



Cyfiawnder Troseddol
yng Nghymru

**Criminal Justice
in Wales**

Criminal Justice Board for Wales (CJBfW): 14th December 2021

Key Actions/Decisions

- The Criminal Justice steering group will continue to be the mechanism for addressing the strategic challenges presented by Omicron.
- Criminal Justice in Wales will now be named **Criminal Justice Board for Wales** to ensure it is clear to all that there is a strategic board for Wales.
- CJBfW Review workstreams
- Produce an annual report to outline the achievements of the Board in 2021-2022.
- The work programme for 2021-2022 will be reviewed to ensure the workstreams for each priority are the right ones. March meeting will have space for member to agree 2022-2023 priorities.

Priority 1: People who have offended Key actions/decisions

- IOM Cymru will report to CJBfW every quarter to show progress against the Welsh Government and HMPPS' framework to '*Support positive change for those at risk of reoffending*' and raise any escalation points.
- The reoffending landscape will be reviewed to understand the full range of reducing reoffending initiatives

Priority 2: Victims and Witnesses key actions/ decisions

- Work is continuing to ensure join up on delivery and oversight of rape and serious sexual offences.
- Assess the need for an analytical resource to support the rape and serious sexual offences.

Priority 3: Race Equality Key actions/decisions

- Develop an evidence-based framework that will provide a minimum standard 'offer' for Policing and Criminal Justice organisation in Wales to work towards. The framework will work towards creating a Culturally Competent, Educated and Representative workforce.
- Continue the roll out of cultural competency training across Wales.
- 3 Horizon scanning workshops held in February 2022; including one for Executive Board members, senior management and stakeholders.
- A CJBfW and Welsh Government governance proposal agreed to ensure close working together across Wales.

Priority 4: Early Intervention and Prevention: actions/ decisions

- Acquired Brain Injury absorbed into this priority as a workstream. A task group stood up in January 2022 with HMPPS psychology leads and Disability leads in Wales to progress work.
- Presentation slides provided to LCJBs, to summarise the findings of the early intervention and prevention report which mapped the current early intervention and prevention programmes available in Wales.
- North Wales will use the report to test if their 'chair of chairs' meeting is an effective mechanism to address emerging cross cutting issues and share the learning with other LCJBs.

VAWDASV task force update

- Mapping sexual violence perpetrator interventions to be added to *people who have offended* priority as an additional activity.
- Board members to respond to the Welsh Government's VAWDASV consultation and note the need for a children and young people's strand.
- *Safe Haven* initiative established by Fire and Rescue Service offers a place of safety to women at night. Initiative to be shared with members to consider offering similar spaces for vulnerable and intimidated people.
- Estyn Report on sexualisation of children and young people to be shared with members.

LCJB and CSP Join-up

- Key messages document produced and shared with Safer Communities network and wider partnerships to improve awareness and connectivity between CSPs, CJBfW and LCJBs.

Local Criminal Justice Boards in Wales: Current Activity December 2021

The activity below shows the work of each LCJB in Wales, using the four priorities as a framework to capture progress and to recognise areas of synergy.

Dyfed Powys	Gwent
<p>Agreed LCJB Delivery plan</p> <p>Victims</p> <p>i)Victims code of practice (VCOP): Self assessment for MOJ complete, awaiting 'VCOP dip sample outcomes from South Wales and Gwent.</p> <p>ii)Rape and sexual offences (RASSO): Regional Joint RASSO plan implemented; working with ISVAs to understand why some victims decline support .and concentrating on promoting early advice. £600k funding secured for sexual violence and domestic abuse support services..</p> <p>iii) Video Live link facilities: Llanelli video link ready to hear cases. Internal communication undertaken with Police and criminal justice staff to make them aware the venue is live and how to book cases. This internal communication approach is replicated across Wales.</p> <p>People who have offended: £400k secured for domestic absue perpetrator programme. IOM delivery model adopted.</p> <p>Early intervention and prevention: end to end service pathway for children and young people of crime mapped . Mapping serious violence prevention activity.</p> <p>Race Equality - attend all Wales strategic group & co-chair of data task groups.</p>	<p>Agreed LCJB Delivery plan</p> <p>Victims</p> <p>i)Victims Code of Practice (VCOP): VCOP pilot dip sample completed. Findings reported February 2022 & task group set up for Wales. Victim Care Unit success relating to victims attendance at court</p> <p>ii)RASSO: Regional Joint RASSO Plan implemented, Gwent review panel established. Concentrating on promoting early advice.</p> <p>iii) Video Live link facilities: Newport facility delayed due to internet issues. DPCC working with Welsh Gov. to support unblock the problems</p> <p>People who have offended: Offending strategy in development. Reportable incidents process live. Women's Pathfinder Whole System Approach evaluated. Mental Health join up across Women's Pathfinder Approach. Gwent Drug and Alcohol Service received continued funding to offer low level mental health interventions</p> <p>Early intervention and prevention: Revolving doors project for low level offenders rolling out in custody.</p> <p>Thematic Inspections of Youth Offending / Justice Services regarding girls and resettlement begins Nov 2021. Embed IDVA service in Safeguarding Hubs.</p> <p>Race Equality - attend all Wales strategic group & task groups. LCJB Chair chairs the Communication and Engagement Task Group. CC is joint srategic lead for this priority for Wales. ACC Chairs data task group.</p>
LCJBs in Wales current activity	
North Wales	South Wales
<p>Agreed LCJB Delivery plan</p> <p>Victims</p> <p>i)Victims code of practice (VCOP): awaiting VCOP dip sample outcomes form South Wales and Gwent. Review of victims services commissioned. 'i matter' programme launched for survivors of Domestic abuse 16+.</p> <p>ii)RASSO: Regional Joint RASSO plan implemented. Bi -monthly meeting held between CPS &Police to review cases. Concentrating on promoting early advice (replicated across Wales).</p> <p>iii) Video Live link facilities: Three sites go live in January.</p> <p>People who have offended: North Wales Female Offending Strategy to be implemented. A Women in Justice Delivery Group to be established, reporting to new North Wales Justice Board. Female case conference pilot in Wrexham continues.</p> <p>Early intervention and prevention: Children and young people who display behaviours (in the home, at school or in the community) that indicate a risk can be referred to youth justice. First-time / minor offencers will enter the Bureau process and avoid prosecution or further criminalisation. VAWG Task group established.</p> <p>Race Equality - Dyfed Powys attend all Wales strategic group & task groups.</p>	<p>Agreed LCJB Delivery plan</p> <p>Victims</p> <p>i)Victims code of practice (VCOP): VCOP pilot dip sample completed. Findings reported Feb 2022 & task group set up for Wales.</p> <p>ii)RASSO: Op Soteria going live 2022, working has already commenced. RASSO Police conference 9th Dec invited partners including ISVAs to attend.</p> <p>iii) Video Live link facilities: 5 VAWDASV live sites. These are additional to Cadoxton house, Barry. Two VAWDASV sites in Cardiff not live yet, working on aiming to unblock issues at the sites asap.</p> <p>Victim and Survivor Network established to discuss key issues for VAWDASV victims initially. Remodelling of the ISVA provision . Working group to improve the pathways of support for victims of crime established</p> <p>People who have offended: Performance report agreed. Out of court disposal 2 tier approach in Custody. An App developed to support front line staff. Youth scrutiny panel rolled out. Prison Leavers fund bid submitted; Mapping & joining up work Y2A guidance, blueprint, and young adult agenda: Mental Health well-being assessment phase 1 commenced. Domestic abuse Perpetrators rolled out for all of South Wales.</p> <p>Early intervnetion and prevention: Using the CJBfW report, Primary prevention discuss at next meeting.</p> <p>Race Equality - DPCC is the chair of the Race Equality Strategic Group.</p>