

COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP - EXECUTIVE GROUP

Tuesday 23 April 2019

Present:-

Jo Yelland (Chair)	- Exeter City Council
Simon Arliss	- Devon & Cornwall Police
George Crossland	- Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner
Councillor Peter Edwards	- Exeter City Council
Angela Holloway	- Community Rehabilitation Company
Simon Lane	- Exeter City Council
Jeanie Lynch	- DSVF Forum
Andrew McNeilly	- Exeter Business Against Crime (EBAC) Partnership
Melinda Pogue-Jackson	- Exeter City Council
Dave Passmore	- Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service
Gary Thompson	- RD&E NHS Foundation Trust
Tamsin Williams	- Devon and Cornwall Police
Dave Turner	- Devon and Cornwall Police
Simon Aston	- Exeter Cathedral
Jo Quinnell	- Exeter City Council

Apologies:-

Superintendent Matt Lawler	- Devon and Cornwall Police
Louise Arscott	- HM Prison & Probation Service
Julie Richards	- Safer Devon Partnership
Lisa Rutter	- Devon Youth Service - Exeter, East & Mid Devon
James Tisshaw	- Devon County Council Childrens Services
Gill Unstead	- Public Health Devon

9 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING - 16 JANUARY 2019

The minutes of the last meeting held on 23 April 2019 were agreed.

10 ACTION LOG

The Action Log was discussed and updated and comment was made on the following:

CSP/008/18 – A briefing session on the North Devon suicide prevention pilot had taken place involving external organisations and businesses. This session provided an understanding of the pilot, but training sessions would need to be purchased for staff. Melinda Pogue-Jackson advised that she felt this was costly and included a large amount of work, and related more to safeguarding issues for individual agencies rather than a CSP issue, particularly as this was not within the CSPs current priorities. This would be kept under review when the next CSP Action Plan was being considered.

CSP/005/19 – The issue of the closure of public toilets had been referred back to Scrutiny Place Committee on 26 April 2019. It was noted that discussions were taking place at CoLab with regards possible alternatives for the street attached.

CSP/006/19 – The Terms of Reference for the Missing & Child Sexual Exploitation Forum (MACSE) was in the process of being revised. A review of membership

would be undertaken to involve members at a more senior level to enable tasking to take place within organisations. There would be a focus on perpetrators and individuals of concern and more emphasis on prevent rather than wrap-around care. In addition, the Adolescent Pathway would be launched in September, and it was suggested that changes to the MACSE and other related issues could be discussed as a whole at the October meeting.

Agreed that:

- (1) The MACSE and other related issues be discussed at the October 2019 meeting; and
- (2) the CSP Management Group discuss MACSE and youth related issues in the intervening time.

CSP/009/19 – An update on knife crime (Operation Sceptre) was circulated as part of the Police & Sub-Group reports, but would also be part of the discussion in October 2019 as a high proportion was youth related.

11 **UPDATE AGAINST ACTION PLAN AND REPORTS FROM CHAIRS OF CSP SUB-GROUPS**

The update report was circulated with the agenda and Inspector Simon Arliss provided further detail as follows:

Operation Flotilla

With partners, the Police were continuing to engage locally and broadly in the city, particularly with those who are socially isolated.

Youth matters

There is not a 'gang' issue currently in Exeter, but the ASBAT and police are not complacent. This issue would feed into the October CSP meeting.

Operation Sceptre

An encouraging test purchase operation had taken place which was led by Trading Standards. Out of 15 visits, only one pair of shears was mis-sold. A letter had been sent to retailers and efforts would be made to continue to educate. Targeted intelligence is being used, and stop searches are taking place where appropriate.

Project Servator

This is a tactic to deploy highly visible policing to disrupt counter terrorist threats in London and has been used as part of policing activity in Exeter.

Protest Activity

The Police are legally bound to facilitate protests and continue to assess, and where possible communicate with event organisers regarding routes, intents etc as well as taking into consideration tensions/the impact on commuters and businesses.

Simon Lane reported on the following:

Anti-Social Behaviour Action Team

15 cases had been successfully concluded over the last three months. Housing Associations were taking a very proactive approach, and a collective piece of work was ongoing with regards to cuckooing to stop repeats occurrences.

Exeter Business Against Crime (EBAC) Partnership

Networks were now in place to be proactive, and suspicious behaviour was being reported well.

Jeanie Lynch referred to the useful and efficient system that is in place which had resolved some serious issues at CoLab and wished to pass on thanks to EBAC members.

The Partnership was growing stronger, with more members and radios. There is some under-use of the DISC system, in particular with the night time economy, but they are utilising the radio system well.

Exeter Alcohol, Violence & Night Time Economy

Best Bar None were now in year 5 of the scheme.

It was noted that Simon Lane had been nominated for a national award for his outstanding contribution to Best Bar None and the CSP commended this recognition.

Domestic and Sexual Violence and Abuse

Melinda Pogue-Jackson reported that as a result of GDPR, an exercise was undertaken requesting confirmation from those who wished to remain on the mailing list. 60 people had confirmed, but are still not attending meetings. Service providers also cover more than one area of Devon so are invited to other forums. As a result of the low turnout, a review was being undertaken.

In the meantime, there would be a focus on campaigns such as 16 Days of Action. A meeting was scheduled for June to discuss how to make these meetings more effective, with a possible proposal for East and Mid Devon, Spltiz and Devon Rape Crisis to combine meetings.

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CATHEDRAL GREEN UPDATE - SUPT MATT LAWLER

An update on Cathedral Green anti-social behaviour matters had been requested at the last meeting when discussing priorities due to the number of issues last year.

The CSP welcomed Simon Aston, Cathedral Floor Supervisor, to the meeting who voiced the Cathedral's desire to have an enhanced place in the community and to be a welcoming place for all. Unfortunately last summer saw some undesirable and disruptive behaviour, particularly in the evenings. Although fantastic efforts are being made, tough action needs to be taken to ensure the area remains a nice place to visit for all.

Recent demonstrations had taken place within Cathedral grounds and Bedford Square as these are focal points in the city. However, it was advised that the Cathedral must take a neutral position and a gathering is welcome, but they do not

wish for protests to take place on the Cathedral's private land.

Where protests escalate into serious disorder, the Police can intervene and communication is key.

Andrew McNeilly advised that a briefing note had proved extremely helpful which was used to communicate to their team, including when and how to deal with any issues which had enabled them to be in a clear position.

Some events are referred to the Exeter Safety Advisory Group but often timescales of protests do not necessarily allow time to hold a meeting.

It was confirmed that there were no cases of CSE in the Cathedral Green area currently.

Agreed that Dave Turner, Police Neighbourhood Team Sergeant, would also speak to Guildhall and Princesshay about similar issues.

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COUNTY LINES - INSP SIMON ARLISS

Simon Arliss reported on the current position of County Lines.

County Lines Class A drug consumption/dealing remains an issue in Exeter.

A threat assessment is produced on a quarterly basis, and there are currently 16 active county lines in Devon and Cornwall, with 15 emerging lines (6 or 7 active in Exeter).

Up to April 2019 54 of the suspects arrested had been remanded in custody.

One emerging trend was youths involved in drugs, but not necessarily county lines; youngsters are selling cannabis to buy cocaine for their personal use.

The Police are seeing an ongoing use of children out of force, and an increase in females in relationships with males involved in county lines (coercive control) to fund partners habits.

The CSP can assist by continuing to report intelligence via Partner agency information sharing form on the following link <https://www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/pais>

In addition, the Home Office County Lines guidance booklet is particularly useful. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/criminal-exploitation-of-children-and-vulnerable-adults-county-lines>

There is a Home Office requirement to run an Intensification Week for county lines which will take place on 13-19 May – please see attached document for partnership action.

The Partnership activity is coordinated by the Devon Drugs Network, and Simon Arliss is the CSP representative. A list of core members was circulated for information. CSP updates will be a standing agenda item on the Dangerous Drugs Network meetings.

The RD&E have around 9,000 staff plus 2,000 in the community, and information could be fed through the news bulletin so any concerns could be fed back through Gary Thompson to report.

It was also noted that work with victims of financial coercion had referenced organisations such as foodbanks and the church as people that they found they could talk to.

Agreed that:

- (1) Management Group produce some wording regarding contributions to Intensification Week for members to circulate within their organisations;
- (2) the work with victims of financial coercion to be forwarded to the Chair of the CSP to assist with the specification for advocacy work.

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HELPZONE - SIMON LANE

Meetings were proceeding to discuss the re-establishment of the Helpzone which had been set up to reduce A&E admissions over the weekend in terms of late night entertainment activity, education and safeguarding.

South West Ambulance Service had successfully carried out a pilot around 2.5 years ago. Of those seen, 60% needed some medical attention, of which only 6% needed to be moved further on to A&E. The Helpzone was located at the church in Mary Arches Street. South West Ambulance Service could not maintain the service levels due to a shortage of paramedics, and at that time another medical solution could not be found.

Supt Matt Lawler was leading on this with a view to sharing between the Ambulance Service, RD&E and the Clinical Commissioning Group.

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EXPLOITATION TOOLKIT OVERVIEW - MELINDA POGUE-JACKSON

Melinda Pogue-Jackson reported on the Exploitation Toolkit which had been developed by the Devon Anti-Slavery Partnership and was launched in April.

<https://www.preventingexploitationtoolkit.org.uk/>

This toolkit does not include information on domestic and sexual violence as there is already a good established reporting mechanism in place.

The toolkit is primarily targeted at professionals.

The website takes through an explanation of exploitation and provides information on the various forms it takes and why some people are more vulnerable.

The reporting page is split into two sections – where someone has concerns about someone's safety or welfare, and if someone has information or suspicions about exploitation. This only covers Devon, but discussions are underway for the areas of Torbay, Plymouth and Cornwall. A safeguarding referral flowchart provides guidance on how to report concerns over someone's safety and welfare.

Information can be reported via the link to the Devon & Cornwall Police Partner Agency Information Sharing Form.

A guidance and support section is also available to give advice on identifying exploitation, talking to and supporting people you are concerned about, and taking action.

Members of the CSP were encouraged to share this information within their own organisations, and details would also be sent to councillors and would be communicated in an upcoming briefing following local elections.

The use of the website would be measured, and considerations had been given to demand on services as a result.

Agreed that the promotion of this website to be included as an action for Intensification Week.

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ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Jeanie Lynch reported that she was at the early stages of a survey/research into the health, safety, support and other needs of adult women working in the sex industry in the Exeter area.

It is anticipated that there will be an opportunity to do a series of online interviews, followed by one to one confidential interviews with women directly as the project develops.

Agreed that Jeanie would update the CSP on the project as it progresses.

(The meeting commenced at 9.30 am and closed at 10.50 am)