

COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP - EXECUTIVE GROUP

Wednesday 19 October 2016

Present:-

Superintendent Sam De Reya	- Devon and Cornwall Police
Simon Arliss	- Devon & Cornwall Police
Simon Bowkett	- Exeter CVS
Denise Dearden	- Trading Standards
Nigel Deasy	- Devon & Somerset Fire and Rescue Service
Councillor Rob Hannaford	- Exeter City Council
Karime Hassan	- Exeter City Council
Simon Lane	- Exeter City Council
Andrew McNeilly	- Exeter Business Against Crime (EBAC) Partnership
Robert Norley	- Exeter City Council
Melinda Pogue-Jackson	- Exeter City Council
County Councillor P Prowse	- Devon County Councillor
Julie Richards	- Safer Devon Partnership
Gary Thompson	- RD&E NHS Foundation Trust
Philippa Court	- Devon County Council, Early Help Provision
Kristian Tomblin	- Public Health
Mary	- DSVF Forum
Jo Quinnell	- Exeter City Council

Apologies:-

Councillor Peter Edwards	- Exeter City Council
Karen Mandefield	- Devon & Cornwall Police
Lisa Rutter	- Devon Youth Service - Exeter, East & Mid Devon
Gill Unstead	- Public Health Devon

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MINUTES OF LAST MEETING - 13 JULY 2016

The minutes of the last meeting held on 13 July 2016 were agreed.

Anti-Social Behaviour

The CSP had been awarded two successful bids around anti-social behaviour, alcohol consumption and graffiti and further work would be undertaken as to how to map this funding.

Modern Slavery/CSE/Missing Children

Funding had been received for two agency staff posts based within a police environment for a 12 month period to assist in investigating missing people cases more rapidly and pick up areas that can be specifically targeted such as foster carers, childrens homes and other strategic issues.

Councillor Hannaford had requested a report from Devon County Council on the REACH review, the high number of missing children each month, and how this area of work is being approached with other key agencies. The report would be circulated with the minutes.

The Police Intelligence Department had produced a form and email list of contacts to be used for any concerns raised around CSE. This would be circulated for information.

Graffiti

The media release and copies of letters of apology were attached to the agenda and interviews with the press would be held today.

There is now a more coordinated approach and every log is evidenced. However, there is a reliance on residents being vigilant and conversations were being held with community and neighbourhood associations.

£63,000 had been spent on graffiti removal. The joint work undertaken as part of the Rugby World Cup would be continued whereby residents are asked to sign disclaimers in order for graffiti to be removed from private properties. The service is provided free of charge.

Some reactive work would assist where for instance there were run-down areas which could attract graffiti. There is a need to work with organisations such as the Tidy Exeter Group to help work around some solutions and be vigilant, and providing kits to communities to act as champions within areas.

There was an opportunity to continue with regular appeals and the Chair would take the lead on this. A PCSO had been allocated to carry out some community work around graffiti.

It was suggested whether consideration could be given to utilising planning sites where significant redevelopments were taking place and whether hoarding could be used as a form of art. It was however noted that planning conditions are placed on approvals that graffiti needs to be removed every day.

Engagement with street art groups was taking place and thought was being given to using more chalk-based paint in projects that can be jet washed off, but these spaces need to be identified.

The Partnership would welcome any views from EBAC.

Graffiti would be placed on the next agenda for further discussion, and any feedback/ideas should be sent to Jo Quinnell in advance of the meeting.

26a Action Log

The current actions were discussed and the action log would be updated and circulated.

27 UPDATE ON EARLY HELP PROVISION - PHILPPA COURT, SENIOR MANAGER, EARLY HELP PROVISION

The Partnership welcomed Philippa Court, Senior Manager, Early Help to the meeting.

Philippa advised that there had been a change in DCC targeted Early Help services with a focus on supporting families.

As at 1 January 2017 a senior officer post will be responsible in Exeter for Early Help to ensure there is a more coherent offer for young people including youth crime prevention. There has been a reorganisation of Youth Offending and there will be prevention workers dedicated to Exeter. There are four area-based multi

professional teams which deliver support and intervention, provide the infrastructure to talk to partners and work with multiple vulnerabilities. Family Group Conference services will be available and a set of interventions will be developed to assist in the family dynamic with workers trained in mediation.

Early Help triage meetings provide a forum for allocating targeted resources to enable a personalised package to be drawn up. These meetings were fairly small at present, but it was hoped to expand. The locality coordinator is based at Exeter CVS.

The review of DCC Early Help services enables more of a focus on community based provisions for young people and has been achieved through redesigning of services rather than additional cost, for example through co-location of services.

It was anticipated that staff will attend MACSE meetings and thought needed to be given on how to make this more effective as it would likely involve the same group of young people that are being discussed at the triage meetings.

Simon Bowkett raised a question about local infrastructure and how best to deliver services at a local level. It was important not to lose sight of the preventative work, as access to targeted services may become more limited.

The Child Journey Diagram is a framework for safeguarding children and would be circulated for information.

Simon Arliss would ensure a Police representative attends the triage meetings to enable sharing of information about the top missing people. He would liaise direct with Philippa on early offending signs. The largest problem is those young people who are not picked up and parents who do not come forward for help and assistance in order to reach the young person before the custodial sentence stage.

It needed to be ensured that any emerging themes are recognised and in order to act quickly, a phone call may be all that is needed as often the referral mechanism is a challenging route to go down. Contact could be made by way of an informal weekly telephone call with Karen Gold, and contact details would be sent to Philippa.

Nigel Deasy referred to the Fire Service Children and Young People's Team that support a number of programmes including the Firesetters Intervention Programme which include advisors on a one-to-one basis for those with a fascination of fire. Details would be circulated.

Agreed:

- (1) Simon Arliss to liaise with Philippa Court regarding Police representative at triage meetings and early offending signs.
- (2) An invitation to be extended to Early Help to attend CSP Executive meetings.
- (3) Philippa Court to be sent contact details for Karen Gold and Lisa Cocks regarding ASB issues.
- (4) Philippa Court to request REACH review feedback as no response had been received to the letter sent to the Strategic Director People following concerns raised at the last meeting.

28 **UPDATE ON LEGACY LEISURE PROJECT WITH OFFENDERS - MIKE ANDERTON**

Mike Anderton was unable to attend the meeting.

29 **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE & SEXUAL ABUSE - PRESENTATIONS AS BELOW:**

29a **Kristian Tomblin, Commissioning Manager - Devon wide strategy**

Kristian Tomblin presented Ending Domestic and Sexual Violence and Abuse – Devon’s Vision 2016-2021 document.

In times of austerity and a shifting narrative there is a need to think about how to deliver in a coherent way. The previous strategy had a focus on harm reduction which is an acceptance that it happens, but there is a need to set the bar higher on ambition.

The new vision is based on evidence, policy direction, national and local figures. Work had been undertaken with the Domestic and Sexual Violence Abuse Alliance to identify priorities and actions.

The main priorities are prevention including healthy, respectful relationships. Responses to routine enquiries in terms of missed opportunities for early intervention are being looked at and the RD&E are already doing good work and increasing referrals into specialist services earlier.

In terms of recovery and resilience, the DSVA Alliance would drive forward how they engage and respond to trauma. Three action groups would focus on ending abuse, victims and families.

A Police DI had been tasked to contact the hard to reach groups including the LGBT community and male victims and there was a need to link with other specialists who work with more diverse communities. It was recognised that there was more of a stigma for men to report.

Reference was made to the closure of the Women’s Refuge and the new model which has a heavy emphasis to allow victims to remain in their own homes. Kristian advised that a safety model had been established and embedded across the county and places were set up for women to move to. Removing the perpetrator rather than the victim was working well. The refuge remained in North Devon.

A heavy link between drugs and drink was recognised in terms of perpetrator behaviour change and some accommodation was conditional to engage in programmes to tackle the source of behaviour.

Kristian advised that evidence based work was being undertaken with Alcohol Concern to develop a training programme for perpetrators.

Although controlling or coercive behaviour is now a criminal offence it is often not recognised and will require a multi-agency response. The psychological side to offences also needs to be recognised.

The Police had published a paper on repeat perpetrators which would be circulated with the minutes. The PCC would also be undertaking a pilot around links with alcohol and domestic violence.

It was questioned whether where for example, PTSD was a catalyst in behaviour whether employers could provide financial assistance being accountable for the health and wellbeing of the employee.

The vision document was owned by the DSVa Alliance and the Safer Devon Partnership.

29b Chair of Exeter DSVa Forum - how the Forum links to the Devon wide work

Mary informed the Partnership that the DSVa Forum meets several times per year with a workplan and small budget providing a safe place to ask questions and identify how to work to provide for individuals. There were ongoing issues with court process and consistent practice among GPs.

The Little House Contact Centre which is a supervised centre will be closing next month. This is run by a charity and has no statutory responsibility but the closure will mean there is no safe contact centre in Exeter.

16 Days of Action will take place between 25 November and 10 December to raise awareness of DSVa. Small pots of money had been used to coordinate various events which will allow communities to link in and reduce barriers.

Nigel Deasy advised that the Fire Service would promote the 16 Days of Action events. The Fire Service have awareness programmes in place for operational crews to recognise the signs and clear pathways to take any concerns forward.

Councillor Hannaford suggested that a presentation on DSVa could be given to the Exeter Board.

The Chair would ask Steve Wray at the Police to contact Kristian Tomblin to discuss how they can fit in with the Strategy.

30 QUESTIONS ON REPORTS FROM WORK STRANDS BY EXCEPTION

30a Anti-Social Behaviour - Robert Norley

Robert Norley presented his report.

The Premier League Kicks initiative will target areas of deprivation and the first event will be held at Wonford Sports Hall and is open to 8-19 year olds. The Neighbourhood Policing Team have been supplied with the information.

There had been a change in the EBAC constitution and conversations needed to take place on how they can have a key part in what ASBAT is trying to achieve.

The PSPO consultation had taken place over a period of four months, but it is likely that the consultation was commandeered by a national campaign and consequently did not truly reflect Exeter citizens views. Useful feedback was however received from the consultation exercise, which has influenced changes in the proposals.

Only 30% supported the proposal on street encampments and the ability to confiscate any bedding etc if a person fails to clear away and remove as directed by an authorised person, and this action would be removed from the Order.

The following restrictions were expected to go forward for consideration at local consultation and through the Council's committees:

- Control over intoxicating substances
- Urinating in a street or public open space
- Behaving either individually or in a group of two or more people in a manner that has resulted or is likely to result in any member of the public being intimidated, harassed alarmed or distressed by that behaviour. Officers will be trained to make a judgement and will have the power to disburse which will be time limited.
- Aggressive begging. The differences between passive and aggressive begging needed to be clearly defined, eg someone at an ATM or parking machine with the sole purpose of making requests for money or an approach in the street asking for money in an aggressive or intimidating way.
- Fixed penalty notices would not be served on the spot, and an option to enter into an Acceptable Behaviour Contract would be given instead to discharge the liability. ABC's have proved very successful with a 60% success rate to prevent reoffending behaviour.

Further local consultation would be carried out with communities within the PSPO area and the business community. Following the consultation, a report would be presented to Committee in the New Year.

Simon Bowkett commented that the PCC would be meeting to discuss a delayed charge scheme which had worked well in Durham. The Police can delay charging if the individual attends a four month support programme which they then forfeit and be prosecuted if they do not comply. There may be a valuable application of this mechanism in terms of the PSPO.

Discussion was held around the importance of communication. Engagement and support with business communities would be picked up through the StAG.

30b Alcohol, Violence and the Night Time Economy - Robert Norley

Robert Norley presented the Exeter Alcohol, Violence & Night-Time Economy Group Action Plan 2015-17 which was noted.

30c Vulnerability/Cyber Crime - Denise Dearden

Denise Dearden presented her report on Vulnerability/Cyber crime work.

63 people attended the Cyber Crime Event at Sandy Park which was well received with a wide range of attendees. The event may be repeated in other parts of Devon.

Premises had been identified in Exeter for a Fake Shop, but Denise had yet to receive a response from Planet Zero, the charity who would run the shop. Denise would email again encouraging him to get in touch as a premises is available and that it is supported by the Exeter CSP. The CSP would also ensure some promotion is carried out when the premises is operating.

Online tools for scam awareness information and training was available via the link below:

<http://www.devonsomersettradingstandards.gov.uk/consumers/rogue-traders-doorstep-crime/scams-doorstep-crime-online-training/>

The new Friends Against Scams campaign can be found on <https://www.friendsagainstscams.org.uk/>

30d **Street Attachment Group (StAG) - Sam de Reya**

The Chair presented her report on the Street Attachment Group.

A meeting was scheduled later in the week to discuss options for safe sleep premises.

31 **FUNDING MONITORING - SIMON LANE**

The funding monitoring report was noted.

32 **CRIME FIGURES - SAM DE REYA**

The Chair reported on an overall increase in crime figures and highlighted the following:

- There had been an increase in anti-social behaviour
- Arrests had been made in relation to knife point robberies and burglaries
- There had been a reduction in dwelling burglary
- An increase in violence without injury
- Dog related incidents and online harassment is now recorded.

33 **SAFER DEVON PARTNERSHIP - MINUTES OF LAST MEETING FOR INFORMATION**

The minutes of the Safer Devon Partnership were noted. A meeting would be held to discuss how the SDP drives the CSP and how links are made.

34 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

34a **CSP Priorities 2017-18**

Any feedback on the CSP Priorities 2017-18 should be forwarded to Jo Quinnell.

34b **Terms of Reference**

Any feedback on the Terms of Reference should be forwarded to Jo Quinnell.

(The meeting commenced at 9.30 am and closed at 12.06 pm)