

16 DECEMBER 2020**REPORT OF THE NORTHUMBRIA POLICE****1. Purpose of Report**

The following report provides a community update and key performance information in relation to Sunderland West area between the following period (Sept-Nov 2020)

2. Key updates**2.1 Problem Solving:**

ASB has seen an increase during lockdown. Significant efforts have been made to identify youths involved in escalated ASB across Sunderland West. Most youths identified have heeded these interventions. Further work is being conducted with parents and housing enforcement to hold parents and youths accountable for behaviours. This has included working with partners to serve Acceptable Behaviour Agreements and Community Protection Warnings on those responsible and exploring other ways of eradicating this behaviour. In some of the cases where the warnings do not appear to have been adhered to they will face further action from ourselves and in some instances arrests and interviews are taking place.

2.2 Targeted Offender Management:

We continue to actively target offenders for different crime types. Some examples of this recent work include removing violent offenders from the communities and they are currently remanded awaiting trial. To support this, applications have been made for Criminal Behaviour Orders and Restraining Orders upon conviction.

We continue to gather and develop intelligence to identify opportunities to target other criminal types eg. such as drugs and volume theft. In this case we continue to secure warrants and execute the same in Sunderland West in the hopes that we can secure evidence and prosecute those that are involved in this type of offending. In addition to this we explore opportunities to apply for/ serve orders on problematic offenders for a variety of reasons; this is to deter further offending, reduce harm and prevent further/repeat victims.

We continue to issue Community Protection Warnings to those who cause problems for their neighbours. Through targeting problematic families and individuals in our residential estates we have seen some of those behaviours curbed. For those that haven't we have taken further action in terms of interviewing perpetrators and progressing prosecution considerations with the CPS. We have been working alongside our housing and ASB partners to enforce warnings and progress evictions also.

It is hoped that this provides confidence and reassurance to our community that we are working hard to identify and tackle crime and disorder matters across every ward in Sunderland West.

2.3 Community Engagement:

Whilst we continue to link in with our communities using various methods it still does prove challenging to capture all methods during this current climate. The Community Engagement Van was secured for use across Sunderland West with the aim of deploying it into all Wards

however there became a greater need to deploy this facility into another Force area on the dates identified. This option will be further explored for the new year. Sunderland West NPT continue to engage with the public through response to incidents, conducting regular visible patrols across estates, wards and community provisions wherever possible.

2.4 Protecting Vulnerable People:

The targeting of offenders and the use of harm reduction plans created by ourselves to manage some of our most vulnerable people resident in Sunderland West help us to manage and reduce risk of harm and prevent repeat victimisation. The management of such victims who have been linked to some of the identified ASB have received regular contact, safeguarding and target hardening considerations. Along with this support, the targeting of offenders and longer term problem solving with partners, this has led to reduced incidents where it is hoped this provides them with reassurance and an improved quality of life.

3. Key Crime and Anti-social behaviour Performance:

Total Crime has decreased by 6% however there has been an increase in public order related reports along with youth ASB also seeing an increase. Some of this increase can be attributed to the restrictions that have been in place in our area as well as the Halloween and Bonfire Night period.

4. Any other business:-

Councillors will be updated on their new police contacts in the near future as we say goodbye to Sgt Keith Goldsmith and Sgt Lisa Thubron. We welcome Sgt Gemma Robinson and Sgt Gary Fee to Sunderland West.

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