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Department: **Environmental Health**  
Title: **Community Protection Notices**  
Description: **Information on the use of Community Protection Warnings (CPW) / Community Protection Notices (CPN).**

**Request: (As Redacted sent by requestor)**

Q1. Does your local authority have a policy for issuing Community Protection Warnings/Community Protection Notices? If yes, please can this be attached.

Q2. Do you use Community Protection Warnings/Community Protection Notices when there is other legislation in place that could be applied?

Q3. Do you have any systems of oversight to ensure that Community Protection Notices are being used correctly? For example: oversight by a senior officer, or a chance for recipients to appeal the Community Protection Notice within the local authority?

Q4. Does your local authority use pre-written Community Protection Warnings/Community Protection Notices where the issuing officer 'fills in the blanks'?

Q5. How do you apply the 'detrimental effect' threshold required for the issuing of a Community Protection Notice? For example, do you define 'detrimental effect' as conduct that causes nuisance or harm, or conduct that others find very annoying?

Q6. What information about the appeal process is given to Community Protection Notice recipients?

Q7. Is information about Community Protection Warnings/Community Protection Notices that have been issued shared with relevant interested partners, such as housing or police? If so, how is this done?

Q8. What training is given to officers that issue Community Protection Warnings/Community Protection Notices, in terms of content and duration?

**Response: (Response as Redacted sent by service)**

Our answers are as follows:

- Q1 We do not have a policy
- Q2 No
- Q3 Other staff may be involved in the preparation of evidence and drafting of them, but they must be signed by a designated member of staff.
- Q4 We have a template for CPNs and CPWs
- Q5 The Powers given to the Council under the Anti Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014 allow the use of Community Protection Warnings and Notices in relation to a wide range of behaviours that has to:
  - a) be having a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality; and
  - b) be of a persistent or continuing nature: and
  - c) be unreasonable
- Q6 We have not issued any CPNs
- Q7 The ones that the council have issued have bene in conjunction with the local police officer.
- Q8 A days training is delivered by the Mallards Consultancy

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Thank you for your request.

Kind regards

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