



People for Proper Policing in North Wales

North Wales police... Perception vs Reality

North Wales police and the police authority are holding a series of PCF meetings across North Wales entitled 'Perception vs Reality'

Rhian Rees Roberts, the Authority's newly appointed policy officer, said: *"The detection rate is up from 21% in 2002/03 to 40% in 2007/08, and North Wales has the second highest sanctioned detection rate in England and Wales. Sanctioned detections are those in which the offenders are confirmed but the cases may not have reached court. However, **national figures demonstrate that fear of crime and anti-social behaviour is higher in North Wales than in many areas of England and Wales despite the higher detection rate. Why should that be so when there's a less than 3% chance of anyone becoming a victim of crime?**"* Mrs Roberts said: *"We hope the public will grasp the opportunity to attend the meetings and express their views. Senior officers of the Police Authority will provide an overview of the situation across the region and local inspectors will explain in more detail the local perspective."*

The PPP responds

An article in the **Daily Post 27th December 2008** stated that Over **248,000 "incidents"** were reported and **45,500 crimes RECORDED**.

A little play with the calculator produces some interesting figures bearing in mind that Chief Constable Brunstrom claims crime is thing of the past !!!

It equates to **875 crimes per week . Or 124 per day** which is a staggering **5.1 crimes per hour**.

If we look at the "incidents" reported then the figures become really interesting as they run at ;

Weekly **4769** , daily **681** which is an incredible **28 per hour**.

The Home office reports are all at <http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/crimeew0708.html> and the tabled results for each Police force at <http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/pdfs08/bcu1.xls>

Within the reports above, the RESIDENT population of North Wales force area is stated to be about **675,500 as 288,000 households** thus the actual crime ratio is **6.7%/annum** for **recorded crimes**. Now the Swift Survey early in 2008 showed that **19% of those interviewed were victims of crime** and many crimes were not reported for a variety of reasons. Three PPP surveys were also carried out from 2004-8 and crimes/household were recorded as from 52%, 34%, 39%. To determine /capita is complex because our households will include children whilst the PA phone survey will not but dividing by 2.4 for comparison gives us **22%, 14%, 16%**. **All the survey figures are way over the policy officers quoted figure ... WHY?**

All the surveys available on the PPP site can be found by entering **survey** into **articles search** and first up will be the Police and Police authority most recent surveys and stats.

We conclude that the problem is that the force's and authority's perception is far from the reality of many people in North Wales. We must also bear in mind that average figures hide the worst case scenarios where decent people are exposed to very high levels of crime and incidents and a really poor quality of life. The average cost of Policing North Wales is **£500/household/annum** and rising again! NORTH WALES is a great place to live and work for most of us and particularly those with the high rewards from public service salaries and benefits. It could be even better for many and so could the services they receive.

The Home Office under Jaqui Smith has been found to be deliberately releasing misleading and incomplete/distorted data on many aspects of crime. Even this survey which starts off with such data is another Home Office initiative to bamboozle us. We believe it is a disgrace and an insult to the tax paying public. We are amazed that ALL the Senior police officers and ALL the PA members collude in this process. We must hold them accountable, they need to realise that we pay their salaries and expenses not the Home Secretary.

The following tables and charts are the latest information on the police website they are always accessible from the Police website home page bottom RHS! Note in the tables following **VAP** is all violent crime against the person. **BOTD** is burglary other than dwelling and **UTMV** is unauthorised taking of a Motor Vehicle

Green is positive/improving Orange is negative/getting worse

Overview

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Areas for Improvement

Internal

Recorded Burglary Dwelling has increased year on year in across all divisions, with an overall increase of **30.1%**.

The Burglary Dwelling detection rate is displaying a decrease on last year, with **23.9%** of burglary detected.

Recorded Vehicle Crime has increased year on year in Central and Eastern by **19.7%** and **23.4%** respectively, although Western is displaying a **6.6%** decrease. The Vehicle Crime detection rate has decreased on last year and is at **17.1%**.

Serious Acquisitive Crime has increased by **19.8%** on last year.

Partnership

The number of people killed or seriously injured in RTCs has increased **34.1%** year on year. RTCs involving young drivers involving death or serious injury have also **increased** year on year.

The number of disqualified drivers arrested has decreased by **15.7%** year on year, thus not achieving the 10% increase target.

Efficiency and Development

Central officer and staff sickness targets are **not being achieved**, with a year on year increase in sickness hours per head.

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The arrests summary is a count of all PACE arrests for notifiable offences. This is a count of actual arrests, not a count of persons arrested. If a person is arrested for multiple offences, all of the arrests for that individual are counted.

	Western				Central				Eastern				Out of Force				Force			
	Month	YTD	Last YTD	% Change	Month	YTD	Last YTD	% Change	Month	YTD	Last YTD	% Change	Month	YTD	Last YTD	% Change	Month	YTD	Last YTD	% Change
VAP	232	1,816	1,774	2.4%	302	1,942	1,897	2.4%	355	2,538	2,515	0.9%	2	39	39	0.0%	891	6,335	6,225	1.8%
Sex	14	103	128	-19.5%	12	115	104	10.6%	18	170	143	18.9%	0	7	15	-53.3%	44	395	390	1.3%
Robbery	1	19	33	-42.4%	12	62	48	29.2%	6	52	91	-42.9%	6	6	3	100.0%	25	139	175	-20.6%
Burglary	30	175	134	30.6%	34	166	154	7.8%	27	198	187	5.9%	1	11	11	0.0%	92	550	486	13.2%
BOTD	21	134	210	-36.2%	33	172	125	37.6%	21	183	156	17.3%	3	16	16	0.0%	78	505	507	-0.4%
Drugs	38	384	309	24.3%	64	404	362	11.6%	63	475	457	3.9%	3	9	12	-25.0%	168	1,272	1,140	11.6%
Theft from Vehicle	18	67	42	59.5%	4	65	46	41.3%	23	111	48	131.3%	1	7	4	75.0%	46	250	140	78.6%
UTMV	13	96	140	-31.4%	14	118	147	-19.7%	37	234	224	4.5%	2	7	22	-68.2%	66	455	533	-14.6%
Vehicle Interference	1	18	11	63.6%	1	12	12	0.0%	0	18	8	125.0%	0	2	0	0.0%	2	50	31	61.3%
Theft & Handling	69	623	554	12.5%	101	830	751	10.5%	127	1,026	937	9.5%	7	30	26	15.4%	304	2,509	2,268	10.6%
Fraud	6	42	75	-44.0%	3	51	79	-35.4%	6	78	91	-14.3%	0	12	4	200.0%	15	183	249	-26.5%
Arson	5	32	28	14.3%	5	24	22	9.1%	2	28	59	-52.5%	0	3	4	-25.0%	12	87	113	-23.0%
Criminal Damage	98	649	554	17.1%	61	574	603	-4.8%	98	809	754	7.3%	2	10	15	-33.3%	259	2,042	1,926	6.0%
Other Crime Category	41	404	420	-3.8%	43	442	467	-5.4%	66	621	660	-5.9%	1	13	20	-35.0%	151	1,480	1,567	-5.6%
Total	587	4,562	4,412	3.4%	689	4,977	4,817	3.3%	849	6,541	6,330	3.3%	28	172	191	-9.9%	2153	16,252	15,750	3.2%

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Rolling 12 Month Crimes Summary

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		Western				Central				Eastern				Force			
		Rec	Det	% Det	Progress	Rec	Det	% Det	Progress	Rec	Det	% Det	Progress	Rec	Det	% Det	Progress
VAP	Current 12 Month	2,941	2,008	68.3%	-12.2%	3,545	2,027	57.2%	-7.4%	4,436	2,774	62.5%	-7.4%	10,922	6,809	62.3%	-8.7%
	Last 12 Month	3,348	2,167	64.7%		3,827	2,143	56.0%		4,789	2,585	54.0%		11,964	6,895	57.6%	
Sex	Current 12 Month	154	62	40.3%	-22.2%	194	50	25.8%	11.5%	227	78	34.4%	-3.8%	575	190	33.0%	-5.4%
	Last 12 Month	198	54	27.3%		174	52	29.9%		236	65	27.5%		608	171	28.1%	
Robbery	Current 12 Month	12	5	41.7%	-47.8%	59	16	27.1%	11.3%	77	27	35.1%	5.5%	148	48	32.4%	-0.7%
	Last 12 Month	23	6	26.1%		53	16	30.2%		73	26	35.6%		149	48	32.2%	
Burglary	Current 12 Month	245	81	33.1%	19.5%	444	104	23.4%	18.1%	735	184	25.0%	38.2%	1,424	369	25.9%	27.9%
	Last 12 Month	205	70	34.1%		376	96	25.5%		532	147	27.6%		1,113	313	28.1%	
BOTD	Current 12 Month	528	93	17.6%	-15.5%	952	163	17.1%	-3.0%	1,455	146	10.0%	6.5%	2,935	402	13.7%	-1.2%
	Last 12 Month	625	141	22.6%		981	116	11.8%		1,366	173	12.7%		2,972	430	14.5%	
Drugs	Current 12 Month	682	674	98.8%	12.2%	1,280	1,294	101.1%	70.2%	876	852	97.3%	-3.9%	2,838	2,820	99.4%	24.9%
	Last 12 Month	608	625	102.8%		752	736	97.9%		912	875	95.9%		2,272	2,236	98.4%	
Theft from Vehicle	Current 12 Month	400	77	19.3%	-8.5%	772	84	10.9%	37.6%	1,317	158	12.0%	8.2%	2,489	319	12.8%	12.4%
	Last 12 Month	437	36	8.2%		561	53	9.4%		1,217	199	16.4%		2,215	288	13.0%	
UTMV	Current 12 Month	216	65	30.1%	-3.1%	314	87	27.7%	-13.0%	634	187	29.5%	-8.9%	1,164	339	29.1%	-9.1%
	Last 12 Month	223	92	41.3%		361	141	39.1%		696	263	37.8%		1,280	496	38.8%	
Vehicle Interference	Current 12 Month	121	33	27.3%	30.1%	105	29	27.6%	-7.1%	224	10	4.5%	-28.9%	450	72	16.0%	-13.6%
	Last 12 Month	93	28	30.1%		113	18	15.9%		315	17	5.4%		521	63	12.1%	
Theft & Handling	Current 12 Month	2,187	884	40.4%	3.6%	3,084	1,321	42.8%	2.0%	3,990	1,454	36.4%	6.3%	9,261	3,659	39.5%	4.2%
	Last 12 Month	2,110	881	41.8%		3,023	1,250	41.3%		3,755	1,342	35.7%		8,888	3,473	39.1%	
Fraud	Current 12 Month	209	118	56.5%	-3.7%	316	146	46.2%	5.3%	528	263	49.8%	28.5%	1,053	527	50.0%	13.5%
	Last 12 Month	217	132	60.8%		300	149	49.7%		411	193	47.0%		928	474	51.1%	
Arson	Current 12 Month	78	21	26.9%	-1.3%	101	20	19.8%	-17.9%	162	19	11.7%	-7.4%	341	60	17.6%	-9.5%
	Last 12 Month	79	14	17.7%		123	15	12.2%		175	17	9.7%		377	46	12.2%	
Criminal Damage	Current 12 Month	3,247	728	22.4%	1.9%	3,824	722	18.9%	-11.9%	4,926	1,082	22.0%	-4.8%	11,997	2,532	21.1%	-5.6%
	Last 12 Month	3,186	754	23.7%		4,341	765	17.6%		5,176	1,023	19.8%		12,703	2,542	20.0%	
Other Crime Category	Current 12 Month	231	203	87.9%	7.9%	307	272	88.6%	25.8%	361	304	84.2%	6.8%	899	779	86.7%	12.9%
	Last 12 Month	214	175	81.8%		244	191	78.3%		338	300	88.8%		796	666	83.7%	
Total	Current 12 Month	11,251	5,052	44.9%	-2.7%	15,297	6,335	41.4%	0.4%	19,948	7,538	37.8%	-0.2%	46,496	18,925	40.7%	-0.6%
	Last 12 Month	11,566	5,175	44.7%		15,229	5,741	37.7%		19,991	7,225	36.1%		46,786	18,141	38.8%	

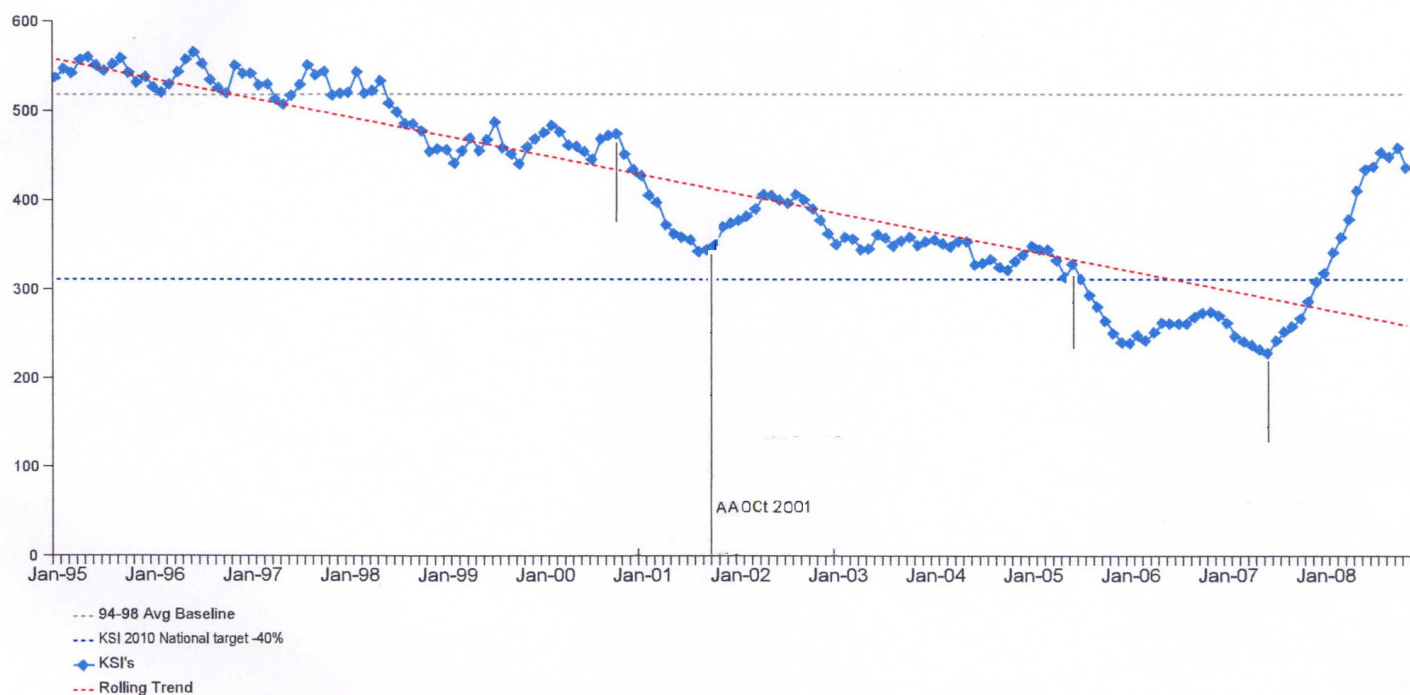
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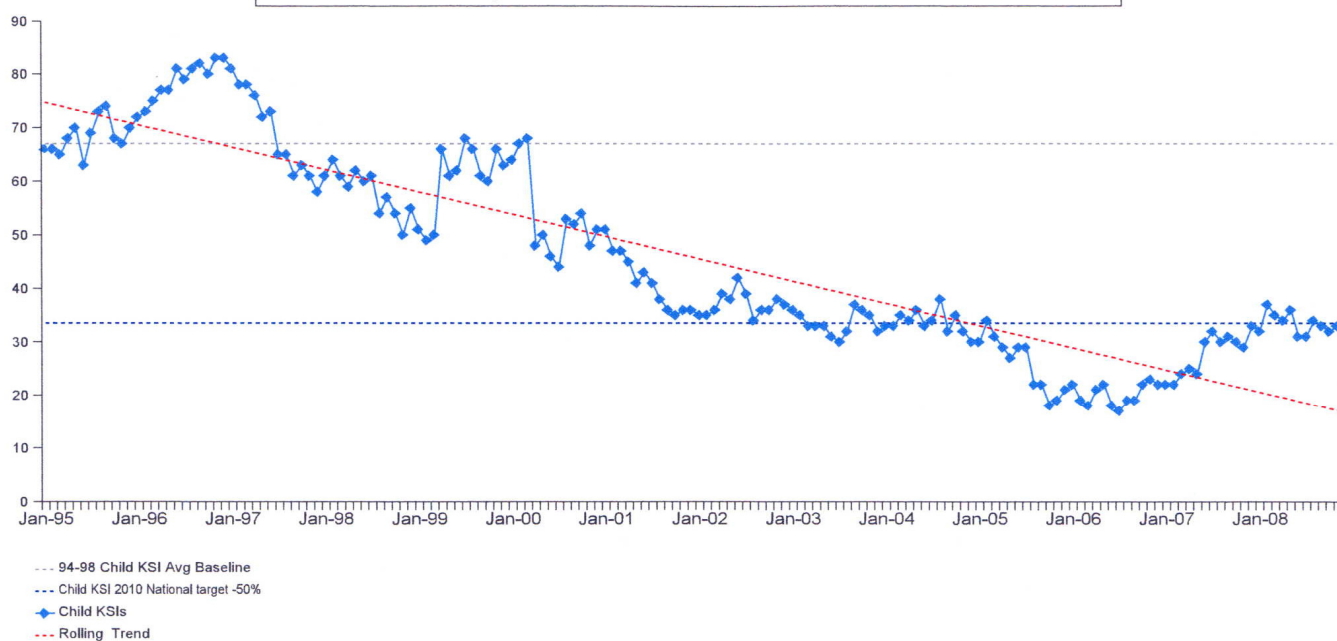
Rolling 12 Month KSIs Assessment vs. 94-98 Baseline



Each datapoint represents the sum of the previous 12 months KSIs in North Wales

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Rolling 12 Month Child KSIs Assessment vs. 94-98 Baseline



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY (1)



EXPERIENCE AND REPORTING OF CRIME:

- ⇒ **19% consider that they have experienced at least one crime in the last 12 months. The most commonly experienced crime type is antisocial behaviour (10%)**
- ⇒ **41% of the crimes respondents said they experienced were not reported. Burglary and theft are far more likely to have been reported than other crime types.**
- ⇒ **Almost all respondents stated they would report a burglary, assault, theft or fraud/identity theft in the future. Figures were slightly lower for antisocial behaviour and intimidation where 11% and 13% said they would not report this type of crime. Those aged 16-29 were less likely to report crimes.**
- ⇒ **Main reasons for not reporting crime/being unlikely to do so is perception that nothing gets done, the crime is not severe, fear of repercussions and they would deal with it themselves.**

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

- ⇒ **47% use public transport with bus being used by 40% and train by 30%.**
- ⇒ **6% of bus users and 4% of train users have experienced crime on public transport in the last 12 months.**
- ⇒ **Public transport is most likely to be used during the daytime. Concern about crime is mentioned spontaneously by 6% of public transport users for not using in the evening and by 8% for not using at night.**
- ⇒ **15% of the total sample say that fear of crime influences their decision to use public transport. These were more likely to be females (19% of ALL females) and those aged 16–29 and 45–59.**

