

**REPORT TO:** Safer Policy and Performance Board

**DATE:** 18<sup>th</sup> January 2011

**REPORTING OFFICER:** Strategic Director -Resources

**SUBJECT:** Sustainable Community Strategy  
2010 – 11 Mid-year progress report.

**WARDS:** Borough-wide

## **1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1 To provide information on the progress in achieving targets contained within the Sustainable Community Strategy for Halton.

## **2.0 RECOMMENDED THAT:**

- i. The report is noted
- ii. The Board considers whether it requires any further information concerning the actions being taken to achieve the performance targets contained within Halton's Sustainable Community Strategy.

## **3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

3.1 The Sustainable Community Strategy is the central document for the Council and its partners, providing an evidenced based framework through which actions and shared performance targets can be developed and communicated. An updated Sustainable Community Strategy for Halton is presently at an advanced stage of preparation and will become live from April 2011.

3.2 The coalition government has set out its intention to create greater transparency. This is intended to include the publication of performance as well as financial transactions. It is the government's expectation that Whitehall departments, local authorities and other public bodies will be performance managed by the communities and citizens which they serve. To this end, the coalition has set out its performance measures in government departmental business plans. Many of these performance measures are already included in the Sustainable Community Strategy.

3.3 The current Sustainable Community Strategy included targets which were also in the Local Area Agreement (LAA). In October this year, the coalition government announced the ending of government performance management of local authorities through LAA's.

3.4 Nevertheless, we need to maintain some framework of performance management to:

- measure progress towards our own objectives for the improvement of the quality of life in Halton.
- meet the government's expectation that we will publish performance information.

3.5 Attached as Appendix 1 is a report on progress to the 2010 – 11 mid-year which includes information for those specific indicators and targets that fall within the remit of this Policy and Performance Board.

3.6 In considering this report Members should be aware that:-

- a) All of the measures within the National Indicator Set (NIS) are monitored through Quarterly Departmental Service Plan Monitoring Reports. The purpose of this report is to consolidate information on all measures and targets relevant to this PPB in order to provide a clear picture of progress.
- b) In some cases outturn data cannot be made available at the mid-year point. Additionally, all measures captured through the National Place Survey, which was due to be undertaken this year, have been deleted from the NIS by central government and therefore no further data will be made available in 2010/11. The future requirement for localised perception survey under the transparency agenda is presently subject to consideration.

#### **4.0 CONCLUSION**

4.1 The Sustainable Community Strategy for Halton, and the performance measures and targets contained within it will remain central to the delivery of community outcomes. It is therefore important that we monitor progress and that Members are satisfied that adequate plans are in place to ensure that the Council and its partners achieve the improvement targets that have been agreed.

#### **5.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 The Sustainable Community Strategy for Halton is central to our policy framework. It provides the primary vehicle through which the Council and its partners develop and communicate collaborative actions that will positively impact upon the communities of Halton.

## **6.0 OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 The publication by Local Authorities of performance information is central to the coalition government's transparency agenda. This is accompanied by a commitment to reduce top down performance management, with the existing National Indicator Data Set (NIS), replaced from April 2011 with a single comprehensive list of all data that Local Authorities are required to provide to Central Government.
- 6.2 Central Government target setting will be replaced by minimum standards in some areas.
- 6.3 Thus, it still remains to be seen whether the burdens placed on local government will be reduced or simply redefined.

## **7.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES**

- 7.1 This report deals directly with the delivery of the relevant strategic priority of the Council.

## **8.0 RISK ANALYSIS**

- 8.1 The key risk is a failure to improve the quality of life for Halton's residents in accordance with the objectives of the Sustainable Community Strategy. This risk can be mitigated thorough the regular reporting and review of progress and the development of appropriate actions where under-performance may occur.

## **9.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

- 9.1 One of the guiding principles of the Sustainable Community Strategy is to reduce inequalities in Halton.

## **10.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

Document	Sustainable Community Strategy 2006 – 11
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# **The Sustainable Community**

## **Strategy for Halton**

**2006 - 2011**

### **Mid-year Progress Report**

**1<sup>st</sup> April 2010 – 30<sup>th</sup> Sept 2010**

**Safer**







**Policy & Performance Board**

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This report provides a summary of progress in relation to the achievement of targets within Halton's Sustainable Community Strategy 2006 - 2011.

It provides both a snapshot of performance for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2010 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2010 and a projection of expected levels of performance to the year-end.







The following symbols have been used to illustrate current performance as against the annual targets and as against performance for the same period last year.

	Target is likely to be achieved or exceeded.		Current performance is better than this time last year
	The achievement of the target is uncertain at this stage		Current performance is the same as this time last year
	Target is highly unlikely to be / will not be achieved.		Current performance is worse than this time last year

## SAFER HALTON

Page	NI	Descriptor	2009/10 Target	2010/11 Target	Direction of travel
7	5	<a href="#">Overall satisfaction with the area</a>	n/a	n/a	n/a
8	7	<a href="#">Environment for a thriving third sector</a>	n/a	n/a	n/a
9	16	<a href="#">Serious acquisitive crime rate</a>			
11	17	<a href="#">Perceptions of anti-social behaviour</a>	n/a	n/a	n/a
12	20	<a href="#">Assault with injury crime rate</a>			
13	30	<a href="#">Re-offending rate of prolific and priority offenders</a>			
14	32	<a href="#">Repeat incidents of domestic violence</a>			
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**Non Local Area Agreement Measures / Targets**

Page	NI	Descriptor	2009/10 Target	2011 target	Direction of travel
21	47	<u>Reduce the number of people killed or seriously injured in road traffic accidents</u>			
22	SH1	<u>Reduce the number of incidents of ASB in the worst 5 Lower Super Output Areas compared with the rest of the borough</u>			

<b>NI 5</b>	<b>Increase residents overall satisfaction with the area</b>
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Baseline (2007-08)	09 – 10 Actual	2011 Target	2010 – 11 Cumulative outturn data				Current Progress	Direction of Travel
			Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4		
70.4%	N/A	73.4%	Refer comment				n/a	n/a

**Data Commentary**

The baseline position for this indicator is the perception data that was captured as part of the 2008 National Place Survey. A further survey was planned for 2010 but was cancelled and so an update is not expected.

**General Performance Commentary**

As 2009 is the 'gap' year between the national Place surveys the Halton Strategic Partnership commissioned research from IPSOS-MORI to follow-up the key findings of the Place Survey in more detail.

Generally people are satisfied with Halton as a place to live including: people (neighbours, family and friends), parks, schools, shopping, health and transport, NMAs (local housing and shopping facilities) and have an affinity for the local area with a sense of community and a high proportion of longstanding residents.

The key areas residents felt needed to be improved were: – low level crime, ASB, drugs, lack of respect, job prospects, reduce pollution, influence in decision making (NMAs), clean streets and activities for teenagers.

**Summary of key activities undertaken / planned during the year**

The current format for the Cohesion, Engagement and Liveability Group disbanded in April 2010 and is in the process of the being reviewed.

<b>NI 7</b>	<b>Increase voluntary and community sector satisfaction by creating a strong environment in which it can thrive</b>
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Baseline (2007-08)	09 – 10 Actual	2011 Target	2010 – 11 Cumulative outturn data				Current Progress	Direction of Travel
			Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4		
22.2%	n/a	29.7%	Refer comment				n/a	n/a

### Data Commentary

The baseline position for this indicator is the perception data that was captured as part of the 2008 National Place Survey. A further survey was planned for 2010 but was cancelled by the Coalition Government and so an update is not expected.

### Performance Commentary

Although data in relation to this measure would only have been collected on a biennial basis, a range of proxy indicators are being developed.

Examples include;



- Number of voluntary and community groups registered with HVA and HBC's Community Development Service.
- Number of community group's accessing grant funding.
- % occupancy at community centres.
- % of residents living in the three NMAs (3% most deprived LSOAs in 2004 IMD) participating in local activities.

### Summary of key activities undertaken / planned during the year

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<b>NI 16</b>	<b>Serious Acquisitive Crime</b>
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Baseline (2007-08)	09 – 10 Actual	2011 Target	Quarterly Target	2010 – 11 Data				Current Progress	Direction of Travel
				Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4		
1968	<b>1727</b>	1820	455	<b>456</b>	<b>404</b>	-	-		

### Data Commentary

The data is complete and covers the full reporting period of Quarter 2 2010/11.

### General Performance Commentary

Serious acquisitive crime has decreased by 11% (52 crimes) from Q1 to Q2 of 2010/11. There is also an increase of 13% (59 crimes) on the same quarter last year (Q2 9/10).

All areas of serious acquisitive crime have seen mixed performance when we compare **Q2 09/10 with Q2 10/11**. The most significant areas are:

Domestic Burglary is down 5% (8 less crimes)  
 Theft of Motor Vehicle is down 48% (49 less crimes)  
 Theft from Motor Vehicle is down 18% (18 more crimes)  
 Robbery (personal and business) is up 80% (16 more crimes)

### Summary of key activities undertaken / planned during the quarter

In support of the Safer Communities agenda, the Respect Halton Campaign was to develop and build a stronger and more coordinated approach to tackling ASB and crime along with the associated environmental problems within communities that are in most need of support. Using a combination of performance factors the top four problematic areas for Halton were identified in terms of crime and anti-social behaviour.

During quarter two the CAG developed and supported three weeks of action (Respect Mersey Week of action was delivered during quarter one of 2010). During each week of action a programme specific to the needs and requirements of each of the target area was developed bringing together a wide variety of agencies and organisations who, with the help of local residents, try to address the problems in each of the areas by bringing the community closer together with activities for young and old alike.

Throughout the weeks of action, we received considerable support from a number of departments within the local council, police, fire and other agencies. Although too many activities and interventions to mention, the following activities were delivered as standard for each of the Respect Weeks of Action:

High Visibility Police Patrols; Cheshire Fire and Rescue giving fire prevention advice; Neighbourhood Coordinators provided waste and environmental assistance; routine maintenance, mowing and cleansing of open spaces; inspection and maintenance and cleaning of playgrounds and play equipment; Community Payback assistance; Traffic enforcement operations; Fixed Penalty notices to offenders found to be littering or allowing dog fouling; Encouraging recycling; Neighbourhood Employment Engagement providing advice and support on any aspect of jobs and training for local people; support from Registered Social Landlords improving local neighbourhoods – greener, safer, cleaner. Licensing visits were undertaken ensuring that licensing conditions were being adhered to; the Partnership Problem Solving Patrol acted on concerns raised by local people and targeted specific issues either with individuals or taking place at a given location; Police surgeries took place within communities

### ***Tackling Business Robbery***

Throughout the weeks of action general advice was given about how businesses can manage risks associated with business robbery. After each premises visit the health and safety leaflet managing work related violence in retail premises was left with the business operator.

Throughout the four weeks of Respect Halton, the campaign received significant media coverage with nine separate articles being published in the local press.

### ***Funding - Feeling Safe in Halton Applications***

£60,000 was made available via the 4 Respect Weeks (Mersey, Riverside, Kingsway and Halton Lea) for community groups, schools, youth groups and business to suggest ideas that would address community safety issues in their local area.

Projects were reviewed by Safer Halton Partnership and all suitable projects were put forward to a public vote. The vote took place at public events during the relevant Respect Week and was also available on-line at [www.halton.gov.uk/respecthalton](http://www.halton.gov.uk/respecthalton)

The most popular projects after the public vote were approved for funding although they were still subject to relevant policies and procedures ie. planning, consultation etc

- ❖ 17 applications were received.
- ❖ 15 projects were successful in getting funding
- ❖ 1297 votes were placed by the public
- ❖ £55,645 has been allocated to community projects

**NI 17 | Reduce the perceptions of Anti Social Behaviour**

Baseline (2007-08)	09 – 10 Actual	2011 Target	2010 – 11 Cumulative outturn data				Current Progress	Direction of Travel
			Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4		
24.3%	N/A	21.2%	Refer comment				N/A	N/A

**Data Commentary**

The baseline position for this indicator is the perception data that was captured as part of the 2008 National Place Survey.

A further survey was planned for 2010 but was cancelled by the Coalition Government and so an update is not expected.

**Performance Commentary**

A proxy measure that could be used as an indication of current performance may be actual anti social behaviour numbers reported to Cheshire Police:

Halton	2010/11 Target	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD	Progress
ASB Incidents	10,293	2484	2713			5197	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>



There were a total of 2713 ASB incidents recorded in Halton in Q2 of 2010/11, this is a reduction of 21.5% (583 crimes) compared to the same period last year.

This is not an accepted proxy measure but one that could be used as a guide line for the general trend in the public's perception of ASB. Lower recorded ASB incidents may lead to lower levels of perceived ASB but there are many other factors to take into account.

**Summary of key activities undertaken / planned during the year**

Activities to reduce the perception of ASB in Halton are similar to those listed under SH LI 1 later in this document.

<b>NI 20</b>	<b>Assault with Less Serious Injury</b>
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Baseline (2007/08)	09 – 10 Actual	2011 Target	Quarterly Target	2010 – 11 Data				Current Progress	Direction of Travel
				Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4		
1269	<b>1060</b>	1206	302	<b>300</b>	<b>255</b>	-	-		

### Data Commentary

This report covers the period 1<sup>st</sup> July 2010 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2010. The data is complete and comprises the actual number of crimes recorded during the period.

### General Performance Commentary

Assault with less serious injury has decreased 15% between Q1 2010/11 and Q2 2010/11, 45 less crimes were recorded. When we compare this quarter with the same period last year there is a decrease of 4%, equal to 11 less crimes.



### Summary of key activities undertaken / planned during the quarter

#### Quarter 2 Enforcement Performance Activity:



- 664 licensed premises visits by Police / Partners
- 198 Alcohol related public arrests (100 Widnes / 98 Runcorn).
- 45 Section 27s Direction to Leave Notices issued (24 Widnes / 21 Runcorn).
- 256 Instances of alcohol confiscation.
- 15 Premises have been subjected to improvement action plans / direct partnership activity (e.g. Meetings with Brewery Management, DPS changes, improvement actions at premises, CCTV upgrades etc).
  
- 4 S.19 Formal / Informal Premise Closure Orders. Formal closures included **The Wine Bar Runcorn** operating their new varied premises license in breach of their conditions and **Zenny's Store, Runcorn**, required to remove alcohol as PLH bankrupt.
  
- 26 Friday / Saturday (plus Bank Holidays) partnership licensing operations (Runcorn / Widnes). Including on occasion multi agency licensing visits and outreach teams.

## NI 30 Re offending rate of prolific and priority offenders (PPO)

Official Home Office NI 30 stats (fig 1)

Baseline (2007-08)	09 – 10 Actual	2011 Target	Quarterly Target	2009 – 10 Data				Current Progress	Direction of Travel
				Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4		
82 offences	66	69 offences	19% reduction	12	8	21	25		

Locally produced re offending stats (proxy measure) (fig 2)

Baseline (2008-09)	09 – 10 Actual	2011 Target	Quarterly Target	2010 – 11 Cumulative outturn data				Current Progress	Direction of Travel
				Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4		
144 offences	63	117 Offences	29	16	34	-	-		

### Data Commentary

Although this report covers July to September 2010, GONW NI30 stats are produced 3-6mths in arrears to allow for charges to be brought before the court and convictions finalised. Q1 2010/2011 figures are expected imminently.

### General Performance Commentary

Q4 2009/2010 NI30 data shows that there were 25 convicted offences for that period. The final overall figure for 2009/2010 shows 66 convicted offences resulting in the year end target being reduced by 3 offences.



Q2 2010/2011 locally produced figures show 34 cumulative convicted offences.

### Summary of key activities undertaken / planned during the quarter

During this last quarter, following the successful Restorative Justice conference, the PPO team have arranged for a DVD to be produced outlining the process. The footage consisted of police officer, probation officer, victim and offender all detailing the effects and results of the whole RJ process. The DVD will be used for future training and information processes.

Integrated Offender Management (IOM) is currently in the process of being implemented in the Halton area. The PPO team have been instrumental in the preparation and groundwork for the start date of December 2010. This IOM project is modelled on the same principles as the PPO team processes.

<b>NI 32</b>	<b>Repeat Incidents of Domestic Violence</b>
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Baseline (2007-08)	09 – 10 Actual	2011 Target	Quarterly Target	2010 – 11				Current Progress	Direction of Travel
				Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4		
See Comment	22%	27%	27%	22%	23%	-	-		

### Data Commentary

This data pertains to quarter 2 of 2010/11. It is final actual data for the second quarter of the financial year.

(Whilst we now have a full years data for NI 32 performance CAADA recommend that it is not used as true baseline due to reporting errors expected from the indicators first year of implementation. However 2009/10 data will offer a guide to the areas performance generally apart from quarter 4 where implementation of a new risk indicator checklist substantial skewed performance.)

### General Performance Commentary

Halton Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) has seen 29 cases in this quarter with 9 repeat cases. Within this cohort there were 27 children in the associated households. This places our current rolling performance on NI 32 at 23%.

In comparison to last years performance, there are 12% less cases presenting at the MARAC (33 Q2 2009) with a similar level of repeats seen (9 Q2 2009). There has also been a 34% decrease in the number of children involved (41 Q2 2009). This indicates a continuing trend from quarter one of decreasing cases. As is noted above 2009/10 is not considered to be a reliable base line. Nevertheless, it would appear from this data that the local MARAC is seeing a reduction in the number of cases presented this year. This may be a positive indicator of the impact of the work undertaken in this area. However, this can not be assumed from a diminishing level in this data alone.

When looked at in comparison to general repeat levels reported centrally in Cheshire it indicates that Halton has a disproportionately high level of High risk cases in comparison to other areas with larger populations (13% higher than Cheshire East).

These figures also indicate a 19% increase in the overall level of incidents for this period (April 2010 to August 2010) in the area in comparison to the previous years figures (406 compared to 483). Similarly, the other Cheshire Area MARACs are reporting between 25 and 30 cases on average per month. Therefore, this reduction in cases can not be seen to be indicative of a trend of reducing high risk incidents when examined against other data.

Strategic PPU data:

Area	Population (Approx.)	Domestic Abuse Incidents	High Risk	Medium Risk	Standard Risk	Repeat Cases
Halton	119,500	483	87	174	213	126
Warrington	194,000	512	113	179	206	152
Cheshire East	358,900	1022	77	221	712	260
Cheshire West	327,500	866	96	232	537	209

### Summary of key activities undertaken / planned during the year







The Domestic Abuse Stalking & Honour Based Violence risk identification model (DASH) training was delivered on two separate occasions to staff leading to 78 individuals being trained to date. There are three more specific events planned for October to ensure that specialist groups, such as Ashley House and School staff, have access to the training.

The MARAC research project remains ongoing and as of yet not commenced beyond the initial scoping work. This relates to resource issues as researchers were unable to gain access to the required data. It has been agreed that the current coordinator can access the requested files. Thus, this project will resume when sufficient capacity is available to undertake the project.

Domestic Abuse Training was undertaken In July on a multi agency basis but with an adult services focus to ensure that sufficient awareness existed within such teams. Two half day events were run to train 77 staff in basic awareness of domestic abuse and the services available locally. This training was generally well received with the feedback identifying that the training had been well presented, helpful, professional, interesting and had good handouts.

A Government Office North West (GONW) grant has been successfully achieved to provide additional Independent Domestic Abuse Advisor (IDVA) capacity to the area. Whilst this is not a renewed source of funding the £16,000 allocated will enable the current service to recruit some part time short term assistance to the existing IDVA.

NI 33i	Deliberate Primary Fires Deliberate Secondary Fires Deliberate Fires (Total)
NI 33ii	
NI 33	

Baseline (2007-08)	09 – 10 Actual	2011 Target	Quarterly Target	2010 – 11 Cumulative outturn data				Current Progress	Direction of Travel
				Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4		
234	<b>115</b>	177	44	26	22	-	-		
1,043	<b>585</b>	678	169	161	128	-	-		
1,277	<b>700</b>	855	213	187	150	-	-		

### Data Commentary

Data presented above has been collated from the Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service Incident Recording System (IRS).

It relates to actual recorded incident volumes and represents the complete data set for each period.

As IRS was introduced on 1 April 2009, baseline data and subsequent targets set were calculated using the previous data capture method.

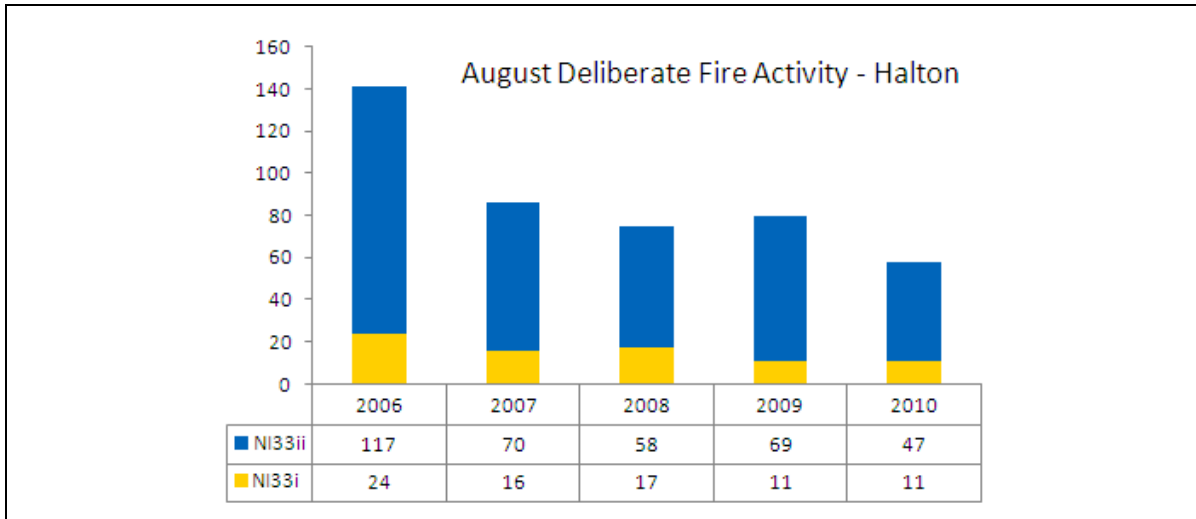
IRS data is subject to further validation, thus figures recorded may alter slightly following further scrutiny.

### General Performance Commentary

Both NI33i and ii have seen a positive downwards trend over the past three years and, if performance seen through the first two quarters of 2010/11 continues, the final target will be met.

Historically, August has generally seen an increase in incidents of small deliberate fire (NI33ii) specifically, due to the occurrence of the school holidays. The following graph illustrates the trend in these incidents. Overall deliberate fire activity in August has decreased by 59% over the five years, with Deliberate Primary and Deliberate Secondary Fire activity decreasing by 54% and 56% respectively.





### Summary of key activities undertaken / planned during the quarter

Arson reduction activities in Halton are intelligence led; each of the stations in Halton (Runcorn and Widnes) produce a monthly arson report to identify trends and peaks in arson activity. Areas of high activity are reported the Halton 'Tasking and Coordination' Group in order to have a multi-agency approach to the problem; recent successes have been on Runcorn Hill and The Old Department of Employment Building in Runcorn plus Bechers in Widnes. Each of the stations has dedicated 'arson routes' which are reviewed monthly to encompass the areas of greatest anti-social fire activity; the crews patrol the areas in their fire appliances to act as a deterrent and provide reassurances to the community.

2010/11 action plans identify several areas of high activity with regards NI33, categorised by priority with regards the need for arson initiatives. By producing analysis at station level, fire fighters have an increased awareness and understanding of the issues surrounding deliberate fires and anti social behaviour and are therefore better equipped to deliver targeted initiatives.



The Service is heavily involved in a number of pro-active activities that will hopefully influence the behaviour and thoughts of the children towards fire and fire setting in the coming years including; The Phoenix Project, The Runcorn and Widnes Fire Station Community Bio-diversity Garden, Fire Cadets, Prince's Trust Programmes and the Respect Courses.

In Widnes specifically, Restorative Justice has recently been issued to 2 juveniles as a result of intelligence gained through partnership working and the PNR process.

One of our busiest periods is approaching in Quarter 3 and processes are already in place to deal with both Mischief and Bonfire Nights.

## NI 39

## Reduce the number of alcohol related harm admissions

Baseline (2007-08)	09 – 10 Actual	2011 Target	Quarterly Target	2010 – 11 Cumulative outturn data				Current Progress	Direction of Travel
				Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4		
2180	2548.6	2309	577	669	1381.5				

**Data Commentary**

Q1 data has been updated. Q2 figure has been calculated using a proxy figure for September data and will be updated in the Q3 report.

**General Performance Commentary**

Significant work has been undertaken to collate, analyse and understand local activity and implications of hospital admissions data for alcohol related harm. This enables us to build a picture of need across the borough down to ward level.

**Summary of key activities undertaken / planned during the year**



Initiatives which will impact on N1 39 target:

- Consultation continues in relation to a model for a redesigned, integrated alcohol misuse treatment system. The model will incorporate a single point of access and will be tendered for start up date of 1 September 2011. A business case will be presented to the Clinical commissioning Committee on 16 Dec 2010.
- All existing services have been subject to a review utilising 'lean' and QUIP principles. The review aimed to uncover waste and bottlenecks in the current system and assist in making the journey seamless for patients. The findings from the review will not only inform future service redesign but will inform short term service improvement programmes aimed in particular in increasing throughput in the current system.
- Work has begun in relation to exploring the role and maximising the potential of alcohol workers in hospital settings to ensure that we target known frequent attendees and reduce alcohol related admissions.
- Planned activity includes increasing Tier 3 service capacity in Halton to implement Alcohol Treatment Requirements and establish links with the Problem Solving Courts.
- A 12 Step abstinence based Recovery pilot for alcohol only clients in Halton and St Helens commenced on 1st October 2010. The pilot offers high intensity, structured day care for clients who are dependent on alcohol but who have opted for abstinence as a treatment goal. The programme is based upon the

world-renowned 12 step treatment model for alcoholism and addiction, pioneered by Alcoholics Anonymous. This pilot will not only increase treatment options for dependent clients and improve health outcomes, but will also contribute towards an improvement in alcohol-related social problems such as family and interpersonal relationships, ability to perform effectively at work, avoidance of criminal activity, enhanced parenting skills.

- The Tier 2 Alcohol Service in Halton (Arch) is now fully up and running and the contract has been extended until the end of the financial year. This service offers help and advice for anyone who is concerned about their own or someone else's drinking and offers evening and weekend appointments.
- Work continues in relation to refining a multi-agency 12 Point Plan for Alcohol Harm Reduction and consultation is currently underway in relation to the plan.
- Work has been undertaken at a Sub Regional Level (Cheshire East, Cheshire West & Chester, Warrington and Halton) through participating in an Alcohol Task Group which is pioneering a joint approach to alcohol harm reduction on behalf of the Community Safety and Justice Commission and the Health and Wellbeing Commission. The aim is to share best practice, improve effectiveness and reduce inefficiencies across the sub region.
- We are currently working in partnership with Cheshire Police who are developing an Integrated Offender Management Scheme which will explore how we can meet the health needs of people who are known or at risk of becoming known to the criminal justice system.

<b>NI 40</b>	<b>Number of drug users recorded as being in effective treatment</b>
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Baseline (2007-08)	09 – 10 Actual	2011 Target	Quarterly Target	2010 – 11 Cumulative outturn data				Current Progress	Direction of Travel
				Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4		
500	<b>486</b>	529	428	<b>421</b> (April – June)	N/A	-	-		

### Data Commentary

NTA numbers in treatment data is available for month 3 (June) 2010/11. This shows Halton with 421 Problematic Drug Users (PDU) in effective treatment compared with 428 expected. This is -7 below target. NI 40 is reported 3 months in arrears to allow for full counting of numbers of people in treatment for more than 12 weeks.

### General Performance Commentary



At the same stage last year, 405 PDU were in effective treatment compared with 415 expected. This was -10 below target.

As of October 2010, 37% of PDU (joint 6<sup>th</sup> highest in NW) and 47% of all drug users aged 18+ (10<sup>th</sup> in NW) treatment exits were planned YTD. Of all planned exits between April and October 2010, 34% (40/118) were 'treatment completed - drug free'. This is significantly above the national figure of 28%.

### Summary of key activities undertaken / planned during the year

The evidence is still strongly suggesting that the vast majority of PDUs are either currently in treatment or have been in treatment, which is a success story for Halton. Emphasis is continuing to be placed on maintaining and improving the number of planned exits from treatment.

<b>NI 47</b>	<b>Reduce the number of people killed or seriously injured in road traffic accidents</b>
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Baseline (2006)	09 – 10 Actual	2011 Target	2010 – 11 Cumulative Data				Current Progress	Direction of Travel
			Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4		
10.7	5.9%	7.2%	14	33	-	-		

### Data Commentary

The figures provided above are actual cumulative casualty numbers to the end of Q2 2010/11 provided by Cheshire Roads Partnership. Actual casualty numbers are given here, quarterly, as the official NI 47 figure is only produced at year end comparing the previous 3 year rolling average. Individual quarters can give rise to misleading indications of status due to the small numbers involved.

### Performance Commentary

NI 47 measures the annual change in the 3 year rolling average of people killed or seriously injured in Road Traffic Collisions (RTC). Good performance is indicated by a positive % change indicating a reduction in the number of KSI casualties.



At the end of 2009/10 Halton recorded a positive 5.9% change in the 3 year rolling average, reflecting a reduction in the number of people killed or seriously injured in RTC's in calendar year 2009. The casualty levels can fluctuate a good deal year to year giving superficially odd results, but the data trend over recent years is definitely downwards.

### Summary of key activities undertaken / planned during the year

Through a mixture of engineering works and road safety education, training and publicity, casualty figures continue to be driven down in Halton. 2009 was the most successful year for decades, and projects will continue to be undertaken to further reduce our casualty rate in the years ahead as funds allow.

For 2010 funding for safety work continues to be made available through Local Transport Plan sources and this will be utilised to further reduce casualty totals. For the future, everything will depend on the availability of finance to continue the successful work already undertaken.

**SH LI 1 Reduce the number of incidents of ASB in the worst 5 Lower Super Output Areas compared with the rest of the borough**

	Baseline 2007/ 2008	09 – 10 Actual	2011 Target	2010 – 11 Data				Current Progress	Direction of Travel
				Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4		
Percentage difference	24.5%	41.2%	9.5%	36%	38%	-	-		

**Data Commentary**

Baselines were set during 2007/08, using the Neighbourhood Management (NMA) areas: Castlefields, Windmill Hill, Halton Lea, Appleton, Kingsway. Data numbers have been taken from Police ward data covering the entire ward areas. It should be noted that these numbers will include a small element of non NMA data. Analysis to street level is not possible at this moment. By measuring complete wards the numbers should be used as an indicator only.

**Performance Commentary**

Targets were devised using 2007/08 figures as a baseline. This baseline was set following on from three years continued reduction in numbers, from 11214 in 2005/06, 10440 in 2006/07 to 9641 in 2007/08. The target chosen was therefore to ensure that the number of incidents recorded in each of the NMA's noted above were consistent with the rest of the borough and not to look for reductions in numbers as initially it was anticipated that numbers would rise in line with improved satisfaction.

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The main activity that has had an impact on reducing the gap between reported ASB in the NMA wards and the rest of the Borough was the 'Respect Weeks of Action'. The week of action aims to tackle ASB and crime while trying to make the neighbourhood more appealing to the residents. These events are supported by youth out reach workers and the bus, Police, Fire along with other agencies. The continuing work of the various partnership projects help to reduce the gap, projects and teams include; Reparation project, Operation Staysafe, Diversion, Street based teams, FIP and YISP.