

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HOME AFFAIRS
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 5th DECEMBER 2022**

Question

“Will the Minister explain what steps, if any, are being taken to address anti-social behaviour and vandalism in locations known in the Island for such behaviour (including Coronation Park, St. Brelade’s Bay and Havre des Pas) and to ensure that any perpetrators below adult age are either adequately supported or appropriately disciplined with consideration for their age and social circumstances?”

Answer

Individual incidents that are reported to the States of Jersey Police (SOJP) are triaged based on a threat/harm/risk assessment but typically responded to initially by SOJP response officers or Honorary colleagues.

The Community Policing Team (CPT) are responsible for identifying any patterns where repeat problems have arisen, or where we predict patterns may emerge based on previous trends or prevailing circumstances.

In these cases, the highest priority areas are managed using a Problem-Solving Plan where dedicated officers assess the problem, the people involved and the presiding circumstances and then work with a range of partners to reduce and remove the harm caused in that location. This includes close working with the relevant Honorary Police force for the area, who are key partners in addressing these issues.

There has been some success in all the locations referred to by the Deputy. In fact, when comparing 2022 to the same period last year (Jan – Sept incl) we have seen a 36% reduction in youth crime across the island, much of this reduction through problem solving initiatives.

Whilst not an exhaustive list, the Community Policing Team and their colleagues across the SOJP response teams have and continue to use the following tools / tactics:

- Dedicated foot patrols at key times (coordinated with Honorary Police patrols)
- Jersey Youth Service outreach and Jersey Sport interventions
- Local business leads being proactive to reduce alcohol accessibility
- Services such as Liberty bus, lifeguards and business owners flagging to Community Officers when groups first start to gather, to pre-empt antisocial behaviours
- Installation of Police CCTV, and upgrades of privately owned CCTV and lighting
- Target hardening advice provided to repeat victims of antisocial behaviour
- Social media campaigns promoting greater accountability by parents
- Proactive use of powers of alcohol confiscation under the Liquor (Restrictions on Consumption) (Jersey) Law
- Early liaison with the Law Officers Department to facilitate prosecution where appropriate ensuring it is at the right level (Parish Hall or Youth Court or Magistrates Court) -completed in partnership with other Government departments.
- Appropriate focus by School and Youth Focus (SaYF) Officers who work in all our Schools and attend Youth Clubs to discuss ASB - main aim being that of education and prevention