

COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP - EXECUTIVE GROUP

Wednesday 26 April 2017

Present:-

Superintendent Sam De Reya	- Devon and Cornwall Police
Simon Bowkett	- Exeter CVS
Nigel Deasy	- Devon & Somerset Fire and Rescue Service
Councillor Peter Edwards	- Exeter City Council
Ian Flett	- Childrens and Young People's Services, DCC
Jon-Paul Hedge	- Exeter City Council
Simon Lane	- Exeter City Council
Stephen Matthewman	- DCC Early Help Provision
Melinda Pogue-Jackson	- Exeter City Council
Lisa Rutter	- Devon Youth Service - Exeter, East & Mid Devon
Gill Unstead	- Public Health Devon
Sergeant Sally Kingdon	- Devon and Cornwall Police (Min. No. 15 only)
Jo Quinnell	- Exeter City Council

Apologies:-

Denise Dearden	- Trading Standards
Karen Gold	- Devon and Cornwall Police
Councillor Rob Hannaford	- Exeter City Council
Karime Hassan	- Exeter City Council
Karen Mandefield	- Devon & Cornwall Police
County Councillor P Prowse	- Devon County Councillor
Lisa Vango	- Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner
Belinda Brint	- NHS England

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MINUTES OF LAST MEETING - 18 JANUARY 2017

The minutes of the meeting held on 18 January 2017 were agreed.

A request was circulated for feedback on meetings, and some changes had been made to the agenda to reflect this.

An article had been placed in the Winter 2016 edition of Citizen on Modern Slavery on how people in Exeter can play their part in putting a stop to it, the tell-tale signs etc. The Spring 2017 edition focussed on the appointment of the Chair and Deputy Chair and the key priorities for 2017. The next issue would focus on anti-social behaviour, with the Autumn edition to promote the Zero Tolerance to Hate Crime Campaign. Jon-Paul Hedge confirmed there would be no cost to the CSP for articles within the Community News section.

10a Action Plan

Simon Lane reported that work was ongoing with the CCTV issues highlighted at the last meeting. Some capital investment was available through the PCC and Exeter had registered its interest. Exeter's existing CCTV infrastructure was outdated, and centralised monitoring hub arrangements would be explored to increase connectivity and would include paid for service hubs. There were currently 171 live cameras in Exeter.

Agreed:

- (1) To review the quality of existing live cameras and facilities in Exeter; and
- (2) To explore revenue options as the PCC funding is capital only.

11 **QUESTIONS ON REPORTS FROM WORK STRANDS**

11a **Vulnerability/Cyber Crime - Denise Dearden**

The report was noted.

Operation Rogue Trader was scheduled in May. Trading Standards would be working with the Police against crime that can affect the most vulnerable people in communities, and the Chair would make a request for Denise to circulate further information.

Incidents of doorstep crime had increased over the last two months, particularly with impersonation of officials including Exeter City Council. Nigel Deasy advised that the Fire Service book home safety visits in advance, although there is now a degree of cold calling. Residents should be encouraged to phone the organisation to check identity.

The Fire Service now attended Police tasking meetings. On occasions where Police enter premises and refer issues to the Fire Service, it has been found that people are more likely to talk to Fire officers which improves intelligence and safety. Nigel advised that there had been a spike in demand on their services.

11b **Domestic Family & Sexual Abuse - Melinda Pogue-Jackson**

Melinda Pogue-Jackson presented her report.

The Devon DSVA Alliance had met since the report was produced and discussions had taken place on how to take the Alliance forward. A survey of members and the CSP would take place to seek views on this.

A bid to the DCLG had been successful and £433,000 had been awarded across Devon specifically for accommodation and associated support. There were currently two places of safety in Exeter and East Devon, but this funding would allow for four more places of safety and one more Independent Domestic Violence Advisor (IDVA) post. Work would be undertaken to develop a safe haven based on the Nightstop Model.

Due to the reduction in Home Office funding for DSVA, urgent discussions had been held at Safer Devon Partnership level on how the shortfall could be met. This had led to some hard decisions and exploring innovative ways to meet that shortfall for a 12 month period.

SAFE (Stop Abuse for Everyone) are working with Tender, an arts charity that works with young people to prevent domestic abuse and sexual violence by promoting healthy relationships based on equality and respect. They would be working with pupils in Year 9 across 14 schools in Devon. Tender will spend two days in schools using drama and arts to enable delivery back to the rest of the school. If successful and positive feedback is received, CSP funding may be sought to continue this project.

The Soloman Project is currently under review as the police officer tasked to this is retiring and the replacement may not take on those duties.

It was noted that there had been an increase of £5,000 in funding for the CSP which had been ringfenced for vulnerability.

Reference was also made to an Exeter, East and Mid Devon pilot with Early Health and Integrated Offender Management led by Anne Proctor. Work would be undertaken with families within social work teams to a set criteria. The Community Rehabilitation Company and National Probation Centre will look at known DSVA offenders. 7-8 names were tabled and a joint approach is taken to work with the family and share intelligence in a more proactive way. Agencies include Splitz Services and RISE. The next meeting was scheduled for the end of May.

Lisa Rutter asked if the representative from Probation sat on the MACSE to check there was a link. The correct protocols needed to be in place, particularly in terms of human rights issues.

The work being undertaken with the University was welcomed. However, it needed to be ensured that students had confidence with the system to enable them to come forward. Feedback would be sought.

Agreed that:

- (1) Subject to receipt of positive feedback on the Tender Project, funding to be requested from the CSP for future work. A decision may need to be made before the next meeting due to school planning timings.
- (2) A link would need to be ensured between Probation and the MACSE for the new pilot with Early Health.
- (3) A letter of thanks to be sent from the CSP to Mary, who had stepped down as the Exeter Domestic & Sexual Violence and Abuse Forum chair. Melinda Pogue-Jackson to draft the letter.

11c Chair's Report

The Chair presented her report.

One emerging theme related to drugs and organised crime groups from out of force who were using teenagers, violence, and exerting power in Exeter, East and Mid Devon. There has been some evidence of children in care being targeted.

There has been an increase in the amount of Class A drugs in the city, with £80,000 of drugs seized since Christmas and 65 cumulative years in prison. Over 25 warrants had been executed and a number of closure orders were currently being processed. Referrals of victims and a quick dynamic response is required, and there has been links with RISE. The Hub has also been used to secure victims.

Intelligence from partners was important, and communicating to communities was a difficult balance.

The Police objective is massive disruption and they are already having an impact.

Gill Unstead sought assurance that Early Help was informed of operations. The Chair advised that reactive work is sound and they are liaising with other forces and leading nationally on county lines. Other forces were looking to Exeter for best practice.

Karen Gold would present to the Alliance meeting to raise awareness of the particular language used in texts etc, which was shown in DI Hawkins' presentation at the last meeting.

Anti-Social Behaviour

Reports had increased by 3% over the last 24 months, which EBAC, EVANTE and the ASBAT were investigating.

Positive relationships continued with the licensing trade, and alcohol related crime had reduced since 2015.

Child Sexual Exploitation

A unit of two police officers and a PCSO had been created to focus on missing people. Efforts were also being made to secure a member of social services on the team. The team's purpose is to reduce the number of people at high risk, including foster homes and schools. There were three times more foster homes in Exeter than the rest of the Force. 25 child abduction warning notices had been served in the last three months.

This was one of the biggest risks in the city at this time and a coordinated approach was being taken which differs from the MACSE. A review of the team would be carried out at the end of the Summer, with a view to including in the Force proposals.

Shoplifting

There had been an increase in shoplifting both locally and nationally, but a drop in burglary dwelling. One of the reasons for a rise in shoplifting was drug related as this is a way to make money quickly. Work was being undertaken with EBAC on this issue.

Some of the larger businesses accept shoplifting, but this was being challenged. Other businesses were being encouraged to become a member of EBAC which creates a whole intelligence network and can collectively ban people from entering premises.

11d Deputy Chair's Report

Simon Lane presented his report.

Three graffiti offenders had been caught in the act and had been provided with cleaning materials to clean up the area.

They were continuing to build up a catalogue and hope to shortly receive self-help graffiti kits for communities where they can assist in providing photographic evidence to catalogue the tags.

Work was continuing on the Public Spaces Protection Order to get the protocol in place and give some thought to the approach.

One more case was pending for prosecuting private hire vehicle drivers for illegally picking up fares on the street.

The funding report was noted. In addition to this, the licensing trade, BID and other organisations had made contributions towards projects.

Agreed that an update on the PSPO would be made to a future meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS - JON-PAUL HEDGE, ECC DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS & MARKETING

Jon-Paul Hedge introduced himself as the new Director of Communications and Marketing at Exeter City Council.

There needs to be a coordinated approach to communication and any opportunities to label as the CSP would be explored to build the profile. It would be useful to have a list of events taking place in the city, and this would be circulated.

Future articles in the Citizen will include the launch of the graffiti removal kits, the PSPO and an article on anti-social behaviour.

Agreed that significant event dates be circulated.

COLAB PRESENTATION - SIMON BOWKETT

Simon Bowkett gave a presentation on CoLab one year on after its launch.

A major grant of £500,000 had been received from Public Health England, Working Links, Devon County Council and Exeter City Council to develop the hub.

They were working to a health and wellbeing approach to four themes – drugs and alcohol, mental health, reducing reoffending and rehabilitation of offenders and homeless and vulnerable people. 30 different projects were under one roof delivering on one of the four themes meeting individual needs and learning how to improve the joining up of services. There is an aspiration to be a community asset, training centre and art gallery.

There were over 30 different organisations which work with the homeless and street attached in the city and there needs to be joined up working, starting from the bottom up.

680 people had been identified to have multiple and complex needs with an annual spend of £15 million in Exeter and CoLab's role needs to be the connector. It is helpful that CoLab is not a provider of services so they are not competing, but trying to become a host to facilitate other organisations work.

The Exchange takes place twice per week, which enables individuals to 'shop' for the support they need to better integrate themselves into communities including housing, training and mental health services. From 1,200 clients, 10% were women. They were seeing far better outcomes than the rest of the South West and Wales.

CoLab had also been successful in its bid to be one of six organisations around the country to deliver the Ministry of Justice Resilient Woman project which is targeted at female offenders to help break the cycle of reoffending by providing tailored, targeted support. Many have been victims themselves and had offended as a result of domestic violence. Amada Kilroy would be leading on this project.

Reference was made to the use of volunteers and that although they can add great value, they do need a lot of support, investment in training, supervision etc. Over 3,000 people had come through volunteer centre, many of which were young people developing their CV.

The CSP recognised and welcomed the good work taking place at the Hub and thanked Simon for his informative presentation.

YOUTH STRATEGY - LISA RUTTER

Lisa Rutter circulated the 'Exeter: A Young People-Friendly City' booklet towards a Youth Strategy for Exeter. Members of the CSP were asked to read the booklet prior to the next meeting when further discussion will take place.

Over 600 young people and agencies had been consulted on priorities for Exeter, and the top issues identified included being safe and the fear of violence.

A working party will be established for each priority identified within the booklet to take issues forward.

<http://www.voycdevon.org.uk/what-do-we-do/youth-work-devon/exeter-youth-strategy>

ZERO TOLERANCE CAMPAIGN

Sergeant Sally Kingdon attended the meeting to provide an update on the Zero Tolerance to Hate Campaign.

Further details can be found at <https://www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/advice/threat-assault-abuse/hate-crime/sign-the-pledge/> and this page also contains links to guides and posters for organisations to display and to sign up to the pledge. The email receipt will allow organisations to collect materials from collection points for campaign materials including posters, window stickers etc.

By pledging support, organisations will:

- Promote an equal society to uphold the rights of everyone and will work to eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment, victimisation and unfair treatment
- Foster good relations by promoting respect for each other and tackling prejudice
- Report any incidents of hate that are witnessed within organisation/premises

All organisations who sign the pledge will be entered into a database and a visual map will be released where other work can be targeted. Police neighbourhood colleagues were also promoting the campaign, particularly where they were aware that an incident of hate crime had taken place.

Conversations still needed to be held on what the pledge means for organisations, but initially communications should be sent out amongst staff to promote the campaign.

There would be a police presence at Exeter Pride and Respect.

Agreed that all organisations represented on the CSP sign up to the pledge and to encourage two other organisations to sign up.

(The meeting commenced at 9.30 am and closed at 11.38 am)