

14th November 2018

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 1st June 2018 – 31st October 2018

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

- 3.1 Chief Inspector Rennison will be attending the meeting to update members verbally in relation to the specific information requested during the meeting in June 2018.

Northumbria Police's priorities for 2017/18 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

Community Engagement:-

- West Area Committee Ships Ahoy! Family Fun day in Barnes Park
- Pallion Traders and supporting their Christmas Switch-on event
- Chester Road Traders
- School engagement – working with schools
- Paige Pastures Farm
- Community Pop-up PaCTs
- Twitter

3.2 ASB Matters

King Georges Playing Fields -Youth Disorder.

Issues have decreased. Cameras continue to monitor this location with particular focus around the approach to bonfire night. This was the identified hotspot area around the same time last year. This continues to be an area where we focus patrols and particularly in the run up to darker nights and bonfire night – we have linked in with the TWFS and Sunderland LA to patrol and identify any vulnerable areas susceptible to the setting of bonfires. Local social media has been updated with police patrols, crime prevention and awareness and contacts for the community to use in relation to issues.

Middle Herrington Park - No further issues

Pennywell-Youth Disorder ASB

As a result of a previous increase in ASB around the Pennywell Shopping Centre and nearby parks and streets, Operation Knight was invoked and is still running in the area; there is a CCTV camera covering the car park. All the main offenders have been arrested and charged or been served with ABA's and their parents CPN's. We are working in partnership with Academy 360, Gentoo, Home Group, local businesses and Sunderland Council ASB team to tackle the problem. ASB has reduced by around 80% in this location

Farringdon Hall Police Station

This will continue to be monitored and incorporated into our patrol plan and any need for dispersal orders. Reported incidents appear to have decreased. Environmental Dept were requested to establish with the owner, the future plans of this building.

Somerset Street/Cottages

Several pop up PACT's have taken place and a residents meeting held in relation to the condition of Somerset Street and the surrounding vicinity. An agency walkthrough was recently conducted to identify issues specific to each agency that they could action. A separate incident was reported to Police relating to a male occupant of a Forever Care premise which led to an investigation and the restoring of order in this locality. A meeting was held with the residents, agencies and Forever Care to address concerns, further meeting is scheduled in November. Police and other agencies continue to monitor. Camera enhancement has been requested for this particular area to monitor any tensions.

Motor Cycle disorder

We did see a decrease over the last couple of months but we are seeing a slight increase because of darker nights. The team have recently run an Operation incorporating the Thorney Close and South Hylton locations. Following the bonfire night activities Sunderland West NPT intend to refresh the operations focusing on weekends again in the Thorney Close and South Hylton locations as this is where the concentration of incidents are. NPT will refresh their collaboration with partners to see if there are ways they can support us in addressing this matter also.

Northumbria Police are currently piloting a new DNA spray tool to deter this type of offending. This has seen some early success in terms of reduction in incidents. This pilot is due for review in the next coming months for which we will see if this option can be adopted in Sunderland West. The DNA spray video has been appended to NPT West Twitter account and it is hoped that the publishing of this tool will assist in a reduction of motorcycle disorder incidents. In addition NPT West are paying visits to local garages to gain their support and encourage reporting any bikes/persons purchasing fuel. This will help us to identify offenders and seize the bikes.

3.3 Performance: Sunderland West Crime Update YTD 01/04/2018 – 29/10/18

Total crime has seen a slight increase compared to same period last year. An important factor to consider in this is the National Crime Recording Standards. Crimes are now recorded at the time of an incident being reported and based on perception.

Burglary dwelling has shown a slight increase of 3 crimes in the A3 sector and a reduction of 13 offences in the A4 sector. Significant work has been undertaken by police in this particular area of business and the issues are significantly lower than some other sectors. Burglary OTD A4 has remained static in comparison to year to date data. A3 has seen a slight increase of 4%. Again this could be a factor in how we record crime based on perception. This is a positive result in that it is way below the Force average of an increase sitting at 11% and Southern Area actually sitting at an increase of 30%. Burglary to sheds, garages and commercial premises have been targeted but again it appears to be opportunists. Again significant work has been undertaken by Police in this area of business. During October, NPT officers conducted nightshift patrols in effort to drive down these crimes and to identify offenders. Arrests and charges have been made which has helped reduce the offences. We will continue to focus our efforts on reducing burglary dwellings and target those offenders who are responsible. Op Impact will continue to run for this purpose.

Vehicle crime has reduced significantly in the West area. That said I have a piece of work ongoing to research the vehicle crime to identify any patterns/mo's/offenders based on crime type to explore whether there may be any emerging theme. I will analyse that product and if proven to be an emerging concern then I will look to implement a plan to manage response and risk. Some crimes noticed were around a particular method of stealing registration plates. Overall the West sector is in a significantly better position than other sectors and across the whole Force area.

With regard to violent against the person, Licensing does not raise any issues on our sectors with violence not being linked to public houses.

With regard to Violence against the person without injury. This area of business has seen an increase to both sectors. Some of the reasons behind this are again our crime recording standards – perception to being a victim of crime has increased during initial reporting. This is comparable across the Force which supports this being recording standards.

Total Crime

Area	Current Total	Previous YTD	Difference	% difference
A3 South	1,304	1,220	+109	+7%
A4 West	2,854	2,745	+109	+4%

Burglary Residential (burglary dwellings, garden sheds & garages)

Area	Current Total	Previous YTD	Difference	% difference
A3 South	45	42	+3	+7%
A4 West	82	95	-13	-14%

Burglary Business & Community

Area	Current Total	Previous YTD	Difference	% difference
A3 South	24	23	+1	+4%
A4 West	31	31	0	0%

Vehicle Crime

Area	Current Total	Previous YTD	Difference	% difference
A3 South	70	82	-12	-15%
A4 West	149	198	-49	-25%

VAP with injury

Area	Current Total	Previous YTD	Difference	% difference
A3 South	92	91	+1	+1%
A4 West	214	209	+5	+2%

VAP without injury

Area	Current Total	Previous YTD	Difference	% difference
A3 South	332	267	+65	+24%
A4 West	772	624	+148	+24%

Hate crime

Area	Current Total	Previous YTD	Difference	% difference
A3 South	13	9	+4	+44%
A4 West	21	34	-13	-38%

3.9 Forward Planning:

The Neighbourhood Team will continue reviewing hotspots for ASB and crime and disorder and where the threat, risk and harm occurs is where they will concentrate their efforts. Following the darker nights, additional efforts will be made to focus on motorcycle disorder together with planning around the Christmas period.

In addition I am currently undertaking a piece of research to identify any emerging crime trends in my A3 and A4 sectors with a view to identifying an approach to tackle/reduce the issues.

Community engagement opportunities are being refreshed also whereby we are in process of updating our social media feeds and website sections. Your Northumbria – is a free community messaging system which allows our communities to receive the latest crime notifications and community news.

'My Street' App has now gone live within the Sunderland area. This will assist the public in contacting the most appropriate department to resolve their non-police related issues. i.e. Litter, parking, ASB, Animal Issues, Rowdy / Nuisance behaviour, Road safety issues and personal help.

Staffing

Inspector Marie Pollock is now in position at Sunderland West NPT along with Sgt Lisa Thubron and Sgt Keith Goldsmith.

4. Recommendations

- 4.1 Thank you for supporting Police with community engagement
- 4.2 Thank you for supporting Police with reducing crime
- 4.3 Note the content of the report.

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