

Durham City SWaN Project

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Safety of Women and Girls Strategy

- Sarah Everard death on 3 March 2021 and many others – concerns around day to day lives led to
- ‘Call It Out Survey’ – April to May 2021 (1295 responses)
- 33% responses from Durham (Darlington 13%) and residence area was split 60:40 urban and rural
- 99% female with age profile split fairly
- 70% felt unsafe in City Centres, 49% in local neighbourhood and 46% in a pub, club or bar
- Concerns included harassed, followed, attacked whilst alone males and being spiked



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SWaN = November/December 2021

4 key deliverables before 31 March 2022:-

- SWaN Hub Coordinator – Jacqui Toase, Community Protection
- SWaN Hub (Venue and staff/volunteers)
- Communications ('Step in and Keep Durham Safe')
- Training



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The SWaN Hub @ St Nicholas' Church, Durham

Launched 5 February 2022



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The SWaN Hub

- Open Wed, Fri and Sat 8pm until 3am
- DCC (Community Protection Staff)
- Volunteers (Citysafe Medics and StreetLights)
- 2 x Police 10pm until 3am
- Links with Licensed Premises, Door Supervisors, Taxi trade and Delivery drivers – Pub Watch
- Showsec SIA



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- SSO and Medics often first on scene
- DCC info/intel – Highways, Street Lighting, ASB, Rough Sleeper Team etc
- Fire Safety concerns - premises
- Taxi Marshalls / Claypath Road Closure
- Clean and Green
- Hub Debriefs – counselling
- Police debriefs and intel from trust and being out on patrol
- Female 58.9% Male 41.1% - February to June 2022
- Lockdown impact



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SWaN Hub - Reported Incidents

Total incidents logged since 5 February 2022 to 20 June 2022 = 306

- Assault = 32
- Sexual Offence = 8;
- Drugs related offences = 15
- Concern = 13 (potential suicides)
- 8 claims of being spiked in drink (2 positive tests - taken to A & E and police informed and 6 negative tests = NFA)
- Theft = 0
- Missing persons = 5
- DV = 11
- Other = 222



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Next Steps..

- Funding for Swan ended in March 2022
- The SWaN project has continued to be supported through partnership funding (DCC, City of Durham Parish Council and Durham University) until Sept 2022.
- Further funding ask was included within the Streets 4th round bid submitted by the PCC.



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Safer Streets4 Funding

- The PCC submitted four successful bids to the fourth round of the Home Office's Safer Streets Fund amounting to £1,469,169 to invest in safety improvements and crime prevention programmes across County Durham and Darlington over the next two years.
- Investment will concentrate on four key locations: Darlington East and North Road, Stanley and Ferryhill, Peterlee, Durham City Centre and Darlington Town Centre.
- Focus on reducing anti-social behaviour and neighbourhood crimes including burglary.
- In Durham City Centre and Darlington Town Centre, funding will be used to improve the safety of women and girls, reducing the opportunity of violence and street harassment and increasing women's confidence when using public places.



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Safer Streets 4 Funding

The funding bids comprise:

- £146,533 – Stanley and Ferryhill
- £447,660 – Peterlee
- £632,720 – Durham City Centre and Darlington Town Centre

Interventions including free home security, CCTV cameras, upgraded street lighting and additional schemes aimed at meaningful activities for young people.

In Durham City, the funding will be used to extend the work of the SWaN hub which will continue to operate September 2023.



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Any Questions?



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