-specific conditions (crude rate per 100,000 population, rolling 3 year rate)

2010/11 - 2012/13: 72.3 (61 admissions)

Q3 2010/11 – Q2 2013/14: 67.6 (57 admissions)

Under 18 alcohol-specific hospital admissions



The figures above show a fall in the number of under 18s admitted to hospital for conditions that are specifically caused by excess alcohol consumption e.g. alcohol poisoning. Halton now shows a steady year on year downward trend for under 18s hospital admissions. Halton has seen the biggest decrease within Merseyside, and also a greater decrease compared to the England and North West average.

3.4 Detoxification Services

The Local Authority currently commissions inpatient detoxification services from the Kevin White Unit and the Windsor Clinic. As of the end of Qtr 2, the indicative activity plan is forecast to be underachieved by 41.56%. However, this is mainly in the area of drugs detoxification rather than alcohol. Further work is underway to understand referral patterns and local need.

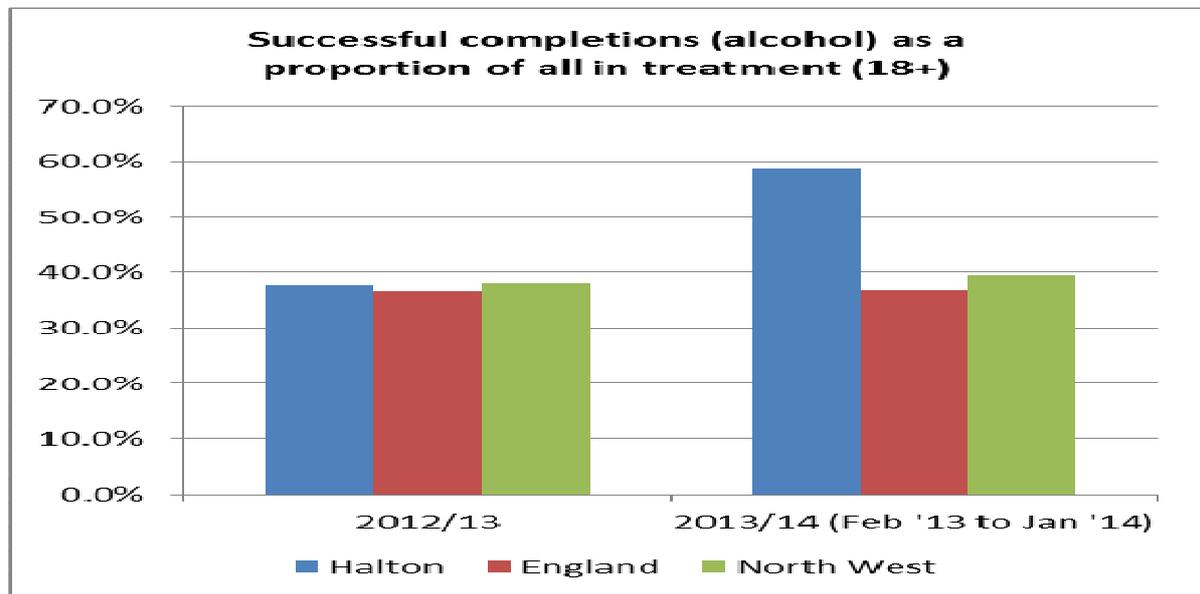
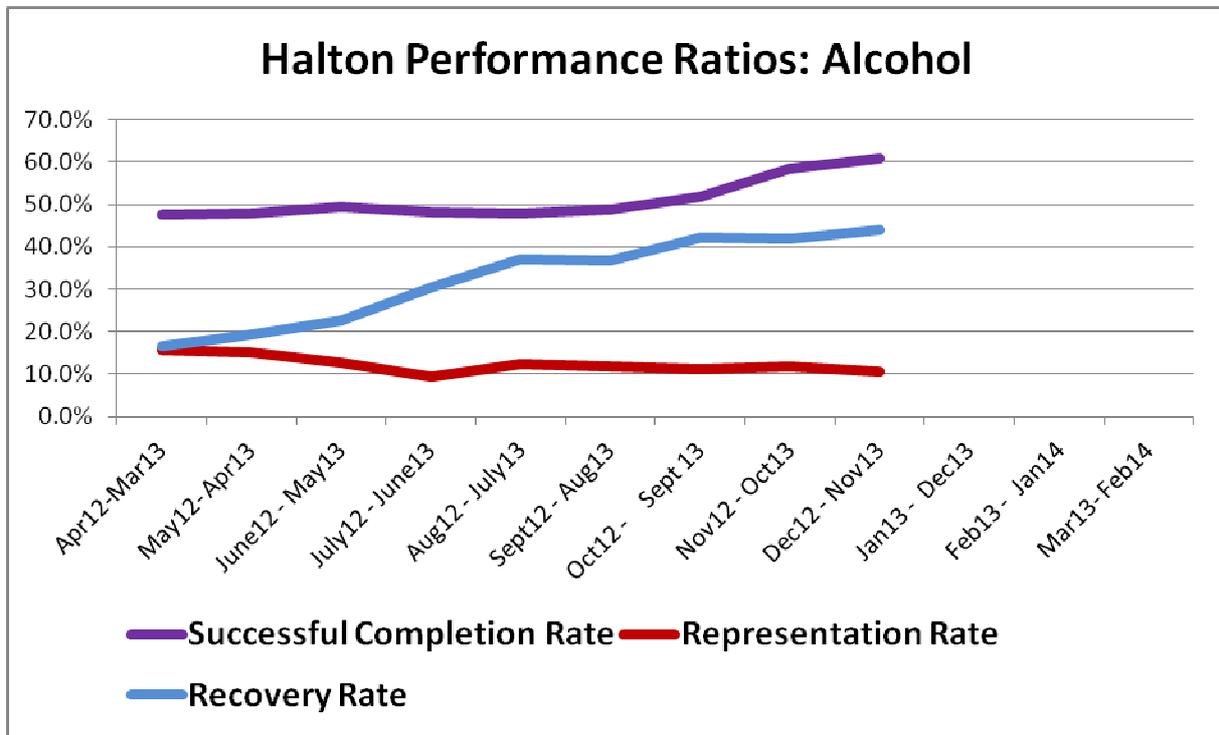
3.5 CRI – Community Alcohol Services

Community Alcohol Detox

3.5.1 Alcohol detox commencements and completions remain below target for Q3. During Q3, with the current nurse team, work has been completed regards easier pathways for accessing bloods from GP surgeries, where nurses making professional decisions in partnership to commence detoxes and weekly activity monitoring with daily flash discussions taking place to highlight suitable candidates. From the point of assessment, those service users scoring 20 plus on the SADQ will automatically be considered appropriate for a detox assessment.

3.5.2 The data below evidences that the number of positive discharges from the alcohol cohort remains high with a low representation rate, even within a 'cleansing exercise period. With more specific and detailed recording of the EBI data CRI will

be able to reflect on the numbers exiting successfully at different stages through a variety of interventions, alongside an increase in the number of community alcohol detoxes.



2012/13 Actual	2013/14 Target	2013/14 Qtr 2	2013/14 Qtr 4	Current Progress	Direction of Travel
37.7%	Increasing the % of successful	43.9%	58.6% (Feb 13 -		

	completions		Jan 14)		
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3.5.3 The aim of this service is to increase the % of successful completions as a proportion of all people in treatment for an alcohol addiction. It is a measure of how successful the Tier 3 Community Service is, in treating alcohol dependency and ensuring that the in-treatment population does not remain static. Data used for Q2 and Q4 above is a rolling yearly percentage. The latest data (Q4) is for 1st February 2013 to 31st January 2014.

3.5.4 The data is demonstrating an increase in the number of clients accessing the treatment service and an increase in the number of successful completions for alcohol. Performance for Feb '13 to Jan '14 is better than the 2012/13 end of year figure of 37.7%. The Halton percentage is statistically significantly higher (better) compared to the North West and England averages.

3.5.5 Work has been taking place to create a pathway between A&E. An extraordinary meeting has taken place in January to determine a joint working arrangement for the continuation of treatment for those who present at secondary care.

4 Public Health Update

4.1 Alcohol Harm Reduction is a priority of the Halton Health & Wellbeing Board and a revised Halton Local Alcohol Strategy is under development following the release of the National Alcohol Strategy in 2012 and further consultation is underway with key stakeholders to agree priority work streams. An Alcohol action plan has been developed to achieve key outcomes in the next 2 years; progress will be monitored through the Health and Wellbeing Board.

4.2 Halton has been awarded the status of “Local Alcohol Action Area”. This is a national campaign which has asked for pilot areas to self-nominate and receive support in addressing the harm from alcohol across three areas – health, the night time economy and crime and anti-social behaviour. A project plan is being developed to ensure that Halton can maximise the impact of this opportunity.

4.3 Dry January – Halton participated and promoted the Dry January campaign. Across the Halton and St Helens areas there were 180 signups which have been broken down as follows:

WA7 – 34

WA8 - 46

WA4 – 18

WA9 – 17

WA10 – 34

WA11 – 14

WA12 – 7

In terms of the national campaign, 17,312 people took part online representing over 400% more than the previous year. There were 25,077 likes on Facebook, 3461 followers on twitter, 500+ pieces of media coverage and 10 online advice sessions where more than 10000 people tuned into each one.

4.4 Work continues to look at the role of S.136 and mental health support for Police operational activity. Initial findings have resulted in a reduction in the number of S.136s used whilst the pilot is in operation.

4.5 In addition, the Public Health Team has also:

- Developed a pilot “social norms” programme to examine young people’s relationship with alcohol. Work in underway to develop a Halton wide programme to change the perceived “social norms” through more intelligent presentation of facts, improving self-esteem and emphasising the normalcy of positive health behaviours as a means to promote health and reduce risky behaviour in schools.
- Began work to examine the potential role of a “dry room” for Halton.
- Developing a proposal to conduct a “community conversation” programme to gain greater insight into local peoples’ relationship with alcohol.

5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 None

6.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

6.1 None

7.0 RISK ANALYSIS

7.1 Any change to the above may impact on service delivery and will require reprioritising of key objectives.

8.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL’S PRIORITIES

8.1 Children & Young People in Halton:

The work of the Local Authority and its partner organisations links very closely with that of the council’s Children’s’ and Enterprise Directorate, working with services to promote early intervention, advice and support to reduce the risk of children and young people misusing alcohol. Risk taking behaviour, including the consumption of alcohol, is a priority area for the Children’s Trust.

8.2 Employment, Learning & Skills in Halton:

The Local Authority and its partner organisations work closely with employment and educational services to promote employment and educational opportunities for those individuals engaged in alcohol misuse services, alongside providing information to employment and education providers to reduce or prevent the risk of alcohol misuse.

8.3 A Healthy Halton

Tackling the misuse of alcohol has direct health benefits and is a priority area identified by the Halton Health and Well Being Board through its strategy and action plan.

8.4 A Safer Halton

Alcohol has a direct correlation to anti-social behaviour and crime. The work of the Local Authority and its partner organisations is to reduce the impact of substance misuse for the communities of Halton.

8.5 Environment and Regeneration

Alcohol has a direct correlation to anti-social behaviour and crime. The work of the Local Authority and its partner organisations is to reduce the impact of substance misuse for the communities of Halton.

9.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

9.1 None

10.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

10.1 None under the meaning of the Act.

REPORT TO: Safer Policy & Performance Board

DATE: 24 June 2014

REPORTING OFFICER: Director of Public Health

PORTFOLIO: Health and Wellbeing.

SUBJECT: LAAA Quarterly Progress Report
(January – March 2014)

WARD(S) Borough-wide

1.0 **PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

1.1 To provide the LAAA quarterly progress to the Safer Policy and Performance Board.

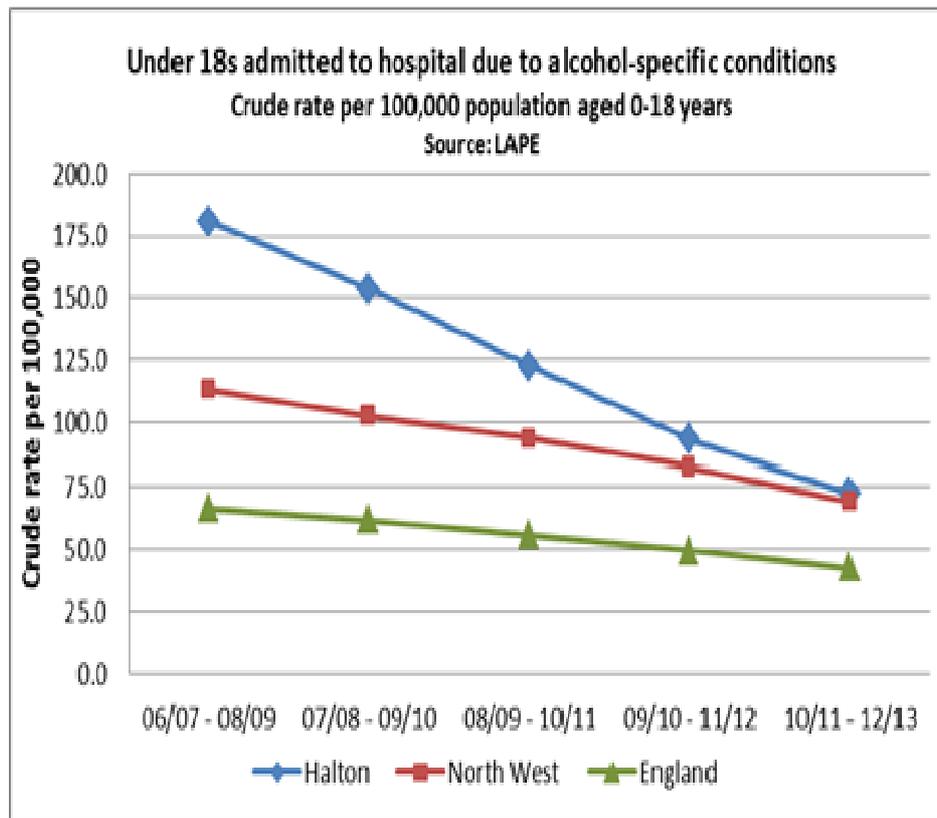
2.0 **RECOMMENDATION: That: The Board is asked to receive this report and note its contents.**

3.0 **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

3.1 Halton has been named as one of only 20 Local Alcohol Action Areas (LAAA) as part of a project to tackle the harmful and expensive effects of excessive alcohol consumption. In a scheme established by the Home Office, Halton will be supported in a bid to reduce the damage caused by alcohol to people's health and to local neighbourhoods.

3.2 Halton has experienced high levels of alcohol related harm with significant impact on individuals, families and communities. In 2010/11, the cost to the Local Authority of alcohol related harm was estimated to be £450 per head of population. A significant proportion of the cases of domestic violence in Halton are alcohol related, whilst alcohol related crimes and alcohol related violent crimes are worse than both the North West and the England averages as a whole. Alcohol can also fuel crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour and the costs of alcohol consumption include both the direct costs of the provision of public services and the substantial impact of alcohol-related absenteeism on local businesses. In line with national and regional trends alcohol related harm to health has fluctuated during recent years but did decrease between 2011/12 and 2012/13.

3.3 There has been dramatic progress in reducing the number of alcohol-specific hospital admissions amongst those under the age of 18 years and Halton is now at the North West average. Halton has seen the biggest decrease within Merseyside, and also a greater decrease compared to the England and North West average.



- 3.4 The Local Authority, and its partners, have identified reducing the harm from alcohol as a priority of its Health and Wellbeing Strategy with a particular emphasis on prevention, behaviour change and tackling the root causes of alcohol misuse. By working together we will be able to reduce repetition of effort and enable resources to be used more effectively to ensure the best possible outcomes for local people.
- 3.5 As part of a national scheme, coordinated by the Home Office and in partnership with Public Health England, Local Authorities were encouraged to apply to become a Local Alcohol Action Area. The Local Alcohol Action Area scheme has been designed to bring together local action in three key areas – reducing the impact of alcohol on people’s health, stimulating and supporting the night time economy and reducing the impact of alcohol on crime and anti-social behaviour. Each action area will receive support and expertise from the Home Office, the Department of Health and Public Health England and will be encouraged to learn from other areas and build upon the hard work of local people and organisations.
- 3.6 Halton was selected as one of 20 areas to become a Local Alcohol Action Area. Part of the rationale for this decision was Halton’s commitment to partnership working and its whole system approach to alcohol harm reduction which focused not just on the harm to health or the impact of alcohol on crime and antisocial behaviour, but rather how partners can work together to reduce all aspects of harm and also seek to stimulate and support the wider regeneration

of communities.

- 3.7 The purpose of the enclosed Quarterly return is to provide members and partners with an update on the progress of activity to develop a Local Alcohol Action Area in Halton. (Please see Appendix A – 1st Quarter LAAA Return).

4.0 **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 The Local Alcohol Action Area (LAAA) status enables the Local Authority to learn from best practice across the Country and will inform and influence the development of the new Halton Alcohol Strategy (2014) which is currently in development. The project is expected to directly contribute to a reduction in alcohol harm and child development, both of which are priorities within Halton's Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

5.0 **OTHER/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 There are no additional financial implications of the LAAA at this moment. Additional resources in the form of advice, guidance and support have been made available in terms of Home Office and Public Health England support.

6.0 **IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES**

6.1 **Children & Young People in Halton**

Halton's health and wellbeing priorities for children (through a targeted reduction in the both the harm to health and also the impact of alcohol on crime and antisocial behaviour) will be met in part through participation in the Local Alcohol Action Area programme.

6.2 **Employment, Learning & Skills in Halton**

The programme aims to encourage healthy behaviours amongst Halton residents which will lead to better health and wellbeing outcomes and contribute towards employability.

6.3 **A Healthy Halton**

The project is expected to have a direct positive impact on the health and wellbeing of residents by focusing on the harm to health that alcohol causes.

6.4 **A Safer Halton**

The project is expected to have a direct positive impact on the health and wellbeing of residents by focusing on a reduction in crime and antisocial behaviour that can arise from the misuse of alcohol.

6.5 **Halton's Urban Renewal**

The project is expected to have a direct positive impact on the night-time economy in Halton with a focus on the diversification away from alcohol based activity.

7.0 **RISK ANALYSIS**

- 7.1 Participation in the LAAA programme enables the Local Authority to utilise best practice from around the Country. Each individual element (where relevant) will be risk assessed to understand the impact on local services, resources and people.

There are a number of opportunities open to Halton as a result of the high profile that participation in this programme will bring, as well as the chance to make positive improvements to the lives of local people.

8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

- 8.1 Any equality and diversity issues particularly around cultural issues will be explored with the programme prior to commencement of any activity.

9.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

Document	Place of Inspection	Contact Officer
Appendix A – 1 st Qtr LAAA Return	Enclosed or via Halton Town Hall	Simon Bell Simon.bell@halton.gov.uk 0151 511 6736

LAAA Quarterly Progress Report

Please complete this form electronically, and return to LAAAs@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk.

LAAA:	Halton		
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Reporting period:	QTR 1 – Jan 2014 – Mar 2014		
Aims: (delete as needed)	Crime	Health	Diversification

Please list the agreed objectives for your project	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To transform the relationship the people of Halton have with alcohol (Aim – Crime, Health, Diversification) 2. Increase awareness of the effects of alcohol on the unborn child (Aim – Health) 3. Support young people within Halton to delay onset of drinking, and reduce binge drinking (Aim – Health) 4. Development of clear referral pathways into alcohol treatment services (Aim – Health) 5. Ensure local licensing policy supports alcohol harm reduction agenda (Aim – Health) 6. Reduction in underage drinking and associated anti-social behaviour (Aim – Crime) 7. Work with licensed premises to adopt more responsible approaches to the sale of alcohol (Aim – Crime) 8. Prevention of alcohol related domestic violence (Aim – Crime) 9. Create a more diverse and vibrant night-time economy (Aim – diversification) 	
<p>Please report progress made in meeting your objectives using the most appropriate information available: this could include local data or feedback from partners / consultation exercises. N.B. If providing data please include actual numbers rather than just percentages.</p>	
Activities	Results
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Start a community conversation around alcohol 2. Develop a social marketing campaign aimed at women of childbearing age to raise awareness of alcohol abstinence in pregnancy and foetal alcohol spectrum disorders (FASD) 3. Development of a school based social norms campaign around alcohol 4. Develop patient pathways in line with NICE guidance with robust data sharing protocols for the sharing of data between acute trusts and community providers 5. Ensure local licensing policy supports alcohol harm reduction agenda 6. Reduction in underage drinking and associated anti-social behaviour 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We have agreed to commission “Our Life” to run an alcohol inquiry based on the citizen's jury model of community engagement. Work is now underway to mobilise this activity. 2. Insight work undertaken with local residents, social marketing company engaged to develop campaign. 3. “RUDifferent?” commissioned to deliver a social norms campaign across all local secondary schools to raise awareness and promote local behaviour change. 4. New local Alcohol Strategy in development that includes review of existing pathways. Multiagency engagement in the process. Particular attention being devoted to relationship between acute/A&E and community treatment services. 5. Initial discussions underway for a local review of licensing policy in partnership with Drinkwise. 6. Development of local education and prevention activities through local “Healthitude” programme. Development of current systems with police and trading standards and initial discussions regarding a

<p>7. Work with licensed premises to adopt more responsible approaches to the sale of alcohol</p> <p>8. Prevention of alcohol related domestic violence</p> <p>9. Create a more diverse and vibrant night-time</p>	<p>move towards a restorative justice approach in relation to the underage sale of alcohol.</p> <p>7. Further development and strengthening of local Pub watch and consideration being given to the Best Bar None scheme. Local Archangel Scheme already in place (Cheshire based scheme similar to Best Bar None).</p> <p>8. Review of current activity underway as part of Alcohol Strategy and wider local activity to identify and implement best practice</p> <p>9. Benchmark against Purple Flag standards and explore possibility of developing night time events in Halton which are non-alcohol based (Night markets, pop-up cinema, events).</p>	
<p>Please briefly highlight any challenges and how you are planning to overcome them.</p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintaining engagement of all key partners – Regular communication and updates, LAAA activity being linked into local alcohol harm reduction strategy work. • The utilisation of resources to ensure activities are affordable, high quality and make a significant impact. Many of the proposed activities have not attracted any additional resource and must be delivered through existing funding arrangements. 		
<p>Please describe any changes to your plan, objectives or milestones and the reasons for them</p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We believe that the plan and objectives will be informed and influenced by our partners as we progress and will be responsive to local need. • School based social norms campaign needs to be run over school year (commence September term – evaluation in summer term) so will not get final results within LAAA timescales 		
<p>What will be your priorities over the next quarter?</p>		
<p>Over the next quarter, the priority will be to operationalise all of the key activities identified through this action plan and ensure that there is a coordinated approach to local engagement. We will also seek to utilise the build up to the summer months as a key time for active promotion and prevention activity, particularly with young people.</p>		
<p>If your area is exploring ways to develop local data, evidence and processes to inform how alcohol health harms might be taken into account in future for local CIPs, please briefly describe your activities, any progress you have made or challenges you have encountered. N.B. Any activities must fall within the current parameters of the Licensing Act 2003.</p>		
<p>Activities</p>	<p>Progress</p>	<p>Challenges</p>
<p>Review of local licensing policy to be conducted supported by Drinkwise.</p>	<p>Early discussions at this stage.</p>	<p>None to date</p>
<p>Any additional comments</p>		
<p>The first quarter of activity has been particularly focused on raising the profile of the LAAA process, and securing stakeholder engagement into the programme and also ensuring that all work was done under the oversight and guidance of the development of the wider alcohol strategy and action plan for Halton. We have had excellent engagement with key stakeholders and the wider community and there is a clear commitment to tackle the harm that alcohol can cause to local people.</p>		

REPORT TO: Safer Policy & Performance Board

DATE: 24 June 2014

REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director, Communities

PORTFOLIO: Community Safety and Physical Environment

SUBJECT: PCSO Blue Lamp Runcorn and Widnes
Quarter 4 reports

WARD(S) Borough-wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To provide the Safer Policy and Performance Board with the PCSO Blue Lamp Runcorn and Widnes Quarter 4 reports.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That: the report be noted

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 Reports are attached as Appendix 1 and 2.

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 No policy implications.

5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 No financial implications.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

6.1 Children and Young People in Halton

None identified.

6.2 Employment, Learning & Skills in Halton

None identified.

6.3 A Healthy Halton

None identified.

6.4 A Safer Halton

To help identify priorities in the community.

6.5 Halton's Urban Renewal

None identified.

7.0 RISK ANALYSIS

7.1 None identified.

8.0 EQUALITY & DIVERSITY ISSUES

8.1 There are no Equality and Diversity issues associated with this report.

9.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

None under the meaning of the Act.



RUNCORN BLUE LAMP REPORT

January, February, March 2014

Sergeant William Kendrick

Halton Lea, Asda and Trident Retail Park

Your local PCSO is Paula Davies



Priority

Topic: Shoplifting

Description: Patrols will be in the area to deter shoplifters. The Centre is also part of the Shop Watch scheme which allows stores, Police and CCTV to communicate with each other more effectively to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour. We aim to increase the number of stores included in the shop watch scheme to increase the effectiveness.

News for the area

- PCSO Davies has been looking into statistics since the new shop watch system was introduced towards the end of last year. There has been a reduction in the number of thefts from the retail sector by prolific offenders, due to the shop watch scheme. Figures for December 2013 showed 4 shoplifting offences, all of which were detected and dealt with, compared to December 2012 when there was 12 thefts and only 2 detected. The shop watch scheme allows us to communicate with stores and respond quickly to incidents.
- The two young females arrested in December for public order and constant anti-social behaviour appeared in court and were both diverted to the youth offending team to deal with their behaviour. We have not had any further incidents in relation to these females.
- Kylie Mazier, 25, prolific shoplifter sentenced to 14 weeks in prison for theft. She was on a suspended sentence for previous thefts.

- Prolific shoplifter Emma Collins was arrested for theft of meat from Lidl. She was sentenced by the courts to 2 weeks in prison.
- Prolific shoplifter Stephen Hughes, 37, was arrested for 4 shoplifting offences. He was remanded in custody.

Grange, Halton Lodge and Hallwood Park

The local PCSO's for Grange are Gary Cooney & Lucy Cornock and for Palacefields, Halton Lodge and Hallwood Park is Dave Ellis.



PCSO priorities for February

Grange

Topic: Anti-social behaviour.

Description: Due to further calls being received from members of the public in relation to youths hanging around the local shops on Grangeway in the evenings, patrols will be tasked again this month to deal robustly with anyone causing problems. If any offences are committed the offenders will be dealt with.

Palacefields, Halton Lodge and Hallwood Park

Topic: Reassurance following recent burglaries and theft from motor vehicles in the area.

Description: PCSO Ellis will be giving the area regular attention to provide reassurance to the local community. We have had extra staff on during January to tackle this during the time when most incidents are reported to have happened. Officers in plain clothes have been in the area looking for anyone acting suspiciously and respond quickly to incidents reported of this nature. 4 people were arrested and dealt with by the officers. When possible, all property was returned to the victims.

PCSO priorities for March

Grange

Topic: Anti-social behaviour.

Description: We have received an increase in the number of reports regarding anti-social behaviour in areas such as Davenport Row. These reports are connected with anti-social behaviour from local youths. We will increase patrols in the area and liaise with housing authorities to deal with this issue robustly.

Palacefields, Halton Lodge and Hallwood Park

Topic: Theft from motor vehicles from Halton Lodge and Hallwood Park.

Description: We received reports during February of theft of registration plates. Stolen plates can be placed on cars in order to commit crime and reduce the risk of being caught. We ask residents to remain vigilant and report any suspicious behaviour. We will increase patrols in the area.

PCSO priorities for April.

Grange

Topic: Off road bikes

Description: We will be proactive in relation to the issue of mini motorbikes and the nuisance they cause to local residents. Riding on the footpath, with no insurance is a danger to the public and to the rider. We will seek to locate riders of these bikes and take necessary action where possibly.

Palacefields, Halton Lodge and Hallwood Park

Topic: Suspicious activity.

Description: We have seen an increase of reported suspicious activity, possibly involving drugs. We will increase hi visibility patrols; we would urge people to contact us if they see anyone or anything suspicious so we can investigate.

You Said, We did.

Grange

You Said: The same group of males are regularly coming into the shops on Grangeway and shoplifting.

We did: We worked with local stores and Halton CCTV to identify the males involved. 3 males have since been arrested.

You Said: There are bogus callers around the Grangeway area of Runcorn, asking about resident's roofs and advising on how they can do repairs that aren't necessary.

We Did: We increased patrols in the area and gave warning to other residents. We used social media outlets such as Twitter to give advice and reassurance. We have had no further reports.

Palacefields, Halton Lodge and Hallwood Park

You Said: There are males drug dealing in the area.

We Did: Officers have given the area regular attention to deter any such activity. PCSO Ellis has been working with Halton CCTV to identify and catch offenders.

You Said: There are people drug dealing in Palacefields.

We Did: On Tuesday 11th February officers from Runcorn NPU executed a warrant at a property in Charlton Close, Palacefields. A quantity of suspected Class A and B drugs were seized at the address along with £500 in cash. Three men were arrested at the scene on suspicion of being concerned in the supply of class A drugs. Two of the men were subsequently bailed pending further enquiries. An 18-year-old man was charged with possession with intent to supply heroin and possession with intent to supply crack cocaine.

You said: Mini motorbikes are riding around the estate and are dangerous.

We did: We have paid the area regular attention. Officers witnessed a mini moto in the area and have issued a section 59 warning to a male living in the area. A Section 59 warning notice is issued to the rider and the bike, if the rider is caught riding in the same

manner again (or the bike used by any rider) within 12 months, then the bike can be seized.

News for the area

- Following a warrant in the Grange area a number of bikes were seized from an address. One of the bikes was identified as stolen from a shed break in Runcorn. The bike was returned to its owner and the offender dealt with.
- PCSO Cornock has been liaising with HBC regarding repairing the alley gates on Ivy Street.
- ‘Our Community, Our Opportunity’ – This initiative within the Grange area is now well underway with a steering group being established. The next steps will be for this group to define the rules and guidelines for the applicants of prospective projects.
- We received a report of a burglary in progress in the Grange area. Officers were quick to respond and a male was arrested while still in the property. The male was released without charged. He was of no fixed abode and believed he was given permission to be in the empty property, nothing was taken or damaged.
- PCSO Cooney has spoke to Halton Housing Trust about fly tipping and dog fouling in the Rowan Close area. Gary has spoken to residents and given them advice about what to do if they see any incidents occurring in the area.
- PCSO Cooney attended a report of an abandoned bike on the Halton Lodge estate. It was found by a local resident and when recovered by officers, it was discovered to be stolen from the Grange estate. It has since been returned to the owner.
- PCSO Cooney attended the Grange residents meeting.
- PCSO Cornock issued 2 CLE2/6 notices. This notice advises the DVLA that a vehicle has been seen parked on a public road with no valid tax disc; the DVLA will then take appropriate action.
- One Runcorn male has been jailed for 10 years for historic sexual abuse on two males more than 24 years ago.



- With the high winds during early February a house on Fenwick Lane, Halton Lodge had the felt on their roof ripped off. Officers attended and advised residents to remain inside neighbouring properties for their safety. Officers worked with Halton Borough Council to resolve the issue.
- PCSO Deponeo attended the Palacefields residents meeting in January. PCSO Ellis attended the Palacefields residents meeting in February.
- PCSO Ellis attended the Palacefields estate walkabout about with Riverside housing. This allows a partnership approach to tackling issues.
- PCSO Ellis gave a fixed penalty notice for dog fouling on Hallwood Park.
- Anti-social behaviour contracts (ABCs) were issued to a number of youths who were involved with ASB around the Palacefields local centre. The contract is made in conjunction with the housing authority. If it is not adhered, then the tenancy on the property may be at risk.
- A 15 year old youth from Hallwood Park was charged with possession of a controlled drug with intent to supply. He was 14 at the time of the offence.
- Sam Morgan, 21, was sentenced to 12 weeks in prison for committing further offences whilst on license from prison.
- PCSO Deponeo & Police volunteer Sophie Baines spent time with pupils from a primary school in Palacefields for a 'big clean up' around the estate.
- PCSO Cooney and Holcroft were on mobile patrol during an evening shift. They located a wanted female who was then arrested by officers for failing to appear.
- 1 male was issued with a section 59 warning notice for riding a quad bike in the Grangemoor area. There have been no further reports of this male riding the quad. The warning notice lasts 12 months and if the rider is caught again (riding any bike/quad) then it can be seized.



Castlefields, Halton Village & The Brow

Your local PCSO's are Tracey Taylor & Lynn Parr



PCSO priority for February

Topic: Shoplifting

Description: Officers will be paying passing attention to stores in the area to prevent anti-social behaviour and shoplifting offences. Anyone caught doing so will be dealt with robustly.

PCSO priority for March

Topic: Reassurance around the local centre area.

Description: Following recent incidents including a robbery on Village Close, officers will be tasked with paying the area regular attention to reassure residents. If anyone is seen acting suspiciously, we would urged you to call us on 101 or 999 in an emergency.

PCSO priority for April.

Topic: Reassurance around Halton Castle and surrounding area.

Description: Following recent incidents of ASB around the area, officers will be tasked with paying the area regular attention to reassure residents. We have spoken to various youths and taking details and will act accordingly if they are found to be repeat offenders.

You Said, We Did.

You Said: Youths are congregating at the front of the store on Main Street, messing with shutters and asking customers to buy cigarettes for them.

We Did: PCSO Parr looked at CCTV to establish the identity of those involved. She advised the youths to stay away from the store. She has since spoken to staff who stated that they have not had any problems since. She will continue to pay attention to the area.

You Said: Youths are causing a nuisance around Castlefields.

We Did: PCSO Parr dealt with a group of youths reported to have taken a large amount of lottery tickets from the local centre store and throw them across parts of Castlefields. They caused a lot of litter and also caused distress to residents in the community centre. PCSO Parr viewed CCTV and spoke with 4 males in company of their parents. With parents support, she took them back to the area to pick up the tickets and apologise to the centre staff.

You Said: Eggs are being thrown at a property on Pendennis Court

We Did: PCSO Parr visited the victims address. She has liaised with Plus Dane Housing and CCTV has now been installed at address by Plus Dane. She has paid the area regular attention and the area has been placed on our daily tasking vehicle.

News for the area

- PCSO Parr attended St Augustine's Primary School to talk to reception children about the role of the Police and staying safe in the community.
- Warrants executed by our Crime Beat Managers have meant that quantities of drugs have been removed from the streets of Runcorn. Officers executed 2 warrants in Castlefields in January resulting in a large seizure of cannabis. 1 male was arrested and bailed, pending forensic investigation. PCSOs were on hand to reassure the community.
- PCSO Holcroft has been patrolling Phoenix Park following reports of off road bikes in the area.

- Following reports of a 1 vehicle road traffic collision near to Trident Retail Park, officers attended and no one was present in the vehicle. Officers attended the home address of the registered keeper in Castlefields. With no one admitting to driving, the occupant and friend were arrested for driving with excess alcohol and taken to custody. While in custody, one of them admitted driving the vehicle and was charged, fined and given points on his license.
- Following reports of a theft from a store on Main Street and then an affray on Hedge Hey, officers were in the Castlefields area looking for 4 offenders. 4 males were then disturbed before committing a burglary in the Castlefields area. All 4 were detained by local officers for theft and affray and one of the males was also arrested for going equipped (to commit burglary). They have all been bailed to attend court.
- PCSO Parr has liaised with HBC regarding the parking issues at the Village Square. PCSO Parr has suggested implementing extra bollards to stop vehicles parking on the pavement at the location. She has given advice to 3 vehicles/drivers seen parked at this location in February.
- PCSO Parr attended the Park Primary school to talk to the children about the roles of the police.
- Kenneth Worrall, 63, of Meadow Row, Runcorn has been charged with possession of controlled drugs and bailed to attend court.
- PCSO Taylor attended a report of shoplifting in the local store in Castlefields. She was able to identify the male on the CCTV and the male has since been dealt with for the offence.



Halton Brook

Your local PCSO's are Jen Gilbert & Kyle Holcroft



PCSO priority for February

Topic: Mini motos

Description: We will be proactive in relation to the issue of mini motorbikes and the nuisance they cause to local residents. Riding on the footpath, with no insurance is a danger to the public and to the rider. We will seek to locate riders of these bikes and take necessary action where possibly.

PCSO priority for March

Topic: Youths congregating at the back of Meadway.

Description: We have received reports that youths are congregating at the back of the community centre and are intimidating to residents in the area. We will increase patrols in the area and take details and act on anyone found to be committing offences.

PCSO priority for April.

Topic: Anti-social behaviour

Description: We have received reports of youths acting anti socially around the community centre in Halton Brook. Officers have spoken with various youths already but will be attending the location regularly to deter any more behaviour like this.

You Said, We Did.

You said: The Grange School – Youths who do not attend the school are gathering at the back between 1430 and 1500 and are dealing/smoking cannabis.

We did: We have attended the school during the end of the school day and liaised with staff. We have taken details of some youths in the area and although they have returned at the end of the school day they have not caused any issues and left with friends from the school. We will continue to work with the school on this matter

You said: Mini motorbikes are riding around the estate and are dangerous.

We did: We have paid the area regular attention. Officers have never witnessed bikes in the area but have spoken to several residents about the issues in order to gain intelligence.

News for the area

- PCSO Holcroft started covering the Halton Brook area in January and will use his knowledge and experience from his previous role as anti-social behaviour PCSO to tackle issues on Halton Brook. He attended the Halton Brook residents meetings to discuss issues and introduce himself.
- PCSO Holcroft and PC Jones arranged to meet with the environment agency to discuss the possibility of introducing fishing events on the canal during the warmer months.
- PCSO Holcroft and Gilbert have worked with Riverside housing and issued an ABC to a young girl on Halton Brook. Her behaviour was causing issues with neighbours. The family risk being evicted if her behaviour continues. We have not heard of any further incidents since.
- Warrants executed by our Crime Beat Managers have meant that quantities of drugs have been removed from the streets of Runcorn. Officers executed 2 warrants in Halton Brook in January, resulting in a large seizure of cannabis and cash. 2 males were arrested, 1 was bailed pending summons and the other was bailed pending financial investigation.
- PCSO Gilbert, Holcroft and Cooney monitored traffic on Latham Avenue. Numerous drivers were advised of the restrictions in place. Single yellow lines along the road mean drivers are not allowed to stop, even to pick up or drop off. This is reinforced with signage to state 'No stopping Monday - Friday 8am-6pm'. Officers will continue to monitor this.

- Following several reports of shed breaks on Saxon Road during one evening, PCSO Holcroft attended addresses on Saxon Road to offer advice and reassurance.
- PCSO Holcroft and PCSO Cooney attended the Grange School to assist staff with a mediation meeting with parents of 2 pupils. Time was given for all to speak their thoughts and feelings about the issues.
- PCSO Cornock conducted speed enforcement along Boston Avenue. 10 drivers were identified in one hour and all will be dealt with for speeding.
- Following a call from the local store on Halton Road of 2 males shoplifting, PCSO Taylor was in the area so could respond immediately. She stopped 2 males matching the description given. Both males were arrested and dealt with for the offence.

Beechwood

Your local PCSO is Richard Deponeo



PCSO priority for February

Topic: Youths are stealing doorbells from our properties.

Description: We have received numerous reports of youths taking doorbells from houses in the Beechwood area. PCSO Deponeo has attended incidents and seized CCTV in relation to this and we are currently looking to identify those involved. Officer will continue to respond to incidents and we aim to identify offenders and deal with them effectively.

PCSO priority for March

Topic: Suspicious activity.

Description: We have seen an increase of reported suspicious activity. We will increase hi visibility patrols; we would urge people to contact us if they see anyone or anything suspicious so we can investigate.

PCSO priority for April.

Topic: Suspicious activity.

Description: We continue to see reports of suspicious activity, possibly involving drugs. We will continue to provide hi visibility patrols and would still urge people to contact us if they see anyone or anything suspicious so we can investigate.

You Said, We Did.

You Said: Off road bikes are causing an issue near Betchworth Crescent.

We Did: PCSO Deponeo has been proactive in relation to the issue of mini motorbikes and the nuisance they cause to local residents. He has been giving the area regular attention and responded to incidents.

You Said: Hillview Primary school is having problems with parents parking in the bus stop outside school; their cars block the view of the school crossing attendant.

We Did: We have provided regular patrols to the area, Advice has been given to parents and vehicles parked in bus stops have been advised and asked to move away and find a safe and legal place to park. Leaflets have been distributed by PCSO Deponeo to parents giving parking and safety advice around the school.

News for the area

- PCSO Deponeo has been visiting schools in the Beechwood area to discuss any issues.
- PCSO McCue attended the Beechwood community meeting in January.
- We received a report of a power cut on the 19th February, after which a white van with no livery attended at an address asking to check the power. United Utilities were contacted but they had no knowledge – if you have had similar occurrences, please call 101.
- During February there was a theft of a motorbike from a garage on Bowland Close. Officers attended and house to house was conducted, unfortunately there were no witnesses. Please be vigilant and make sure all doors, windows, gates and sheds are locked.
- We have had an incident whereby a parent had been abusive to the crossing attendant when she advised the driver they had parked in a dangerous manner. The driver was advised of their behaviour
- The remains of a Cannabis farm were discovered on Pippits row. Officers attended and seized the items concerned.

Mersey & Heath

The local PCSO for Heath is Chris McCue and the Mersey is Ian Harrison & Gary Buckles.



PCSO priority for February

Topic: Begging in the Old Town.

Description: We have received an increase in calls regarding people begging around the Old Town area. We have CCTV covering the area and will respond to incidents. We aim to help and support anyone acting in this way and if necessary will make arrests.

PCSO priority for March

Topic: Shoplifting

Description: Patrols will be in the area to deter shoplifters. The Old Town is also part of the Shop Watch scheme which allows stores, Police and CCTV to communicate with each other more effectively to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour.

PCSO priority for April.

Topic: Begging in the Old Town.

Description: We have received an increase in calls regarding a male begging in the Old Town area. We are working with other agencies to tackle the issue with the male in question and will continue to respond to reports and where necessary, take action.

You Said, We Did.

You said: Vehicles are obstructing the footpath on Highlands Road.

We did: PCSO McCue has paid regular attention to the area at relevant times. He has issued advisory notices to drivers to highlight the offence. He will continue to monitor the issue and give tickets where necessary.

You said: A young male has been seen acting suspiciously around the Old Town recently.

We did: PCSO Harrison stopped a male who was acting suspiciously and trying to avoid him. When checking the male he was found to be linked with drugs. PC Williams and Maskill attended and searched the male and found a large quantity of cannabis. The male was arrested and taken to custody.

You said: One female keeps repeatedly shoplifting from local stores.

We did: We collected CCTV footage and statements in relation to all the offences reported to us. Through local knowledge, PCSOs were able to identify the female responsible. She was then arrested and has now been given a lengthy prison sentence.

You said: Youths are setting fires and causing ASB at Runcorn Hill.

We did: PCSO McCue has been liaising with park security and conducted regular hi visibility patrols in the area to deter such behaviour.

News for the area

- PCSO Gilbert began the RESPECT programme (in conjunction with Cheshire Fire). 8 young people from various schools in Halton are taking part in the course for 12 weeks. The course finished in March and all the students passed. They all took part in a graduation ceremony in which they showed the skills they had learnt throughout the course to parents. They also each gave a short speech thanking those involved.
- PCSO McCue issued 2 CLE2/6 notices to vehicles not displaying a valid tax disc on Holloway in January. This notice advises the DVLA that a vehicle has been seen parked on a public road and then the DVLA will take appropriate action.

- PCSO McCue attended Weston Primary school following reports from parents about traffic issues. He has spoken with staff at the school and given advice.
- In January there was an increase in shed/garage breaks in the area of Ascot Avenue. PCSOs have been giving leaflets to residents in the area offering advice. PCSO McCue has also liaised with local stores for information.
- PCSO Buckles has been liaising with Gary Shaw (Shop watch coordinator for the Old Town) and they have worked together to tackle issues with shoplifting, as a result some prolific shoplifter have been identified and dealt with.
- Officers staffed a bike marking event in the Old Town. Bikes were marked and information sent to the 'immobilise' database. This database allows officers to trace the owner of a recovered bike by looking at the serial number marked on the frame.
- PCSO Buckles attended Victoria Road Primary school and gave a presentation on behaviour and respect to some of the pupils.

- PCSO Buckles has been working with staff at sheltered accommodation in the Old Town. One male was reported as being in the building, breaching his injunction. PCSO Buckles attended, seized the CCTV and identified the offender. The male has now been arrested.



- PCSO Holcroft and Gilbert went to visit the reception class at All Saints Primary School. They spent time talking to the children and answered lots of questions about the police!
- PCSO Buckles and Harrison attended Weston Kids Club and Victoria Road Primary to talk to the children about safety in the community. The children really enjoyed talking to Gary and Ian and looking at the police car.

- One female, 32, was stopped driving a Ford Fiesta with no lights on. When officers spoke to the driver they could smell intoxicants. She was taken to custody and the intoximeter recorded readings of 52 and 48, the legal limit is 35. She is due to appear in court early



March.

- Ian James, 41, was arrested on 15/02 for breaching his Anti Social Behaviour Injunction (ASBI) not to be on Bridge Street, Runcorn. He was arrested and given a 4 month prison sentence, suspended for 12 months. He breached his ASBI again on the 19/02 and was again arrested. He was sentenced to 10 months in prison by the judge at Chester County Court.
- PCSO Hamilton Kent issued a CLE2/6 notice on Clayton Crescent in February. This notice advises the DVLA that a vehicle has been seen parked on a public road with no valid tax disc; the DVLA will take appropriate action.
- Prolific shoplifter Rachael Heussi, 28, Old Town, has been sentenced to 5 and a half months in prison for a string of thefts from local stores around Runcorn.
- Jack Ainge, 20, of Runcorn was charged with burglary from a garage and a shoplifting offence. He is currently on bail until his court date.
- PCSO Buckles and Harrison located a wanted shoplifter. She was then arrested, charged and bailed.

Windmill Hill & Daresbury Rural

The local PCSO for Windmill Hill is Paul Webster and for Daresbury Rural is Emma Hamilton Kent.

PCSO priority for February

Topic: Thefts from Whitehouse industrial estate

Description: We have had an increase in reports of theft from businesses on the Whitehouse Estate. We will give the area regular attention in an attempt to deter offenders. We will be working with victims to see where they can improve on their security to help ensure they are not a repeat victim of crime.



PCSO priority for March

Topic: Theft from new Sandymoor School site.

Description: We received a report in February of a theft from a large container on the site of the new school. Tools were taken from the container. We will be paying the area attention to deter any repeat incidents.

PCSO priority for April.

Topic: Parking in Preston on the Hill, Sandymoor & Moore.

Description: We continue to receive calls regarding traffic issues in many parts of the Daresbury area. We will continue to monitor this during April and educate and/or enforce tickets where necessary.

You Said, We Did.

You Said: Buses are travelling at speed through Moore during school times and its causing an issue.

We Did: PCSO Hamilton-Kent has liaised with the bus companies involved. They have

confirmed they are permitted to drive that route during this time. They have also advised her they have procedures in place to alert supervision if the buses are speeding.

You Said: Youths are causing a nuisance on Bridgeway East, Bridgeway West, & Southwood Avenue bus stops.

We Did: PCSO Webster has been regularly in the area. He has spoken to groups of youths responsible for this nuisance behaviour and submitted a 'CST notification'. This notification goes to the community safety team (CST) in Halton Borough Council who work closely with us to monitor repeat offenders and repeat locations. A first notification will result in a letter home to parents. Any further notifications result in more robust action such as ASBOs and acceptable behaviour contracts (ABCs). Hopefully this initial response will be enough to deter them.

You Said: We are concerned about the swans on the Bridgewater Canal. Some people are causing them harm and distress.

We Did: PCSO Webster has visited the location with an RSPCA inspector to look at the swans. PCSO Webster will continue to monitor the area and respond to incidents.

You Said: Nuisance motorbikes continue to cause disturbance to local residents in Daresbury.

We Did: Patrols have attended to deter and disrupt potential riders. We would continue to encourage residents to report all incidents. We have dedicated off road bike officers patrolling whenever possible, this has proved helpful in catching offenders and seizing bikes.



News for the area

- PCSO Webster issued 6 CLE2/6 notices to vehicles not displaying a valid tax disc on Windmill Hill. This notice advises the DVLA that a vehicle has been seen parked on a public road and then the DVLA will take appropriate action.
- PCSO Cornock attended the Sandymoor community meeting in January to discuss issues in the area.

- PCSO Hamilton-Kent has been giving regular attention to Moore School and Daresbury School regarding traffic and parking issues. Following reports of illegal and inconsiderate parking, PCSO Hamilton-Kent has been delivering leaflets in Sandymoor about parking on pavements and obstructing the footpath for pedestrians.
- PCSO Parr visited the Sandymoor Brownie Group to give a crime reduction talk to assist with their Crime Prevention Badge.
- We received a report of a burglary at an address in Sandymoor. The offenders made off in a vehicle. Items of property were taken from the house. Our dedicated burglary team are currently dealing with this incident and are liaising with the victims. No one was present in the house at the time of the offence.
- PCSO Webster has been working with HBC Community safety team and LHT officers to resolve issues on Townfield View in relation to parking. New signage has been installed and residents informed of potential consequences of contravening them. PCSO Webster has also given reminder letters to all residents about parking safely and sensibly.
- 1 male and 1 female were arrested from the Windmill Hill area for fraud by false representation (benefit fraud). Officers executed the warrant with staff from the Department for Work and Pensions. DWP will now continue their investigations and take action accordingly.
- While on mobile patrol PCSO Holcroft located a wanted male near to Norton Hill, he was wanted for shoplifting offences across Runcorn. He was consequently arrested by NPU officers.
- PCSO Harrison attended the February Windmill Hill Residents Association and the Preston Brook residents meeting.
- Two cannabis farmers who used a Runcorn warehouse to grow one of Runcorn's largest ever drug farms, will be deported home to Vietnam to serve their two-year prison sentences. Trung Van Ho, 24, and Nguyem Hoan, 30, were arrested in December after our officers uncovered 1,241 cannabis plants in a warehouse in Manor Park. Officers estimated the seizure to have a street value of £1.2m. The discovery was made possible by a member of the public contacting us and providing us with the vital information
- A vehicle was broken into in Sandymoor. Unfortunately the vehicle was left insecure by the owner. Please keep your vehicles secure and remove all valuables.

Norton North and Norton South

The local PCSO for Norton North is Moira McLaughlin and for Norton South is Gordon Rylance.



PCSO priority for February

Topic: Dangerous driving

Description: Residents of Brookvale have expressed concern with drivers using the pavements to avoid going over speed bumps. This is of serious concern as this kind of driving could easily result in injury or worse. Officers will be in the area to provide reassurance and deter any such behaviour

PCSO priority for March

Topic: Anti-social behaviour on Ainley Close and Rushfield Crescent.

Description: We will have regular patrols visiting the areas. We will also liaise with housing providers to see if we can work together to tackle the issues.

PCSO priority for April.

Topic: OBA School – Youths who do not attend the school are gathering at the end of the school day and are possibly dealing/smoking cannabis.

Description: We have attended the school during the end of the school day and liaised with staff. We have taken details of some youths in the area. PCSO Rylance and

McLaughlin have deterred the youths from hanging around whenever they are present. We will continue to work with the school on this matter

You Said, We Did.

You Said: Youths are gathering in the morning before school (OBA) and are intimidating, littering and causing damage to the landscaped areas.

We Did: PCSO Rylance has been attended the area in the early morning to prevent anyone gathering in the affected areas. He has received positive comments from local residents.

You Said: We have noticed an increase in theft from motor vehicles and burglaries in Norton and Stratton close area.

We Did: We have provided regular patrols of the area and reassurance given to the residents. PCSO Rylance attended Brookvale community centre to give crime prevention advice to elderly residents.

You Said: Drivers are using pavements to avoid driving over speed bumps

We Did: Officers have paid regular attention to the area. No further incidents have been reported. PCSO Rylance will continue to monitor the issue.

News for the area

- PCSO Rylance has been working with Brookvale centres regarding setting up meetings for the community to discuss issues. He has been working with members of the community to set up police surgeries. The new meetings have been set up at Brookvale Community Centre and also at Brookvale Children's Centre. Giving residents the chance to talk to local officers about issues in the area.
- PCSO Rylance has been working with Your Housing and visit residents for reassurance.
- PCSO McLaughlin attended OBA School to give a presentation to Year 8 pupils on Cyber bullying.
- PCSO Parr conducted a crime reduction survey with crime prevention officer Phil

Buckley at Stockham Health Farm to see how they could prevent crime in the area.

- PC's Ellison, Delves & Green have been out on duty on off road bikes during February on Operation Illinois, targeting illegal off roaders in Halton. They have seized 2 mini motos and issued ten Section 59 warning notices. A Section 59 warning notice is issued to the rider and the bike, if the rider is caught riding in the same manner again (or the bike used by any rider) within 12 months, then the bike can be seized. They will continue their good work in March.
- PCSO Rylance attended the Murdishaw Residents Meeting, the Brookvale Residents Meeting and the HBC area forum Meeting at OBA School.
- PCSO Holcroft and Cornock worked with traffic officers and staff from Cheshire Fire and Rescue on a 'driver engagement day'. The event was to target drivers using mobile phones and/or not wearing seat belts. 18 motorists were educated by Cheshire Fire for no seat belts, 1 cannabis warning and 2 mobile phone tickets were also issued on the day.
- PCSO Cooney and Holcroft worked with traffic officers to seize a legal road bike for riding on a footpath in Murdishaw. The bike had no insurance and the rider had no license.
- Thanks to info from the public, a drugs warrant was executed at Moorland Drive, Runcorn. 1 male was arrested for production of cannabis.

Partnerships

PCSO Kim Troake is the dedicated ASB officer, working in partnership with other agencies. Kim is new to the role but will be monitoring the ASB in the area, taking the lead role in dealing with the problem. As part of Kim's role she takes out the Tasking Vehicle visiting anti-social hot spot areas, addressing any issues causing residents problems. Any issues in your area please contact her.
Kimberley.Troake@cheshire.pnn.police.uk

PCSO Gary Buckles is the dedicated shop watch officer, working closely with the retail outlets in the Old Town. Any issues please contact him.
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Contact us

999 Emergency

All emergency cases where there is a real threat of harm or damage happening or possibly going to happen or if a crime is being committed.

101 Non Emergency

This number is staffed 24/7 to report incidents where something has happened but is not an emergency.

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To report anonymously 0800 555 111.

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WIDNES BLUE LAMP REPORT January – March 2014 Q1

Sergeant 3815 Jackson

Widnes Neighbourhood Policing Unit

Town Centre

Our priorities this quarter have been:

- Priority 1 - High visibility policing, crime prevention and community engagement
- Priority 2 - Retail crime and shoplifting offences
- Priority 3 - Anti-social behaviour

You said:

- 1) Meet the public with campaigns and promotions with partner agencies
- 2) Continue to target known shoplifters and deter others
- 3) Foot patrols to deter alcohol related and other ASB related incidents

We did:

The local Town Centre Police Community Support Officers conduct high visibility patrols in the town centre every day from 8am until all the business premises close. They focus on premises targeted by prolific offenders and work in partnership with the local CCTV – Shopwatch. They have been effective in deterring crime within the town centre and vigilant in identifying suspects and persons wanted on warrant. They attend all incidents of anti-social behaviour and deal with them effectively. They continually gather intelligence in the town and assist in incidents as described below:

Town Centre News

On the 8th January 2014, a 24 year old female from the Merseyside area was detained for shoplifting at Morrison's and tried to stab security staff with a syringe.

Local Police Community Support Officers were at the store at the time and assisted in restraining and detaining the female. No-one was injured. The female was later charged with 6 offences including stabbing a customer with the syringe at another Morrison's store in Lancashire.

On the 11th January 2014, a 26 year old female from the Riverside area was arrested and cautioned after committing a theft at ASDA.

On the 13th January 2014, a 44 year old prolific male shoplifter of no fixed address from the Runcorn area was arrested and charged with a theft at Wilkinson's.

On the 13th January 2014, two elderly males, aged 79 and 90 were victims of a pickpocket on a local bus. Vigilant work from the local PCSOs assisted in the arrest and charge of a 50 year old male from the Liverpool area. The male received a 3 year jail sentence.

On the 15th January 2014, a 52 year old male from the Runcorn area was arrested and charged with a theft from Morrisons.

On the 18th January 2014, a 20 year old female and a 19 year old male from the Merseyside area were arrested and charged with theft from Marks and Spencer. The couple were in company with a baby. The male also received a formal cannabis warning.

On the 23rd January 2014, Police Community Officers Stewart Wimbleton and Adam Coogan attended at Wetherspoons where a 44 year old male from the Runcorn area was believed to be selling razors. The officers detained the male until police officers arrived and searched the male. The search was negative. The officers also served a Section 27 notice on the male. Section 27 of the Violent Crime Reduction Act 2006, gives officers a power to give an individual direction to leave the vicinity after being involved in alcohol related anti-social behaviour. If the male returned within the next 24 hours then he would be arrested.

On the 31st January 2014, a 23 year old male from the Appleton area was arrested and charged following a theft at Wilkinsons. The male was also wanted in connection to another offence.

Vigilant Police Community Support Officer Stewart Wimbleton spotted a 41 year old female prolific shoplifter from the Ditton area in a River Island store who appeared to be about to commit an offence. The officer kept overt observations on the female until she eventually left the store empty handed. The female was also banned from the store.

On the 6th February 2014, a 29 year old prolific offender from the Hough Green area was arrested and charged with theft from New Look and Marks and Spencer. The male made off from officers but was chased and detained on a local bus.

On the 15th February 2014, a 32 year old male from the Farnworth area was pursued, arrested and charged for theft from B&Q. The male was sighted and detained by local PCSO paschal Sheeran.

A 38 year old prolific male shoplifter from the Kingsway area was remanded in custody for 6 months for shoplifting within the town.

On the 14th March 2014, a 24 year old local prolific shoplifter from the Appleton area was arrested for a theft from Superdrug, theft from Morrison's and a breach of his anti-social behavioural order (ASBO).

Appleton, Kingsway and Riverside

You Said:

- 1) Off-Road bikes around Stewards Avenue/King Georges Fields
- 2) Youths causing anti-social behaviour in Alice Court
- 3) Deal with alcohol related anti-social behaviour on West Bank Promenade

We did:

Over the past several months we have had numerous problems around King Georges Fields regarding off-road bikes and other anti-social behaviour. The anti-social behaviour has now decreased dramatically after an operation was put in place to combat the issues. Extra patrols were allocated to the areas, police officers and Police Community Support Officers were deployed on foot, in unmarked patrol cars and on off-road motorbikes. We also utilised the police marked Land Rover which has on and off road capability. A lot of youths in the area were stopped and spoken to and several vehicles were seized.

We have given lots of extra attention to Alice Court with Police Community Support Officers attending there on foot almost every day. We have hand delivered letters to all the local residents in the area to generate a full picture of the issues and to give advice on how to report matters. We have stop checked a number of local youths and submitted relevant notifications. These notifications go to our Community Safety Team who follow up with letters to the parents of any youths involved in anti-social behaviour.

We have increased our patrols in the area of West Bank promenade and work closely with the local business premises. We continue to provide reassurance with our high visibility policing of the area. We have stopped local youths in the area to gather intelligence and locate the source of the alcohol provided.

COP STARS

In January, Police Community Support Officer's Caroline Griffiths and Maggie Sumner have given 4 presentations to Year 5 & 6 pupils at West Bank, Simms Cross, St. Gerards and Halebank Primary schools. This month, the presentations have been about anti-social Behaviour. The programme encourages the children to get to know their local PCSO's and improve their confidence in policing, encourages them to be safe, to get involved in community activities, to care for their local area and engage with their neighbourhood policing team.



PCSO Caroline Griffiths and PCSO Maggie Sumner

The focus in February for Cop Stars is Internet Safety & Cyberbullying. Both Maggie and Caroline have been into several schools speaking to the children and giving them a presentation which includes a Q&A sessions plus watching a video

- 10 February 2014, St. Gerards Primary Cop Stars (Internet Safety & Bullying)
- 11 February 2014, Farnworth Primary presentation on Internet Safety & Bullying
- 13 February 2014, Hale Village Primary presentation on Internet Safety & Cyberbullying
- 14 February – Halebank Primary Cop Stars (Internet Safety & Bullying)
- 25 February 2014, West Bank Primary Cop Stars (Internet Safety & Bullying)
- 26 February 2014, Simms Cross Primary Cop Stars (Internet Safety & Bullying)

In March 2014, Caroline and Maggie also attended at All Saints School, All Saints Infants (Reception Class) and Ashley School, Broadheath to speak to the children about 'The Role of the Police' and a 'Good Citizen' which included a presentation (asking the children what vehicles we used, what animals help the Police, good strangers & bad strangers were some on the topics). The children were able to try on police hats, body armour, police jackets and see handcuffs. They also were able to sit in a patrol vehicle which they really enjoyed.

PCSO Caroline Griffiths said, "The presentations were well received, the children enjoyed the day especially when trying the hats on. It also led to some interesting questions!"

PCSO Griffiths also added that due to the success of the 'Cop Stars' presentations they are receiving more requests from other local schools and these will continue until June 2015.

Birchfield, Broadheath and Hough Green

You said:

- 1) Anti social behaviour around the shops on Bechers and the Park.
- 2) Shoplifting/anti-social behaviour Morrison's Stores, Queensbury way
- 3) Vehicles taking a short cut across the land that links Heathfield Park to Cornerhouse Lane
- 4) Speeding Prescott Road and Hough Green Road

We did:

High visibility policing and targeting of offenders has seen a decrease in anti social behaviour in the Bechers area. Whilst anti-social behaviour has decreased it does not mean the problem has gone. Extra attention and reassurance will continue in this area and work with partner agencies such as the Addaction team to engage with youths in the area and assist in diverting them from this area and from the issues they may cause.

Morrison's on Queensbury way has had an increase in shoplifting. There has been an increase in anti social behaviour outside of the store with youths congregating. The area has been given extra attention by foot and mobile police patrols to deter youths congregating who can be intimidating to customers offering reassurance and preventing anti social behaviour. Both the Co Op stores have been visited regularly giving a high visibility deterrent. Liasion with the management of the stores has assisted in making it more difficult for offenders to commit offences.

Over the past 12 months or so there have been reports of vehicles taking a short cut across a piece of land that links Heathfield Park to Cornerhouse Lane. These vehicles have reportedly been involved in a couple of near misses with members of the public who were walking on their own, with a dog or a small child.

Police Community Officer Paschal Sheeran sent a detailed email to Councillor Sandra Baker about this issue requesting bollards to be put in place, in order to prevent the vehicles cutting through.

Halton Borough Council staff Mick Noon and Joanne Brussels then responded to this request. Halton Borough Council have just finished installing bollards at the Cornerhouse Lane side of the piece of land.



The area before the bollards were erected.



The area after the bollards were erected

During this period Police Community Support Officer Paul Mines conducted speed enforcement in the following areas:

- Prescot Road to Widnes
- Hough Green Road to Upton Rocks.

No offending drivers were detected at the times we carried out the enforcement but we will continue to conduct them.

Hough Green, Broadheath and Birchfield news

On the 16th January 2014, Cheshire Police received two reports of a male on an off-road motorbike who had 'clipped' another vehicle and drove off. With the assistance of air support (police helicopter) the officers on the ground were directed to the location of the offender. The offender was arrested for dangerous driving, failing to stop after a traffic accident, no insurance and no licence.

On the 22nd January 2014, an off road motorbike was seized at St Michaels View after two male made off.



The seized motorbike

On the 30th January 2014, a male was sighted by officers riding a suspected stolen mountain bike in the area. The bike was dumped on King George playing fields and the male made off. A 15 year old male from the Broadheath area was later arrested.

A Driver Engagement Day in partnership with Cheshire Fire and Rescue took place on the 7th February at St Basils Club, Hough Green Road. Police Community Support Officer Colin Marples also took part. The aim of the event is to identify drivers committing an offence, e.g speeding, no seatbelt, using a mobile phone and engage with them. Members of the public are given the opportunity to watch a short video in relation to the offence they have committed to educate rather than prosecute.

A further Driver Engagment Day took place on the 13th February 2014 at the playing fields car park, Prescot Road/ Hough Green Road. Police Community Support Officers Paschal Sheeran and Kathryn Waite took part

Farnworth and Halton View

You said:

- 1) Fly Tipping Factory Lane
- 2) Traffic issues at end of school time around the local schools
- 3) Derby Road speeding & Traffic issues regarding parking near to the Co-Op store.
- 4) Anti-social behaviour – St Pius church

We did:

Police Community Support Officer for the area Steven Hill has patrolled the area on a regular basis over the last month and has come across the fly tipping of tyres twice. Police Community Support Officer Hill has arranged for these tyres to be removed on both occasions and is currently making enquiries into who is responsible for this ongoing problem. Residents are being encouraged to contact Cheshire Police or Halton Borough Council if they have any further information.

Parking offences continue to be a problem around the local schools especially at the end of school time. Those highlighted are Moorfield Primary School and St.John Fisher Primary School

Local Police Community Support Officers, Steven Hill & Chris Blakemore continue to patrol the schools at key times in an attempt to deter illegal parking and deal with any accordingly. The officers have also linked in with the local schools, working together to solve the problem by sending letters to parents.

Officers will be issuing fixed penalty notices where appropriate

Derby Road there were complaints from motorists regarding the parking of vehicles. Vehicles were parking on the corner outside the shops, which is an offence as the double yellow lines are clearly visible. Police Community Support Officer Steven Hill distributed leaflets to residents in the area regarding these complaints along with foot patrolling the area at key times.

Derby Road parking problems are a lot quieter since the junction was changed by the council. Advisories have been given recently and the problem remains a quiet one currently, however still a priority. **Officers will issue fixed penalty tickets where appropriate.**

St.Pius Church patrols have proven fruitful in recent weeks with stop checks. The hut from inside the grounds has also been removed leading to a huge decrease in activity here.

Farnworth and Halton View news

Bridewell Court has been supported their charity events by Widnes Police. Police Community Support Officer Hill and the property officer manager have donated various items throughout the year to help raise money for the nominated charities.

Ditton/Hale Bank and Hale Village

You said:

- 1) Speeding Ramsbrook Lane and Hale Road
- 2) Antisocial behaviour in the Ditton area – Queens Avenue
- 3) car crime issues – Hale Village

We did:

During this quarter Police Community Support Officer Stephen Marnick carried out a speed assessment with members of the public on Hale Road and Ditchfield road to help deter motorists from committing offences

PCSO Marnick has also carried out speed enforcement on:

11th February 2014 - Speed enforcement Ramsbrook Lane - 2 drivers prosecuted

11th February 2014 - Speed enforcement Halegate Rd - 4 drivers prosecuted

26th February 2014 - Speed enforcement Ramsbrook Lane – 1 driver prosecuted



Speed Enforcement initiatives can identify a variety of offences as well as being a deterrent to motorists.

Police Community Support Officer for the area Maggie Sumner has patrolled numerous times across the area including Queens Avenue and Lodge Road. Reports of problems at Queens Avenue shops have reduced due to high visibility foot and mobile patrols. A visible presence continues to deter any offences and offer reassurance to the residents, the shop and their customers

The number of vehicle crime-related incidents has reduced since Police Community Support Officer Stephen Marnick in partnership with Halton Borough Council, designed and erected signs to help prevent incidents of car crime in Hale village.



Ditton and Hale news

Positive feedback was received by PCSO Marnick from the Hale Village parish council meeting in February regarding the use of the ANPR – Automated Number Plate Recognition system. The system reads registration plates and highlights any issues with the vehicle or occupants

Crime prevention action by PCSO Marnick in the Edinburgh Road area resulted in leaflets being posted through residents doors regarding door step callers. Cheshire Police do receive calls of bogus callers and the advice is simple –be cautious, check ID and do not let anyone in that you are not 100% happy with. If in any doubt – ring the police

Police Community Support Officer Stephen Marnick has assisted elderly residents in the area with smoke alarms and Age UK visits

REPORT TO:	Safer Policy & Performance Board
DATE:	24 June 2014
REPORTING OFFICER:	Strategic Director, Community
PORTFOLIO:	Community Safety and Physical Environment
SUBJECT:	Review and scrutiny of the Domestic Abuse Strategy 2014-17
WARD(S)	Borough-wide

1.0 **PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

To provide a DA topic brief review to the Safer Policy and Performance Board.

2.0 **RECOMMENDATION: That the Board note the report.**

3.0 **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

3.1 Attached as Appendix 1 Topic Brief.

4.0 **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 No policy implications.

5.0 **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 No financial implications.

6.0 **IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES**

6.1 **Children and Young People in Halton**

None identified.

6.2 **Employment, Learning & Skills in Halton**

None identified.

6.3 **A Healthy Halton**

None identified.

6.4 **A Safer Halton**

To help identify the issues surrounding domestic violence.

6.5 **Halton's Urban Renewal**

None identified.

7.0 **RISK ANALYSIS**

7.1 None identified.

8.0 **EQUALITY & DIVERSITY ISSUES**

8.1 There are no Equality and Diversity issues associated with this report.

9.0 **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

None under the meaning of the Act.

TOPIC BRIEF

Topic Title: Review and scrutiny of the Domestic Abuse Strategy 2014-17

Officer Lead: Chris Patino

Planned start date: April 2014

Target PPB Meeting: September 2014

Topic Description and scope:

- Identify level of Domestic Abuse and identify where Halton is in relation to neighbouring LA's.
- To look at existing cooperation between relevant organisations to work to reduce incidents (as per domestic abuse strategy 2014).
- Explore adoption of white ribbon status for the borough of Halton
- Identify areas of good practice across the sub region of Cheshire

Why this topic was chosen:

- Present levels in Halton have been identified as a particular problem.

Key outputs and outcomes sought:

- Recommendation of adoption by the Council of the Domestic Abuse Strategy 2014-17
- Identify the true level of the problem.
- Seek external funding/partners to help deliver the Domestic Abuse Strategy
- Increase awareness of support services on offer
- Raise confidence levels of victims to report offences

Which of Halton's 5 strategic priorities this topic addresses and the key objectives and improvement targets it will help to achieve:

- Safer
- Health and wellbeing

Financial issues

A need to identify any additional funding needed to progress the action plan.

Nature of expected/desired PPB input:

Member led scrutiny review by Cllr Darren Lea and other Councillors of the Board, Emma Sutton-Thompson, Cheshire Police, Rape and Sexual Abuse Support Centre Cheshire & Merseyside (RASASC), Sarah Ashcroft (Domestic Abuse coordinator), Mike Andrews, RSL's (Lynn to clarify any volunteers).
Meetings, scrutiny and facilitators.

Preferred mode of operation:

Monthly two hourly meetings with a completed action plan by September 2014 for Executive Board approval in October 2014.

Agreed and signed by:

PPB chair

Officer

Date

Date