

Key Actions and Decisions

1. **Lived Experience Insight Session:** Ruth, a victim of domestic abuse, shared her experiences of the Criminal Justice System with the Board. Following the discussion, the Board agreed:
 - To send a letter for thanks from the Board to Ruth and Rob for sharing their lived experiences.
 - To report back to Ruth by September 2022 on the actions the Board has taken to address specific issues raised. .
 - To Hold a follow up meeting with Ruth to discuss next steps and future involvement with the Board and wider VAWDASV system change work.
 - That Victim and Witnesses Taskforce leads will meet with Ruth to test and check the workstreams set out under the Victim and Witness priority, specifically, the end-to-end review of communication pathways with victims.
 - To follow up on the Victim Liaison Officer involvement with Ruth.
 - To reach out to the two Police Officers who initially responded and helped Ruth to feedback on the positive impact of their actions.
 - To consider the Trauma Informed Toolkit and what more can be done to ensure the criminal justice system is trauma informed at all points.
2. **Scorecard Presentation:** The MOJ Insight team presented the new MOJ scorecards for the Criminal Justice System and rape and outlined current performance across Wales. Actions agreed were:
 - MOJ Team to add comparison for England within the current slide deck, alongside the Welsh data.
 - Board Co-ordinator to work with MOJ team to analyse Wales and LCJB current performance and present to the Board in September, including areas of good practice and challenges for the Board to address.
 - Following finalisation of the Dyfed Powys performance framework and work work will be undertaken to support the adoption and implementation off the framework across all LCJBs. This will include the score card data.
3. **Work Programme 2022- 2023:** The strategic leads for each of the four Board priorities presented key achievements this quarter. Following actions were agreed:
 - The facilities log for the Safe Live Video link sites will be shared with the Judiciary.
 - Local Criminal Justice boards to continue to monitor the usage off the Safe Live Video link facilities in their region.
 - The main focus of the September Board will be the Criminal Justice Anti-Racism Action Plan for Wales.
4. **Steering Group:**
 - Co-chairs of the Steering Group will work with members on funding to deliver the Board ambitions and feedback to Board before September.
 - Steering group to develop a Criminal Justice Governance Framework, setting out the arrangements and including terms of reference for the Board, Steering Group, and delivery groups.
 - North Wales Police and Crime Commissioner to feedback on the findings from their dip sample into Victim disengagement.
5. **Minutes and Actions:**
 - Steering group to support the development of the Criminal Justice Communication group.

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LCJBs in Wales Current Activity June 2022

All Board focused their May board meeting on reviewing 2022-2023 delivery plans.

Dyfed Powys:

Victims and Witnesses:

- Last Board focused on the new plan and developing the focus and how to monitor progress.
- Performance framework being developed for use alongside delivery plan. Metrics added for VCoP, RASSO, remote sites and CJ scorecard. Offending and EIP to be further developed.

People who have offended:

- One of the key local priorities is to map criminogenic need across all offending cohorts – from youth, diversion, IOM and statutory caseloads. Some of this work is already in progress. This will enable the Board to challenge whether the support structures and services in place currently are meeting the needs of the offenders or whether there is a gap in commissioned provision.

Race Equality:

- All Wales Anti-racism plan out for consultation. All members to feedback for final version to agree at next meeting. .

Gwent:

Victims and Witnesses:

Victims Code of Practice (VCoP): Phase 1 compliance dip sample pilot with South Wales has now concluded. Early stage VCoP compliance continues to improve via Gwent Police's Victim Care Unit.
Rape: Gwent Police's new Survivor Engagement Coordinator is now in post. All 3 other Welsh forces accept in phase 2 Op Soteria. Joint Action plans updated, and rag rated to manage progress early advice sought form CPS has increased in Gwent.

Video Live Link Facilities:

- IDVA service joined up with Gwent remote site and expect usage to increase as the site.
- Gwent Video link steering Group will provide oversight and drive usage of the facility.
- Gwent employee a Special Measures Advisor (as per all region in Wales, funded by Home office) which will increase uptake of video line sites.

People who have offended:

- Feedback on the Domestic Abuse File Build pilot has been extremely positive. Head of Criminal Justice to share with other force leads.
- Gwent Police is introducing an internal Reducing Offending Board.
- The independent evaluation of the Women's Whole System Approach and 18-25 Early Intervention Service by Cordis Bright took place between March 2021 and February 2022. Evaluation illustrated participants engaging better with CJS.
- The 18-25 Prison Leavers' Project will provide young people in Cardiff and Newport with psychologically informed support and accommodation to move forward.

Early Intervention and Prevention:

- The Blaenau Gwent and Caerphilly YOS underwent an HMIP inspection in early May which had a heavy focus on Out of Court Disposals processes, policy and practice. CJB members contributed to the inspection, both as partner agencies and as members of the YOS Local Management Board. Feedback is due later in May.
- A new Gwent HBA subgroup has been established which will feed into the WG HBA Group.

Race Equality:

- Members continue to attend working groups lead by Race Taskforce for Wales who are developing a Criminal Justice Anti Racism Plan for Wales.

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South Wales Police:

Victims and Witnesses

Victim's code of practice:

- Work ongoing to develop data dashboard.
- SWP and Gwent hosted Cambridgeshire Police end of April, following their interest in adopting the Victims Code of Compliance Framework.

Rape:

- Positive outcome rate for rape was highest in Wales and 4th highest in E&W.
- Op Soteria continues to be undertaken to transform Rape investigation
- Due to increases in recorded rape and serious sexual violence, proactive operation has been undertaken by SWP.
- Victim trauma training delivered to frontline and specialist investigators.
- Multi-agency Rape Review Group and Scrutiny panel in place.
- Women's Residential Centre had been announced as Swansea and expected to open in 2024, There will be opportunities for people to be involved.

Video live link sites:

- 7 sites are live- Usage has increase. Special advisors making a different.
- Cardiff RISE site IT issues resolved. Go live date expected in next quarter. Library Hub site agreed as the 2nd site. Implementation is being progressed.

People who have offended:

- Probation offered to lead on some of the activity and with work in relation to IOM refresh. Police also offered to work with probation, particularly in relation to actions around OOCs. G4S also offered to support and WRAP in terms of the restorative possibilities for those who offend.
- Probation provided update on IOM Cohort data in South Wales.
- Successful in increased funding which will focus on fixed cohort, but ultimately can be considered for all cohorts.
- There has been agreement for Young Adults Support Worker to sit in the Cardiff team. This has been implemented following findings from recent homicide review. They will provide outreach, no specific caseload.
- The aim of the findings from this pilot will be to inform roll out of the role across teams in England and Wales.

Early intervention and prevention:

- VPU highlighted that through the Serious Violence Duty there will be data available that will be able to feed into development of a strategic assessment for serious youth violence. Agreed by the Board that activities in the Delivery Plan could be response to the strategic assessment.
- Deputy Director of VPU offered to lead on Early Intervention and Prevention

Race Equality:

- LCJB members attend work of the Race taskforce, which is co-chaired by South Wales Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner is co-lead for Race Taskforce for Wales

North Wales Police:

Victims and Witnesses:

Victim's code of Practice :

- North Wales Police continues to audit its own compliance with the VCOP every quarter.
- North Wales Police now have a web-based interactive contact form for victims. Live in May 2022.
- Domestic Abuse courts- As of 1st May 2022, Justice Services commenced 'Pre-Charge' file quality checks for all Domestic Abuse cases prior to submission to CPS for advice.
- DA defendants now bailed (with a 14-day turnaround) to a specific DA court.

Rape

- North Wales Rape action plan reformatted to so all regional plan in Wales is consistent.
- Focus on increasing Early Investigation Advice to officers.
- No further action Rape cases dip sampled by the Multi-agency Out of Court Disposal Panel.
- Dip sample Rape cases to look at reasons why victims disengage
- Where rape is concerned it takes on average 279 days in North Wales from charge to case completion (crown court) compared to 435 nationally.
- Analytical team are currently engaged in a deep dive review of Rape data for North Wales.

Video live link sites:

- All 3 sites up and running.
- Wrexham site has been used for one family court hearing and one criminal hearing.
- Increase communication for two sites in the West of region.

People who have offended:

- A North Wales Women's Justice Strategy has been published and the North Wales Women's Justice Delivery Group will support the delivery of the strategy at an operational level.
- In April 2022, members of the All-Wales psychology-led model Core Review Team visited NW to evaluate the pilot. It is expected that they will be able to share their findings and provide a report towards the end of May, early June.
- The Female Offender Case Conference pilot in Wrexham continues with a monthly case.

Early Intervention and Prevention:

- Development of restorative approaches within care home to avoid criminalisation of Care Experienced Children and Young People:
- Flintshire and Wrexham YJS are exploring a diversion project within a new multi-systemic therapy residential provision due to open later this year.
- Conwy and Denbighshire's Out of Court Panel applies the 10-point checklist ensure restorative practises have taken place.
- Street Doctors been commissioned to deliver interactive sessions on life saving advice for young people involved in knife incidents.
- Wrexham YJS working with Child View to enhance its understanding of prevention data and trends.