

CSP Report

Appendix 2

Community Safety Meetings, also known as Multi-Agency Problem Solving meetings (MAPS) are held quarterly at West Devon Borough Council, attended by representatives of the Police (Neighbourhood Policing Teams), council officers representing various departments, Registered Social Landlords, Youth Service and Fire and Rescue Service.

Tavistock Matters and Okehampton Matters meetings are also held quarterly during "out of hours." These meetings are run by the Community Safety Officer and attended by Borough Councillors representing their ward in each town, the local neighbourhood policing team, the antisocial behaviour officer, Town Councillors and Street Pastors (in Tavistock.) The meetings are operational and provide the opportunity for Councillors as public representatives, to share public concerns and unblock local issues. The meetings are well attended by all agencies.

A Phoenix project was held in West Devon in March 2015. The CSP worked closely with Okehampton and Tavistock Colleges and the Police to identify 12 young "troubled" people to take part on the course. The course was held at Tavistock Fire Station and is run by the Fire Service. It provides the opportunity to develop confidence, promote respect with uniformed officers and introduces self-discipline, amongst other skills. There is multi agency input with the Fire Service doing the bulk of the training but also input from Traffic Police Officers and attendees also gained a First Aid certificate. There is a passing out parade at the end of the week's course where parents, teachers and the Mayor of West Devon attended.

A Safety Advisory Group (SAG) is regularly held in West Devon which looks at events being held in the district and any possible crime and disorder implications, for example Chagstock and Goose Fair. Measures are put in place by partners since 2012 have resulted in a reduction in crime and anti-social behaviour.

The Community Safety Partnership continues to raise awareness of safeguarding issues amongst council staff and elected members, through the Safeguarding Guidance Card. The cards were distributed to staff following training input and display relevant contact details. The awareness also included the Prevent (Terrorism) agenda, child and adult safeguarding and Domestic Violence related safeguarding.

The CSP continues to contribute towards county-wide meetings addressing domestic violence and abuse, prejudice related crime, drug and alcohol issues, Devon's response to Novel Psychoactive Substances (Legal Highs) and the Prevent agenda.