

12th June 2019

REPORT OF THE NORTHUMBRIA POLICE – SUNDERLAND WEST

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The following report provides performance information in relation to the Sunderland West Committee area from 9th March 2019 – 3rd June 2019.

2. Background

- 2.1 At its November 2011 meeting Area Committee agreed that regular updates on Crime and Community Safety would be presented to each Committee meeting.

3. Events and Updates

Community Engagement:-

- Pallion Action Group – Burglary Victim
- Chester Road Traders Association
- School engagement – Knife Crime/ ASB/Stranger Danger/Substance inputs
- VCS Network
- Humbledon Neighbourhood Watch
- Thorney Close Residents meeting
- North Moor Funfair
- Twitter /NP Alerts
- School Liaison Officers
- Youth Almighty

3.1 Northumbria Police's priorities for 2018/19 are:

Anti-Social Behaviour. A priority for our Communities.

Child Sexual Exploitation, Domestic Abuse and Serious Sexual Offending.

Counter Terrorism and Domestic Extremism. Threat of Radicalisation.

Signal Crime (Emerging Crime). Any emerging crime type assessed in terms of THREAT, HARM and RISK to have the potential to impact on public confidence.

Organised Crime. Human Trafficking / Foreign nationals / Modern day Slavery.

Cyber Crime. Cyber Enabled / Cyber Dependant

3.2 ASB Matters

- 1) We have ran Operation Constellate dedicated to tackling youth ASB which saw West NPT carry out many joint home visits with our partners, Tenancy Enforcement and Local Authority ASB Team. The purpose being to manage youth behaviour by involving parents and having that early intervention designed to curb behaviours and for them to understand the impact on others and the consequences for themselves and their families.

- 2) We have been working on different pockets of ASB over recent months and have seen a reduction in all areas. This has involved partnership working together with police patrols. Social media has been updated with police patrols, crime prevention initiatives and contacts for the community to use in relation to issues. I continue to issue dispersal notices and link in with schools to channel the message to parents and children about behaviours experienced in local communities. Various methods of enforcement have been used such as stop/search, penalty notices, acceptable behaviour notices, warnings to parents re the behaviours and some have been arrested for disorder. Sunderland West NPT continue to engage with local schools regarding anti-social behaviour, vulnerability, drugs and alcohol, knife crime and exploitation. I have also been recently successful in the bid for our Mounted Section to patrol ASB hotspots at certain times. This has been very well received within the community and together with our other ASB tactics have made a positive impact on the area. We are receiving positive feedback from residents regarding this alternative approach.

3.3 **Motorcycle Disorder**

We know that Motorcycle disorder is a concern to the community and spans across the West Area.

Operation Adjust 2 remains in place in Sunderland West. The plan is to keep running this operation most weekends where circumstances allow. It is to target motorcycle disorder in the hotspot areas of Ford Estate, Pennywell, South Hylton, Grindon, Thorney Close, Farringdon, Doxford Park, Moorside and Silksworth Areas.

NPT officers are trained in the use of DNA Selecta spray and we thank West Committee members for providing the funding to purchase the equipment for Sunderland West. We will wherever possible utilise the kit and it is regularly visible on our officers so should hopefully continue to act as a deterrent and help identify offenders. Body Worn Cameras and CCTV will also be used to identify offenders and gather evidence. Both plain clothed and uniformed officers are being utilised throughout the operation.

Offenders identified will be dealt with by the Police working in partnership with housing providers and the Local Authority ASB team/Environmental Health Team. We continue to deliver school inputs around these issues.

We are seeing a reduction in ASB across the full sector compared to last year. Repeat callers have also reduced since we have put in place harm reduction plans and following Operation Adjust.

Housing partners are aware that when visiting their tenants, should they learn of any bikes present at properties, they are to alert ourselves. We have visited petrol stations to request them to retain CCTV footage or notify us of any off road motorbikes being filled up.

The DNA spray video has been appended to NPT West Twitter account and we have advertised our partnership working with the West Committee. It is hoped that the publishing of this tool will continue to assist in a reduction of motorcycle disorder incidents.

3.4 **Performance: Sunderland West Crime Update YTD**

Sunderland West Area figures. This is shown as South and West statistics and will be presented at the Area Committee meeting.

South data covers the following wards:

St Chad's
Silksworth

West data covers the following wards:

Sandhill
St Anne's
Pallion
Barnes

3.5 Forward Planning:

The Neighbourhood Team will continue reviewing hotspots for ASB, crime and disorder and where the threat, risk and harm occurs is where they will concentrate their efforts. We will continue to allocate resources to motorcycle disorder where circumstances allow. We will continue to place emphasis on identifying and managing vulnerability within our communities.

Community engagement opportunities are being refreshed. We have now updated our social media feeds and website using Twitter and NP alerts.

3.6 Forthcoming Engagement

- Op Adjust 2 – Motorcycle disorder
- Pallion Action Group and Pallion Traders
- Chester Road Traders Association
- West VCS Network
- Barnes Park – Clean and Green Event
- Vulnerability Training - licensing
- School inputs
- Sandhill – Thorney Residents Meeting
- Barnes Residents Meeting

3.7 Staffing

Due to abstractions and geographical areas of responsibility, neighbourhood officers have needed to be realigned to manage demand, maximise engagement and visibility. We have said goodbye and thank you to PCSO Mel Thompson who left Northumbria Police and moved on to pastures new. We also say goodbye to PC Alan Bowden and wish him well in his retirement. We are pleased to welcome PCSO's Joel Kinelato and Sophie Milne to Sunderland West.

4. Recommendations

4.1 Note the content of the report.

Thank you for supporting Police with community engagement and with reducing crime.
Thank you for supporting the DNA Selecta Spray toolkit.
Please inform your constituents of the work that their Neighbourhood Policing Team are undertaking to keep them safe.

Please encourage your constituents to read our updates on Twitter and use the NP Alerts facility

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