

# Community Safety Update

## GOSC – 19<sup>th</sup> January 2016

- **Update the General Overview & Scrutiny Committee on the Herefordshire Community Safety Strategy & Related Performance.**



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### **Present:**

- Cllr Graham Powell (Chair of HCSP)
- Supt Sue Thomas – West Mercia Police (Vice Chair HCSP)
- Jo Davidson – Director, Lead for Community Safety, Herefordshire Council
- Adrian Turton – Learning & Development Officer, HCSP/ HSCB/HSAB



# Role of General, Overview & Scrutiny Committee

(see Appendix 2)

- To carry out the scrutiny role for Herefordshire Community Safety Partnership

“The Community Safety Partnership has a statutory requirement to ensure effective mechanisms for scrutiny of crime & disorder in connection to the discharge of the responsible authorities functions around crime and disorder.”

- Responsible Authorities:
  - Herefordshire Council
  - West Mercia Police
  - National Probation Service
  - Community Rehabilitation Company (CRC)
  - Herefordshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)
  - Hereford & Worcester Fire & Rescue



## West Mercia Police & Crime Commissioner

- Herefordshire Community Safety Partnership has a responsibility to work with the PCC & OPCC.
- OPCC Funding into Herefordshire June 2015
  - Core Community Safety Partnership Grant - £79,711
  - Additional CSP grant - £65,000
  - Drug Intervention Programme - £43,360
  - Superintendent Fund - £30,000
  - Business, Cyber, Rural - £164,096
  - Community Safety Grants - £113,850 (community grants)

= £496,017



# Priorities for Strategic Plan 2014/17

The 2013 Strategic Assessment led to the following priorities being agreed in the HCSP Strategic Plan 2014/17 (see Appendix 3 for executive summary)

- 1.Reduce re-offending / bring offenders to account (adults and youths)
  - 2.Address the harm caused by alcohol and drugs
  - 3.Address domestic violence and abuse
  - 4.Promote community cohesion and reduce anti-social behaviour
- Plus a joint priority with HSCB - Child Sexual Exploitation & Adult Sexual Violence and Abuse.*
  - Also being asked to support PCC priorities of Reducing Rural Crime and Business Crime*

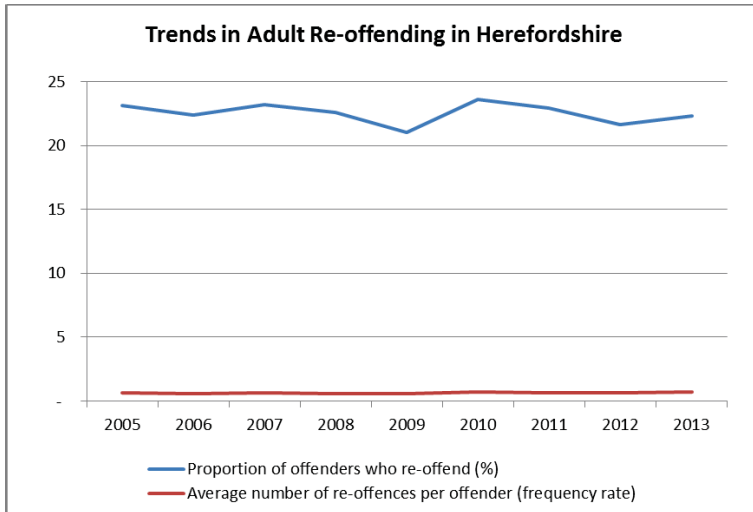


## 1. Reduce re-offending – Key Points

- Progress Transforming Rehabilitation
- Adult Reoffending in Herefordshire decreased since 2010
- Local tracking tool in place to track young re-offenders
- Activity for 2016: Investigate & Challenge
  - Housing & Accommodation Provision for Offenders
  - Mental Health Provision for Offenders



# Reduce re-offending



- Delay in Re-offending data.
- 22% of adult offenders re-offended in 2013 (321 people from a cohort of 1,438).
- On average those re-offenders committed around 3 crimes.



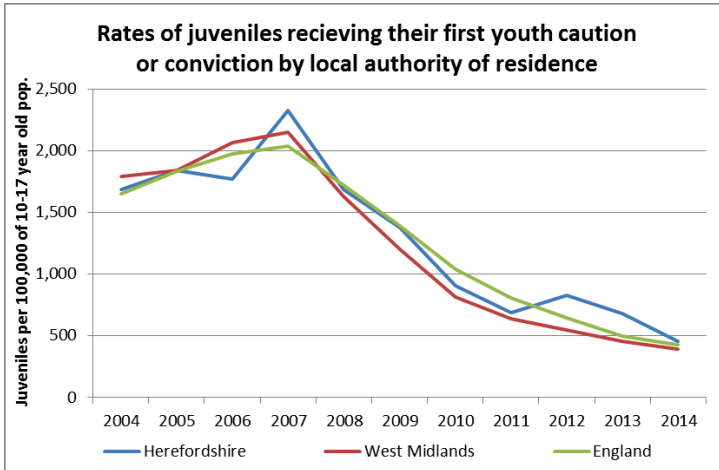
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- 2013 Re-offending rate England & Wales 25%
- 2013 re-offending rate West Midlands 24%
- Action for 2016: understand why Shropshire's re-offending rate so low compared to rest of West Mercia.



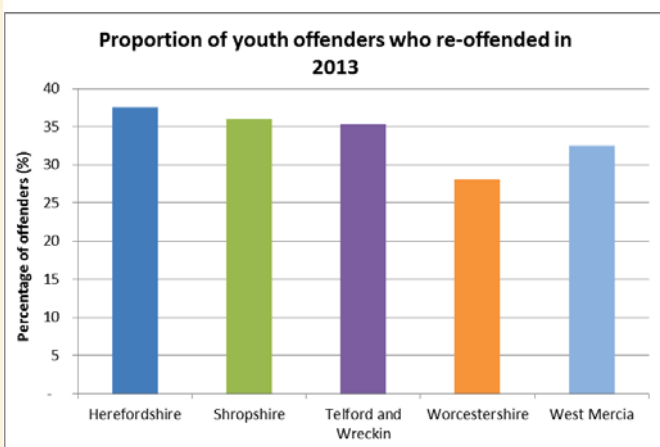
# Reduce re-offending – Key Points



- Youth Justice System:
- Number of youth offenders decreasing in Herefordshire
- First time entrant rate higher than West Mercia and national figures.



# Reduce re-offending – Key Points



- Youth re-offending rates in line with national figures.
- But above regional figures



## 2. Address the harm caused by alcohol and drugs - rationale

### Alcohol

- Linked to violent crime and night time economy
- 40% all violent crimes - alcohol marker

### Health & Wellbeing Concerns:

- Herefordshire alcohol and hospital admissions remain stable – 1,011 in 2015/15
- Generally better than national rates
- More than 2/3<sup>rd</sup> of admissions older than 50 years

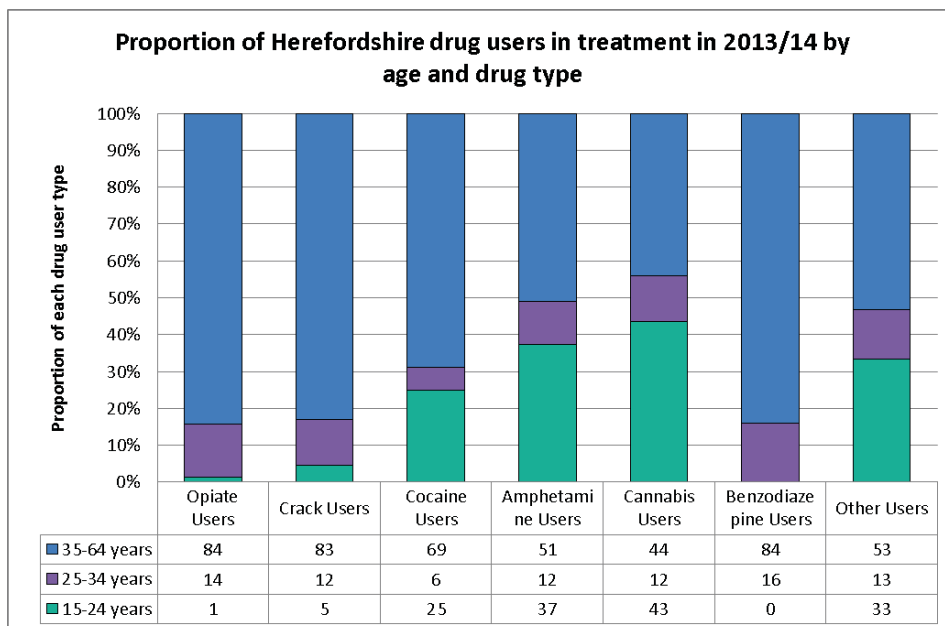


## Address the harm caused by alcohol and drugs

- New Service Provider to provide specialist alcohol and drug treatment provision commenced December 2015
  - Addaction
- History of entrenched drug use:
  - 50% of drug users in treatment aged 35 to 64 years
  - 94% of 35 to 64 years cohort using opiates, cannabis, crack
- Different profile for young adults in treatment
  - 14% of drug users in treatment aged 15 to 24 years
  - 83% of 15 to 24 years cohort using cannabis, amphetamine or cocaine
- Alcohol linked to Domestic Violence/ ASB/ Violence in night time economy



# Address the harm caused by alcohol and drugs



## 3. Address domestic violence and abuse

- Trend of increased DVA crimes and demand on specialist support services continues.
- West Mercia Police more accurate and tighter focused recording of DV cases across West Mercia
- In year up to Sept 2015 1,173 Domestic Violence offences (49% increase year on year)
- In year to September 2015 - 820 Women referred to WMWA (20% increase on same period last year)
- Number of Herefordshire calls to and from WMWA helpline 1,100 more (27% increase)

# Address domestic violence and abuse

## Key achievements in 2015

- Re commissioned the Specialist DVA support service (WMWA) for a further 5 years.
- Carried out 3 X Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHR's) \*to be submitted to Home Office early 2016
- Voluntary Perpetrator Programme Pilot Project completed and further funding obtained to extend pilot.
- Challenges:
  - to extend and continue to rollout Healthy Relationship Education in schools.
  - to support specialist provider to meet demand



## 3. Promote community cohesion and reducing anti-social behaviour -

### ASB

- In the year to October 2015 West Mercia Police recorded 6,612 incidents of ASB (8% reduction on last year). 83% classified as nuisance.
- In same period 1,745 ASB calls were made to Herefordshire Council Environmental Health (770 Noise reports) (Fly tipping 647 reports).

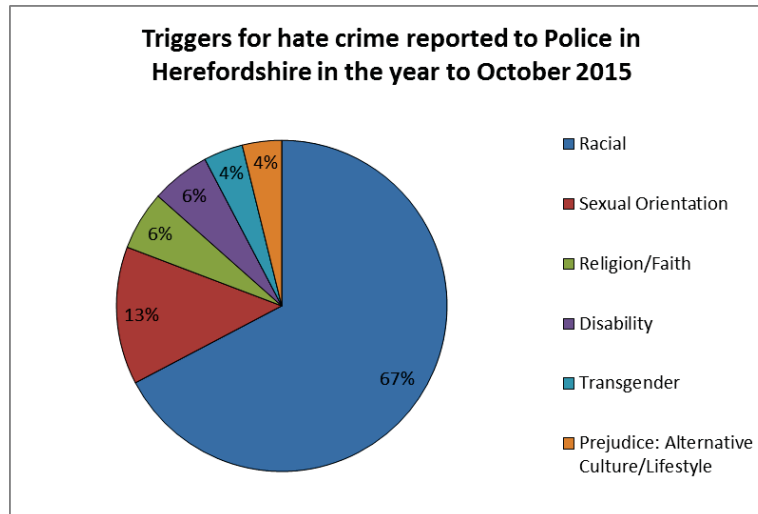
### Hate Crime

- In the year to October 2015 West Mercia Police recorded 54 hate crimes (15% increase)
- Increases may be viewed as a positive due to historical under reporting
- Most likely ethnicity of a victim 45% White British, 20% White any other background, 13% Asian or Asian British – Pakistani





# Promote community cohesion and reduce anti-social behaviour -



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## Achievements to date:

- Ongoing tasking approach – multi-agency monthly meeting
- Rogue Trading & Doorstep Crime Project
- Summer Months out of hours Environmental Health Team
- Roll out Prevent (anti radicalisation) statutory requirements
- Channel Panels have sat to protect individuals from radicalisation

# Rural & Business Crime -



## A West Mercia Police & Crime Commissioner grant funding initiative:

- Herefordshire Rural Hub Communications Project
- Out of Hours Environmental Noise Team (summer months)
- Rogue Traders Project
- Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator (inc rural watch/business watch)
- Facewatch in Hereford City Centre
- Grant for CCTV
- Nomad/ Rapid Deployment Cameras
- Mobile Police & Partnership Contact Centre
- Operations:
  - Leviathan – Fish theft poaching
  - Project Poacher
  - Nightingale – Wildlife crime



# Rural & Business Crime -



# Moving Forward

- Future Issues for Scrutiny to consider
- Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE)
- Prevent/ anti radicalisation interventions
- Election of new Police & Crime Commissioner for West Mercia May 2016
- Reduced Budgets(?)