

COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP - EXECUTIVE GROUP

Wednesday 10 October 2018

Present:-

Superintendent Matt Lawler (Chair)	- Devon and Cornwall Police
Simon Arliss (Deputy Chair)	- Devon & Cornwall Police
Louise Arscott	- HM Prison & Probation Service
Councillor Philip Bialyk	- Exeter City Council
George Crossland	- Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner
Councillor Peter Edwards	- Exeter City Council
Simon Lane	- Exeter City Council
Melinda Pogue-Jackson	- Exeter City Council
Janet Quinn	- Devon County Council Trading Standards
Gary Thompson	- RD&E NHS Foundation Trust
Gill Unstead	- Public Health Devon
Lisa Vango	- Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner
Tamsin Williams	- Devon and Cornwall Police
Jo Yelland	- Exeter City Council
Jo Quinnell	- Exeter City Council

Apologies:-

James Bogue	- Exeter City Council
Simon Bowkett	- Exeter CVS
Jeanie Lynch	- DSVF Forum
Dave Passmore	- Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service
County Councillor P Prowse	- Devon County Council
Julie Richards	- Safer Devon Partnership
Lisa Rutter	- Devon Youth Service - Exeter, East & Mid Devon
James Tisshaw	- Devon County Council Childrens Services

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MINUTES OF LAST MEETING - 4 JULY 2018

The minutes of the last meeting held on 4 July 2018 were agreed.

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ACTION LOG

The Action Log was discussed and updated. All actions except the North Devon suicide prevention pilot update were discharged.

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TRANSFORMING JUSTICE AND REDUCING REOFFENDING - SOPHIE BAKER, OPCC

Sophie Baker, Project Lead Transforming Justice, OPCC, attended the meeting to provide an overview of the Transforming Justice Project.

The presentation is attached for information.

The Local Criminal Justice Board (LCJB) is currently chaired by the Police and Crime Commissioner. The newly formed Reducing Offending Board focusses on individuals who are in or on the cusp of entering the criminal justice system. There are links with HMP Eastwood Park and CSP representatives from Exeter, Plymouth, Torbay and Cornwall. Hannah Hart who heads up the Criminal Justice Board sits on all groups.

Through the Gate, a rehabilitative service for prisoners, also offers practical support such as clothing, charging phones etc in addition to housing, benefit and employment support. Over 40% leave HMP Exeter without accommodation, and it was hoped that this additional support to resettle back into the community and ensuring rehabilitation continues will help to stop the rotating door. The Short Term Resettlement Group had undertaken some monitoring and had received positive feedback.

The Checkout lounge and Departure lounge café is run through EDP Drugs & Alcohol Services. EDP provide a full time coordinator. This feeds up to the Reducing Offending Board.

Julian House is leading on housing solutions, taking referrals from HMP Exeter and Eastwood Park. Keyworkers will provide support with a focus on complex needs. 20 units are available across the peninsula. This project commenced on 6 August.

The Peninsula Women's Offender Strategy incorporates both national and local issues. The outcome of the Ministry of Justice bid for £240,000 for outreach support workers to fill the gaps in service provision would be announced on 24 October.

An employment event was held on 18 September linking potential employers and prison/probation. A considerable number of companies such as Willmott Dixon, Costa and Tesco were involved.

A mental health partnership group would be looking to expand a pilot in Plymouth which affects those that don't meet the threshold for intervention, and as an alternative to sentencing to custody, requires alcohol treatment for example. Plymouth already had a hub in place, and there was potential to link with CoLab but additional capacity was needed. Louise Arscott welcomed this as their Mental Health Team would find this useful for those clients that don't meet the threshold and cannot access services.

In terms of representation, it was noted that the LCJB links in with judges who attend to speak about some of the issues relating to cases. Magistrates are also connected with sentencing work to identify and resolve blockers. The Police Head of Crime also sits on the LCJB. A six-monthly workshop takes place to analyse data around the number of community orders. Court liaison meetings also take place which are regular meetings with the magistrates and court staff and links with drug and alcohol services.

The Transformation Board is run by the court and discussions are underway to put in place a process to issue a warrant in local court instead of the individual being transported back to their original location, as this incurs a huge expense.

In response to a question around whether the Police should have some input in the Checkout Lounge, it was noted that Integrated Offender Management sit on this so the Police are fully aware and as clients tend to be CPS and Probation they are able to respond to issues. Work is being carried out on those cohorts who may be abstinent in prison but who return to drugs/alcohol when they are released.

Gill Unstead referred to a recent conference on harm reduction and drug related deaths. The presentation would be circulated for information.

Reference was also made to the increase in cost for substitution drugs. The two main drugs used for opiate substitution therapy had increased from £2.15 per week to £15 per week, with no additional funding.

Sophie Baker would link in with Gill Unstead in relation to cannabis use prevention films being rolled out to Years 8-10 in schools as it was considered that some films are not helpful in the wider context.

The Partnership thanked Sophie for her informative presentation.

25 **SERIOUS AND ORGANISED CRIME PREVENT BID - SIMON BOWKETT**

The report from Simon Bowkett on the County Lines Diversion Project was noted.

This was the only non-Police bid that was successful nationally.

Louise Arscott referred to an increase in care leavers which were a particularly difficult cohort and how to help identify and support. A more constructive conversation at the next meeting would be welcome.

This funding is only available until 31 March 2019 and further dialogue was needed on how this project can be sustained after that time and what value it is adding.

Jo Yelland declared an interest as a Trustee on behalf of Exeter City Council in relation to CoLab. She advised that CoLab were also in receipt of grants from the City Council and now had a Service Level Agreement for the delivery of some services.

A discussion was held around how different projects in CoLab were coordinated. Gill Unstead advised that there is a changing culture across a range of organisations with a challenging client group and this demonstrates they can join up resources in a better way.

Lisa Vango also referred to the draft Peninsula Strategic Assessment and how work at CoLab could link in with that.

Agreed that this would be discussed further at the next meeting with members to give some thought on alerts to potential funding bids in order to support CoLab to be self-sustaining.

26 **UPDATE ON WORKSHOP AROUND PLACE BASED COMMUNITY LED APPROACH - MELINDA POGUE-JACKSON**

Melinda Pogue-Jackson reported that a meeting had taken place in mid-September between Exeter City Council, Devon County Council, Police, Fire Service and Space on how to bring all data together.

The Police and Fire Service would share data initially, building on core data, with Exeter City Council adding to this. Space hold their data in a different way. Discussions had been held on carrying out a Youth Survey. This would be in the form of an anonymised survey within Space and at schools to try to identify areas that pupils feel safe/unsafe, use of drugs, where drug dealing is taking place, their perception of drug use. The only information provided would be their age and whether they are male or female.

A survey was carried out by Schools and Students Public Health Education Unit (SHEU) which goes to specific year groups and asks questions around drug use, smoking etc. It gives views, values and beliefs on such topics and although doesn't cover all schools is highly validated. It was questioned whether the data from this could be used rather than replicating.

Issues around data sharing protocols was being investigated by Superintendent Jim Gale. The Police may be able to utilise their Performance and Analysis Department to undertake analytical work to map and identify hot spots. Public Health's Intelligence Team had the potential to access hospital database admissions due to drugs/alcohol by age. Both could be overlaid with other data. Links would be made with Simon Chant in Public Health and the ECC local delivery pilot for Sport England.

The SDP wide data sharing agreement needs refreshing in light of GDPR and Superintendent Jim Gale was moving this forward with relevant officers. The lack of guidance relating to GDPR is a national problem.

The Ambulance Service had also been approached to obtain data where ambulances are dispatched. ARID data has a lot of gaps and it was hoped the data could be cleansed to report to the CSP.

A&E record violent assaults, but it would be useful to have data on wider alcohol admissions. In addition, the number of hospital admissions relating to a suspected overdose and those that are not admitted are not always recorded in the same way.

Agreed that the next stage for the Group is:

- (1) To discuss barriers, what questions they are trying to answer and take to strategic groups to ask if they have any relevant data that can answer those questions.
- (2) To take into consideration other surveys that had already been undertaken and whether the results from these could be used rather than replicating.
- (3) Identify how ARID can help facilitate, but note that EVANTE are already examining this which is being discussed nationally in regards consistency of data.
- (4) To take into account that data also needs to be predictive of future demand.
- (5) Tamsin Williams to approach Performance and Analysis Department to see how much they can drill down into local areas as this may already be available.
- (6) Consideration to be given to Devon & Cornwall Police mapping tool with front line mapping apps which was being rolled out. Possible meeting to be arranged with the lead on what information they would be able to provide.
- (7) Organisations to advise of any other data.
- (8) The Group to meet again prior to next CSP meeting and feed back.

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REVISED TERMS OF REFERENCE - SIMON LANE

Simon Lane presented the revised Terms of Reference to take into account Domestic Homicide Reviews.

The Terms of Reference were agreed.

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PRIORITIES 2018/2020 - MATT LAWLER

Matt Lawler presented the first draft of the Priorities and Action Plan for 2018/19 as a result of recent workshops.

Comments were made on the following objectives:

Review the multi-agency approach to managing Traveller encampments ahead of summer 2019

More joined up thinking between the Police and local authorities was needed to find a better way of dealing with the issue in future. This was an opportunity to learn lessons from this last year. There were common misconceptions on what can and cannot be done.

Devon County Council had convened a meeting across district councils to discuss how to work together on this issue, eg alerts across local authorities. However, no further information on progress had been received.

Discussions could take place with David Bartram, ECC Director regarding a CCTV project in terms of evidential collection. The solution may not just involve the Council and the Police and needed to be looked at in the wider context.

It needed to be ensured that processes already in place were not duplicated.

Exeter City Council's members had supported the formation of a Spotlight Review to discuss traveller related issues at Scrutiny Committee – Place on 13 September. The results of this would be reported back to the CSP.

Drug related litter and street injecting

Gill Unstead raised concern that drug related litter and street injecting was not included within the priorities. It was noted that discussions are held within ASBAT but a bigger piece of work needs to be done as this is a big issue from a resident point of view and is linked to county lines and changes in injecting practice. It requires a different approach with work in pharmacies, street scene etc.

However, thought needed to be given on what added value the CSP can bring in addition to 'business as usual' so as not to duplicate services.

It was noted that this action plan does not preclude any other critical issues that can arise.

Improve safety in the night time economy – Re-establish the Help Zone

Initial discussions had already taken place with the Director of the RD&E and a further meeting would be held between Simon Lane, Matt Lawler and Gary Thompson.

During Freshers Week, the University led on the opening of a help zone which was first aid led by the University branch of St Johns Ambulance. It would be useful to have statistics from this.

The Help Zone was previously paramedic led, but had proved resource intensive and had worked based on the good will of individuals. Evidence was needed to demonstrate any increase in hospital admissions when the Help Zone is not operating. The evaluation report would be forwarded to Gary Thompson to identify the appropriate connections at the RD&E.

Lisa Vango advised that if another pilot was put in place, some OPCC funding would be available to assist.

Agreed that:

- (1) Evaluation report on the Help Zone to be sent to Gary Thompson.
- (2) CSP members provide feedback on the priorities, particularly around owners, measures and outcomes, and what value can be added as a partnership. Any other suggestions for inclusion could be welcome.
- (3) A revised draft to be presented to the next meeting.

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EXETER CITIZEN

A discussion took place on CSP articles to be placed in the next two editions of the Exeter Citizen.

Concern was raised around the placement of a Hate Crime article due to the possible perception from residents that there was a hate crime issue in Exeter. However this could refer to the number of cases and with a proactive angle.

It was also suggested whether an article around drugs and the effect upon Exeter would be timely, linking in to work that had taken place on Cathedral Green. In addition, the Spring would see the start of the festival season, and messages could be reached to parents around drugs. Gill Unstead reported that the partnership lead for the Force was working to produce leaflets aimed at parents and also another for children, and they could include a link to this within the article.

Lisa Vango advised that one of the key issues for the PCC was connectivity and how people can access services connected to community safety, and to ensure they know what's available. She would welcome a guidance type article on where residents can go to get this practical information, eg community builders, how to report needle finds etc.

Agreed that this would be picked up at the next Management Board meeting for a decision.

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ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Homeless - signposting

Gary Thompson advised that the RD&E were starting to see a number of homeless individuals around the site. He sought clarification on where to signpost and if a card could be made available to circulate directing to relevant agencies.

It was considered that most individuals would be aware of the resources available at CoLab. Furthermore, the night shelter would be opening until 10pm from 1 November with Julian House taking the lead.

Agreed that information would be collated and circulated, including details of the housing service lead.

Trading Standards

Janet Quinn reported that Trading Standards enforce the sale of alcohol to any underage person. She requested any intelligence from organisations and to assume they did not already have this information.

(The meeting commenced at 9.40 am and closed at 11.59 am)