

2014/15

WOLVERHAMPTON

Local Policing & Crime Plan



I am proud to lead the Wolverhampton Local Policing Unit of West Midlands Police, and of the officers and staff who police our city.

Our mission is simple; it is to provide the highest quality of service to you, our public, and to protect you from harm.

This policing plan for 2014/15 sets out the particular priorities you want us to focus on and results from extensive consultation through local neighbourhood meetings, surveys and engagement with partners.

The plan has been subsequently endorsed through the Wolverhampton Local Policing and Crime Board which is made up of members of our community and partner agencies.

If you would like to know more about the work that we are doing on a daily basis in your area, visit your local police website at wolverhamptonpolice.org.uk. You can also contact us on Facebook at facebook.com/wolverhamptonpolice and follow us on twitter @wolvespolice.



Chief Superintendent Simon Hyde
Local Policing Unit Commander

As the Chair of Safer Wolverhampton Partnership, the Local Policing & Crime Board for the city, I am delighted to outline our plans for delivering your priorities for 2014-15 in this Local Policing & Crime Plan. An extension of our Board membership to include increased third sector, community and business representation means we are much more alert to local needs, for those living and working in or visiting our city.

Only by working in close partnership with Police and other providers across the city can we retain new and existing services which support the strategic priorities of Reducing Reoffending; Gangs and Youth Crime; Substance Misuse, and Violence Against Women and Girls. These are the strategic priorities communities and stakeholders have told us need to be delivered by working in partnership; this plan provides the detail of how we do this whilst providing flexible and responsive services to meet the issues affecting our neighbourhoods.

Significant financial pressures have created a heightened focus to drive out inefficiency and be more creative in how we deliver our services; in doing this, however, we will continue to ensure the standard of those services remains high and they are delivered in a more targeted way to meet identified need.



Simon Warren
Chair of Safer Wolverhampton Partnership

Our Values

- We put the public first in everything we do
- We act with integrity, fairness and humanity
- We are one team working together
- We listen, learn and strive to improve
- We do the right thing and deliver a service that our friends and family would be proud of.

Our Mission

Serving our communities, protecting them from harm



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Community Concerns

2013 saw the formation of Wolverhampton's Local Policing & Crime Board (LPCB). This was in response to the Police and Crime Commissioners drive to encourage politicians, community representatives, partners and the public to come together to better understand local policing and influence the way policing is delivered.

The LPCB has carried out consultation to help inform the setting of the Board's priorities, which involved residents of the City as well as a number of organisations from the Public and Third Sector. As a result of this consultation and in conjunction with the 2014-2017 Crime Reduction, Community Safety and Drugs Strategy for Wolverhampton the four strategic priorities are:

Reducing Reoffending

We know that a high number of offences are committed by a very small group of repeat offenders. By robustly targeting the management of these offenders by working with a range of agencies, we aim to break the cycle of offending and significantly reduce victims of crime.

Gangs and Youth Crime

Gang issues affect a small number of areas in the city; our multi-agency delivery to take enforcement action and provide interventions to exit the gang lifestyle has seen marked reductions in violent crime and use of weapons. Engaging young people at an earlier point will divert them away from criminal activity to reduce anti-social behaviour and stem the recruitment to gangs; Targeted Youth Support provides a coordinated approach across agencies to identifying where early intervention is needed.

Substance Misuse

The association between substance misuse and criminal activity has long been widely accepted; levels of drug and alcohol use in the city fuels crime, increases long term illness and reduces life expectancy. By continuing to provide new recovery focused treatment services in the city, the numbers of people engaging in treatment and achieving successful outcomes will continue to improve.

Violence Against Women and Girls

These types of crimes, which include sexual assaults, domestic abuse, child sexual exploitation, forced marriage and honour-based violence, are under reported to both the police and agencies despite work done to raise awareness and build confidence in victims to come forward. A targeted approach is needed to tackle these issues, which also cover violence relating to men and boys, to reduce levels of reoffending and bring offenders to justice.

Neighbourhood Specific Issues

Where issues relate to specific locations and are neighbourhood-based, rather than strategic, these will be addressed through local arrangements. 'Police and Communities Together' (PACT) meetings and neighbourhood tasking will be flexible and respond to these issues as they arise and feedback directly where the issues were raised to update on progress. You have identified the following neighbourhood specific issues consistently across Wolverhampton and we will focus our teams, working with partners to tackle these things that cause you concern.

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) - We will reduce incidents of ASB and improve your confidence in us by understanding the causes of this behaviour and adopting a problem solving approach in the communities that are most affected. Our focus will be on ASB that involves young people, off road motorbikes, vagrancy/homelessness and alcohol.

Inconsiderate speeding & parking - We will continue to conduct regular enforcement and education initiatives, working with partners. We will focus on the key neighbourhoods and road networks across the borough.

Prostitution - On street prostitution can blight a community and increase incidences of ASB, litter, criminality and seriously impact on the quality of residents lives. We will work with key partners to tackle key root causes and prevent re-offending.

Drug taking/dealing - Operation No Deal was a huge success for the people of Wolverhampton and we will continue to respond to community concerns, prioritising enforcement, prevention and treatment activity.

Where neighbourhood issues are persistent and are proving difficult to resolve at the local level, these will be escalated through Safer Wolverhampton Partnerships structures. Wolverhampton Police and partners' commitment to delivering targeted intervention in Priority Areas will be on-going. Priority Areas are: City Centre, All Saints & Blakenhall, Whitmore Reans, Heath Town & Park Village, Low Hill & Scotlands and Pennfields.

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WOLVERHAMPTON Local Policing Unit

Our Objectives

To tackle these issues that matter to you, as well as providing the service that you expect from us, there are actions that we will take and lots of activity that we will be doing across Wolverhampton. In doing this we will focus on 3 key areas of policing business:

Reduce Crime

We will strive to have our lowest ever crime levels. Public place violence and property related crime, with a focus on burglary, robbery, thefts relating to vehicles and business crime will continue to be a priority for Wolverhampton Police.

With partners, we will also continue to tackle the locations and people that contribute the highest crime levels and demands on public services

Reducing harm and vulnerability

Whilst all crime and anti-social behaviour cause harm to most individuals, there are also those offences which cause most harm to fewer individuals. With this in mind, we will encourage the reporting of crimes from vulnerable victims, such as those subject to domestic abuse, hate crime and sexual exploitation.

Responding to Community Concerns

Listening to what the people of Wolverhampton want and need is important to us, but more important is that we respond and deliver a service that the community expects and deserves. We will monitor and seek to increase confidence in policing and improve perceptions of safety. We will also work to increase satisfaction with services provided relating to crimes and anti-social behaviour.

Our Vision

Pride in our Police

Through our hard work and passion for public service we are striving to build your pride in us. You can help us recognise the life changing work so many colleagues do on a daily basis as well as sharing your experiences where we could and should have done better so we can continually improve. You can share your feedback with us and the wider public via www.rateyourlocalpolice.co.uk

One of the ways you can let your neighbourhood policing team know directly about the things that matter to you is via west-midlands.police.uk/np/wolverhampton/

If you wish to let us know what you think about policing locally you can also contact me via Contact Your Commander on our website www.west-midlands.police.uk/np/wolverhampton/contact/