

SEVERNSIDE AREA FORUM

QUESTIONS FOR POLICE

1. It is widely recognised that Operation Lumley was successful in significantly reducing the level of serious anti-social behaviour in Caldicot town centre. There are fears, however, that now resources have been switched to other areas, the problems may re-emerge. What strategy does Gwent Police have for preventing this?

2. What is the policy of Gwent Police in relation to School Liaison Officers?

3. What strategy does Gwent Police have for reducing the level of drug related crime (possession, dealing etc) in Severnside?

4. It is recognised that incidents that are regarded as requiring urgent action will receive a rapid high alert/blue light response. Some other incidents do not necessarily need to be dealt with on the same day. What strategy, however, does Gwent Police have from ensuring that 'intermediate' incidents are dealt with promptly?

5. Councillors have found that work they do building good relations with local police officers is lost because of the frequent movement of officers to new posts and locations. What can be done to improve continuity?

6. There has been some controversy lately about supposed 'hate crimes' on social media leading to the recording of 'non-crime hate incidents' or event crimes being recorded by police, sometimes without the alleged perpetrator being informed. It is argued that this has led to vexatious complaints and unnecessary restrictions on freedom of speech. What is the policy (and practice) of Gwent Police in dealing with such issues?

7. Councillors often hear from residents who feel frustrated at the lack of police enforcement of traffic offences, (e.g. speeding, parking) and the outsourcing of these matters. (e.g. re MCC GoSAfe Cymru).

These lead to a lack of confidence in the police. Does Gwent Police have a policy on when it should /shouldn't intervene in these sorts of offences?