

Neighbourhood Management Programme Highlight Report Cardiff West

Programme Details:				Neighbourhood Status Dashboard		
Programme Name:	Neighbourhood Management	Programme ID:	ID: NM	Previous <input type="checkbox"/> Red	CURRENT <input type="checkbox"/> Red	Future <input type="checkbox"/> Red
Senior Responsible Officer:	Sarah McGill			<input type="checkbox"/> Red/Amber	<input type="checkbox"/> Red/Amber	<input type="checkbox"/> Red/Amber
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This reporting period:	Oct-Dec 2012	Next Period:	Jan-Mar 2013	<input type="checkbox"/> Green	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Green	<input type="checkbox"/> Green

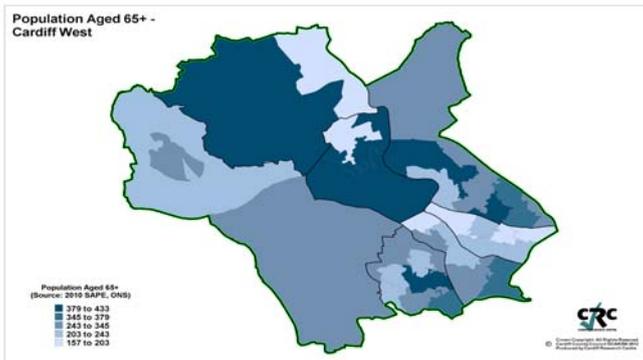
Overview of Neighbourhood Management:

ID	Neighbourhood Areas within this Programme:	Neighbourhood SRO	Current RAG status
ID: NM.W	Cardiff West	- <i>Simon Morris, Operational Manager- Youth Service (CC)</i> - <i>Inspector Paul Arkontopoulos, South Wales Police</i>	

Neighbourhood Indicators: Neighbourhood chairs and neighbourhood management officers to agree which issues need to be escalated to the attention of the Neighbourhood Management programme lead. This will be done where negative trends are evidenced or a number of red/red amber RAG status are being identified throughout the neighbourhood action plans.

Issues: Older People

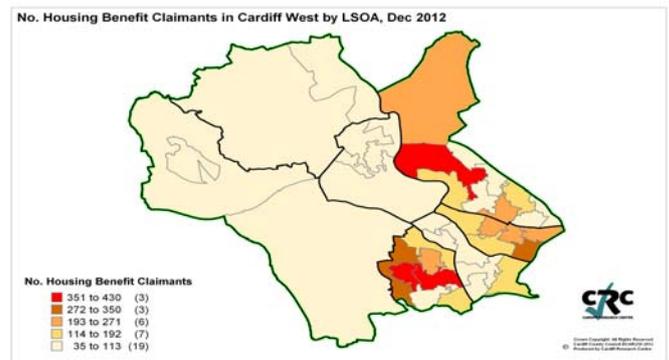
Cardiff West Population 65yrs+



Source: Cardiff Council, Customer & Business Knowledge Team

Issues: Poverty & Social Inclusion

Recipients of Housing Benefits, Cardiff West by LSOA



Source: Cardiff Council, Customer & Business Knowledge Team

Story and context for current trend

The 50+ population of Cardiff West is 22,087 people, accounting for 36.2% of the total population. Of these 50+ population 46.1% are male and 53.9% are female. Data from the 2001 census showed that at that time there were around 3,800 people aged 65 and over in Cardiff West living alone, (3,000 women and 800 men) of whom the majority lived in the Whitchurch / Tongwynlais area (1,300 older people) with Fairwater second (930).

With the increasing numbers of older people in the population the number living alone will have risen by 2012 and will continue to rise. Whilst not everyone living alone feels lonely, research over decades has found a fairly consistent proportion (6-13%) of older people feeling lonely often or always. Key risk factors include being over 80, on a low income, in poor physical or mental health, and living alone or in isolated rural areas or deprived urban communities.

Being lonely has a significant and lasting effect on individuals' health. It is associated with higher blood pressure and depression, and leads to higher rates of mortality, which have been compared to those associated with smoking and alcohol consumption. It is also linked to higher incidence of dementia, with one study reporting a doubled risk of Alzheimer's disease in lonely people. As a result of these health impacts, lonely individuals tend to make more use of health and social care services, and are more likely to have early admission to residential or nursing care.

Story and context for current trend

The impact of Welfare Reform is a serious concern for Cardiff West and is likely to adversely affect a large amount of recipients of Housing Benefits in the Neighbourhood. WIMD figures for 2011 show there are 12 LSOAs that fall within the top 5 deciles of housing deprivation, which accounts for 40.6% (24,745 people) of the whole of Cardiff West's population.

27.9% (17,008) of the population fall within the top 3 deciles of housing deprivation indicating a high level of demand for housing benefits in the area.

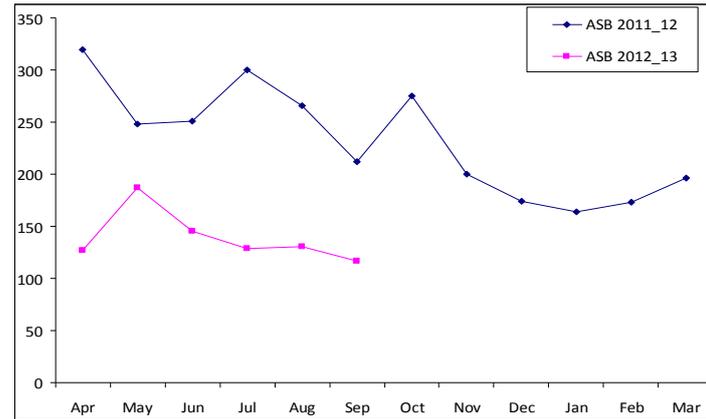
Following welfare reform, benefits will be administered by digital means; this is a serious concern as it is highly likely that the recipients will have limited access to ICT facilities to manage their finances once the changes have taken place.

The map above illustrates the amount of people claiming housing benefits by LSOA and the areas where access to ICT services is most likely to be an issue for benefits claimants

There are 3 LSOAs with up to 430 people claiming housing benefits, (2 of which are in fairwater and 1 in Tongwynlais). Fairwater in general has the highest proportion of housing benefit claimants, numbers in Llandaff North and Whitchurch are also higher than average.

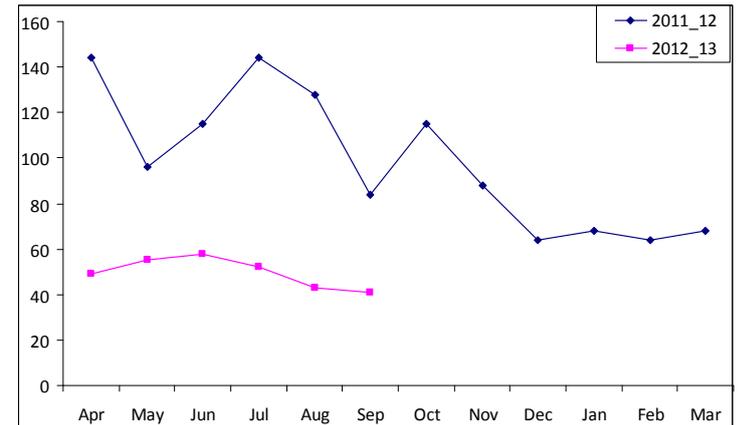
Issue: Antisocial Behaviour

Cardiff West ASB



Source: NICHE

ASB in Fairwater Ward



Source: NICHE

Story and context for current trend

This year the number of ASB incidents has fallen significantly by comparison to the same period for 2011-12. ASB reached a peak in April 2011-12 with 325 recorded incidents for the whole of Cardiff West, in the same month this year there were 125 recorded ASB incidents, representing a drop of 61.5%.

The highest amount of ASB incidents occurred in May this year (200), since then figures have fallen in a consistent pattern to 125 in September.

The figures for Fairwater also demonstrate reductions ASB in the area; in 2011-12 ASB was at its highest level (150 incidents) in April and July. On first glance the pattern for 2011-12 seems quite erratic as months with high levels of ASB were immediately followed by months of much lower activity (150 incidents in April compared to under 100 in May). However, with the exception of October and November (when ASB has historically been a problem around Halloween and bonfire night), there is an obvious downward trend from June onwards. This pattern continued into this year where ASB has been significantly lower, ranging between 40 and 60 incidents a month.

Further investigation has been conducted into this trend to establish whether this is a true reflection of ASB incidents across Cardiff. Through analysis it has been identified that in addition to the multi-agency work that now takes place around tackling ASB, there are a number of other factors that may be contributing to this decline such as South Wales Police Call handlers receiving advice on the classification of incidents from the force Crime Registry, Centralisation of the 101 call handling centre to police HQ Bridgend. Also, historically adverse weather has a significant impact on ASB and it should be noted the weather for the past 6 months has not been conducive with the enactment of ASB.

Milestones Achieved

ID	Milestones Achieved in this reporting period
	A Healthy, Wealthy & Wise group has been established in Fairwater with 42 signed up members. Average weekly attendance is around 30 with numbers gradually increasing.
	An intergenerational project took place between Peterlea Primary School, Ysgol Gyfun Plasmawr and local older people. The project involved films that the young and old people contributed to and a launch was held in Fairwater Leisure Centre
	The Council Off-road Team in partnership with police patrolled areas where motorcycle annoyance occurs in the Autumn, seizing 2 motorcycles in Plymouth Woods. Another patrol due in December.
	Environmental teams patrolled Whitchurch, Finchley Road in Fairwater and Ashcroft Park to address dog fouling complaints.

Milestones Not Achieved

ID	Milestones Not achieved (including those with Red or Red Amber Status)	Comment
	A lack of engagement from local schools since the launch of the intergenerational project has resulted in a lack of sustainability in the short term.	Dr Helen Lawton has made contact with the local schools and is awaiting a response to discuss sustainability of the project.

Next Reporting Period:

ID	Key milestones for Next Reporting Period:	Baseline delivery date	Status <small>Delete as appropriate</small>
	A project involving over 65s in the Pentrebane area is being looked into as a response to the findings of an Older Persons Profile.	6 June 2013	
	The sustainability of the Healthy, Wealthy & Wise group needs to be sought as funding is coming to an end in March.	31 March 2013	
	Fences heightened and kissing gates installed between Ash Place & Hazel Place	31 March 2013	
	Welfare Reform Awareness Raising	31 March 2013	

Significant Current Workstream Risks:

ID	Date Raised	Description (clearly highlight impact)	Owner Initials	Countermeasure(s)/Contingency	Status <small>Delete as appropriate</small>
		None			

Decisions Required from the Cardiff Partnership Board:

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Author Sign-Off and Assurance:

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