

 West Mercia POLICE		POLICY
Security Classification	OFFICIAL	
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POLICY TITLE	Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)
POLICY REFERENCE NUMBER	WMP162
Version	1.0

POLICY OWNERSHIP	
DIRECTORATE	LOCAL POLICING
BUSINESS AREA	TERRITORIAL POLICING

INITIAL IMPLEMENTATION DATE	May 2021
NEXT REVIEW DATE:	May 2024
RISK RATING	LOW
EQUALITY ANALYSIS	LOW

West Mercia Police welcome comments and suggestions from the public and staff about the contents and implementation of this policy.
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1.0 POLICY OUTLINE

Tackling anti-social behaviour (ASB) is a key priority for West Mercia Police in protecting communities from harm. We understand the serious impact ASB has on individuals and communities and the need to deal with incidents effectively.

We will focus on reducing harm through protection and support for the victim through taking account of victim needs, making assessments of the harm caused and encouraging those suffering to come forward. This will be balanced by utilising appropriate enforcement tools to deal with offenders involved in the commission of ASB.

This policy aims to ensure a consistent and effective approach to tackling all aspects of ASB. The overriding aim is to identify those who are vulnerable, including repeat victims through effective assessment, and ensure that every possible action is taken to protect them from harm.

The policy is underpinned by procedures designed to provide clear direction for all staff. This Policy applies to all incidents of anti-social behaviour dealt with by West Mercia Police.

2.0 PURPOSE OF THE POLICY

- To provide a framework to prevent ASB
- Introduce a system that allows consistent assessment of risk and vulnerability of the victim.
- Reduce vulnerability of victims
- Identify those individuals and groups who cause ASB and deliver joined up services to reduce re-offending
- Increase the amount of intelligence and analysis to help target offenders
- Create an effective structure to integrate the contribution of partner agencies
- Develop protocols across partnerships to help provide a shared perspective and increased accountability
- Comply with national guidelines for recording all incidents
- Raise confidence and satisfaction of communities.

2.1 Application and Scope

All police officers and police staff, including the extended police family and those working voluntarily for West Mercia Police must be aware of, and are required to comply with, all relevant policy and associated procedures.

The Chief Superintendent for Policing Herefordshire, Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin, and Worcester is the force lead for Anti-social Behaviour.

2.2 Outcome Evaluation

Outcomes should reflect the specific objectives and be measured against these on a routine basis.

Governance arrangements will include participation by partner agencies.

3.0 IMPLICATIONS OF THE POLICY

Financial and training requirements:

- Costs are being kept to a minimum with the core activities being incorporated into everyday business and working practices.
- Partnership working is a core element to the procedures to be followed by officers.

4.0 CONSULTATION

Consultation has taken place with the Critical Friends group.

<i>Business Lead Consulted</i>	<i>Date Consulted</i>
Supt LP	May 2021

The following organisations have been consulted during the development of this policy and procedural document:

Community Safety Partnerships at Shropshire County Council, Hereford County Council, Telford County Council, Worcester, Wychavon, Malvern, Bromsgrove and Redditch, Wyre Forest.

5.0 DOCUMENT HISTORY

Date	Author / Reviewer	Amendment(s)	Approval / Adoption
		Previously approved at JNCC meeting	JNCC 08/08/2016

April 2021	R Bailey	Reviewed, minor wording change reverted to West Mercia Policy	May 2021
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6.0 PROCEDURE

See separate document.

7.0 ASSESSMENT AND ANALYSIS

The Equality Analysis (EA), Health & Safety (HAS) and Risk Assessment (RA) associated with this document are available on request.

8.0 MONITORING / EVALUATION

The monitoring and review of this policy is the responsibility of the policy owner.