

Report to: **Overview and Scrutiny Panel**
Date: **21 November 2019**
Title: **Community Safety Partnership – Annual Report**
Portfolio Area: **Health and Wellbeing**
Wards Affected: **All**
Relevant Scrutiny Committee: N/A

Urgent Decision: **N** Approval and clearance obtained: **Y**

Date next steps can be taken:
(e.g. referral on of recommendation or implementation of substantive decision)

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Recommendations:

That Members identify any issues to be raised at the next Community Safety Partnership meeting.

1. Executive summary

The purpose of this report is to provide Members with the opportunity to scrutinise the work of the Community Safety Partnership (CSP) as defined by Sections 19 and 20 of the Police and Justice Act 2006 and the Crime and Disorder (Overview & Scrutiny) Regulations 2009.

2. Background

South Devon and Dartmoor CSP operates across Teignbridge, South Hams and West Devon and is a statutory partnership.

3. Outcomes/outputs

The CSP is intelligence led and delivers in the context of the Devon Strategic Assessment and also the Police and Crime Plan that is owned by the Police and Crime Commissioner. The CSP continues to focus on the most vulnerable within our community in response to information provided by the Devon Strategic Assessment and any emerging threats or risks.

The CSP works collaboratively across Devon and the Peninsula to tackle issues such as child sexual exploitation, modern slavery, drug misuse, prejudice related crime, preventing violent extremism and domestic violence and abuse.

In 2019/20 the CSP received a £25,000 grant of Safer Communities funding from the PCC via the Safer Devon Partnership, in 2020/21 the CSP will receive the same amount. This funding pays for specific projects, some of which are listed below. The PCC elections will take place in May 2020 so funding after 2020/21 is uncertain.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

Achievements across the whole of South Devon and Dartmoor CSP area

- Developed the South Devon and Dartmoor Sexual Violence and Domestic Violence and Abuse Forum. This is Co-chaired with Splitz. The forum is well attended by a range of agencies and voluntary sector. It has been successful in gaining £5,000 of funding from the Safer Devon Partnership to deliver an older persons toolkit.
- Regular engagement with South Devon MARAC (multi-agency risk assessment conference) to create safety planning for those experiencing domestic abuse in South Devon
- Continue to hold six monthly Community Safety meetings with secondary schools in each district resulting in extremely positive relationships in Teignbridge, West Devon and South Hams. The CSP has also provided funding for campaigns such as "Disrespect Nobody" campaign which ran in secondary schools in each area
- Supported Domestic and Sexual Violence survivors by providing support equipment such as alarms

- Continued close working with Integrated Offender Management and South Devon Police Proactive team around prolific offenders and safeguarding those vulnerable to exploitation. This includes safeguarding visits with Police during County Lines Intensification weeks in May and September 2019
- Delivered information sessions on County Lines and Youth Gangs to a range of organisations including: social care, Exeter Prison, Careers providers, Department for Work and Pensions, Young Devon, Town Councils, Rotary, registered housing providers to understand the implications of County Lines and cuckooing and how to report
- Provision of ASB service across SDD which included discussions about vulnerable adults as part of ASB meeting structure
- Engagement in the Devon and Torbay Prevent Partnership, The Anti-Slavery Partnership, The County Lines strategic meeting for Devon
- Delivered the tenth annual forum event which was held at Rattery Village Hall, attended by 108 delegates showcasing the work of the CSP
- Facilitated raising awareness of Extreme Right Wing symbolism to ensure reporting of any occurrences to Prevent Leads
- Safeguarding at events risk assessment produced for delivery in 2019 and invited to speak at the National Local Authority Event Co-ordinators Conference where we received very positive feedback. Two authorities have approached us to utilise the risk assessment
- Suicide Intervention briefings to partners. 345 pledges were received from a total of 82 different organisations. 78 people attended the half day Safetalk training which was held in Totnes and Newton Abbot
- Following feedback after the last round of Overview and Scrutiny meetings the CSP two hour briefing sessions to allow Members to have a greater insight into the workings of the partnership. These were well attended in each District and the feedback was positive
- The CSP has supported the development of the Adolescent Safety Framework for Devon. This framework is being led by Devon Children's Social Care to address risks from outside of the family
- The CSP lead the South Devon Exploitation Prevention Network which includes Torbay where partners are kept up to date on exploitation risks and reporting is encouraged
- Supported delivery of The Herbert Protocol – a system for helping to locate vulnerable missing people (often used by families of those who live with dementia)
- Presentations have been delivered to the CSP on suicide and this is an area for future work
- Successful in a joint bid to the Home Office for the delivery of the Turning Corners programme to the value of £538,000 which covers

Torbay, Teignbridge and South Hams to address Young Gang Culture

- Continued to share learning with other partners including the Metropolitan Police around Youth Gang Culture

Additional achievements specific to South Hams

- Funding was provided to Kingsbridge Licensed Victuallers Association in order to recalibrate breathalysers used in the night time economy.
- Provision of youth outreach and diversionary activities through CSP - funding was made in Totnes and Dartmouth for the Youth Leisure Nights whilst working closely with Fusion Leisure
- The CSP regularly attends Ivybridge Matters meetings where Town Councillors and Police meet with community representatives such as the Street Pastors and youth outreach providers to problem solve local community safety matters
- The Turning Corners programme is fully supported and facilitated by the CSP in South Hams. The project has created parent support groups in South Hams, works collaboratively with local agencies to identify then divert vulnerable young people away from youth gang culture
- CSP representatives have trained as Dementia Champions, this has led on to the creation of the South Hams Dementia Friendly Forum and the beginning of the framework for South Hams District Council to begin working toward being a Dementia Friendly Council – subject to formal ratification in December 2019

Achievements in Anti Social Behaviour – South Hams

- The monthly ASB meetings continue to be well attended with regular attendance by Police, Registered Social Landlords & South Hams District Council and Mental health teams. At this meeting individuals causing anti-social Behaviour (ASB) are discussed, together with vulnerable adults. This is to ensure that they are receiving appropriate support and that all relevant agencies are aware for safeguarding purposes.
- A possession order was obtained by Devon County Council on an individual living in a caravan in the South Hams area due to anti-social behaviour. Each location the caravan was parked in saw the individual cause anti-social behaviour. The individual was offered help and support in relation to addiction issues and also housing support through SHDC, both of which were declined. Following extensive multi-agency work with Police an application for a Criminal Behaviour Order (CBO) was sought, following a conviction for a burglary. As the Court sentenced the individual to a term of imprisonment, the Crown Prosecution Service decided not to request the CBO. This individual has recently been released from

prison on license, with a condition not to visit certain areas of the South Hams.

- Following extensive multi-agency working between LiveWest, SHDC, and the Police LiveWest obtained an ASB Injunction against a tenant in the South Hams area. The Injunction was breached on a number of occasions. This meant that in addition to the tenant's anti-social behaviour LiveWest obtained a repossession order for the property and the tenant was evicted.

4. Options available and consideration of risk

The CSP has adopted an intelligence led approach and is directed by the findings of the Peninsula Strategic Assessment. Each year a workshop is held which includes representatives from statutory partners to review the Devon Strategic Assessment and agree the projects for the following year. This becomes the Local Delivery Plan. Spend of the budget relates to those priorities agreed annually. Due to the proactive nature of the work it is essential that responses are also made to emerging issues and threats.

A serious emerging threat, established by evidence gathered in locations inside our own area and in neighbouring districts, is co-ordinated groups of youths perpetrating ASB. The CSP is likely to prioritise and invest significant resource next year in co-ordinating partner interventions to reduce this activity and safeguard young people against this threat.

5. Proposed Way Forward

The main considerations for members include –

- The Chief Constable of Devon and Cornwall Police has a mission statement to detect and prevent crime; protect the vulnerable and reduce crime. This creates a clear focus on safeguarding. This approach is mirrored in the priorities of the CSP.
- The CSP will continue to engage all statutory partners in the development of the Local Delivery Plan which sets out the work of the CSP directed by the Peninsula Strategic Assessment.

6. Implications

| Implications | Relevant to proposals Y/N | Details and proposed measures to address |
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| Legal/Governance | | The CSP works under several sections of legislation including – Crime and Disorder Act 1998 |

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| | | <p>Police Reform Act 2002 Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003 Police and Justice Act 2006 Policing and Crime Act 2009 Section 9 of the Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act (2004). Anti-Social Behaviour , Crime & Policing Act 2014</p> |
| Financial | | <p>2019/20 income to the CSP included a £25,000 grant of Safer Communities funding from the Police and Crime Commissioner via the Safer Devon Partnership and contributions from agencies and income to support specific projects.</p> <p>South Hams District Council costs for 2019/20:</p> <p>Total contribution £ 25,011</p> |
| Risk | | The report is for information and as such there is no risk associated with decisions to set out. |
| Supporting Corporate Strategy | | Communities, Wellbeing and Homes |
| Climate Change – Carbon / Biodiversity Impact | | No direct carbon/diversity impact arising from the recommendations |
| Comprehensive Impact Assessment Implications | | |
| Equality and Diversity | | The CSP addresses issues including hate crime and specific crimes relating to vulnerable members of the community such as distraction burglary. |
| Safeguarding | | CSP staff engage in a number of safeguarding forums and promote effective safeguarding practice in their work. This links to internal Council safeguarding. Currently the Community Safety Specialist is also the Safeguarding Specialist at SHDC. |
| Community Safety, Crime and Disorder | | The report details the many implications on Community Safety of South Hams District Council's engagement in the CSP. |
| Health, Safety and Wellbeing | | The CSP works closely with public health and other partners on health and wellbeing issues including alcohol and licensing. |
| Other implications | | |