

TEIGNBRIDGE DISTRICT COUNCIL
Overview and Scrutiny 1
12th January 2021
PART I

Report Title	South Devon and Dartmoor Community Safety Partnership
Purpose of Report	To provide Members with the opportunity to scrutinise the work of the Community Safety Partnership (CSP) as defined by Sections 19 and 20 of the Police and Justice Act 2006 and the Crime and Disorder (Overview & Scrutiny) Regulations 2009.
Recommendation(s)	The Committee RESOLVES to: (1) Note the work of the partnership and identify any questions to be raised at the next Community Safety Partnership meeting
Financial Implications	The financial implications are contained within Section 5.1. Whilst the CSP funding for 20/21 has been agreed and is due shortly there is uncertainty around funding for 21/22 onwards, which is currently under consultation. In section 3.2, whilst the Turning Corners bid was successful we are awaiting further details of the grant conditions. Claire Moors – Principal Technical Accountant & Deputy Chief Finance Officer Email: claire.moors@teignbridge.gov.uk
Legal Implications	None Paul Woodhead, Legal Services Team Leader and Deputy Monitoring Email: paul.woodhead@teignbridge.gov.uk
Environmental/ Climate Change Implications	There are no significant environmental or climate change related implications associated with this report. William Elliott Climate Change Officer
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Appendices / Background Papers	None

1. INTRODUCTION / BACKGROUND

- 1.1** South Devon and Dartmoor CSP operates across Teignbridge, South Hams and West Devon and is a statutory partnership.

The CSP works collaboratively across Devon and the Peninsula to tackle issues such as child sexual exploitation, modern slavery, drug misuse, prejudice related crime, preventing violent extremism and domestic violence and abuse.

The CSP sets its priorities each March with information from the Devon Strategic Assessment and also the Police and Crime Plan. The CSP also responds to emerging risks.

There is a significant focus on vulnerability and the impact on different types of crime on the victim. The CSP has focused on vulnerability as a key area of work for the last few years.

The outcomes of the CSP are monitored at each meeting through the Local Delivery Plan (LDP) and annually through a performance review with the Office of the Police Crime Commissioner (OPCC).

In 20/21 the CSP received a £25,000 grant of Safer Communities funding from the OPCC via the Safer Devon Partnership. This funding plan is developed alongside the Local Delivery Plan, some of which are listed below.

2. ACHIEVEMENTS ACROSS THE CSP AREA

Priority	Activity
Sexual Violence, Domestic Violence and Abuse (SVDVA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quarterly SVDVA forums are convened with a range of partners • 'Later in life' toolkit was created and launched to partner agencies to address SVDVA in the older population • Campaign during COVID to encourage reporting • Engagement in Domestic Homicide Reviews • Toolkit for parents to support vulnerable young people in relation to behaviours and gender • Regular engagement with South Devon MARAC (Multi Agency Risk Abuse Conference) to create safety planning for those experiencing domestic abuse in South Devon
Exploitation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • South Devon Exploitation Network – held every 2 months to raise awareness of current risks. The meetings were increased to monthly meetings during the COVID pandemic • Participate in the Devon Anti-Slavery Partnership • Participate in the Devon and Torbay Prevent Partnership • Awareness raising through the 'Exploitation Prevention' Toolkit – delivered training session to 209 attendees from 58 organisations and received extremely positive feedback

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promotion of the Partnership Information Sharing Form • 'Prevent' Training – to 105 front line staff from a wide range of agencies • 'Into the Counties' – approximately 2800 young people saw a theatre performance on county lines and exploitation within our partner secondary schools
Drug and Alcohol Misuse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CSP involvement in 'Operation Moorland' to address blue, fake Valium tablets which can cause significant harm • Increased awareness of drugs and alcohol issues within a wide range of organisations through county lines presentations • Strongly linked to work around exploitation
Changes in Youth Culture / Youth Gang Activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CSP working with WAVE Academy to deliver the 'Motiv8' programme • Engagement with the Adolescent Safety Framework which reviews contextual safeguarding risks in the individual, peer and school context • Members of Devon Youth Crime Prevention Partnership • Key partner in the 'Turning Corner's project (South Hams and Teignbridge)
Emerging issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engagement with agencies to respond to the COVID crisis • Delivery of training to raise awareness of the impact of trauma • Provision of 100 hand held domestic abuse alarms • Supported Suicide Prevention Sessions to Early Years providers across the CSP area • CSP Member briefings as requested at the previous Overview and Scrutiny

3. ACHIEVEMENTS SPECIFICALLY IN TEIGNBRIDGE

- Multi agency work has continued in relation to concerns about young people across Teignbridge being drawn in to crime, exploitation and becoming a victim of crime. The Adolescent Safety Framework has been deployed to oversee the risk and has seen work undertaken with young people from Newton Abbot and Teignmouth with links to other areas.
- Twice yearly the CSP meets with the safeguarding leads from all of the secondary schools across the district. This meeting provides updates to the schools about key issues but also ensures that the schools can share concerns and emerging trends that they are observing. Other agencies also use this meeting as a way of connecting with the schools.

- Liaison took place with the diversity specialists in Devon and Cornwall Police when swastika graffiti was found in the district and also when offensive stickers were found in several locations in the District.
- The CSP has worked closely with internal departments and the Police, particularly in Newton Abbot to address vulnerable people's risk of exploitation within the community.
- The CSP continues to engage with a number of meetings including the South Devon Missing and Child Exploitation (MACE) and the Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference for Domestic Abuse to review specific cases within Teignbridge.
- The CSP has been involved in multi-agency discussions throughout the pandemic, continually assessing risk and mitigating concerns. Examples of this include campaigns relating to domestic abuse when risks were increased due to lockdown.
- Youth outreach has been funded to address the youth issues in Teignmouth. They are working with a core group of 12 who regularly attend and others have come in and out of the sessions. Young people are engaging well

Turning Corners Programme

Turning Corners was a multi-agency project in Teignbridge, Torbay and South Hams that identified and worked with young people being drawn into crime, violence and exploitation. It was funded by the Home office and ceased in March 2020. Young people were referred into the project from a variety of agencies and were then assessed using the Youth Exploitation Tracking Assessment (YETA). This assessment was based on weighted risk indicators and monitored throughout the project.

The project came from a recognition of escalating youth crime with rises in violence, involvement in the use and supply of drugs, weapon carrying and intimidation. The aim was to create a response to this escalating youth violence by supporting young people through a variety of direct and indirect intervention techniques. The learning from Turning Corners helped direct the development of the Adolescent Safety Framework (ASF) which is now fully operational in Devon.

Outcomes from Turning Corners:

During the project 144 young people aged between 11 and 18 years old were identified as being at risk. Through the use of the YETA several vulnerability indicators were assessed to help identify what factors made these young people more at risk of violence or exploitation.

- The highest 4 risk factors identified within the project were Low school attendance, being a Suspect or Accused of a low-level crime, having experienced at least one known Adverse Childhood Experience (ACE) and Drug or alcohol use.
- 100 young people did not have an overall escalation in risk, 5 moved out of area, 4 were referred within the last 3 months (too short a time period to monitor progress) and 35 had an escalation in risk – all 35 young people were engaging with at least one professional on a regular basis.
- By the end of the project the number identified as green had increased and both amber and red categories had decreased.

- No young people initially assessed as green or amber escalated into the red risk category.
- The formal evaluation from the Home Office is now not likely to be published until 2021.

The CSP worked with partners to bid to the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for a second phase of Turning Corners. The successful bid will bring a total of £900,000 over the next four years into the CSP to deliver initiatives in Teignbridge and South Hams. The projects will be starting in the new year.

4. TACKLING ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR IN TEIGNBRIDGE

- Partial closure orders obtained with Police and housing providers to two properties linked to persistent ASB including drug dealing, intimidation, damage to property and noise nuisance which was having a significant impact on the community. Issues resolved with orders in place.
- ASB escalation processes have been instigated as a result of drug and alcohol related ASB and joint working with a private landlord. Reports came solely to Teignbridge through online reporting and direct calls, Police initially unaware. Behaviour ceased as a result of the interventions.
- Work is currently underway with Teignmouth Policing team to address the rise in youth related ASB in the locality which has resulted in five youth injunctions and wider partnership work through the Adolescent Safety Framework managed by Devon County Council.
- Engagement in a neighbourhood conference reviewing locations where ASB was taking place in Teignmouth. Public lighting was reviewed and also vegetation removed from parks etc.
- Advice on the potential for a Public Space Protection Order due to the significant impact of ASB in Teignmouth.
- Successful multiagency work at a sensitive location working with multiple vulnerable user-groups. Crime prevention and positive safeguarding methods employed to manage the risk at the location from a community safety perspective.
- Supported an initiative to identify young people at risk of ASB and crime to get them involved in sport as a diversion. This was in partnership with Active Devon, the national charity Street Games, Police and other agencies.
- Joint work to address the risk of weapons including knives.
- Continuation of case management through Covid to support victims of ASB and ensuring action to deter ASB taken effectively.
- Securing of the Bay Hotel and preventative work surrounding the premises to prevent reoccurrence of ASB
- Received complaints relating to anti-social use of a play area, 12 ASB letters the problem was resolved in liaison with parents. Further complaints received via elected members about further issues during lockdown however no complaints to Police, offered to host meeting with partners.
- Arranged for additional CCTV signs to deter graffiti in several locations in Teignbridge which had a deterrent effect for a period of time

- Liaison with Police regarding unauthorised encampments where there was concern about ASB
- Engagement in fortnightly Police briefing meetings to ensure the service is fully appraised on local issues but also enables partnership tasking of Police Officers.
- Continual liaison to support internal departments with complex risk management. Departments include legal, housing , property, car parks, parks and green spaces
- Chair and support case management meetings around complex individuals that sometimes impact on several internal departments whilst also having a wider community impact.

5. IMPLICATIONS, RISK MANAGEMENT & CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACT

5.1 Financial

The budget for the CSP is provided annually by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) and for the last few years has been £25,000 per year.

The OPCC are currently running a consultation on the funding they provide to move from a grant to joint commissioning framework.

5.2 Environmental/Climate Change Impact

There are no environmental/climate change impacts from this report.

6. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

This report is to update on the delivery of the CSP since the last report to O&S so no alternative options considered.

7. CONCLUSION

The CSP continues to deliver against the statutory duties. The CSP is intelligence led and responds wherever possible in partnership to emerging risks. Performance is monitored through quarterly CSP meetings that are attended by the Executive Member for Community Safety and the Head of Community Services and Improvement.