

Community Link



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Welcome to my February newsletter, Community Link, which highlights the key areas of work I have been involved with over the last few months. Firstly, I'd like to wish everyone a happy, healthy and prosperous new year, and I hope you all had a peaceful and joyful Christmas. It's hard to believe we are in 2018, but I look forward to continuing to represent the public's voice on policing matters and ensuring local, regional and national concerns are understood by police, partners and stakeholders this year.

Please share this newsletter with family, friends and colleagues. You can subscribe to receive future quarterly copies by emailing my office on the details given at the end of this newsletter.

Thank you

Dafydd Llywelyn
Dyfed-Powys Police and Crime Commissioner

Support for Victims Llamau



Since July 2015 Llamau have been commissioned to provide a service to support missing young people. This service provides high quality independent de-briefing and mediation services for children and young people who have been reported as missing to talk about their experience, to ascertain why they went missing, to work with them and their families or support networks to address issues, to provide any necessary safeguarding support and to help prevent them going missing in future.

My Commissioning Board, a multi-agency panel of key partners and stakeholders who assist, advise and scrutinise my commissioning function, recently received an evaluation report showing detailed statistical data and service outcomes, along with the cost of service provision compared against the cost of investigating missing persons reports. Based on this performance and cost effectiveness data, I have extended the existing service contract with Llamau for a further period of 24 months, ensuring that children and young people at risk are being appropriately supported and safeguarded within a cost effective service model.

White Ribbon Campaign

I am proud to be supporting the campaign to end male violence against women. The White Ribbon Campaign is led by men who are willing to take a stand against violence against women and girls, and to be positive role models to other men in their community.

It aims to address men directly, so they understand the scale of the problem, and encourages them to take the White Ribbon pledge: "to never commit, condone or remain silent about violence against women".



Each year domestic abuse services and partners hold events to raise the profile of the campaign and White Ribbon Day itself, which takes place on November 25. However, with more than 2 women in the UK being killed every week as a result of violence perpetrated by men, the White Ribbon Campaign has a strong message and gives men the power to say 'no more'.

The campaign is about men making a stand to say they won't commit or condone any forms of violence against women and provides us with an opportunity to work with lots of agencies to raise awareness of violence against women and domestic abuse in particular and make sure victims of such crimes are aware of the support available to them.

For more information on the white ribbon campaign, or to make your pledge to end violence against women, visit www.whiteribboncampaign.co.uk

Anyone who feels they are the victim of abuse, or who is worried about a friend or family member, can call police on 101 or Live Fear Free on 0808 80 10 800. To learn more about Live Fear Free, visit www.livefearfree.gov.wales

If anyone is suffering domestic abuse in the Dyfed-Powys area and would like help, I have commissioned a service for victims and witnesses of crime called Goleudy. Our specially trained support officers can offer free and confidential support tailored to the individual's needs.

For free, confidential support contact Goleudy, a commissioned service for victims and witnesses of crime. Call 0300 123 2996, email goleudy@dyfed-powys.pnn.police.uk or visit www.goleudyvictimandwitnessservice.org.uk. Open Monday to Saturday 10am-6pm.

Joint service provision

The Mid and West Wales Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (VAWDASV) Executive Board and Strategic Group are responsible for planning and implementing a strategy to tackle violence against women across Dyfed Powys.

My office, along with strategic leads from Dyfed Powys Police, play a key role in this work. The first part of this strategy is to jointly commission the provision of Independent Domestic Violence Advisory services for high risk and repeat victims of domestic abuse.

There have been ongoing discussions for many years regarding the benefits of a jointly commissioned service and the development of this work has provided for the first time a realistic opportunity to commission a regional service to respond to the needs of individuals and families in the region.

I, along with the four Local Authorities across Dyfed Powys, have committed funding to this vital service and by working together on one contract we can provide additional capacity, resilience within services and most importantly, accessible and consistent services for our communities.

The opportunity to deliver this service is currently being advertised on Sell2Wales. We aim to award this contract in February, with the new service up and running by summer 2018.

Custody triage scheme

The proposal for a custody triage scheme is a culture-changing initiative that seeks to tackle the root causation of offending and associated health and community related issues. People are often motivated to commit crime due to underlying issues in their lives - these could include drug or alcohol misuse, mental and physical health issues, housing or homelessness, or problems to do with money or relationships. It is a multi-agency programme which seeks to address offending behaviour at a much earlier stage in an individual's offending journey. It also improves awareness of and access to health-based services for all persons presenting at police custody, including those attending on a voluntary basis. The Pathfinder Project will be an adaptation of the current Women's Pathfinder project in Pembrokeshire, whereupon we will open the scheme up to all low level offenders.

A project board has been set up and developments are underway to ensure implementation of the pilot scheme is ready by 1st April 2018. The scheme will initially be piloted in Haverfordwest Custody.

Scrutiny

Out of Court Disposal Panel

An important part of my role is to scrutinise the work of Dyfed-Powys Police, and as part of that I have an Out of Court Disposal Scrutiny Panel. An out of court disposal is a way of dealing with a crime or offence that does not require a prosecution at court. They allow the police to deal quickly and proportionately with low-level, often first time offending which does not merit prosecution at court. The purpose of the panel is to independently assess, scrutinise and quality control the use of out of court disposal by the Force. The panel feedback on individual cases to officers as well as communicate findings, promote best practice and identify potential policy development or training needs for consideration by the Force and other agencies involved.

I asked the panel to review a randomised dip-sample of out of court disposals relating to youth sexual offences covering a period of eight months, as this was an area they hadn't reviewed extensively in the past, and the issue of sexting and non-criminalisation of young people 'experimenting' has been the subject of considerable media attention. The panel dip sampled 11 cases and found 5 cases to have been dealt with appropriately, 3 appropriately but with reservations, and 3 inappropriately. As a result, Dyfed-Powys Police has been tasked to review guidance for disposals for youth sexual offences and consider further review of similar cases.

Quality Assurance Panel

The Quality Assurance Panel has been established to review the quality of Police contact with the public, in a transparent and independent manner, on behalf of the communities within the Dyfed-Powys area. The Panel considers a range of areas of police contact, including complaints handling processes, Police handling of 999 and 101 calls, and the use of officers' power to stop and search.

I have recently committed to expand the Quality Assurance Panel and I am currently looking to recruit new volunteers to join the team!

Who can volunteer?

Volunteers must be over the age of 18, live, work or study within the Dyfed-Powys area and must be independent of the Police and Criminal Justice System. Ideally the candidates would have previous experience in a role involving analysing, reviewing or developing services, and evaluating performance or inspection; who can demonstrate the ability to question, challenge, weigh up issues, and make balanced, reasonable and proportionate judgements.

How do I volunteer?

For further information please contact the Engagement Support Officer, Caryl Bond, on 01267 226097, email caryl.bond.opcc@dyfed-powys.pnn.police.uk, or visit the Commissioner's website at <http://www.dyfedpowys-pcc.org.uk/en/work-with-me/volunteer/qualityassurance-panel/>

Community Engagement

Tanyards Youth Project



On the 9th of January, I visited Tanyards Youth Project in Pembroke Dock and had the opportunity to meet with staff and young people.

Tanyard Youth Project was established in 2005 to provide a safe, welcoming and supportive environment for the children and young people of Pembroke and its surrounding areas. Tanyards was awarded with a £5,000 grant from the Commissioners Community Fund in 2016 and I was keen to see how it had supported the project. Tanyards have created a film to highlight the unintended negative impacts of some behaviour by young people around anti-social behaviour.

Local youths that attend The Tanyard Youth Project have been involved in creating the film that has been driven by their views to help prevent future incidents of anti-social behaviour. The film will be seen across Dyfed-Powys Police area and is due to be released soon.

Maintaining contact and working together is vital in ensuring the safeguarding of our communities and the Tanyards Youth Project is playing a key role in helping residents feel safe and supported.

Get to know my team

Heddwyn Thomas, Director of Estates



My name is Heddwyn Thomas and I am the Director of Estates for the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner. I am responsible for the Dyfed-Powys Police estate and I am part-way through implementing an estates programme for our land and buildings, with the aim of providing a cost effective and operationally relevant estate that supports and complements the services we provide to the community.

The main focus over the coming two years will be to:

1. Refurbish properties to bring them back in line with full operational effectiveness;
2. Sell vacant and redundant properties;
3. Acquire land and build a Carmarthenshire Custody Suite;
4. Consolidate and collaborate with Public Service Board members and partners;
5. and Agree the future of buildings that might require future major investment.

I am committed to modernising the estate during my time as Police and Crime Commissioner and look forward to working with the Chief Constable to explore innovative ideas that support both the operational needs of the Force and the needs of our communities.

Aligned to the clear direction provided in the Police and Crime Plan our programme of improvement works continue, with the following stations being refurbished within the last three month period:

Llwynhendy, Crosshands, Llandysul, Narberth, Llandovery. The majority of the stations remained fully operational during the works ensuring minimal disruption to service users/public.

Discussions continue with Service Board members and local Town Councils on potential collaboration opportunities, these will provide future opportunities for efficiencies and closer working in the future. I hope to report further in our next communication.

Public Meetings

Llanelli - 12.12.2017

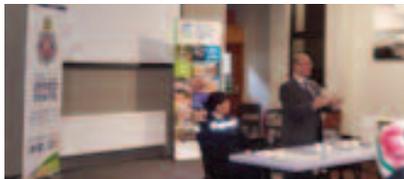
In bridging the link between the communities and policing, Dafydd Llywelyn is offering the opportunity for members of the public to come and speak with him and a Chief Officer.

On the evening of the 12th of December, residents from across Llanelli came along to hear myself and the Deputy Chief Constable talk about policing in the local area. Open and honest discussions were held about issues of concern locally including substance misuse, anti-social behaviour and the impact these have on our communities.

I am very grateful to those that came along on such a cold and gloomy evening in December. These meetings provide senior leaders with a true understanding of the real issues of concern to local residents. It's important that we don't assume what matters affect local residents from performance data and statistics alone. Policing by consent can only take place, if we work closely with our communities and listen to their views. Multi-agency working is crucial to providing a tailored response to address community concern. But fundamentally, those concerns must be understood fully by the police and our partners. Holding meetings such as these provide another mechanism to allow for that.



Pembroke Dock - 09.01.2018



On the 9th of January, I held a public meeting at the Harlequins Rugby Club in Pembroke Dock with Temporary Assistant Chief Constable Claire Parmenter and Superintendent Ian John in attendance. I received a warm welcome from the residents of Pembroke Dock where very open and honest discussions that took place.

These meetings are a great opportunity for residents to ask us direct questions on local Policing and the local Police.

Various local issues were highlighted including anti-social behaviour in the Coronation building, local housing issues, lack of victim support to individuals within the Criminal Justice system and lack of Police resourcing in the area. It was great to hear some positive feedback from local residents of the good work being achieved by the local PCSOs.

The Commissioner is planning on meeting with Pembroke Dock Town Council in the near future to discuss some of the issues raised at the meeting.

Upcoming events

Public Meetings (*Open to the public*)

- 05.02.2018 - Mount Street Junior School, Brecon at 7pm
- 08.03.2018 - Interpol Hall, Aberystwyth University at 7pm
- 24.04.2018 - Coronation Hall, Pumsaint at 7pm
- 07.06.2018 - Welshpool (Venue TBC)
- 18.09.2018 - Carmarthen (Venue TBC)

Community Engagement Days (*Pre-booked appointments only - Please contact my office to book*)

- 23.02.2018 - Llanfyllin
- 29.03.2018 - Tregaron
- 13.04.2018 - Hay-on-Wye
- 31.05.2018 - Narberth
- 29.06.2018 - Machynlleth

Commissioners Charity Cycle Event

On the 30th April 2018 I will be embarking on a cycle ride around the whole force area, passing by every police station, in 5 days. The ride is in aid of the revival of the Trust known as Safer Dyfed-Powys Diogelach, a registered charity which has been invigorated by the Police and Crime Commissioner, with the objective to promote crime prevention and community safety advice, reduce the fear of crime and provide education and information on community safety amongst all the communities within Dyfed-Powys. The charity, in time, will develop lots of community focused projects to meet these objectives and will support the delivery of community safety in Dyfed-Powys. Further details of this event will be available over the next few weeks.



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