

# GWENT POLICE

## GWENT POLICE ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR POLICY



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### **Introduction**

This policy will deal with Gwent Police's response to Anti Social Behaviour (ASB). Tackling ASB is one of Gwent Police's top priorities and all service areas will play their part. We will also work closely with all our key partners, particularly Community Safety Partnerships, to ensure we reduce ASB and deliver a citizen focused service to the communities of Gwent.

The recording of incidents allows Gwent Police to build a true and accurate picture with regard to ASB 'hotspots'. Using intelligence in this way will allow resources to be deployed in the most effective, proportionate and least intrusive manner, in line with the National Intelligence Model (NIM). Consultation with partners at all stages is of paramount importance in order to achieve the most effective results.

### **1.0 Aims of Policy**

#### ***To ensure:***

- That our work in tackling ASB with partners is consistent with our Policing Pledge promises.
- That the Force has clear internal service level standards for those service areas pivotal in tackling ASB.
- That our Performance Management Framework within Gwent Police properly reflects the importance we place on tackling ASB.
- That we keep communities regularly updated on action being undertaken locally on tackling ASB.
- That effective Information Sharing Agreements with our partners are in place so that cases of significant vulnerability are identified.
- That we continue to develop our staff so that they are able to fully utilise the tools and powers available to tackle ASB.

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- That Gwent Police work with our partners to reduce incidents of anti social behaviour (ASB) by promoting the 'incremental approach' i.e. Advice Warning letters, Acceptable Behaviour Contract (ABC), Anti Social Behaviour Order's (ASBO), Criminal Anti Social Behaviour Order's (CRASBO) and Anti Social Behaviour Injunction's .
- That we work with partners to take positive action against those who persist in committing acts of ASB.
- That we work with partners to provide appropriate levels of support to victims and witnesses of ASB.
- That we work with partners to identify and support those victims and witnesses that may be 'vulnerable' or subject of repeat offending.
- That we work with partners and in problem areas, consider diversionary/positive activities for those people at risk of offending.
- That we work with partners, within schools and community groups to raise awareness of what is, and what is not ASB.
- That we promote the use of positive/balanced media releases especially where young people are concerned
- That ASB is addressed as a priority at every level within the Community Safety Partnership.
- That we work with all Community Safety Partnerships in Gwent in developing local service standards in dealing with ASB.

## **2.0 The Legal Basis**

### **The legal basis for this policy is:-**

Anti Social Behaviour Act 2003, Crime and Disorder Act 1998, Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005, Police Reform Act 2002.

## **3.0 Human Rights Certificate of Compliance**

The policy has been checked for compliance with the Human Rights Act 1998; with particular reference to the legal basis of its precepts: the legitimacy of its aims; the justification and proportionality of the actions intended by it; that it is the least intrusive and damaging option necessary to achieve the aims; and that it defines the need to document the relevant decision making process's and outcomes of actions.

#### **4.0 Compliance with The Welsh Language Scheme**

This policy aims to comply with the organisations Welsh language Scheme in terms of dealing with the Welsh speaking public, impact upon the public image of the organisation and the implementation of the language scheme.

#### **5.0 Risk Assessment and Health and Safety Considerations**

The Gwent Police Service Dynamic Assessment should be applied as necessary. A training package in the use of risk assessment will be provided to all police personnel if requested or required.

#### **6.0 Identification Section**

**Policy Title: Anti Social Behaviour Orders**

**Reference: 515/4 a issue 1**

**ACPO LEAD: ACC**

**Service Area Owner: Neighbourhood Policing and Partnership**

**Links to other Policies/Procedure: Health and Safety, Public Protection, Licensing Policy, Security Industry Authority, Information Security, Data Protection, Health and Safety, Media, Race Equality Scheme, Freedom of Information, Hate Crime, Repeat Victimisation, Independent Advisory Group, Critical Incidents, Crime Recording, National Intelligence Model, Policing Public Sex Locations, Stops, Searching Premises, Unarmed Method of Entry, Memo Cams, Tetra Alarms, CHIS, Firearms, Taser, Cannabis Factories, Surveillance, Operational Orders.**

**Policy Implementation Date: 11.1.2010**

**Policy Review Date: two years from implementation**