

Report to: **Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

Date: **4th November 2021**

Title: **South Devon and Dartmoor Community Safety Partnership**

Portfolio Area: **Customer First**

Wards Affected: **All**

Relevant Scrutiny Committee: N/A

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

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

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Recommendations:

- 1. That the Committee 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 South Devon and Dartmoor Community Safety Partnership (CSP).

2. Background

The 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 all partners using information from the Devon Strategic Assessment and also the Police and Crime Plan. The CSP also responds to emerging risks. CSP Staff attend fortnightly tactical meetings with Police.

The focus of the CSP is addressing areas where risk of harm is the most significant for our communities.

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

In 2021/22 the CSP received a £25,000 grant of Safer Communities funding from the OPCC. This funding plan is developed alongside the Local Delivery Plan.

The CSP has also been successful in obtaining £900,000 over four years for delivery of the Turning Corners Programme.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

3.1 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">• Quarterly SVDVA forums are convened with a range of partners and are well attended by all.• 'Later in life' toolkit was created and launched to partner agencies to address SVDVA in the older population.• Engagement in Domestic Homicide Reviews, no Domestic Homicide reviews have been undertaken in South Hams during the reporting period.• Toolkit for parents to support vulnerable young people in relation to behaviours

	<p>and gender, online delivery undertaken in April to sixteen families who gave positive feedback and now being considered as a Devon wide initiative.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular engagement with South Devon MARAC (Multi Agency Risk Abuse Conference) to create safety planning for those experiencing domestic abuse in South Devon.
Exploitation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • South Devon Exploitation Network – Two monthly meetings of the network are held to raise awareness of current risks. • Attendance at the Devon Anti-Slavery Partnership. • Attendance at the Devon and Torbay Prevent Partnership. • Continuing to promote the Exploitation Prevention Toolkit. The CSP presented as part of a Devon wide webinar on the impact of COVID on exploitation. The session was massively oversubscribed and further webinars are planned. Excellent feedback was received. • Promotion of the Partnership Information Sharing Form. • Engagement with the Adolescent Safety Framework to safeguard individuals and communities from risk of exploitation and harm. • Working with partner agencies to address concerning rise in hate crime and increase in offensive racist graffiti. • CSP facilitated the child centered policing team and counter terrorism specialists to deliver training directly to safeguarding leads in schools to support them in addressing concerning increases in inappropriate hate language within school environments. • The CSP hosted a training session delivered by the illegal money lending team from Bristol. Training was well received and attended by over fifty individuals.
Drug and Alcohol Misuse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased awareness of drugs and alcohol issues within a wide range of organisations through county lines awareness raising. • Targeted interventions with Students at a South Hams school as part of a multi-

	<p>agency approach.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operation Moorland intelligence briefings around blue pills that were thought to cause harm were circulated to partners.
<p>Changes in Youth Culture / Youth Gang Activity</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CSP working with WAVE Academy to deliver the Motiv8 programme. • Following conversations with schools concerns were raised about increased suicide ideation, the CSP funded Pete's Dragon charity to deliver an online session to school safeguarding leads within two weeks of concerns being raised. • Engagement with the Adolescent Safety Framework which reviews contextual safeguarding risks in the individual, peer and school context. • Members of Devon Youth Crime Prevention Partnership. • Key partner in the Turning Corners project (South Hams and Teignbridge). • Initiatives in schools working with a professional music partner to understand the impact of drill music and youth culture. • Fifty delegates attended training on gangs, youth violence, knives and criminal exploitation. Professionals from agencies including social care, police, secondary schools, NHS and District Council staff benefited from the training. • The CSP developed a pilot project working with the police, a local church and Young Devon to provide a safe place for vulnerable young people who were out and about in the night time economy. Once at the venue they would be safeguarded and directed to support services. The decision was taken to cease the project after the initial three sessions as there were no young people in and around the town centre, the learning and risk assessments are now in place should demand and risk suggest a similar scheme is required within the CSP area.
<p>Emerging issues</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engagement with agencies to respond to the COVID crisis. • Delivery of training to raise awareness of the impact of trauma. Online training

	<p>was delivered over six sessions with a total of 96 delegates attending. Feedback has been incredibly positive and good practice shared with the Devon Trauma network.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision of 100 hand held domestic abuse alarms. • Literature review and engagement with partner agencies to identify best practice for interventions to address weapons and the fear of weapons. • Concern was raised about increasing anti-social behaviour on Dartmoor, the CSP worked with the Police, each Council and officers from Dartmoor National Park to develop a protocol for issuing community protection notices, this is currently under consideration by Dartmoor National Park.
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The annual CSP Forum took place online on the 9/12/20, more than 100 delegates from at least 50 different organisations engaged in the meeting and feedback was incredibly positive.

"Thank you for such an informative morning. The breadth of work is staggering, the attention to local need is excellent and the drive and success of partnership working is encouraging."

"A positive fusillade of information, passionately delivered."

3.2 Additional achievements specific to South Hams

- Provision of Motiv8 sessions at the WAVE academy at Dartington. A mentoring programme was delivered to targeted young people to reduce the risk of criminal exploitation and offending in the community. A focus was also placed on addressing substance misuse whilst providing meaningful engagement for the pupils and increasing school attendance. The programme was impeded by disruptions as a result of COVID, however, there were positive outcomes for a number of students. This approach is now being evaluated into other schools.
- Following best practice from Teignbridge on 11th October the first meeting took place between the Police, CSP and Children Care Home Managers across South Hams and West Devon. The purpose of the meeting is to ensure that care home staff can recognise the signs of exploitation, encourage them to report concerns, increase awareness of support and identify themes for our most at risk young people.

- The CSP has been engaged in Channel Panel multi-agency meetings around individuals where there is concern that they may be vulnerable to radicalisation.
- 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 continues to attend South Devon Missing and Child Exploitation (MACE) meetings facilitated by Devon Children and Young People's Service. In addition, the CSP also attends South Devon Tactical Tasking meetings and Tactical Incident Management meetings chaired by Devon and Cornwall Police.

3.3 Turning Corners Programme

Turning Corners is delivered across South Hams and Teignbridge.

The programme is now fully operational. There is a one day per week Project Lead in place, a full time Impact research Analyst and wider project delivery teams. There is also a Turning corners Implementation Board that is chaired by Becca Hewitt as Chair of the CSP and involves a wide range of partners including Police, Space, Devon County Council and Public Health. The programme consists of three projects

3.3.1 Outreach

Space youth service are delivering sessions at two locations weekly and have included both Kingsbridge and Dartmouth. Covid placed restrictions on the early work but now those are reducing engagement has been good and relationships are being built for future engagement

3.3.2 Moving up together

Supports targeted young people and their families from primary school to transition to secondary school. The two secondary schools that are engaged are Kingsbridge and Coombeshead in Newton Abbot. Currently working with 16 families.

3.3.3 Parent Support groups

Referrals are taking place to identify groups of parents who can engage with the project. Staff are in place and the groups are starting this month.

3.3.4 Evaluation – a Theory of Change, which clarifies the outcomes for the project is being developed to ensure all partners are clear on the

outcomes hoped for by the project. From this an evaluation process is being developed. There will be external evaluations at the end of each year with the full evaluation at the end of the 4 year programme.

3.4 Achievements in Anti-Social Behaviour – South Hams

This report covers the period 1st October 2020 to 30th September 2021

John Ward, the ASB Officer continues to chair a monthly ASB meeting, which is regularly attended by Police, Registered Social Landlords, South Hams District Council and the Mental Health Team. At this meeting, individuals believed to be causing ASB are discussed, together with vulnerable adults. This is to ensure they are receiving all appropriate support and all relevant agencies are aware. As a snap shot the meeting in November 2020 six vulnerable adults were discussed and one individual causing ASB. In September 2021 seven vulnerable adults were discussed and one individual causing ASB.

Over the past year, 20 individuals were referred into the ASB escalation process. This is a decrease of 52% compared to the previous year. Of these referrals 13 came from the Police. One came from Dartmouth, six from Ivybridge, one from Kingsbridge and six from Totnes. These referrals resulted in six ASB first stage letters being sent to adults a decrease of 50%. Four youth ASB letters were sent which was a decrease of 66% and three second stage ASB letters which was the same as the previous year. Of the 20 referrals made only three (15%) were escalated to the second stage and only one was escalated to an Acceptable Behaviour Contract.

There have been three Community Trigger activations. One was from a resident in Dartmouth concerned about the way her complaints about the use of cannabis by a neighbour were dealt with by the landlord, Police and the Council. The review meeting found that the complaints had been investigated correctly. Following the review, the landlord served a notice seeking possession and as a result the offending neighbour is in the process of moving away. The second Community Trigger activation was made by a female resident in Totnes who was concerned about the way the Police and the Council dealt with her complaints about access over a neighbour's garden to her property. The review meeting for this has been set for October 2021 and will be chaired by an independent person. The third Community Trigger was activated by a landlady in Totnes concerning the behaviour of her tenant. After discussion with the landlady, this activation was not accepted as it was more a complaint against Police. However, following intervention, the Officer dealing with the complainant's case contacted her with an update. In addition, following discussions with the Border Force concerning the tenant's immigration status, the landlady decided to evict her tenant

The renewal of Public Spaces Protection Orders concerning the use of alcohol have been approved by the Council.

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. From a day-to-day basis engagement with partner agencies ensures that risk is dynamically managed.

5. Proposed Way Forward

Members consider the report and any issues be taken to the next CSP meeting.

6. Implications

Implications	Relevant to proposals Y/N	Details and proposed measures to address
Legal/Governance		The Council is required by section 19 of the Police and Justice Act 2006 to have a committee with power to review or scrutinise decisions made, or other action taken, in connection with the discharge by those authorities responsible for crime and disorder strategies of their crime and disorder functions. The Committee undertakes that role.
Financial		2021/22 income to the CSP included a £25,000 grant of Safer Communities funding from the Police Crime Commissioner. The staff costs of South Hams District Council contribution to Community Safety Partnership and Anti-Social Behaviour in 2021/22 was £25,011.
Risk		Members consider the report and any risks be taken to the next CSP meeting.
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 exploitation.

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 also has a Safeguarding role 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		

Process checklist	Completed
Portfolio Holder briefed	Yes/No
SLT Rep briefed	Yes/No
Relevant Exec Director sign off (draft)	Yes/No
Data protection issues considered	Yes/No
If exempt information, public (part 1) report also drafted. (Cabinet/Scrutiny)	Yes/No