

Report to: **Overview and Scrutiny Panel**  
Date: **19 November 2020**  
Title: **Community Safety Partnership**  
Portfolio Area: **Communities – Cllr Hawkins**  
Wards Affected: **All**

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

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

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#### **RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Panel welcomes the contents of the Annual Report and identifies 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.

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.

## 3. Outcomes/outputs

The CSP sets its priorities each March with information from the Devon Strategic Assessment and also the Police and Crime Plan. The CSP also responds to emerging risks.

There is a significant focus on vulnerability and the impact on different types of crime on the victim. The CSP has focused on vulnerability as a key area of work for the last few years.

The outcomes of the CSP are monitored at each meeting through the Local Delivery Plan (LDP) and annually through a performance review with the Office of the Police Crime Commissioner (OPCC).

In 20/21 the CSP received a £25,000 grant of Safer Communities funding from the OPCC via the Safer Devon Partnership. This funding plan is developed alongside the Local Delivery Plan, some of which are listed below.

## KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

### Achievements across the whole of South Devon and Dartmoor area

Priority	Activity
Sexual Violence, Domestic Violence and Abuse (SVDVA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Quarterly SVDVA forums are convened with a range of partners</li><li>• Later in life toolkit was created and launched to partner agencies to address SVDVA in the older population</li><li>• Campaign during COVID to encourage reporting</li><li>• Engagement in Domestic Homicide Reviews</li><li>• Toolkit for parents to support vulnerable young people in relation to behaviours and gender</li><li>• Regular engagement with South Devon</li></ul>

	<p>MARAC (Multi Agency Risk Abuse Conference) to create safety planning for those experiencing domestic abuse in South Devon</p>
Exploitation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• South Devon Exploitation Network – 2 monthly meetings of the network are held to raise awareness of current risks. The meetings were increased to monthly meetings during the COVID pandemic</li> <li>• Attendance at the Devon Anti-Slavery Partnership</li> <li>• Attendance at the Devon and Torbay Prevent Partnership</li> <li>• Awareness raising through the Exploitation Prevention Toolkit – delivered training session to 209 attendees from 58 organisations and received extremely positive feedback</li> <li>• Promotion of the Partnership Information Sharing Form</li> <li>• Prevent Training – to 105 front line staff from a wide range of agencies</li> <li>• Into the Counties – approximately 2800 young people saw a theatre performance on county lines and exploitation within our partner secondary schools</li> </ul>
Drug and Alcohol Misuse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CSP involvement in Operation Moorland to address blue, fake Valium tablets which can cause significant harm</li> <li>• Increased awareness of drugs and alcohol issues within a wide range of organisations through county lines presentations</li> <li>• Strongly linked to work around exploitation</li> </ul>
Changes in Youth Culture / Youth Gang Activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CSP working with WAVE Academy to deliver the Motiv8 programme</li> <li>• Engagement with the Adolescent Safety Framework which reviews contextual safeguarding risks in the individual, peer and school context</li> <li>• Members of Devon Youth Crime Prevention Partnership</li> <li>• Key partner in the Turning Corners project (South Hams and Teignbridge)</li> </ul>
Emerging issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Engagement with agencies to respond to the COVID crisis</li> <li>• Delivery of training to raise awareness of the impact of trauma</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provision of 100 hand held domestic abuse alarms</li> <li>• Supported Suicide Prevention Sessions to Early Years providers across the CSP area</li> <li>• CSP Member briefings as requested at the previous Overview and Scrutiny</li> </ul>
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### **Additional achievements specific to South Hams**

- Ivybridge Community College, Kingsbridge Community College, Dartmouth Community College, King Edward VI Community College, Wave Academy all work closely with the CSP in South Hams. The CSP facilitates and chairs quarterly schools meetings, where safeguarding leads and deputy heads attend in addition to Youth Intervention Officers from the Police, Community Safety office and Youth Services. Local trends and concerns are brought for discussion at the meeting. The CSP has assisted schools with funding for projects such as the Run, Hide, Tell campaign, a Counter Terrorism security campaign.
- Strengthening our links to the schools in the South Hams as highlighted above included one of the projects that the CSP has been involved in this year. "Into the Counties" is a presentation, acted by a theatre company which was commissioned by the CSP. The theatre company presented a production on county lines, exploitation and drugs. The session was followed up with a one hour question and answer session where the actors stayed "in role" and students were able to ask questions. Feedback from these sessions were extremely positive from the colleges. Parents and professionals were invited to an evening sessions held at Ivybridge College.
- The CSP works closely with Devon County Council REACH (Reducing Exploitation and Absence from Care of Home) team, part of the Childrens Social Care. The CSP has engaged in meetings as part of the new Adolescent Safety Framework (ASF) where an issue in the community has been flagged through referrals to Devon County Council. The meeting is held with strategic local partners and reported back into the new framework.
- The CSP has worked closely with Police, particularly in Totnes and Kingsbridge addressing vulnerable people's risk of exploitation within the community. This has seen Louisa working with a specialist police team to engage with vulnerable members of the community.

- The CSP continues to attend South Devon Missing and Child Exploitation (MACE) meetings facilitated by Devon Children and Young People's Service, also South Devon Tactical Tasking meetings and Tactical Incident Management meetings chaired by Devon and Cornwall Police.
- The CSP is working closely with Wave Academy at Dartington by commissioning the Motiv8 scheme for a twelve week period. The programme allows for an individual with lived experience to mentor twelve children once a week. Although early in the project the CSP has already seen positive outcomes.

## **Turning Corners Programme**

Turning Corners was a multi-agency project in Teignbridge, Torbay and South Hams that identified and worked with young people being drawn into crime, violence and exploitation. It was funded by the Home office and ceased in March 2020. Young people were referred into the project from a variety of agencies and were then assessed using the Youth Exploitation Tracking Assessment (YETA). This assessment was based on weighted risk indicators and monitored throughout the project.

The project came from a recognition of escalating youth crime with rises in violence, involvement in the use and supply of drugs, weapon carrying and intimidation. The aim was to create a response to this escalating youth violence by supporting young people through a variety of direct and indirect intervention techniques.

The learning from Turning Corners helped direct the development of the Adolescent Safety Framework (ASF) which is now fully operational in Devon.

Outcomes from Turning Corners:

During the project 144 young people aged between 11 and 18 years old were identified as being at risk. Through the use of the YETA several vulnerability indicators were assessed to help identify what factors made these young people more at risk of violence or exploitation.

- The highest 4 risk factors identified within the project were Low school attendance, being a Suspect or Accused of a low-level crime, having experienced at least one known Adverse Childhood Experience (ACE) and Drug or alcohol use.
- 100 young people did not have an overall escalation in risk, 5 moved out of area, 4 were referred within the last 3 months (too short a time period to monitor progress) and 35 had an escalation in risk – all 35 young people were engaging with at least one professional on a regular basis.
- By the end of the project the number identified as green had increased and both amber and red categories had decreased.
- No young people initially assessed as green or amber escalated into the red risk category.
- The formal evaluation from the Home Office is now not likely to be published until 2021.

The Turning Corners Programme was recently successful in a four year bid from the Office of the Police Crime Commissioner funding, to a value of £225,000 per year.

### **Achievements in Anti-Social Behaviour – South Hams**

- There is continued engagement with the monthly Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) meetings with regular attendance by Police, Registered Social Landlords & South Hams District Council and Mental Health Team. At this meeting, individuals causing ASB are discussed, as are vulnerable adults in the local community. This is to ensure that they are receiving all appropriate support available to them and also to ensure that all relevant agencies are aware. For example as a snap shot the meeting in October 2020 discussed six vulnerable adults and two individuals causing ASB.
- Over the past year 39 individuals were referred into the ASB escalation process. This resulted in:
  - 12 ASB first stage letters being sent to adults
  - 18 youth ASB letters being sent
  - 3 second stage ASB letters being sent
  - 1 Community Protection Notice Warning letter sent
  - Of the 30 first stage letters sent, only 4 were escalated to the second stage
- The Community Protection Notice warning letter (CPNW) was sent to an elderly individual who was approaching females requesting sexual favours. The females he was approaching ranged in age from 15 years old to those in their mid-40's. The male had already been served a CPNW by another Local Authority in the South West with similar concerns. As a result of multi-agency working with SHDC, Police and Adult Social Care, additional support has been put into place through Social Services, meaning that the individual now no longer goes outdoors without support, thus resolving the issue.
- There has been one Community Trigger activation. This was from a resident in the South Hams who was concerned about the way complaints about a neighbour were dealt with both by local agencies. The review meeting found that the complaints had been correctly investigated and acted upon. Following the review meeting a Registered Social Landlord were considering eviction proceedings. In addition further support was given to both the complainant and the perpetrator who was also vulnerable.

#### 4. Options available and consideration of risk

The CSP continues to be intelligence led and directed by the findings of the Devon Strategic Assessment. This document guides the CSP to understand the threat, risk and harm that our communities face.

The CSP produces a local delivery plan in March of each year which also sets the context of the CSP spending plan. However, due to the nature of Community Safety work, the CSP retains flexibility in delivery and strategic priorities in response to emerging issues.

#### 5. Proposed Way Forward

The main considerations for members include –

- 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 Devon and Peninsula Strategic Assessments.

#### 6. Implications

Implications	Relevant to proposals Y/N	Details and proposed measures to address
Legal/Governance		<p>The CSP works under several sections of legislation including –</p> <p>Crime and Disorder Act 1998 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 &amp; Policing Act 2014</p> <p>New legislation expected: <i>Domestic Abuse Bill</i> <i>Serious Violence Bill</i></p>
Financial		<p>2020/21 income to the CSP included a £25,000 grant of Safer Communities funding from the Police 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 2020/21:</p>

		Total contribution	£ 25,011
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/biodiversity 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. 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, licensing and mental health.	
Other implications			