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Community Support Officers – Deployment Update

I am writing to update the Communities, Equalities and Local Government Committee on the deployment of Welsh Government funded Community Support Officers (CSOs). As you are aware, under the Programme for Government, the Welsh Government has committed to funding an additional 500 CSOs across Wales by September 2013.

Significant progress has been made already and I am grateful for the support of the police forces and authorities. On 1st April 2012 165 Officers (30% of the total number of 545 full time and part time CSOs) will either be deployed or in training which represents a significant achievement. The full 500 FTE CSOs will be recruited, trained and deployed by September 2013.

Attached at Annex A is information on the deployment of CSOs by constituency. This information is provided by the Police forces on a monthly basis and reflects the position as at 16 March 2012. At all times Chief Police Officers retain operational independence and a needs-based analysis may require CSOs to be re-deployed at any time for the optimum benefit of communities across Wales.

I trust the Committee will find this update useful and I will keep you updated on progress in due course.

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Annex A – CSO Deployment Figures February 2012

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Gwent

40 recruits have been trained and deployed in Gwent. Gwent were allocated a total of 101 Full Time Equivalent CSOs but through the recruitment of full and part time officers a total of 146 will be in post by the end of July 2012.

Deployment

The planned locations of all 146 (full and part time) officers once deployed are:

	F/T	P/T
Newport	16	19
Torfaen	8	12
Monmouth	5	14
Blaenau Gwent	12	14
Caerphilly	25	24

Constituency Boundaries

The first 40 recruits that have completed training have been deployed across constituencies as follows:

Blaenau Gwent	7
Caerphilly	10
Monmouth	7
Newport East	4
Newport West	6
Torfaen	6

In Gwent information on deployment by constituency will become available as future CSO training is completed and officers are deployed.

North Wales

North Wales commenced training their first recruits on 30th January and they are due to complete their training at the end of March. All 101 recruits allocated to North Wales will be trained and deployed by the end of July 2012.

Deployment

The planned locations of all 101 officers once deployed are:

Ynys Mon	10
Gwynedd North	10
Gwynedd South	9
Conwy Coastal	9
Conwy/Denbighshire Rural	8
Denbighshire Coastal	14

Flintshire North	9
Flintshire South	8
Wrexham Town	10
Wrexham Rural	10
Community Safety	4 (to provide support across force area)

Constituency Boundaries

Information received from North Wales Police indicates the planned allocation of officers to Welsh Constituencies as follows:

Aberconwy	5
Alyn& Deeside	9
Arfon	10
Clwyd South	13
Clwyd West	11
Delyn	4
Dwyfor Meirionnydd	10
Vale of Clwyd	18
Wrexham	11
Ynys Mon	10

Dyfed-Powys

The first recruits in Dyfed-Powys have completed their training.

Deployment

The planned locations of all 74 officers once deployed are as follows:

Carmarthenshire	27
Pembrokeshire	16
Ceredigion	12
Powys	19

Constituencies Boundaries

Information received from Dyfed Powys Police to date indicates the planned allocation of officers to Welsh Constituencies as follows:

Carmarthen East & Dinefwr	6
Carmarthen West & South Pembrokeshire	5
Ceredigion	4
Llanelli	5
Montgomeryshire	1
Preseli Pembrokeshire	2

Further information on allocations across Constituencies will become available as training is completed and deployment decisions are made.

South Wales

The first recruits are due to start training in South Wales at the end of March. It is anticipated that the full complement of 206 CSOs in the South Wales area will be recruited,

trained and deployed by September 2013. No information is currently available with regards deployment but will be provided as training is completed and deployment decisions are made.

British Transport Police

Training of all 18 British Transport Police (BTP) CSOs will commence on 21st May.

Deployment

The planned locations of all 18 BTP CSOs once deployed are as follows:

Aberdare	6
Rhymney	6
Conwy	6

Constituency Boundaries

Information received from BTP indicates the planned allocation of officers to Welsh Constituencies as follows:

Cynon Valley	6
Caerphilly	6
Aberconwy	6

The stations to which the 18 BTP officers have been posted are within Communities First areas.

