

# All Wales School Liaison Core Programme

# AWSLCP 2016/17

## Annual Progress and Impact Report

The AWSLCP is unique in offering crime prevention education and supportive policing practices to every school child in Wales.

A team of 65 dedicated police officers from the four Police Forces of Wales have worked alongside teachers and others to educate and safeguard children.

In total in 2016/17, **19,000 lessons** were delivered to children from the age of **5 years to 16 years** of age.

Further to this **4,303** children were prevented from entering the criminal justice system as the incidents were disposed of by the **school crime beat policy**.

Our School Community Police Officers (SCPOs) have delivered **lessons and short presentations** on topics such as **substance misuse, domestic abuse, knife crime and weapons, child sexual exploitation (CSE), anti-social behaviour (ASB) and bullying**.

The SCPOs and staff have worked hard to ensure that the aims of the Programme are met and to keep young people safe.

The aims of the Programme are

to **educate** children and young people about the harm substance misuse can cause to their health, their families and the wider community

to promote the principles of **positive citizenship** through the medium of education

to achieve a **reduction** in the levels of **crime and disorder** within our young communities



The SCPO is a **key contributor** to school life in both **primary and secondary schools**.

September 2016 saw a new model of delivery introduced across Wales. There have been some challenges in adjusting to the 50% lesson delivery and 50% safeguarding model; however, SCPOs have been successful in key aspects of their role.

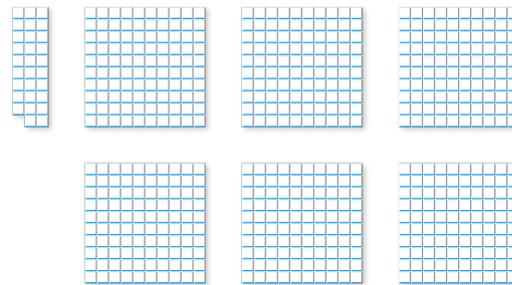
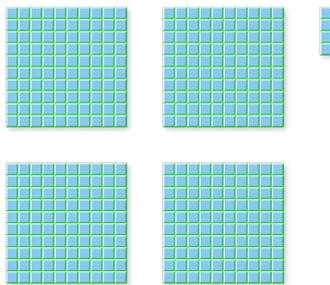
Children and young people have been supported and protected, informed and given accurate facts presented in a lively and engaging way. Children and young people have been given advice and strategies to help them deal with challenging and sometimes dangerous situations. They have also been signposted to help and advice from National and Local agencies and organisations.

The role of governance has been crucial to maintain a clear focus. The steering group's support for the Programme and the projects that have taken place has ensured that the terms and conditions of the Welsh Government's grant funding are met.

The Programme's public engagement is handled through the **SchoolBeat.org** website and through social media on Twitter. Our channels have all experienced increases in traffic over the academic year. The resources available are used by teachers and educators, pupils and parents alike.

### SchoolBeat: Website Pages Viewed

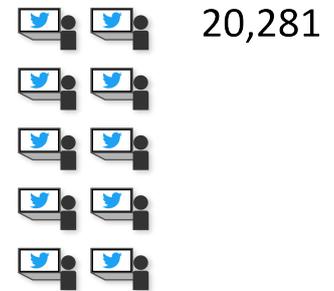
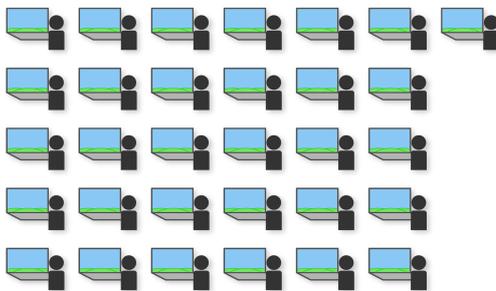
### Messages Viewed



### SchoolBeat: Website Visits

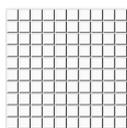
### Twitter Profile Visits

62,159



 = 2,000 visits

 = 1,000 views

 = 100,000 views

## Our Mission

Our mission is to safeguard, promote wellbeing and prevent young people from entering the criminal justice system in Wales. We do this as a result of a unique **partnership** between the Government of Wales, the four police forces of Wales and Education. Crime prevention and safeguarding deliveries enable children and young people to **build a relationship with their school's officer** and to receive accurate, corporate and credible messages that equip them to make informed choices.

# Our Vision

Police safeguarding the children of Wales through crime prevention education.

# Our Impact

Children and young people in schools across Wales are enabled to:

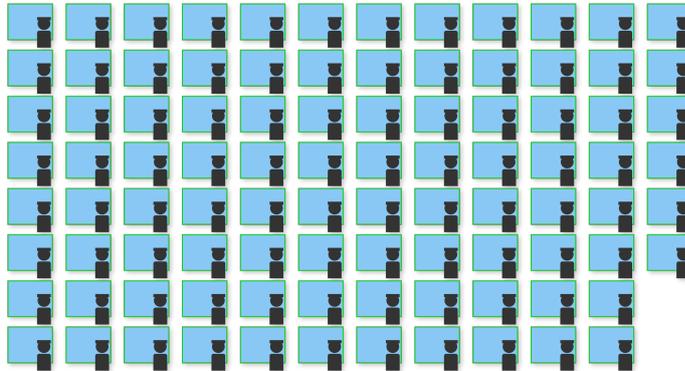
- make informed decisions about their behaviour
- have positive relationships with Police Officers
- stay safe
- build personal resilience
- get help and advice from support agencies and services

We measure this activity by regularly reporting on the number of lessons delivered, the number of restorative practice actions and the number of safeguarding referrals submitted by the SCPOs and by carrying out a quantitative and qualitative evaluation of the service provided, focussing on the voice of the child through focus groups and interviews.

## Lesson Delivery: Wales and by Police Force Areas



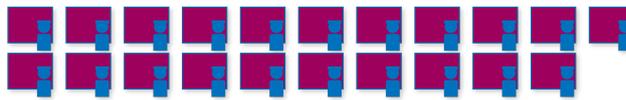
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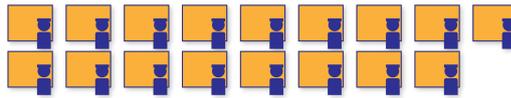
 = 200 Officer Lessons



4,109



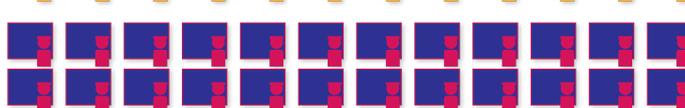
3,469



6,450



4,773



# Lesson Delivery: by Topic

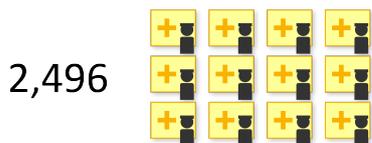
## Substance Abuse Awareness



## Personal and Cyber Safety



## Behaviour and Community



## How we helped tackle Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Abuse (VAWDASV Wales Act 2015)

On this topic we have delivered **9,694 safeguarding lessons** and reached **231,559 pupils**.

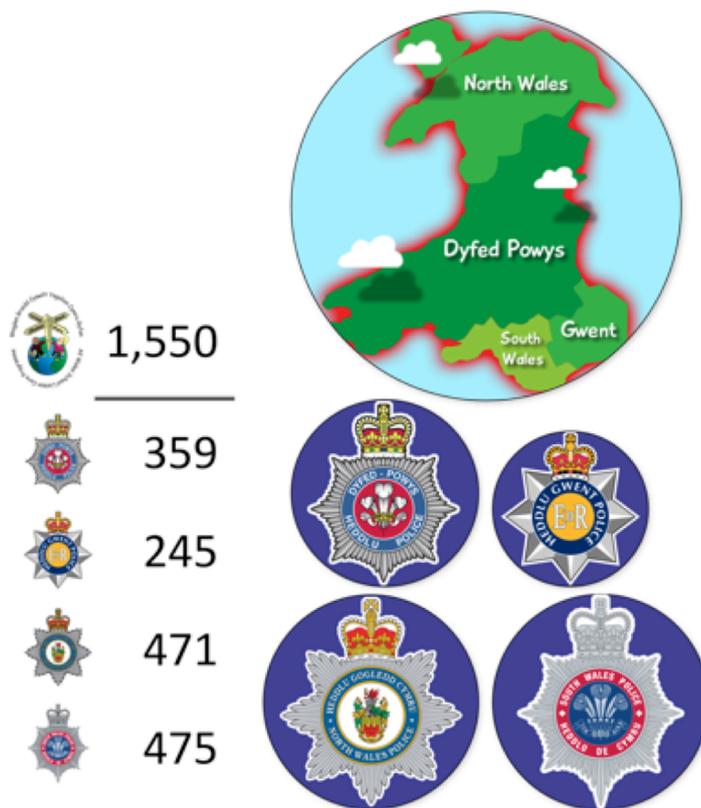
The lessons follow a spiral curriculum and are designed for pupils from 5 to 16 years of age. They have focussed on **understanding the issues, spotting the signs, staying safe, making positive decisions** and ensuring pupils know **who they can go to for help**.

## How we support Cyber Safety

We have actively supported National events such as Safer Internet Day, engaging with pupils in both primary and secondary schools across Wales and promoting the day on our social media channels.

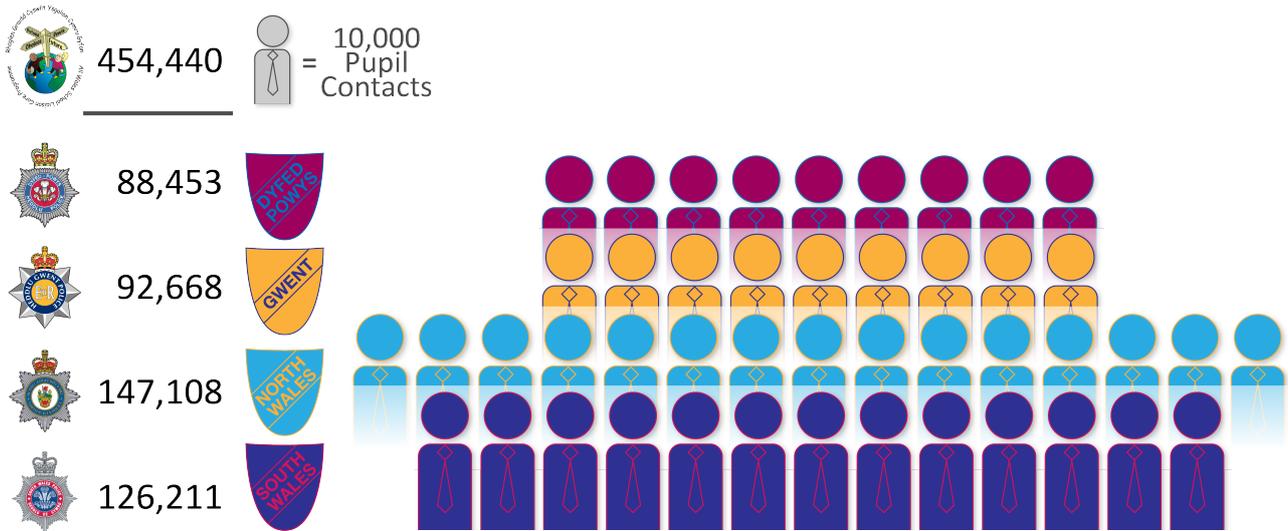
We have also delivered a total of **3,578 lessons on Internet safety**. Lesson deliveries have been supported by **931 assemblies** to whole year groups and Key Stages in response to local need, threat and harm.

## School Access: Wales and by Police Force Areas



Area of each circle is proportional to number of schools accessed

# Pupil Contacts: Wales and by Police Force Areas



## How we have contributed to reducing the impact of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)

ACE research has provided professionals with an evidence base on which to build effective prevention intervention. The AWSLCP has responded to the findings of the ACE agenda by providing universal prevention education in all schools in Wales. A key feature of our Programme is to develop the skills of children and young people to make positive choices. The SCPOs have been helping pupils to develop the confidence to resist peer pressure and make their own minds up about some of the ACEs such as substance misuse, alcohol, relationships, risky behaviour and offending.

## How we deal with Sexting

The most popular safeguarding delivery by SCPOs in Wales was our **Key Stage 3 lesson** tackling sexting, Risky Pics.

We reached **30,263 pupils** in the course of **1,243 lessons** across Wales.

## How we have tackled Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation (CSA/CSE)

We have ensured that the SCPOs have been trained so they can interact with children and young people in a sensitive and appropriate way. Their training and experience as police officers has enabled them to actively **protect 734 pupils** through making direct safeguarding referrals.

Our dedicated **Key Stage 3 CSE lesson**, Dangerous Deception, was delivered to **19,339 pupils** during 2016/17. In response to inputs from partners in education and welfare, this lesson was adjusted from a KS4 delivery to target pupils 13 years of age and older.

# Supportive Policing Activities

SCPOs have carried out their Supportive Policing role alongside their deliveries in schools. The main focus of the role has been to deal with incidents occurring in the school using the School Crime Beat policy and to safeguard the children and young people working in partnership with schools.

## Supportive Policing: Wales and by Police Force Area School Incidents



4,303

= 50



871



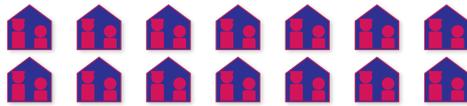
1,311



1,442



679



## Restorative Approach / Restorative Justice Sessions



1,546

= 50



DPP 267



GWP 721



NWP 236



SWP 322



SCPOs play an active role in their Neighbourhood Teams, often making an unique contribution based on their knowledge and relationship with the children and young people they have worked with in their schools.

An example of how this unique relationship has contributed directly to policing was noted in a south Wales town during Operation BANG. The SCPO reported the following:

*“It was Halloween. We had been on general patrol and had already spoken to various groups of youths reminding them to be safe and to consider others.*

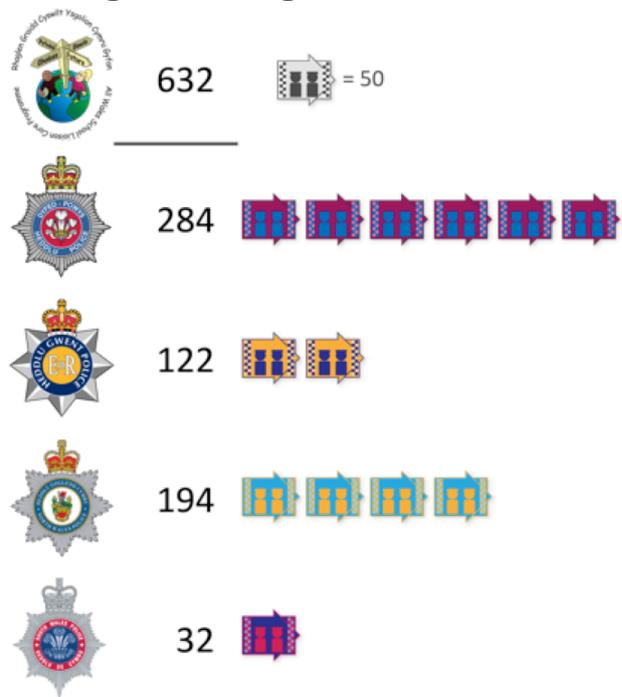
*“However, after attending a vulnerable elderly female having her house egged, it was decided that a firmer tone needed to be adopted!*

*“We drove up to the first large group of teens nearest the incident who started walking away when they saw us. I got out of the car and got the group’s attention by asking the closest ones to call their friends in too. They immediately stopped walking, called after their friends further ahead and all returned to me. They had a firm but fair chat, and I said their group was too large asking them to split up into groups of six or smaller. They immediately did as asked.”*

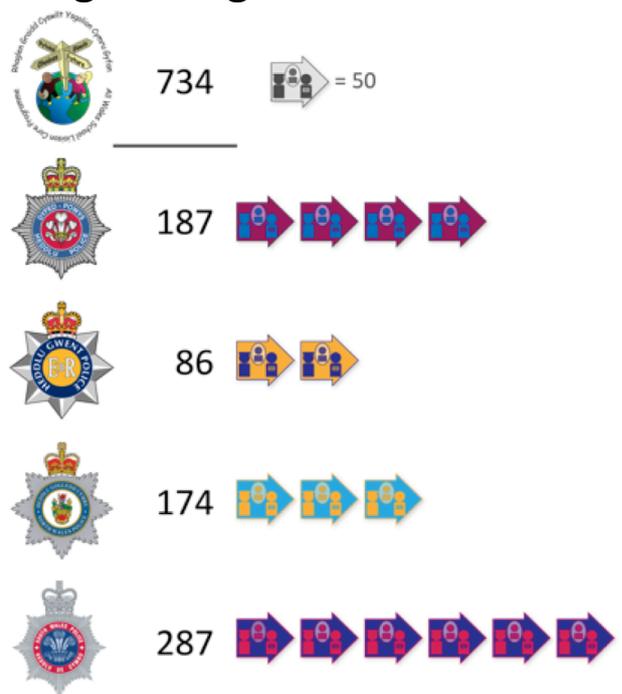
— School Community Police Officer (November 2016)

The SCPOs benefit from the relationships they have built with young people in schools. This enables them to make a positive impact among young people outside school hours and contribute to local neighbourhood policing in a positive way.

### Intelligence Logs



### Safeguarding Referrals



# Impact and Influence

We asked pupils in Year 6 and 8 how activities from our Programme had affected them.

## ■ Developing knowledge

I learned not to do drugs as the consequences are serious

— Year 8

Our Police Officer taught us how to stay safe outside

— Year 6

I have learned that cyberbullying is a type of bullying

— Year 6

You should tell a trusted adult – even if it is Childline

— Year 6

We learnt about knives and weapons and that you shouldn't carry weapons for self-defence

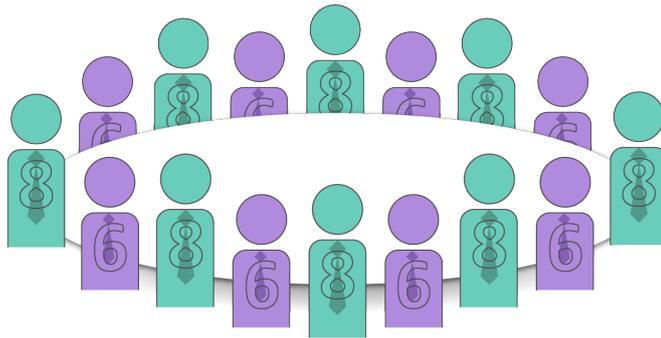
— Year 8

We learned facts about CSE

— Year 6

If you drink too much you can't control yourself

— Year 8



## ■ Developing understanding

Not everyone is to be trusted

— Year 8

Alcohol slows the body down

— Year 8

Don't touch... tell!

— Year 6

I know the risks from drinking alcohol

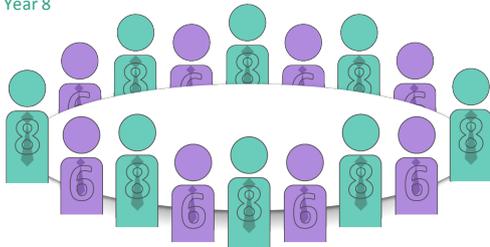
— Year 8

I now understand what sexting is all about

— Year 8

We feel safer and have the confidence to know what to do

— Year 8



## ■ Developing skills

Had talks about relationships... will be more careful [after] No Means No lesson with PC Mel last time

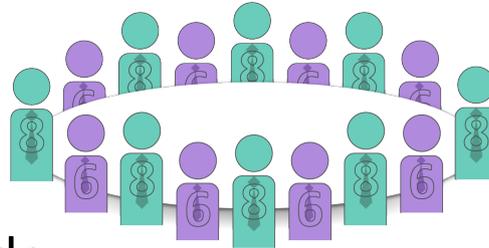
— Year 8

I used to think I couldn't stand up for myself to bullies

— Year 6

I know how to look after myself

— Year 6



We can... recognise the signs when something is wrong [CSE lesson]

— Year 8

## ■ Positive attitude

Our attitude towards the Police is different – they are the people who help you

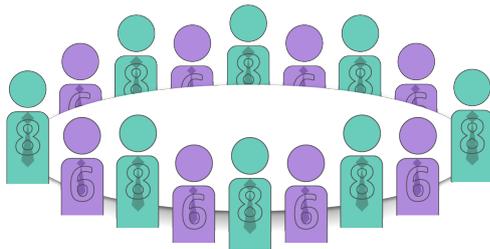
— Year 6

My opinions have changed... Not so nervous and more comfortable meeting the police

— Year 8

Be careful around drugs

— Year 8



A definite no to drugs – our attitudes have changed

— Year 6

Made me think twice about taking cigarettes and alcohol

— Year 6

The lessons empower us to safeguard ourselves against issues in the future, e.g. NPS

— Year 8

## ■ Positive behaviour

[After my lesson] I would stick up for someone that was bullied

— Year 6

I know what to do if I have a problem online

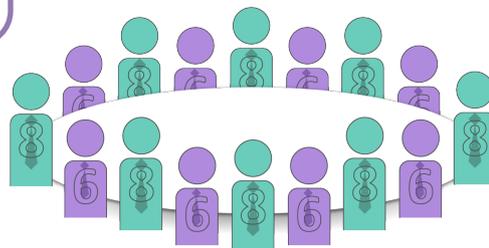
— Year 8

I would tell a trusted adult if something happened that was not appropriate

— Year 6

Our police officer tells us how to stay safe

— Year 8



The lessons make us better citizens who will not break the law

— Year 8

I am more likely to stand up and listen to a Police Officer about safety. Teachers could not deliver these lessons

— Year 6

I will talk to the police

— Year 8

# Engagement

We engaged with children, young people and their families at the Urdd Eisteddfod in Pencoed, South Wales, in May, an event which draws schools from across Wales, and in August at the National Eisteddfod in Bodedern on the Isle of Anglesey, North Wales.

The colourful stalls were staffed by SCPOs and Programme staff.

Thousands of children and their families called at the stalls, asked questions, took selfies with Tarian our mascot and enjoyed learning about our work.



In the Urdd Eisteddfod in south Wales it is estimated that 7,000 visitors stopped and chatted to our SCPOs and staff. Children were keen to have their faces painted with our Tarian the friendly dragon! In total, there were 20,000 visitors to the North Wales Police stall over the 10 day period of the National Eisteddfod in August.

We used social media channels to:

- Promote the work of the AWSLCP
- Raise awareness of national campaigns such as Anti Bullying Week, Safer Internet Day, White Ribbon day, FGM Awareness day, Be A Nice Guy, Grass Fires, Hate Crime Awareness day, Alcohol Awareness Week, National CSE Awareness day.
- Share the daily activity of the Programme Managers and the SCPOs
- Present key safety and safeguarding messages
- Promote the work of our partners

Through our Twitter accounts, our messages reached the public over 600,000 times, with over 2,000 direct visits to our profile page.

Our Motivating Our Youth (MOY) summer activity project has taken place in Gwent this year. A total of 124 young people who were first time offenders, those on the cusp of offending and others who were vulnerable participated in an exciting and challenging week's activity project supported by partners from the Torfaen Youth Service and the Fire Service.

The children were given opportunities to learn and to build relationships with each other and the police officers and other staff running the week.



One of the young people captured the general response of the group,

*“...He loved the week, it was fun and it taught him how to be good because if he wasn't then he'd be sent home and wouldn't be allowed to continue on the course. He said it made him listen more. He's desperate to be chosen to go on it again next year.”*

Our partners in education have noted the impact of the engagement with young people and families. The head teacher of a participating school reported:

*“The family were delighted that James was chosen to attend the MOY activities this year. It made a positive impact on James because this was the first year since he joined high school that he hasn't been in any trouble with the Police. Also there was a marked improvement on his behaviour too.*

*“Thank you for selecting our students. We hope MOY continues because we would like to continue to refer our pupils to participate.”*

— Head Teacher of a participating Gwent Secondary School

## Meeting the Police and Crime Commissioners' Priorities

We have responded to the priorities set out by the four Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs) of Wales. All four Crime Reduction Plans focus on common themes such as safeguarding, crime prevention, tackling Anti-Social Behaviour, and working to protect the vulnerable.

The PCCs have agreed to fund a new lesson for year 6 children which will be available for schools in 2017–2018. The lesson has also been supported by Welsh Government and will contribute to developing a spiral of learning on the topic of Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) and illustrates the strength of partnership working we enjoy.

## Working with our Partners

Partnership work has been further developed and strengthened this year. We have worked with many organisations nationally and regionally in each police force area.

*“Effective use of the Schools Community Police Officer programme to educate young people re Modern Day Slavery, Domestic Abuse, Honour Based Violence etc.”*

— Her Majesty’s Inspectorate of Constabulary and  
Fire & Rescue Services: Dyfed Powys Police (June 2017)

*“The Police will not deal with terrorism and extremism alone. Partnerships are fundamental in combating and reducing the threat, risk and fear of attack. Our strong partnership is meeting its aims and objectives of enhancing a security and safety culture for our schools across Wales and is leading and driving forward initiatives to make the learning environment safer for pupils and staff.”*

—Wales Extremism and Counter Terrorism Unit (2017)

*“Thank you for giving us the opportunity to work in partnership with you to raise awareness to both staff and young people about the issues regarding ‘Sexting’. The training provided by your organisation enabled youth practitioners within our Youth Service to cascade the key messages highlighted by your team to young people who access our service.”*

— Corinne Fry, Youth Service Manager, Neath Port Talbot

*“To have the ability to link in with SchoolBeat across Wales has been invaluable to us as a charity. They are clearly committed to working in partnership to safeguard children in Wales.”*

— Bethan Hodges, Partnerships Coordinator,  
Missing People: Runaway Helpline



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people**

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Rhannu**  
**NSPCC**  
**Share Aware**

**stop it now!** Cymru  
Wales  
Together we can prevent **child sexual abuse**

**fearless**  
.org

*“Crimestoppers Wales is delighted to work closely with AWSLCP on the national roll out of our youth scheme Fearless including working in partnership to encourage young people to speak up about crime.*

*“The national coordinator plays a vital role in providing a youth perspective on the Crimestoppers Wales National Committee.”*

— Ella Rabaiotti, Wales Regional Manager,  
Crimestoppers

*“Stop it now! Wales is pleased to be working in close partnership with South Wales Police whose support has contributed greatly to our work in preventing child sexual abuse/exploitation across Wales.”*

— Claire Short, Senior Coordinator,  
Stop It Now! Lucy Faithfull Foundation

*“We have worked closely with the AWSCLP for a number of years now and have found partnership working invaluable in raising awareness of Online Safety, this year work has included a high profile event in the [Welsh Government] Pierhead, consulting with young people on sexting and inputting to the development of our Stop Time Online Anti-Online Grooming Activity pack.”*

— Ruth Mullineux, Policy and Public Affairs, NSPCC

*“Partnering with SchoolBeat has allowed us to combine resources to promote vital messages to young people, whilst raising awareness of both our services.”*

— Arielle Tye, Meic Cymru

  
**www.meiccymru.org**  
**080880 23456**

*“Spectrum really values the relationship we have with the Police School Liaison Programme and the partnership working that we are able to carry out in schools across Wales due to the fact that we are in essence delivering and therefore reinforcing the same messages to children and young people in a complimentary fashion.”*

— Rosalyn Evans, Spectrum Project Manager



*“Working in partnership has no doubt enhanced the work we do with young people and enabled the Community Safety team to deliver effective and innovative initiatives throughout the county.”*



— Sian Morris  
Safer Neath Port Talbot Community Safety Partnership

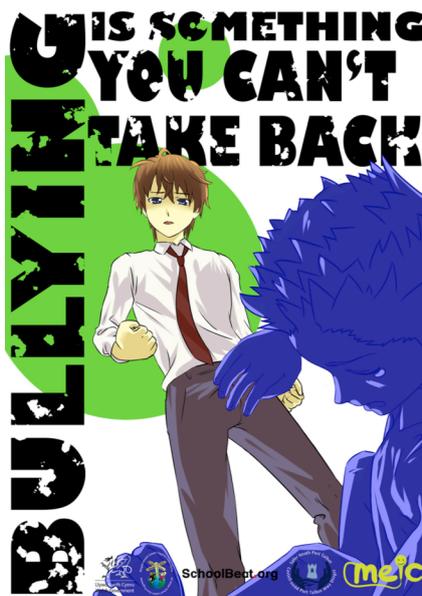
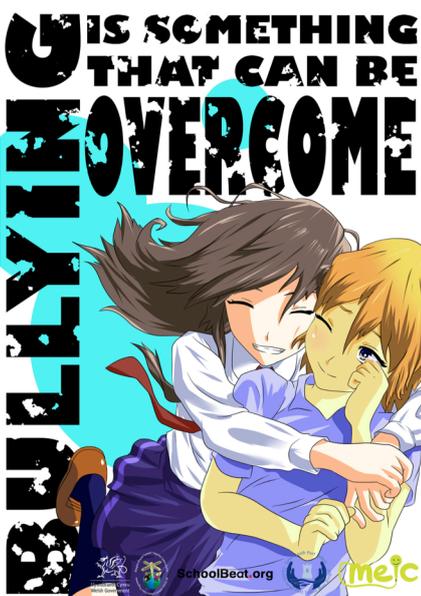
*“PC Zoey is an excellent role model for our pupils and is respected and trusted by the young children she works with. This respect and trust extends beyond the school gates and into the wider community.*

*“The fact that PC Zoey is a uniformed police officer is also important and adds to her credibility and status. As well as helping pupils, parents and the community she is also an invaluable source of help and guidance for all staff.”*

— Head Teacher of a participating Primary School

*“Our SCPO is an integral part of the school and in addition to delivering lessons he is an invaluable source of advice and help when dealing with difficult issues, both within the school and the wider community. PC Paul is viewed as a trusted and respected source of advice and guidance.”*

— Head Teacher of a participating Secondary School



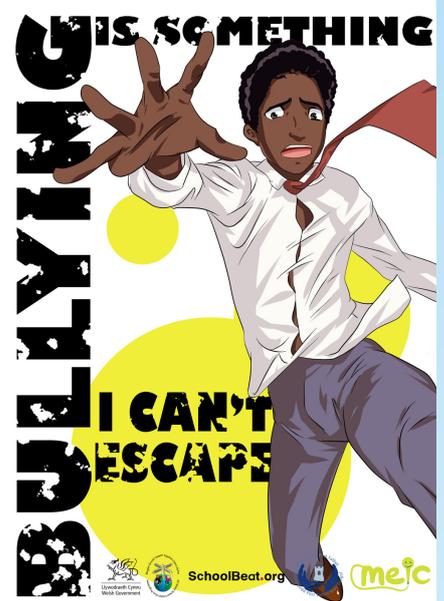
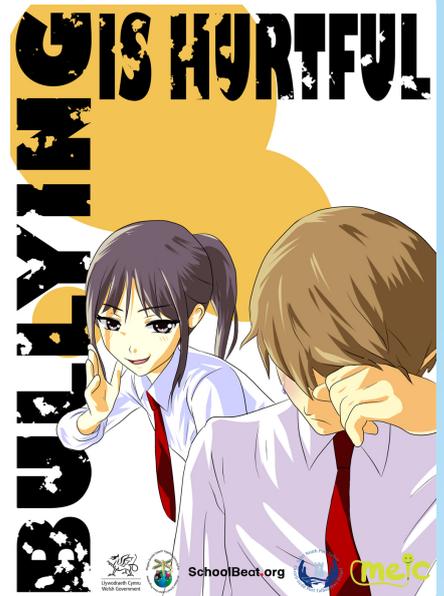
## Awareness

We have supported a number of national awareness days. SCPOs have delivered lessons and assemblies related to the particular national campaign. In Anti Bullying Week our social media campaign of **Bullying is...** reached **216,858 people**, with a core message of **Bullying is everyone's business**.

We listened to children and young people about what bullying meant to them and commissioned an artist to produce the images for our campaign shown here.



Working alongside Meic Cymru who helped us Tweet and post on Instagram and Facebook and ran a competition where children and young people had a chance to express their thoughts on bullying.



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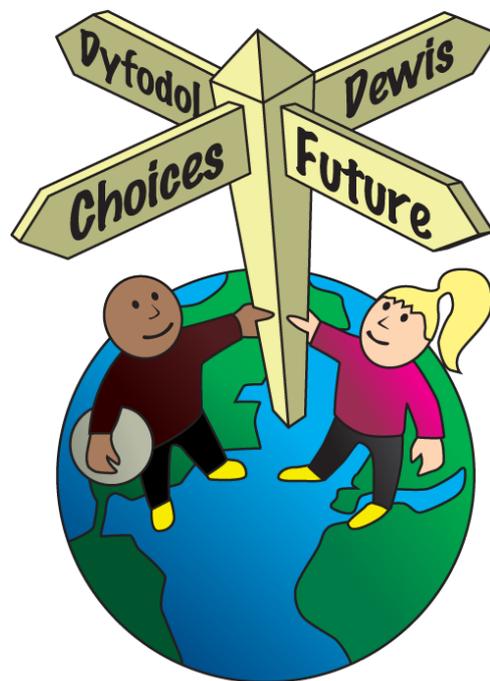
## And Finally...

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All of our achievements rely on the fabulous partnership we are privileged to have with schools in Wales who welcome the SCPOs in to work with the pupils in their care.

The SCPOs are led and managed by a dedicated team of educationalists in each force. These Coordinators/Managers have shown in many ways their commitment to the vision and aims of the Programme. Essential to the smooth running of the Programme is the Web Technical Manager who ensures that the broad base of resources are available to the SCPOs, pupils, parents and teachers.

Programme activities would not be possible without these dedicated individuals.



Police safeguarding the children of Wales  
through crime prevention education.