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New Year bedlam on streets of North Wales

Jan 2 2008 by Eryl Crump, Daily Post

A 53-YEAR-OLD man was stabbed in the early hours of New Year's Day and was last night critically ill in hospital. He was attacked in Amlwch, Anglesey, and taken to Ysbyty Gwynedd, Bangor, for emergency surgery. A 19-year-old man was subsequently arrested and taken into custody on suspicion of attempted murder following the incident at around 1.30am.

Richard Brunstrom - ecstasy is safer than aspirin

Jan 2 2008 by Steve Bagnall, Daily Post

NORTH Wales police chief Richard Brunstrom went on national radio yesterday to declare that all drugs would be legal within a decade. In an interview on Radio 4's Today programme he said the legalisation of all drugs was inevitable. Mr Brunstrom's views on drugs have sparked widespread criticism. But he remains adamant that his "minority view" is the only way forward to beat the abuse of drugs. **And he added, controversially, that Ecstasy was safer than aspirin.** The chief constable said repealing the Misuse of Drugs Act would destroy a major source of organised crime. He added: "I'm certainly out of step with the majority of senior police officers, but not all of them."

Cannabis farms on increase say North Wales police

Jan 2 2008 by David Powell, Daily Post

POLICE discovered **17 cannabis farms in North Wales** and arrested 519 people for cannabis-related offences in 2007, the Daily Post can reveal today. Officers raided farms **across the region**, taking away hauls of between 40 plants and 1,100. (how long has this massive operation been going on & why ??)

The PPP comments These three headlines show the sad state of policing in North Wales. **Real, fully resourced, community policing will PREVENT crime and disorder.** We know that one officer was on duty in Amlwch and at least 4 CCTV cameras cover the streets and pubs. **BUT the attempted murder still occurred what else do we need to do?**

If a local farm was growing 1100 cannabis plants wouldn't the local community know about it and if a fully integrated community policing team were available it would never get off the ground. **BUT whilst all these Police management issues need sorting out our deranged Chief Constable is ranting on National radio and TV.** It's about time ALL our elected representatives cooperate to have this man removed. Outside North Wales his behaviour is seen as representative of and supported by North Wales' culture and Politics and even his gratuitous support for the language is damaging.

The long term effects of drugs of all kinds **on the mentality and personality of the users** is not fully understood BUT it will definitely be more serious than we realise. We are preparing a reasoned response to Brunstrom's ravings but the seriousness of the subject requires much thought and research.