

**Criminal Justice Board for Wales (CJBfW): 3rd March 2022**  
**Key Actions/Decisions**

- Board to hear the lived experiences of a survivor of VAWDASV and the lessons that Criminal Justice organisations need to learn to enact change June 2022.
- 2022-2023 Criminal Justice Board Communication plan presented outlining how the work of the Board will be communicated with the public to raise awareness of projects and initiatives to increase confidence in the Criminal Justice System in Wales.
- Board agreed that the All Wales Criminal Justice Communication Group will work with the strategic leads to support delivery of the Communication Plan.
- Use of the new Criminal Justice and Rape Scorecards locally and nationally will be discussed at the next board meeting.

**Reflective workshop: Achievement of 2021 and look forward to 2022-2023**

The focus of this meeting was to discuss the achievements of the 2021-2022 work programme and look forward to shaping the work programme for 2022-2023. Following the workshop:

- Coordinator will work with strategic leads to finalise the 2021-2022 annual report and work programme 2022-2023 by April 30 2022.
- The Board will explore the opportunities for join up with family and civil courts as part of the work programme 2022-2023.

**Resourcing Criminal Justice work across Wales**

- The Board will consider funding for a new proposed infrastructure that will support delivery of the Criminal Justice Work Programme at a national and local level, as well as any additional costs required to aid delivery of the activity set out in the 2022-2023 Work Programme.

**LCJB and CSP Join-up**

- Quarterly Board Key messages document produced and shared with Safer Communities network and wider partnerships to improve awareness and connectivity between Community Safety Partnerships (CSP), CJBfW and Local Criminal Justice Boards (LCJBs).
- Work with Wales Community Safety Leads to determine the scope of the mapping exercise to understand the common issues that CSPs and LCJBs are all addressing in Wales.
- North Wales will use their next 'Chairs of Chairs' meeting in June 2022, to discuss primary prevention to understand what is happening across the partnerships and where there are opportunities for collaboration. Learning will be shared with the Board in September.

## LCJBs in Wales current activity March 2022.

### Dyfed Powys

#### Victims

i) Victims Code of Practice (VCOP): South Wales dip sample model updated and adopted in Dyfed Powys. Victims' experiences video shared to informed police officer training.

ii) Rape and sexual offences:

- Dip sampled cases for rape and showed positive outputs.
- Work planned to capture feedback from victims who chose not to take up ISVA support.
- Dyfed Powys has increased its number of cases where police take up early advice from CPS this quarter.
- Commissioned service collating victims experience and feedback.

iii) Video Live link facilities: 2 sites are live. No cases heard yet. VAWDASV regional advisor attends LCJB to ensure connectivity of reporting

**People who have offended:** exploring options for a Women Centre in Dyfed Powys. Housing pilot in Ceredigion for prolific offenders on IOM programme is showing early positive outcomes.

**Early intervention and prevention:** end to end service pathway mapped for children and young people of crime.

- Mapping serious violence prevention activity.
- Report outcomes of PCC survey on safety in the area next quarter.

**Race Equality** - attend all Wales strategic group & PCC co-chair of data task groups.

### Gwent

#### Victims

i) Victims Code of Practice (VCOP): VCOP pilot dip sample completed. Template updated and shared with DPP and NW to adopt. Next quarters dip sample commenced.

ii) Rape and sexual offences: Increase on no. of cases referred for early advice compared to last quarter.

iii) Video Live link facilities: Newport facility is Live March 2022.

Weekly IDVA, CPS, WCU meeting to replace the loss of the weekly dedicated SDVC.

Victims Care Unit success. Report witness attendance 90% at Magistrate. 100% crown court.

CPS and Police Action plan being developed to monitor timeliness of cases.

Domestic abuse file build pilot test in Jan 2022 to improve file quality.

Domestic abuse scrutiny panel setup to look at 10 no further action (NFA) cases from both Police and CPS.

**People who have offended:** Gwent and South Wales Police with HMPPS and third sector organisations were successful in a bid to the MOJ to establish supported housing and pre-release mediation for 18-25 prison leavers.

Developing a tactical plan for Domestic abuse Perpetrators in Gwent.

Gwent VAWDASV Commissioning Board set up.

**Early intervention and prevention:** Joint ASB project in Newport between YOS and Police. Police focus on VAWG culture within workplace. Gwent Police VAWG strategy and plan developed.

**Race Equality-** attend all Wales strategic group & CC Kelly Co-chair of Taskforce. C/Supt Co-chair Data Task Group and DPCC co-chair Communication and Engagement Task Groups.

## North Wales

Use Criminal Justice Scorecards to monitor performance.

### Victims

- i) Victims code of practice (VCOP): Implement South Wales Dip sample model next quarter. Review of victims services commissioned.
- ii) Rape and sexual offences: PCC undertook deep dive on rape
  - Force audit on outcomes 16 complete. Shared across Wales.
  - Mapping governance in North Wales of Rape and sexual offences. North Wales survivors Advising service Group set up for service to hear from survivors directly, a new panel will also be established.
  - Monitor charging timeliness as a priority 2022-23.
- iii) Video Live link facilities: Three sites are live. 3 cases heard to date.

### People who have offended:

One IOM delivery group for established. Report to LCJB. New Female Offending Strategy being developed by OPCC. North Wales Women in Justice Delivery group set up.

**Early intervention and prevention:** North Wales partnership Tackling VAWG set up.

Wrexham Youth Justice Service developing a report to understand prevention trends in North Wales. Street Doctors commissioned to deliver sessions to young people on life saving advice related to knife incidents

**Race Equality-** attend all Wales strategic group & Head of people services co-chair education task groups.

## South Wales

### Victims

- i) Victims code of practice (VCOP): VCOP pilot dip sample completed. Template updated and shared with other regions in Wales to adopt. DASHboard developed to understand victim's compliance in SW. April, next quarters dip sample commence. Victims information pack updated. All Wales Dip sample group established.
- ii) Rape and sexual offences: Op Soteria going live 2022, working has already commenced.  
Mobile phone swap out pilot established, and mobile van funded to take forensic evidence from victims' mobile phones in 24 hours. Rape Trauma Syndrome training rolled out. Re modelling of ISVA services report to board in March.
- iii) Video Live link facilities: Cardiff site 'Rise' building to go live next quarter... making a total of 8 sites in SW. Maesteg and Swansea have been used the most so far. 2xSpecial measure advocates started. Also, MOJ Funded for one advocate for each region in Wales as a pilot. LCJB's will monitor success locally.  
Mapping Restorative justice service in South Wales.

**People who have offended:** IOM Performance report quarterly agreed to drive discussion on activity.

- Meet Home Office a contact targets with IOM nominals per month.
- Pontypridd and Merthyr start a trial to use Buyidal to address drug use in the area. Mental health wellbeing assessment within custody and victims' services
- Low level Domestic abuse perpetrator programmes is being scoped

**Early intervention and prevention:** Using the CJBfW report to discuss primary prevention offer.

**Race Equality-** DPCC is the chair of the Race Equality Strategic Group.