

Report of the Director of Environment and Housing

Report to North West (Inner) Area Committee

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Subject: Annual Community Safety Report

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): Armley , Bramley & Stanningley	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
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Summary of main issues

- 1 This report provides crime statistics for Inner West Leeds and details of key activity to address crime and anti social behaviour issues. The report recognises the fall in crime in the Inner West wards during 2012/13 and the challenges faced during the coming year.

Recommendations

- 2 The Area Committee is asked to:
 - a. Make comments on the report
 - b. Note the Area Committees role in reducing burglary and other crime, note the initiatives to support reducing anti-social behaviour, and consider these priorities as part of their Well-being application.

1 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 This report is the annual community safety report, providing Members with details of the community safety activity undertaken during the last 12 months. The report will also provide details of crime data, making comparisons with previous years.

2.0 Background information

- 2.1 We want to be the best city in the UK with the best community safety partnership and services. Safer Leeds will focus on the outcome that “people in Leeds will be safe and feel safe in their homes, in the streets and the places they go”. The strategic assessment for 2013/14 has highlighted a number of priorities for Leeds:

- Strengthening the partnership approach to support a more focused approach to tackle Domestic Abuse;
- Continued focus on reducing domestic burglary and its impact across Leeds;
- Effectively tackle and reduce anti-social behaviour in our communities;
- Improve our understanding and approach to deal with Child Sexual Exploitation;
- Tackle substance misuse;
- Reduce re-offending.

- 2.2 The North West Divisional Community Safety Partnership is a multi agency partnership chaired by the Police and includes partners from Housing Leeds, Fire Service, Youth Service, Youth Offending Service, Safer Leeds and the Community Safety Area Lead Member from each of the four Area Committees in West North West Leeds. The Partnership meets four times a year and sets the strategic direction for partnership work, examining performance and agreeing local priorities. The work of the group is accountable to the Safer Leeds Executive and the Safer and Stronger Communities Board, who receive regular reports of the activity undertaken.

2.2 Summary of key actions

A number of factors have a bearing on crime; criminologists have placed these factors into three broad categories:

1. A suitable target or opportunity, for example: valuable items which can be removed relatively easily such as laptops near an open window, vehicles with unlocked doors and a valuable item on show, etc.
2. A motivated offender, for example: someone whose values or beliefs make stealing acceptable, drug dependency, someone motivated by greed, etc.
3. A low likelihood of getting caught, for example: no Police or security guards, a neighbourhood with a low level of reporting crime, no natural street surveillance, etc.

Traditional problem solving techniques aim to reduce crime by impacting on these three categories:

- Working to educate the victim (leaflet drops, face to face crime prevention advice)
- Tackle the offender (known as offender management; visit known offenders, tenancy action, curfews, criminal sanctions – prison, etc)
- Undertake work on the built / natural environment to reduce crime opportunities in the locality such as improving natural surveillance or environmental works such as cutting hedges back, secure by design, etc).

3.0 Main Issues:

3.1 Domestic Abuse

Work is primarily delivered through 3 strands; working to support the victim, taking appropriate action against the perpetrator and raising the awareness and confidence of officers in identifying domestic abuse and making appropriate referrals to special and support agencies. Examples of this include:

A Domestic Violence MARAC (Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference), chaired by Safer Leeds, where a number of partners attend to discuss high risk domestic violence cases. The focus is on support to victims and strong co-ordinated action against perpetrators. Regular attendees include the Primary Care Trust, Social Care, West Yorkshire Police and Leeds Domestic Violence Services.

Awareness campaign heavily supported by the Leeds Domestic Violence Team, which works with partners during the 16 days of action on Domestic Violence from 25th November to 10th December, linking in with this world wide initiative. Awareness raising is co-ordinated through a media campaign and activities with partner organisations such as schools to promote the White Ribbon Campaign which focused on 2 events in Inner West on Armley Town Street and the Children's Centre on the Fairfield estate.

In Inner West Leeds all of the children's centres have achieved at least Level 1 of the Safer Leeds domestic violence Quality Mark.

3.2 Bramley & Stanningley Ward

The Bramley Cluster have been progressing Domestic Violence (DV) work via quarterly DV Lead meetings. The DV Leads group was established after a cluster training programme was rolled out which included a brief presentation about domestic violence to all schools followed a one day training course for staff interested in becoming DV Leads for their school or setting. The training programme was offered to schools, children centres and other children and young people's agencies. The aim of the DV Lead meetings is to share what work is going on across the cluster and consider what other initiatives are needed to tackle the issue. A lack of local resources for young people on what constitutes a healthy relationship was one of the initial issues flagged up. A bid was then submitted to the cluster and the Area Committee for funding to work with young people to develop their own resources – that can be used in a range of settings with a view to

extending it beyond high schools and working with primary school children as well. Barca are currently working with a group of young people on this scheme.

3.3 Armley Ward

A similar model is being introduced in Armley via the ACES cluster. Schools and agencies will be invited to attend one of 3 presentations on DV being delivered between January and March 2014. This will be followed up by further training for individuals who want to take on the role of DV Lead. Depending on the numbers the invitation may also be extended to neighbouring clusters like Farnley. Following on from the training the cluster and DV Leads will consider creative ways of engaging young people on work focussed on promoting healthy relationships.

Funding from the Area committee and Aces (Armley) cluster will help planning to develop targeted work for children identified as being affected by DV – this will be done in partnership with Wattoto who support young people affected by Domestic Violence.

Burglary

3.4 Burglary remains a high priority for the City and the North West Division. A City-wide strategic burglary group meets monthly, led by Superintendent Mabbs Hussain. The group oversees work delivered in the localities; identifies strands of work which need to be tackled from a city-wide prospective and shares good practice. Following the Outcome Based Accountability meetings, multi-agency burglary plans were developed for Armley and Bramley & Stanningley wards. Significant local initiatives have included:

- Top 10 streets burglary initiative to engage with residents and provide crime reduction advice, promote immobilise.com, refer into target hardening schemes and promote laptop and phone tracking software.
- Environmental audits to address any environmental issues impacting on burglary for example overgrown hedges, obscured street lighting and broken street lighting.
- Taking tenancy enforcement action against prolific offenders and the introduction of a local lettings policy in The Clydes and Wortley Towers blocks in Armley to manage offending behaviour and provide incentives to engage with support agencies.
- Delivering multi agency action days to deliver a variety of messages and raise awareness about burglary and other crimes through leaflets, doorstep engagement, working with partners to have a greater impact by undertaking joint visits, for example 6 action days, which were held during this year.
- Delivering Operation Optimal which targets patrols to areas where statistics says a burglary may occur and visits to burglary victims and their neighbours (either side and back / front).
- Promote Immobilise.com and the national property register, through mailing lists, door step engagement and community events.

3.5 Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team receives requests for service (enquiries) via the contact centre, the local housing office, West Yorkshire Police, Stop Hate UK, elected members and MP's. The team has a number of core performance aims:

1 & 2 Day response to Enquiries from Contact Centre - LASBT West received 1045 enquires in 2012/13. 50.6% of these enquiries relate to ALMO properties. 100% of enquiries were responded to within service standards.

Initial Contact with Customer within 10 days (SSTD3) – 98.7% of customers were contacted within 10 days of a case being opened.

10 day Customer Update (SSTD5) – The year-end cumulative performance for this measure showed that 95.4% of customers were contacted every 10 days.

Initial Contact with Perpetrator within 10 days (SSTD4) – The year-end cumulative performance for this measure showed that 91.4% of perpetrators were contacted within 10 days of a case being opened.

Customer Satisfaction with service - 4 week case onset survey – 89.1% of respondents stated they were either very satisfied or satisfied, with the service they had received.

Customer Satisfaction with service and case outcome – Closed Case survey - 95.2% of respondents stated they were either very satisfied or satisfied, with the service they had received. 95.8% of respondents were either very satisfied or satisfied, with the investigation carried out by the Case Officer and 91.0% were satisfied with the case outcome.

ASB Caseload

Table 1 shows a breakdown of the cases investigated and closed in the Inner North West area during 2011/12 and 2012/13. Table 2 shows the breakdown of cases investigated and closed across North West Leeds.

Table 1 shows an increase 21 cases in Bramley & Stanningley Ward , and 37 for Armley ward .

3.6 Table 1

Ward Boundaries	Number of Cases Investigated 2011/12	Number Cases Investigated 2012/13
Bramley & Stanningley	43	64
Armley	64	101

3.7 Table 2

Case Ward	Cases		Percent		Trend
	2011/12	2012/13	2011/12	2012/13	
Adel and Wharfedale	19	14	4.51%	2.68%	-1.83%
Armley	77	101	18.29%	19.35%	1.06%
Bramley and Stanningley	43	64	10.21%	12.26%	2.05%
Calverley and Farsley	13	33	3.09%	6.32%	3.23%
Farnley and Wortley	63	83	14.96%	15.90%	0.94%
Guiseley and Rawdon	13	14	3.09%	2.68%	-0.41%
Headingley	5	3	1.19%	0.57%	-0.61%
Horsforth	10	20	2.38%	3.83%	1.46%
Hyde Park and Woodhouse	29	27	6.89%	5.17%	-1.72%
Kirkstall	73	51	17.34%	9.77%	-7.57%
Otley and Yeadon	27	22	6.41%	4.21%	-2.20%
Pudsey	25	44	5.94%	8.43%	2.49%
Weetwood	24	47	5.70%	9.00%	3.30%
Grand Total	421	522	100.0%	100.0%	-

3.8 ASB Case Studies by Ward Area

3.8.1 Armley Ward

An injunction was gained to protect a vulnerable resident of the Aviaries who is in a poor state of health and vulnerable due to alcoholism. This man was taken over by local drinkers who caused a nuisance at his property, took advantage of him financially and left him in a situation where his property was no longer his own and his tenancy was at risk.

An outright possession order was granted against a female resident of the Aviaries who had used her property for the purposes of prostitution and had also committed burglary offences in the locality of her home.

Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team (LASBT) are currently pursuing an injunction against a female who took advantage of a vulnerable resident of Sir Karl Cohen Square and used his property for the purposes of prostitution, caused nuisance to other residents in the complex and then issued threats towards LASBT staff. This case is on-going

LASBT worked closely with West Yorkshire Police in the closure of a property being used as a brothel on the Barden's. The property has now been re-possessed by the private landlord and the nuisance caused to the neighbours has ceased.

LASBT are leading on a multi-agency initiative looking at tackling issues of hate crime, vandalism, priority crime and general ASB on the Wyther and Raynville Estates.

LASBT are leading on a multi-agency initiative to tackle issues of rough sleeping and drug use in the tower blocks in New Wortley (Clydes and Wortleys) and a

sustained period of action and community engagement is planned in the run up to the Christmas Period.

3.8.2 Bramley and Stanningley Ward

Possession proceedings are on-going in relation to tackling drug supply issues in the Bramley area, one relating to a large seizure of cannabis resin from a property on the Broadlea Estate, and another relating to cultivation of cannabis and possession with intent to supply MCAT from a property on the Bellmounts. An injunction has also been gained to prevent unlawful use of LCC property relating to the case on the Bellmounts.

LASBT successfully intervened in a case where there was significant nuisance and disorder from a family on Fairfield Terrace including threats and abuse, rubbish dumping, noise, burning of waste and riding of off road bikes. LASBT intervened with a combination of tenancy enforcement and support and the issues have now ceased.

LASBT is working closely with West Yorkshire Police and the multi-agency partnership to identify and deal with issues relating to youth nuisance in the area around the Fairfield's area and the Britannia's in Stanningley, this work is on-going.

The Antisocial Behaviour Team offers a victim centred service and is often able to resolve issues at an early stage. The LASBT conduct a ring back survey on all enquiries and cases, feedback from the victims prospective has been very positive about the effectiveness of partnership actions taken to resolve the issues. For those cases that require further and on going work feedback from the victims has also been very positive with a range of measure taken against the perpetrator that include Anti-social Behaviour Contracts (ABC's) been issued , to possession of Local Authority tenancy for breach of tenancy agreement . There are still pockets of ASB in Inner West , and the LASBT team are currently working with partners to resolve these. 95.2% of respondents stated they were either very satisfied or satisfied, with the service they had received. 95.8% of respondents were either very satisfied or satisfied, with the investigation carried out by the Case Officer and 91.0% were satisfied with the case outcome.

3.9 Hate Crime

The main pieces of work for Inner West focus on ASB and Hate crime on the Wythers. There is a specific action plan to address the issues on the Wythers focussing on three strands which include:

Enforcement - With a weekly project team made up of representatives from LASBT, Police and WNWHL to take a coordinated approach to intelligence gathering, sharing information and coordinated actions focusing on the nominal's/target families that have been identified as perpetrators. Other actions have included tenancy sweeps, tenancy visits and letter drops.

Prevention - As part of the project team meetings, information on new BME tenants moving into the Wythers and Broadlea's is passed onto the Hate Crime

Coordinators so that they can arrange a visit /send information to introduce themselves, and her role as Hate Crime coordinator and also link into any tenancy visits with the local Housing officer.

Education -The Hate Crime Coordinators and Leeds Anti Social Behaviour Team Leader, are looking to arrange a session to talk to young people about ASB/Hate crime and the consequences of this at the Lazer Centre . They are also going to explore other ways of engaging with young people.

The Hate Crime Coordinators have visited a number of primary schools in West Leeds and provided information to Staff and pupils on hate crime and its effect on individuals/communities. The Hate Crime Coordinators continue to offer this support to all schools across the North West Division.

To date a number of actions have taken place which include, Anti-social Behaviour warning letters, housing cautions, garden enforcement letters and there has been 3 convictions for hate related incidents on the Wythers. The project team will continue to meet regularly to share intelligence and continue to pursue further actions. Since the focussed work on the Wythers, there has been a reduction in issues of Hate Crime incidents and complaints of anti-social behaviour.

3.10 Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE)

CSE is a new area of work developed during the last year. There is a city wide LSCB CSE sub group Steering Group chaired by Children's Services and attended by partner agencies. The sub group is currently developing a LSCB strategy to address CSE, which is a city wide strategic response aimed to develop processes and services to meet the challenges presented by CSE. The group has recently approached Safer Leeds and asked Safer Leeds to help develop and shape local delivery for CSE work.

The safeguarding of individuals at risk of CSE is delivered through the existing safeguarding process of joint working between the Council and Police. These Officers work very closely together to share information and often work from the same office in 2 Great George Street to ensure an integrated approach.

The Area Community Safety Co-ordinator role has taken a lead on CSE work locally and chairs a CSE practitioner's forum for West North West Leeds which looks at identifying local CSE gaps in services with a view to finding local solutions or working with the Leeds wide CSE LSCB CSE subgroup to raise and address concerns. Local partners involved in the Practitioners group include Cluster Co-ordinators, Targeted Services Leads, School Nurses, Police and Social Workers. The group has met on 2 occasions to date and will aim to meet quarterly. Work is underway to identify the training needs of frontline staff to help develop a training plan for West North West Leeds and develop better joint working to tackle this issue.

In June 2013 a Practitioners workshop for CSE was held to provide an opportunity to raise awareness of the issues relating to CSE. The Event was organised by the Area Community Safety Co-ordinator and involved presentations from Blast and ISIS, 2 agencies developing work in CSE. The session was a taster for front line

staff such as social workers, healthcare professionals, school staff, housing Officers and Police officers. The event was attended by over 50 people. Further sessions are planned for frontline staff and practitioners.

The CSE & Missing Coordinator, based in the Integrated Safeguarding Unit, is the Lead Officer for the LSCB CSE subgroup has a city wide responsibility for the coordination of CSE services in Leeds; as such this post offers the direct link between the developing work being undertaken in the locality practitioner forums and the LSCB CSE subgroup. As the strategic lead for CSE, this post also offers a direct link for the Corporate Carers Committee’.

3.11 **Prostitution**

Following a review of the issue citywide in 2012, the Executive Board Member for Environments and Neighbourhoods established a Members Steering Group to oversee the development of a citywide strategy. In Chairing the Steering Group Councillor Gruen has progressed the development of a draft strategy which aims to reduce harm and increase public confidence by adopting approaches that consider risks, threats and harms to all. At the heart of the strategy is a desire to improve the wellbeing for individuals, families and communities affected by prostitution. Genesis are responsible for chairing a Prostitution Strategic Partnership with representation from Leeds City Council, West Yorkshire Police, voluntary sector specialist providers and Leeds and York Partnership Foundation Trust. A thematic lead has been identified for each strand and they are responsible for progressing the development of actions to achieve the stated aims. The strands of the draft strategy are as follows:

Draft Leeds Prostitution Strategy - Priority Work Strands

Research and Development – gathering data to understand the current position across all aspects of sex work, identifying gaps in the evidence base and improving information/intelligence gathering,

Vulnerability & Safeguarding – reviewing and improving “Ugly Mugs” scheme, case conference approach and safeguarding processes, identifying gaps in health and social support for sex workers.

The National Ugly Mug Scheme provides help for sex worker of any gender . Sex workers can sign up to the National Ugly Mugs Scheme for free and receive warnings about dangerous individuals who are a threat. If they are a victim of a crime they can report this through the scheme and the information will be used to warn other sex workers , only if consent is given will the information be passed (without any of your personal details) to police intelligence to help bring these dangerous criminals to justice .

Early Intervention – supporting the Leeds Safeguarding Children Board Child Sexual Exploitation Strategy.

Pathways out – ensuring holistic substance misuse, housing and employment support is available to women to improve their wellbeing and increase opportunities to exit sex work.

Disrupt and Investigate – disrupt and investigate criminal activity and exploitation; develop an approach based on evidence based good practice to dealing with kerb crawlers/buyers of sex.

The North West Division sits on the boundary of City and Holbeck and as such there have been cross border issues around prostitution. The North West Division contributes to Operation Dairy and supports the Case Conference approach that has also been developed in the last 18 months. The Case Conference aims to aid a co-ordinated approach to care planning in order that those engaged in street based sex working have increased opportunities to access appropriate services. The services will endeavour to reduce harm caused to the individual's health and wellbeing and support their exit from street based prostitution. Alongside this it also intends to disrupt and challenge illegal and anti-social street behaviour related to street based prostitution. The Case Conference takes referrals from a range of agencies and is developing positive networks and understandings between agencies that will enhance partnership working around the issue.

3.12 Families First Programme

Leeds has secured up to £8 million over the next 3 years for a major programme to work with families to reduce offending and anti-social behaviour, improve school attendance and support parents to move into work. The programme is funded through the Government's Troubled Families scheme. Following consultation it will now be known locally as Families First Leeds.

Leeds is an early adopter of the programme which will provide additional support to a significant number of families in the city over the next 3 years. The £8million includes a £2.3 million injection up front for year 1 and the scheme aims to build on existing good practice across the city. It will aim to bring all agencies and council services together to ensure effective, joined-up support for our most vulnerable families and therefore benefiting communities across the city.

The programme will integrate and support priorities and plans across the council and will play a major part in contributing to the council's ambition for Leeds to become the best city and to develop stronger communities and restorative approaches.

The Families First programme is now moving into its second year. With approval from the Department of Communities and Local Government, Families First have combined the family cohorts for years two and three and are required to confirm the households that they will be working with by March 2014.

The initial data processing has identified approximately 150 households across the Inner West that is potentially going to be included in the cohort. The Targeted Services leaders in Armley and Bramley are currently reviewing the details of those households and cross referencing with their own information and consulting with

partner agencies across the area in order to finalise the actual families that will be included on the programme. One of the aims for this cohort is to increase the number of families that are included based on local intelligence and knowledge e.g. children already known through the cluster Top 100, children subject to child protection plans and children in need and we have also developed a process whereby agencies can notify the Families First programme team of any family they believe has met the criteria for inclusion but might not have appeared in the initial data set. The Community Safety Coordinator work with the Targeted Services Lead and Cluster to identifying vulnerable individuals /families who require additional support and services identified through the Inner West multi-agency meetings , Amber nominal offender management and the Domestic Violence Multi-agency Risk Assessment Conferences.

3.13 **Offender Management**

Reduce Re-offending is delivered in partnership between West Yorkshire Police, Probation, Youth Offending Service, Leeds City Council and other partners. There is a mix of partnership working at city-wide level to engage with prolific offenders and more locally co-ordinated work to engage with offenders who are at risk of becoming prolific. Typically, the engagement aims to address the causes of offending and help reduce the opportunities to offend by helping an offender secure training or a work placement for example.

The local group is chaired by Safer Leeds and includes support from West Yorkshire Police, Probation, Youth Offending Service, Signpost, Connexions and other partners who come together to look at additional focused support provided to individuals involved in burglary and other priority crime. The group works across the locality and seeks to address the support needs of individuals and families to help them to stop offending. This support could be through training opportunities provided through Connexions, additional support by Youth Offending Service, Signpost working with the family offering intensive support. Since its inception the group has discussed 32 cases and closed 12 cases due to either engagement with services and reduction in offending or incarceration. The number of cases is fluid with about 20 at any given time.

3.14 **Substance misuse**

This continues to be an active priority for the Neighbourhood Policing Team. Members of the public continue to provide the Police with positive leads about Cannabis and other types of drug dealing. One of the significant emerging issues for the city is the sale and use of new psychoactive substances, so called legal highs. Safer Leeds has a three stranded approach to this new area of work:

Intelligence gathering

- Operation Nightshot is part of the Safer Leeds Initiative to gathering information on established Police systems and intelligence sought from across the partnership on drugs activity across the city.

- Questionnaires distributed to adult drug users through the drug intervention program.
- Liaison with agencies who provide drug intervention work.
- Partnership work with event organisers.
- Local intelligence gathered to identify local retail outlets and understand the customer profile.

Education

- All Safer Schools Police Officers provided training input and package to deliver in secondary schools.
- Media strategy developed with key features on Look North and YEP and national newspapers including the daily Mail and The Sun.
- Key partners provided training input including elected members, youth services.
- Billboard campaign and marketing material produced.

Enforcement

- Warning letters served to all retail outlets.
- Dedicated CPS lawyer established.
- convictions for selling intoxicating substances to under 18's - first conviction nationally using this legislation to tackle new psychoactive substances
- Ongoing prosecution under Sec 9 Misuse of Drugs Act - selling articles for the preparation and administration of controlled drugs in respect of articles with cannabis leaves etc on
- Market management have served warning letters to all relevant stall holders

3.15 **Diversionsary Activities**

During 2013 the partnership has worked with partners on diversionary activities for young people. This has included specific targeted work for those young people involved or at risk of crime and ASB through work with the Youth offending Service and Youth services targeting resources for specific pieces of work in ASB hot spot areas. Referrals have also been made to the cluster through the support and guidance meetings for additional support. In addition the Neighbourhood Police team support the Saturday Night Project at Armley Leisure Centre allocating staff to build on developing positive relationships. Funding to support the Saturday night project from the Inner West Area Committee as contributed to the success of the project with an average of 80/90 juniors per session and 15/20 seniors attending on a regular basis.

3.16 **CCTV (Delegated Function)**

Leedswatch' provides a monitoring service for public space surveillance cameras covering open spaces across Leeds. The CCTV control room is staffed, and cameras are recorded 24 hours per day, 365 days a year. The service also provides two mobile CCTV vehicles for deployment within communities across Leeds. The main objective of the service is to reduce crime and the fear of crime through the use of CCTV technology, leading to improved crime prevention, and an increase in

the detection and prosecution of offenders. The LeedsWatch service works in partnership with a large number of internal and external partners such as; Urban Traffic Control (UTC), Emergency Planning, Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team (LASBT), West Yorkshire Police, WY METRO and other Local Authorities across the West Yorkshire sub-region

CCTV is one of a number of Service functions delegated to Area Committees. The Area Committee's role in relation to this function is to 'maintain an overview of the service in the Committee area and receive regular information about it. There is currently a total of 5 public space surveillance CCTV cameras' monitoring the Inner West Committee Area, via the Central CCTV Control Room at Middleton; they are located in Armley (4) and the Broadlea Estate (1).

Within the Inner West Committee Area there were 7 recorded arrests on camera for various offences, assault (1), robbery (2), attempted theft (2), affray (1) and attempted robbery (1).

The CCTV Vans are now primarily used to respond to reports of Noise nuisance. The out of hours noise nuisance service supports the work of the Leeds ASB Teams by providing evidence in relation to noise nuisance cases.

Supporting the city's most vulnerable residents is also a priority. The LeedsWatch service is now responsible for providing a first response to Care Ring alarms. On call 24 hours a day, 7 days per week, this service responds to alarms from mainly elderly clients who may have fallen or find themselves in need of support. Officers attend to the alarm call and contact emergency services, family members or other appropriate individuals, staying with the client to provide support and re-assurance until further help arrives.

Improving the information and intelligence we provide to LeedsWatch customers is a key priority for the service. We are reviewing how this data is recorded, in the way in which we can provide accurate information to service users, to provide more detail and improve the services analytical and intelligence capacity.

Moving forward, the LeedsWatch Service is investigating further opportunities to integrate services and create a centre of excellence for emergency response and out of hours call handling. In order to ensure that the service is making the best use of its resources, a full service restructure will take place in 2013/14, which seeks to develop a more agile and resilient service capable of delivering a wider range of services, and offering best value to the residents of Leeds. Discussions are taking place with the Leeds Anti Social Behaviour Teams, Environmental services, West Yorkshire Police and the ALMOs to look at how the various services can better linked together to improve service delivery, collate accurate information for customers and service users and to provide a more pro-active response to issues of public concern, through improved collating of data / information and intelligence sharing between agencies.

Area Committee Funded Projects

3.17 Off Road Bikes

During 2012/13 the Area Committee funded Police Off-Road Bikes which proactively patrol green spaces and work with the Neighbourhood Policing team to tackle the nuisance caused in communities by off road bikes. The project also worked closely with the Councils Park Ranger service to undertake joint patrols and deliver advice and training to schools and groups who may undertake bike riding.

Last figures available for calls for service ran from Sep 2012 - Aug 2013. This shows a divisional increase of 60 calls (from 603 - 663) This is believed to be down to the number of leaflets dropped with Off Road Contact Details, and a real understanding from the public that this facility is available to them.

However, at 663 calls for service, NWL division has 107 fewer calls for service than the force average.

Stopped:-

463 Cars

31 Motorcycle's / Scooters

Issued:-

33 Verbal Warnings

16 Sec59 warnings

25 Pentip Notices (Tickets)

Seized:-

7 Motorcycles / Quads / Cars

3.18 Armley ward

This area saw a big increase in calls mainly around Armley Grove Place. All calls centred on a group of Asian males riding road legal quads in the area. These quads despite being road legal were extremely noisy and being ridden in an anti-social manner. Despite numerous patrols and deviations in duties, it took some time to find the persons responsible. As a result of enquiries several Sec59 notices were issued along with several Form 73's, (which require the PNC owner to name the driver at the time of the incident). After a short period of time the calls all but ceased and several of the quads have been sold, to prevent any further issues for their owners.

The LCC funded Police bikes continue to be tasked with conducting regular patrols around the Prison walls due to reports of bags of drugs being thrown over the walls.

Regular patrols in the local estates and park lands are maintained to maintain community confidence in both the Police and Leeds City Council

3.19 Bramley & Stanningley

The problems in the Fairfield estate and Bramley Park did reduce as a result of the area being subject to intensive Anti Burglary Patrols as part of the Optimal initiative. These Optimal patrols being conducted by the LCC funded Police Off Road Motorcycles for several hours at a time.

There were a series of calls from residents in the Broadlea estate regarding a nuisance quad being ridden on the estate with serious concern for the quad being ridden around the school at school closing time. As a result of enquiries with the local community an address was visited and the offending quad found to be in the rear garden. The address was owned by LCC and the tenant (a female) was given one of the new leaflets, specifically being asked to read the section on Tenancy Agreements. On reading this the owner of the quad was told in no uncertain terms that the quad had to go. The owner was also issued a Sec59 warning.

The calls regarding the private fields to the rear of the St Benedict's estate, have also ebbed this is believed to be due to the increase in patrols conducted by the Police Off Road Motorcyclists and LCC Parkswatch Officers during the last quarter.

There have been no calls recently to the area around Stanningley Rugby club.

As a result of a recent P.A.C.T meeting local residents were concerned about scooters and motorcycles congregating near to the bridge by the Railway Public House and believed to be dealing and using drugs. To date despite regular twice daily patrols there has been no sight of these scooters or the other vehicles mentioned at the meeting.

3.20 The dedicated Nuisance Motorcycle / Quad leaflet has been launched and is being distributed by Officers to complainants and offenders. Already we believe that this has had some impact with the reduction in the number of calls, obviously this cannot be solely attributed to the leaflet, but we have already had several cases where the tenant of LCC property has disposed of the nuisance motorcycle/ quad as a result of simply reading the section on Tenancy Agreements.

The bikes were recently featured on the BBC's Look North, the feature being the lead story of the day. Local residents were interviewed and aired the issues that they suffer from with the Anti Social Behaviour caused by nuisance motorcycles and quads.

3.21 During 2013/14 the Area Committee has also funded

- Support for a gating order for Aston Drive to reduce burglary, criminal damage and Anti-social behaviour
- Pedal bikes to support the NPT in tackling crime and anti-social behaviour across both wards.
- Funding to support target hardening in Armley, with additional funding from West North West Homes for Bramley.
- Small grant to support partnership action days with Burglary and ASB packs
- Small grant to support the off Road Bike team raise awareness of illegal and dangerous motor bike riding via a specific leaflet
- Support for the annual Dog Watch community event
- Funding to support Domestic Violence initiatives for Armley and Bramley/Stanningley wards

3.22 **Analysis of Crime Figures**

- 3.23 Appendix 1 provides an overview of crime figures for Armley and Bramley & Stanningley wards which make up Inner West Leeds (The figures presented cover the period April 2010 – March 2013 and relate to all crime types, including Fraud & Forgery, handling stolen goods, sexual offences and other thefts. The difference columns relate to a year on year comparison for 2008-09 to 2012/13.
- 3.24 During this period crime has fallen in both of the wards, with significant reductions 971 fewer crimes, a 32% reduction in Armley Ward and 771 in Bramley & Stanningley ward a reduction of 29%. Theft from vehicle down 197 offences in Armley and 153 for Bramley/Stanningley ward, Theft of vehicle down 62 for Armley and down 38 for Bramley Stanningley ward , with and criminal damage reductions of 374 for Armley and 348 for Bramley/Stanningley ward.
- 3.25 There has been a slight increase in drugs offences for both wards however this is perhaps attributable to the substantial increase in intelligence gathering that has seen the number of Misuse of Drugs Act warrants being obtained increase significantly. A combination of good, actionable intelligence alongside initiatives such as the 'Door a Day' campaign have seen problem houses targeted and more drugs recovered from the streets and homes within the Inner West area.
- 3.26 Appendix 2 concentrates on the burglary figures for Armley and Bramley & Stanningley ward. The chart shows that between October 2012 - September 2013 Armley ward ranking for the wards of concern for the city had reduced from being ranked 3rd most burgled ward in the city in 2012 to 9th in 2013 seeing a 39.4 % reduction. Bramley is ranked 13th previously ranked 5th with a 24.4% reduction in burglary.
- 3.27 Overall the figures for sexual offence remain low, however there has been an increase of 3 offences for Armley and 8 for Bramely. This could be due to Operation Yew Tree which is the Jimmy Saville enquiry. Further work would need to be carried out to establish if these offences are linked to Domestic Violence.
- 3.28 There have been a number of multi-agency initiatives over the last 12 months focused on reducing crime in the Armley and Bramley/Stanningley ward which have included:
- Co-ordinated multi agency action to raise awareness of burglary and ASB on the Edinburgh's, Aberdeen's, Cedars and Aviaries, Broadleas's, and Fairfield areas.
 - Target campaigns through the Darker Nights Initiatives and It Only Takes a Minute Campaign to raise awareness of the lighter nights and sneak- in burglary.
 - Operation Optimal - visits to burglary victims and their neighbours and target patrols to hotspot areas
 - Operation Allison focussed on the use of volunteers and the use of students for peer-to-peer door knocking providing crime reduction advice, in student areas and utilising the volunteers in burglary hotspots across the division.
 - Promotion of Immobilise.com property marking, including door knocking particularly in optimal areas to increase sign-ups
 - Environmental action days concentrating partnership attention to the area to tackle crime and environmental issues such as binyards, overgrown hedges, broken street lights, graffiti

- Operation Bullseye targeting receivers of stolen goods
- Work and campaigns to educate communities about leaving doors / windows open through social media
- Action day around Mistress Lane/Ley Lane in Armley
- Multi-agency action day on the Wythers
- Supporting West North West Homes action day on the Langley's and the Rossfields
- Community engagement event on the Broadleas
- The introduction of a local lettings policy for the Clyde's and Wortley high rise flats
- Development of a gating order for Aston Drive

4 Corporate Considerations

4.1 Consultation and Engagement

The projects highlighted in this report will include consultation and engagement under the theme of crime and anti social behaviour with the aim of providing crime reduction advice and to increase reporting.

4.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

Pomoc which means "help" is a signposting services run by Eastern European Police Volunteers and community volunteers, it provides a free drop in service where the volunteers can direct and assist with problems and advice from individuals and families from Eastern European Countries who's English is limited. The team of volunteers are committed to collaborating with organisations and partners who's beliefs and values are about working together in our communities, this trust empowers small groups whose passion is to make a difference, to encourage and make change(s) in people's lives and making our communities a strong and a safer place to live, work and socialise.

Since the launch in April 2013 there has been a steady increase of visitors, numbers have increased from 5/6 enquires in April to 32 during July 5 and 56 enquiries in August 56 (added a Thursday evening). The requests for advice and support enquires range from benefits advice, access and issues at school, opportunities for employment, help with completing forms, and issues around homelessness.

Further work is being developed in 2014 to include engagement with women looking at health and wellbeing support and signposting .

- 4.3 Other Community engagement events and projects take account of equality and diversity in their delivery. Considerations such as date, time, venue, access all have an impact on equality and diversity in relation to ensuring events are accessible to all members of the community.

4.4 Multi Agency Engagement Days 2013

The Neighbourhood police team and multi-agency partnership have supported a number of engagement events over the last few months these include;

- The NPT staff continues to support the Saturday Night project at Armley leisure Centre
- Moorside Community event
- Broadlea and Fairfield Community engagement event in August
- Armley fun day
- Bramley Carnival
- Dog Watch/show event Farnley Park

4.5 Council Policies and City Priorities

Effectively tackling crime and anti social behaviour is a strategic priority in the Safer Leeds Plan 2011-2015.

4.6 Resources and Value for Money

Projects and work highlighted in this report have been funded through a mixture of Safer Leeds, Area Committee, West North West Homes and Proceeds of crime funding. Further opportunities for partnership funding will be explored through the coming year.

4.7 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

There are no legal implications or access to information issues for this report. This report is not subject for call in.

4.8 Risk Management

Risk implications and mitigation are considered for each project.

5 Conclusions

- 5.1 The community safety priority for Inner West Leeds is undoubtedly burglary. Considerable partnership work is delivered to address burglary hotspots and communities vulnerable to burglary. Specific work has been delivered in Armley and Bramley & Stanningley wards using the Outcome Based Accountability model to identify the issues impacting on burglary in these areas and developing actions to address burglary. This has supported the burglary action plans that are used to introduce new initiatives and pieces of work to address specific problems in each of the localities and the continued support from Members to tackle burglary is welcomed.
- 5.2 As with many urban areas, the Inner West Leeds has a number of community safety challenges. Whilst there has been a number of initiatives to tackle anti-social behaviour/street drinking on Armley Town Street, and Anti-Social behaviour remains a priority for local people. On-going work will continue taking a problem solving approach with the local community. Multi agency Joint working will continue to improve with action days and smarter working with partners and communities,

looking at new ways of engaging the community through local problem solving meetings.

Whilst there have been positive reductions in burglary across Inner West, the area has seen an increase in vehicle crime, as an alternative choice of crime for some nominals. This is an area of work that the Police will be focussing on into 2014. The challenge is to maintain the positive outcomes achieved in this reporting period, during a time of budget constraints and cuts.

- 5.3 West Yorkshire Police have commenced discussions about how they might respond to budget pressures and work has started to reduce the number of Divisions and Senior Police staff in Leeds. The proposal is that Leeds reduces to one division serving the whole city, commanded by one Chief Superintendent and reducing the number of superintendents, Chief Inspectors and Inspectors. Current proposals suggest 11 neighbourhood teams aligned to Area Committees and one team dedicated for the city centre. Members have been briefed on the proposals and their views sought. West Yorkshire Police are exploring co-location options with partners to ensure front line services are enhanced. Further information and developments on the changes to West Yorkshire Police will be provided to the Area Committee in January/February 2014.

6 Recommendations

- 6.1 Members of the Inner West Area Committee are requested to:
- a. Note the contents of the report and offer comments
 - b. Note the Area Committees role in reducing burglary and other crime .

Background documents

None

Appendix 1

West Inner Crime & Anti-Social Behaviour

Ward 4: Armley

Recorded Crime	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	Change 12-13 v 08-09	Jan-Sep 2013
Burglary Dwelling	477	491	592	392	261	-216	139
Burglary Elsewhere	257	280	296	267	188	-69	137
Criminal Damage	877	716	594	556	503	-374	335
Drugs Offences	109	112	168	186	179	70	129
Fraud & Forgery	105	113	112	92	104	-1	42
Handling	14	14	12	14	14	0	7
Other Crime	63	74	84	75	77	14	56
Other Theft	552	475	684	796	557	5	515
Robbery	61	51	50	39	41	-20	29
Sexual Offences	26	35	25	33	34	8	42
Theft From Vehicle	439	477	344	322	242	-197	225
Theft Of Vehicle	135	106	84	62	73	-62	53
Violent Crime	617	525	542	467	488	-129	374
Total Recorded	3732	3469	3587	3301	2761	-971	2083

Ward 6: Bramley & Stanningley

Recorded Crime	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	Change 12-13 v 08-09	Jan-Sep 2013
Burglary Dwelling	274	363	383	420	182	-92	136
Burglary Elsewhere	162	245	279	188	195	33	106
Criminal Damage	689	510	462	382	341	-348	239
Drugs Offences	42	52	76	86	75	33	53
Fraud & Forgery	27	26	21	19	26	-1	19
Handling	7	11	19	9	7	0	3
Other Crime	30	33	38	34	40	10	29
Other Theft	342	360	433	476	289	-53	259
Robbery	27	28	20	11	9	-18	9
Sexual Offences	26	27	18	18	29	3	27
Theft From Vehicle	318	217	209	138	165	-153	160
Theft Of Vehicle	83	61	51	35	45	-38	42
Violent Crime	442	350	378	341	295	-147	213
Total Recorded	2469	2283	2387	2157	1698	-771	1295

Leeds Domestic Burglary Performance Overview

October 2013

Ward	12 Month Total	12 Month % Change	Last 12 month trend October 2012 to September 2013			3 Month Total	3 Month Change	last 3 months trend
Gipton & Harehills	296	-5.7%		85	25.0%			
Hyde Park & Woodhouse	276	-42.4%		75	82.9%			
Killingbeck & Seacroft	273	8.3%		78	21.9%			
Kirkstall	248	0.0%		80	40.4%			
Headingley	224	-24.1%		75	134.4%			
Beeston & Holbeck	221	4.2%		37	-35.1%			
Burmantofts & Richmond Hill	218	-35.5%		45	-6.3%			
Cross Gates & Whinmoor	210	10.5%		40	-31.0%			
Armley	197	-39.4%		51	34.2%			
Farnley & Wortley	193	7.8%		43	-4.4%			
Pudsey	191	20.1%		45	40.6%			
Roundhay	183	-1.1%		31	-13.9%			
Bramley & Stanningley	170	-24.4%		32	28.0%			
Weetwood	166	-17.8%		43	7.5%			
Middleton Park	164	-18.0%		23	-20.7%			
Temple Newsam	164	-1.2%		30	7.1%			
Calverley & Farsley	160	-14.0%		30	-3.2%			
Chapel Allerton	155	-28.2%		40	42.9%			
City & Hunslet	155	-10.9%		30	-3.2%			
Moortown	128	-26.9%		24	-11.1%			
Horsforth	124	1.6%		32	14.3%			
Morley North	109	-18.7%		20	-25.9%			
Harewood	98	12.6%		30	25.0%			
Alwoodley	92	-44.6%		14	-36.4%			
Wetherby	92	17.9%		38	123.5%			
Gulsey & Rawdon	90	52.5%		43	138.9%			
Morley South	85	7.6%		14	-26.3%			
Rothwell	83	-6.7%		15	-28.6%			
Otley & Yeadon	74	2.8%		27	92.9%			
Garforth & Swillington	71	18.3%		19	5.6%			
Adel & Wharfedale	68	-52.1%		14	7.7%			
Kippax & Methley	59	-13.2%		16	-23.8%			
Ardsley & Robin Hood	49	-30.0%		11	22.2%			

Appendix 3

Ward 4: Armley Anti-Social Behaviour

Anti-Social Behaviour	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	Change 12-13 v 08-09	Jan-Sep 2013
ASB	2320	2294	2151	1599	1206	-1114	886

Ward 6: Bramley & Stanningley Anti Social Behaviour

Anti-Social Behaviour	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	Change 12-13 v 08-09	Jan-Sep 2013
ASB	1547	1533	1521	1175	932	-615	616

West Inner Overall Public Confidence in Policing Levels

Very Satisfied or Satisfied with patrol levels in local area.

Year ended	Mar-10	Mar-11	Mar-12	Mar-13	Sep-13
% of respondents	41.7%	38.0%	36.7%	36.0%	38.2%

The police in your local area do an Excellent or Good job.

Year ended	Mar-10	Mar-11	Mar-12	Mar-13	Sep-13
% of respondents	49.2%	47.3%	45.8%	44.9%	45.8%