

COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP - EXECUTIVE GROUP

Wednesday 13 July 2016

Present:-

Superintendent Sam De Reya	- Devon and Cornwall Police
Simon Bowkett	- Exeter CVS
Richard Clarke	- RD&E NHS Foundation Trust
Denise Dearden	- Trading Standards
Nigel Deasy	- Devon & Somerset Fire and Rescue Service
Councillor Peter Edwards	- Exeter City Council
Karen Gold	- Devon and Cornwall Police
Councillor Rob Hannaford	- Exeter City Council
Simon Lane	- Exeter City Council
Karen Mandefield	- Devon & Cornwall Police
Robert Norley	- Exeter City Council
Melinda Pogue-Jackson	- Exeter City Council
County Councillor P Prowse	- Devon County Councillor
Lisa Rutter	- Devon Youth Service - Exeter, East & Mid Devon
Jo Quinnell	- Jo Quinnell

Apologies:-

Craig Bulley	- The Exeter BID Company
Karime Hassan	- Exeter City Council
Steve Jones	- Youth Offending Service
Gill Unstead	- Public Health Devon
Belinda Brint	- NHS England

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MINUTES OF LAST MEETING - 20 APRIL 2016

The minutes of the last meeting held on 20 April 2016 were agreed.

The current actions were discussed and the action log would be updated and circulated. Further comments were made as follows:

Graffiti

Two offenders had not yet discharged their responsibility, having been given 16 weeks to do so. If they do not discharge their liability they will be prosecuted. One offender had paid compensation.

Further arrests have been made in recent weeks and Karen Mandefield would arrange for some publicity on this.

Councillor Hannaford advised that some joint work had been undertaken as part of the Rugby World Cup asking residents to sign disclaimers in order to remove graffiti from properties. A special paint can also be used which makes graffiti easy to remove if it is in a problem area. This service is provided free of charge.

Discussion was held on whether some covert surveillance could be undertaken in parts of the city but this cannot be undertaken unless there is sufficient evidence. There is only one mobile CCTV camera in operation and this is used for higher risk priorities.

Permissive graffiti walls had previously been debated but felt that it was limited in terms of appeal at that time. It could be explored again by approaching other areas that had graffiti walls in place, and offenders currently in the system could be engaged in discussions as part of their repayment.

Robert Norley reported that the Council had joined with Crimestoppers to gather intelligence as people are happier to report to an anonymous organisation.

Agreed that:

- (1) The Chair make enquiries within the Police on the current position of the two offenders who had not discharged their responsibility and to provide a brief on the position.
- (2) Karen Mandefield to arrange publicity on recent arrests, encouraging people to come forward and how to report incidents.
- (3) Simon Lane and Karen Gold investigate how to positively engage in graffiti art group and look at trying to gain a greater understanding and restorative justice options moving forward.

Modern Slavery

The Chair asked all members to report back to Jo Quinnell on any actions that had been coordinated within their own organisations following the Modern Slavery presentation to ensure messages are getting out.

Exeter Citizen

A half page on Modern Slavery will be included in the Autumn edition of the Exeter Citizen, having been postponed from the Summer edition due to the timing of the EU Referendum.

Following a briefing between Councillors and the Police & Crime Commissioner, it was noted that the consultation on the Police & Crime Plan would also be included in the Citizen.

There was support for the CSP to have a half page feature in future editions of the Citizen to publicise outcomes and priorities. This may be funded through the CSP budget depending on cost. There may also be an opportunity to apply for funding through the Exeter Board to publish the article on modern slavery.

Melinda advised that there may also be an opportunity to publicise modern slavery through the Be Curious campaign.

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CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION - PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION

Lisa Rutter gave a presentation on Child Sexual Exploitation (attached) and also circulated some further information in relation to Exeter and results of an online CSE survey with young people.

It was important to remember that perpetrators of peer exploitation can also be victims.

There are gaps in working with the most vulnerable people and intelligence is being gathered to ensure networks are identified and understood. Some consideration is required on how the CSP can assist in intelligence.

The USA survey on kids in cyberspace found that 25% of teens have sent nude or semi-nude pictures of themselves to others. However, Lisa advised that this was more likely to be a third and is part of the flirting process. There is a particular concern over young people with learning difficulties.

An improved plan is required in dealing with locations of concern, particularly where vulnerable care leavers have been identified at premises, as when it is disrupted, this can often lead to losing sight of vulnerable young people.

Reference was made to the high number of referrals to the MACSE which led to a vetting process. In one month, there are on average 80 people on the missing list for Exeter, East and Mid Devon, the majority of which are the most vulnerable.

A discussion was held on areas of concern in the city where there were links with the homeless community and young people. The police tasking force were investigating concerns over groups coming into the city from other areas.

Lisa advised that it would be useful to share information on the anti-social behaviour list as potential associates of those on the list being exploited.

It was recognised that a high number of submissions are from Social Workers, but they have high case loads and concentrate on the child protection element and do not have the time for education.

The REACH (Reducing Exploitation and Absence from Care or Home) is under review, and the group requested a copy of the results of the review, information on how gaps would be met and the involvement of the Early help process.

REACH do provide a consultation pack for any teachers who are concerned given the limited resources, but it needed to be understood that this is not their specialism. There is a need for a professional to build a relationship and trust until the individual wants to make a change. Schools are becoming much more aware of the MACSE.

Councillor Hannaford advised that he would raise the issue as Deputy Chair of People's Scrutiny Committee at Devon County Council and request cabinet member reports on the REACH review, also raising the issue of the high number of missing children each month.

There are links to MASH (Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub) and child protection in the MACSE and it was suggested that a meeting is required between the two organisations.

An initial one-off meeting would be arranged to discuss issues in the city centre, where intelligence should go and about concerns of the stigma to the homeless community. This meeting will involve young people street workers and St Petrocks amongst others. Lisa would report back to the CSP on the meeting.

Reference was also made to Early Help families and the changes that had been made within that system. The Chair would make enquiries.

Agreed:

- (1) The Chair, with Lisa Rutter to send a letter to REACH requesting results of its review

- (2) Councillor Hannaford to request reports on the REACH review to DCC Scrutiny and raise the issue of the high number of missing people each month
- (3) Lisa to report back to the CSP regarding the joint CSE meeting
- (4) The Chair to make enquiries regarding the current status of Early Help families

20 **FUTURE BUSINESS ENGAGEMENT AND SUPPORT**

As there were no business representatives present today, this would be deferred to a future meeting.

21 **QUESTIONS ON REPORTS FROM WORK STRANDS**

21a **Domestic Family & Sexual Abuse - Melinda Pogue-Jackson**

Melinda Pogue-Jackson presented her report which was noted.

21b **Anti-Social Behaviour - Robert Norley**

Robert Norley presented his report on Anti-Social Behaviour.

There is a need to define what sits within the anti-social behaviour strand, which agency is leading on the issue and how to meet expectations with limited resources. It was therefore recommended that a Strategy be produced to determine these issues.

The group requested more detail on the anti-social behaviour tools set out in the report.

The Police had been faced with delays from the Crown Prosecution Service in the escalation process to obtain Criminal Behaviour Orders (CBOs).

Agreed that:

- (1) Robert Norley produce an Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy for circulation;
- (2) Councillor Hannaford, as Portfolio Holder to write to the CPS regarding delays to the escalation process in obtaining CBOs

21c **Alcohol, Violence and the Night Time Economy - Robert Norley**

Robert Norley presented the Exeter Alcohol, Violence and Night-Time Economy Group Action Plan.

Best Bar None Scheme – The scheme has been very successful and businesses are now raising their own funds to move the scheme forward.

Purple Flag – This is a BID priority and is key to improving the city centre as a clean and safe destination. It is critical that the CSP has good engagement with the BID. The Chair would send a letter to the BID requesting that a deputy attend these meetings if the Chair is unable to.

Interim arrangements were now in place following the departure of the EBAC Coordinator.

Provision of street urinals – discussions are now underway regarding the opening of existing toilets in the city during night time hours. A pilot would be undertaken

for the Musgrave Row and Blackboy Road toilets. This would need to be publicised around the pubs. Concerns were raised over the suitability of the Blackboy Road toilets for the pilot due to its location and other activities that can take place in toilets at night. As part of the pilot, the group felt that consideration should be given to street pastor/police checks on a regular basis.

Helpzone – Due to resources issues, there has been some difficulty in providing appropriate medical cover from South West Ambulance to provide a core service. St Johns Ambulance are unable to practice without a clinician to lead. The scheme had been suspended over the summer as a number of establishments will be closed for refurbishment and the reduction in the number of students over this period.

The Portman Group would be engaged to provide some cost benefit analysis. Swansea had found savings of £200,000 per year. Around 60% of people helped required medical assistance and only 7% of those had to be taken to A&E.

There was overwhelming support from the Partnership for this scheme, and other options may need to be considered. However, the results of the analysis from the Portman Group will strengthen any argument prior to writing to ICE.

Richard Clarke would also contact Belinda Brint regarding the support of this scheme from nurses.

Agreed:

- (1) The Chair write to the BID requesting that a deputy attend the CSP meetings if the Chair is unable to do so.
- (2) Richard Clarke to enquire via Belinda Brint if the scheme is supported by nurses
- (3) Simon Lane to enquire if Richard Clarke is included on the operational plan for Freshers Week.

21d Vulnerability/Cyber Crime - Denise Dearden

Denise Dearden presented her report on vulnerability/cyber crime.

A free event would be held at Sandy Park on 13 October to discuss how businesses can deal with cyber crime. The Chamber of Commerce and Devon & Cornwall Business Council would be present.

If there is an appetite for some separate smaller events around the city, this will be followed up after the event.

Denise would send details to Karen Mandefield for publicity and it would also be advertised through EBAC.

A fake shop would be set up in Cullompton in the autumn which will involve Planet Impact and highlight issues around undermining legitimate businesses, putting people out of jobs, not knowing what products are made of etc.

Councillor Hannaford advised that there were a number of vacant units within the city centre that could be used for this purpose and he would let Denise have the appropriate contact.

All Trading Standards enquiries are now fed through the Citizens Advice Bureau to ensure all complaints are registered on a national database.

Agreed that:

- (1) Councillor Hannaford provide Denise Dearden with a contact for the use of a vacant unit in Exeter for a fake shop.
- (2) Denise Dearden send details of the Sandy Park event to Karen Mandefield for publicity.

21e Partnership Initiatives - Simon Lane

Simon Lane presented the report on Partnership initiatives.

There was ongoing intelligence in relation to car washes and modern slavery/exploitation.

21f Street Attachment Group (StAG)

The Chair presented the report on the Street Attachment Group.

A visit had been made to St Petrocks and Gabriel House on Monday with a view to more of a multi-agency approach.

22 FUNDING MONITORING - SIMON LANE

The funding monitoring report was noted.

23 CRIME FIGURES - SAM DE REYA

The Chair presented the Exeter Crime Figures from June 2015 to May 2016.

There continued to be a steady increase in domestic abuse. It was unclear whether this was as a result of an increase in reporting. Coercive control is now an offence.

Prison leavers are still provided with funding when they leave the gate in line with Human Rights. A supermarket voucher can also be provided if they engage with services and a good number had been resettled, although they were generally lower risk.

Dog related incidents are now included on crime figures.

There had been a reduction acquisitive crime.

Hate crimes had increased nationally post Brexit, although Exeter, East and Mid Devon had not seen a significant increase. It would continue to be monitored.

Karen Mandefield advised that there had been a social media campaign on how to report incidents and diversity teams were also talking to community groups. Melinda advised that the BME Forum would also be discussing issues at a meeting that afternoon, and Karen Gold would identify a police representative to attend.

24 SAFER DEVON PARTNERSHIP - MINUTES OF LAST MEETING FOR INFORMATION

The minutes of the Safer Devon Partnership meeting held on 18 May 2016 were noted.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

(The meeting commenced at 9.30 am and closed at 12.05 pm)