

Dyfed Powys Police Authority

Police Priorities

2011/12



You said.....

.....We did



This is our first newsletter to Children and Young People since the launch of your Police Authority's Children and Young People's Participation Strategy in October 2010. In this we outlined our commitment to consulting with you and involving you in the decisions we make about policing in the future. More importantly, we want to feedback to those of you who have already had a direct involvement in the decisions we make.

One way in which you can get involved in the decision making that affects you, is in the setting of policing priorities for the forthcoming year. We want to make sure that the views of children and young people contribute to this and so this year, we have attended a number of events, spoken with lots of you, and asked you what are the issues that matter to you the most in your area.

So far, we have attended the Powys Children and Young People's Residential Course, Carmarthenshire Youth Council meeting, Carmarthenshire Youth Council Annual Conference and have arranged to meet with young people in Ceredigion in January. But we won't stop there!

Throughout 2010, we spoke with 5,789 people about the things that mattered to them the most about policing and of these, 567 people were aged between 0 and 24 years. This amounted to nearly 10% of all responses received and has been a significant increase on the number of children and young people involved in the decision making process in the past. For more information on how you can get involved in the future visit: www.dyfedpowyspoliceauthority.co.uk or look us up on [Facebook](#).

Overall, people told us the things that mattered to them the most were:

- Tackling Anti-Social Behaviour
- Visibility of Police
- Tackling Drug Related Crime
- Tackling Violent Crime

The table shows the differences of opinions of order of priorities amongst the different age groups. 1=top priority, 9=lowest priority.

| Responses by Age | Under 16 | 16-24 | 25-34 | 35-44 | 45-54 | 55-64 | 65-74 | 75+ |
|-------------------------|----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----|
| Accessibility to police | 8 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 8 |
| Anti-social behaviour | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Burglary | 5 | 6 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| Drug related crime | 1 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| Terrorism | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 |
| Vehicle crime | 6 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 9 |
| Violent crime | 3 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| Visibility of police | 4 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| Other, please specify: | 8 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 7 | 7 |

As well as your views, your Police Authority also has to consider a number of other things when setting the priorities for the Police. These include considering the National Policing Priorities which are announced by the Home Secretary, the Regional Policing Priorities for Wales, the information held on our Force systems and the feedback that we receive when we have been subjected to audits / inspections.

On the 2nd December 2010, the Police Authority met to consider all the information available at the time to set the priorities for the police for the forthcoming year (2011/12). It was decided that Anti-Social Behaviour, Drug Related Crime, Violent Related Crime and Counter Terrorism and Domestic Extremism would be the police priorities set for 2011/12. In recognising that the public would like to see more Police on the street, it was decided that this would need to be finely balanced against the expected budget cuts to policing finances over the next three years.

In order to see if progress is being made against the priorities agreed, we set a number of measures and targets to be achieved over the coming year (2011/12). Every three months we will review how your Police are performing against these targets. This information will be uploaded onto our website so that you can access the information and see how your Police are performing against the priorities set.

Without the willingness of all those aged between 0 and 24 years old, we would not have been able to involve as many children and young people in the work we have done, meaning that the views of our younger community would not have been represented. So we would like to say a **BIG THANK YOU** to all those who participated. We look forward to working with you again in 2011 to help set the policing priorities for 2012/13.