

**Teignbridge District Council
Overview and Scrutiny Committee 1
2nd February 2023
Part I**

South Devon and Dartmoor Community Safety Partnership Annual Review

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) Provide any questions to be raised at the next Community Safety Partnership meeting by 25th January 2023

Financial Implications

The financial implications are contained within Section 5.a. The £12,000 funding to deliver violence reduction initiatives has been received and both instalments relating to the 2022 Turning Corners programme contract milestones have also been received. The £244,000 relating to the UK Prosperity Fund is due to be received in instalments, from this financial year, over the life of the project.

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Legal Implications

There are no legal implications arising specifically out of this report.

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Risk Assessment

Not required as for information rather than decision required

Environmental/ Climate Change Implications

There are no significant environmental or climate change related implications associated with this report.

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1 Introduction/Background

- 1.1 The Community Safety Partnership (CSP) operates across Teignbridge, South Hams and West Devon and is a statutory partnership. It works collaboratively across Devon and the Peninsula to tackle issues such as child sexual exploitation, modern slavery, drug misuse, prejudice related crime, and to prevent violent extremism, domestic violence and abuse.
- 1.2 The CSP sets its priorities each March, with all partners using information from the Devon Strategic Assessment and the Police and Crime Plan. The CSP also responds to emerging risks. CSP Staff attend fortnightly tactical meetings with Police.
- 1.3 The CSP delivers activity against a wide range of statutory legislation which continues to expand with the introduction of the Serious Violence Duty. The Home Office is currently undertaking a review of Community Safety Partnerships but is waiting for ministerial direction in relation to timescales.
- 1.4 The CSP focusses on addressing areas where the risk of harm is the most significant for our communities. A significant priority for the CSP over the last year has been violence prevention and tackling violence against women and girls.
- 1.5 The outcomes of the CSP are monitored at each CSP meeting through the Local Delivery Plan (LDP).
- 1.6 In 2022/23 the CSP received a £12,000 grant of violence reduction funding from the OPCC (Office of the Police Crime Commissioner). The funding plan for this grant is developed alongside the Local Delivery Plan.
- 1.7 The CSP has also been successful in obtaining £900,000 over four years for delivery of the Turning Corners Programme.
- 1.8 In December 2022 we have also heard the proposals submitted under the Teignbridge UK Prosperity fund have been approved so this will deliver £244,000 of projects to further tackle violence by building resilience in our communities with a focus on young people and women and girls

2 CSP Delivery

2.1 Delivery across the whole CSP area

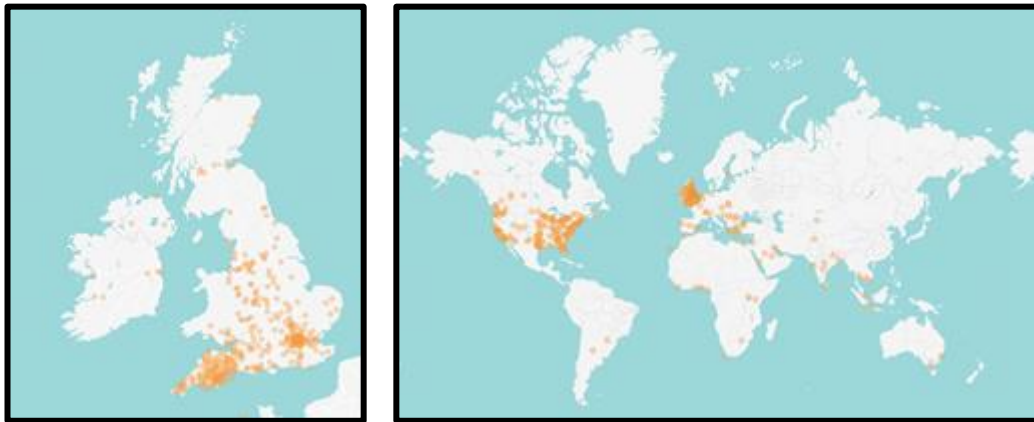
Priority	Activity
Sexual Violence, Domestic Violence and Abuse (SVDVA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Established a Violence Prevention and Violence Against Women and Girls subgroup • Quarterly SVDVA forums are convened with a range of partners and are well attended by all. Presentations have been given including a presentation about Stalking • Engagement in Domestic Homicide Reviews • Regular engagement with South Devon MARAC (Multi Agency Risk Abuse Conference) to create safety planning for those experiencing domestic abuse in South Devon. • CSP staff are part of the Devon Domestic Abuse Partnership • Supporting delivery of a pilot project to provide support to couples experiencing violence within their relationships • 9 performances of the “Unacceptable” production were delivered to approximately 1600 young people to address misogyny
Exploitation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dangerous drugs and county lines awareness session was offered to schools and governors with 30 people attending and very positive feedback • Attendance at the Devon Anti-Slavery Partnership • Attendance at the Devon and Torbay Prevent Partnership • Continuing to promote the Exploitation Prevention Toolkit • Promotion of the Partnership Information Sharing Form • Engagement with the Adolescent Safety Framework to safeguard individuals and communities from risk of exploitation and harm • Supporting case management through Channel for individuals who are vulnerable to radicalisation • Attendance at the Devon children and family's partnership exploitation subgroup
Drug and Alcohol Misuse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased awareness of drugs and alcohol issues within a wide range of organisations • Engagement with Devon strategic group to develop response from governments from Harm to Hope strategy • Developed protocol for licensed premises to safely dispose of any drugs found and encourage reporting
Changes in Youth Culture / Youth Gang Activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following conversations with schools safeguarding leads concerns were raised about vaping, information was gathered by the CSP from schools across the area and was presented to public health and wider

	<p>partners resulting in national media attention and a change in commissioning of services across Devon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 Corners project (South Hams and Teignbridge) • Let's Talk Program (more details below) • Regular meetings with safeguarding leads at secondary schools to discuss community safety issues • Regular care homes with staff from children's care homes • Continue to lobby around resources needed to address children's poor mental health
ASB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Produced multi agency response to addressing neighbour disputes to manage demand and public expectations • In partnership with Dartmoor National Park and the police a working protocol has been developed to address ASB create the ability to issue community protection warning notices if initial education engagement fails • Reviewed recommendations from the Office of the Police Crime Commissioner in relation to Community Trigger review which now involve the complainant more actively
Overarching work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training was delivered on 24th January by Probation on opportunities to engage with the Community Payback Scheme • On Wednesday 23rd March 2022 the annual CSP Forum took place via Teams and was attended by 90 people representing 30 different organisations • Engaged with the development of the Community Mental Health Framework • Active members of the Safer Devon Partnership

2.2 Let's Talk

- 2.2.1 The CSP developed the Let's Talk project which aims to provide awareness, tips and techniques for parents and carers of children, the sessions cover a range of community safety issues including healthy relationships, exploitation, mental health, staying safe online, county lines and gangs and alcohol and drug misuse.
- 2.2.2 Produced a toolkit for parents which is delivered through three, hour long sessions over Teams.
- 2.2.3 This project has so far been a resounding success with 2,497 engagements to date and 99% of attendees saying they would recommend this course to others.

- 2.2.4 For the first time the CSP has used paid advertising to promote the sessions and as can be seen from the maps below this project has received significant interest from across the world.



- 2.2.5 86% of attendees felt better able to support their young people, with an additional 12% who said they may be better able to support. This also included many who joined the sessions as professionals rather than as parents and carers which was not who it was originally designed for.
- 2.2.6 We have been overwhelmed by the feedback from parents and carers attending the training.
- “The work you are doing is VITALLY important. I have been feeling so alone and isolated as a single parent. This has made me feel supported in just an hr and a half.”*
- “The session was amazing. It's been so hard throughout the pandemic to support my three teenagers as there's been so much uncertainty for them. There's so little for parents and the world our teenagers are growing up in now is very different to the world that we did. These sessions are so needed to help us as parents, so thank you.”*
- “This has been the best online service I have ever been on...thank you. worth every minute of our time and yours.”*
- “Thank you for organising these insightful events. I thought I was already quite informed due to my job role, however, I learnt a lot from this event.”*
- 2.2.7 The latest series of events have been funded jointly by all CSPs in Devon whilst being run by our CSP. Plymouth and Cornwall CSPs are delivering sessions through our CSP in February and March.
- 2.2.8 Due to the success of the project, we will be bringing partners together in March to see how we can further develop the initiative

2.3 Delivery specific to Teignbridge

- 2.3.1 Significant multi-agency work has taken place in the last year in relation to concerns about young people across Teignbridge being drawn into crime, exploitation and becoming a victim of crime. The Adolescent Safety Framework has been deployed by Devon County Council to oversee the risks in relation to specific peer groups and has seen work undertaken with young people from Newton Abbot, Teignmouth and Dawlish

- 2.3.2 The CSP continues to meet with Police, key agencies and the safeguarding leads from all 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. Meetings also take place with staff from children's care homes in the District.
- 2.3.3 The officers in the CSP continue to deal with day-to-day community safety cases which are increasingly complex in nature. An example of just one such case has seen staff involved in weekly meetings for seven weeks (to date) with colleagues from education, mental health, social services and police to put mitigations in place around a child who has the potential to pose risk to the community and is indeed at risk themselves.
- 2.3.4 CSP staff have recently been on visits to licensed premises in Teignmouth and Newton Abbot. This was jointly with Teignbridge Licensing staff and officers from the Neighbourhood Policing Teams. The operations were to engage with the License holders around issues relating to drugs, anti-social behaviour and violence against women and girls and were very positively received.
- 2.3.5 The CSP continues to engage with several meetings including the South Devon Missing and Child Exploitation (MACE) and the Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) for Domestic Abuse to review specific cases within Teignbridge

3 Turning Corners Programme

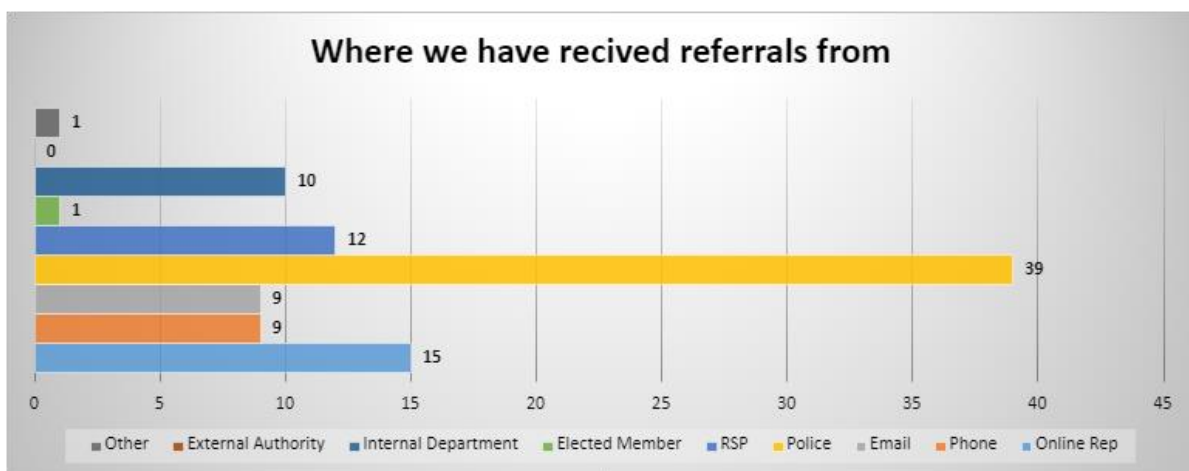
- 3.1 Turning Corners is an Office of the Police Crime Commissioner funded project for 4 years from January 2021 to December 2024 and is delivered across South Hams and Teignbridge. The partnership involves the CSP, Police, Devon County Council and Space youth services. The programme is fully operational. Claire Birch is now the project lead along with a full-time Impact research Analyst and wider project delivery teams. There is also a Turning Corners Board that is chaired by Becca Hewitt. The programme consists of three projects
- 3.2 **Outreach** Space youth service are delivering sessions at two locations weekly and these have included Newton Abbot and Kingsteignton. Engagement from these groups has been good. Dawlish has been identified as a future location for outreach delivery. Across the project there have been 182 sessions delivered with 1045 contact with young people.
- 3.3 **Moving up together** Supports targeted young people and their families from primary school to transition to secondary school. There are 25 feeder primary schools and three secondary schools that are engaged, the secondary schools are Kingsbridge, Coombeshead and Newton Abbot College in Newton Abbot. In phase one we received 32 referrals and in phase two we have received 71 and are working with 64 young people.
- 3.4 **Parent Support groups** Parent support groups have been established with parents identified by partner agencies or by parent self-referral. There have been 92 sessions delivered with attendance from 47 parents from across the area.
- 3.5 **Evaluation** A Theory of Change which clarifies the outcomes for the project has been developed to ensure all partners are clear on the outcomes hoped for by the project. The South West Academic Health Science Network are working as the evaluation partner to the project. The first annual review has

been completed and an action plan has been created from the recommendations. There will be external evaluation at the end of each year with the full evaluation at the end of the 4 year programme.

4 Anti-Social Behavior service delivery in Teignbridge

4.1 The data covered in this report ASB cases managed between the 1st January 2022 and the 16th December 2022. There were 96 ASB cases managed over this period

4.2 As can be seen from the graph below, 39 were received from Police, 15 from online reports, 12 from registered housing providers and 10 from internal Teignbridge departments, others were via e-mail, external authorities and elected members.

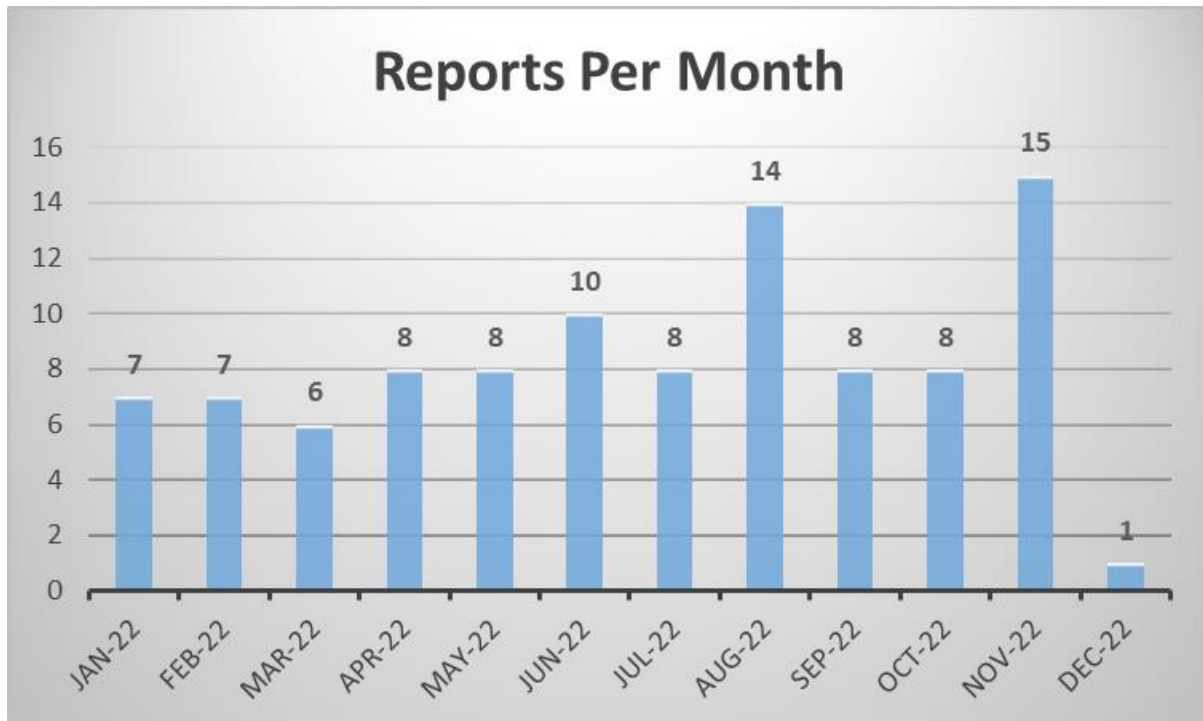


4.3 The main reason referrals were made related to rowdy and nuisance behaviour followed by harassment and intimidation.



4.4 The table below shows referrals received per month. We have seen a large spike in cases towards the end of the year. The average number of reports each month in 2021 was 17 and in 2022 so far is 8. Last year the nation was subjected to multiple lockdowns causing neighbour and community tensions

to spike which led to higher reports of lower level ASB, 2022 shows a reduction in reports however the cases have led to more lengthy partnership working to help problem solve as most of them are incredibly complex with many agencies involved. .



4.5 Significant cases in the past three months

- 4.5.1 At the start of summer, there were reports of young people in Teignmouth that were causing issues which were having a significant community impact. There were concerns around alcohol, drug use, criminal damage and assaults. Close work with the Neighbour Policing team and the Youth Intervention Officer saw action taken against those who were involved through ten ASB warning letters and one acceptable behaviour contract. The concerns started to raise significantly with a change in group dynamics and an increase in the number of young people and a referral was made in an attempt to problem solve the situation and address any safeguarding concerns via Devon's County Council's Adolescent Safety Framework. This resulted in a peer group conference multi agency meeting. Agencies were very proactive to address the issues around the whole ground in addition to individual safety planning. Concerns from the public have reduced in addition with a decrease in reported incidents. Ongoing monitoring will take place by services.
- 4.5.2 A community trigger case that is currently ongoing has seen a significant amount of work involving multiple partners. One of the biggest challenges in this case has been managing community expectations as most of the behaviour is not meeting statutory threshold but is still having a community impact, however the behaviour that can be picked up by services is being fully investigated and responded to.
- 4.5.3 Several cases have related to cannabis use within homes, which has had an impact on direct neighbours who are subjected to the smell. Consultation with

our legal department identified that it would be appropriate to use the community protection notice route to tackle this issue rather than the Environmental Health abatement notice process. An initial contact letter has been created regarding the use of cannabis within homes and what impact that will have if continued. Six ASB cannabis letters have been issued. One case is likely to be issued with an Acceptable Behaviour Contract as the problem is ongoing, but all the others have resulted in behaviour change and no further reports. use has not ceased. This work has been undertaken in partnership with Devon and Cornwall Police.

- 4.5.4 This year there has been close work with our Homeless Outreach Team, there have been multiple occasions where we have helped manage risk in the community and helped support rough sleepers. Positive action was taken, letters of ASB have been used as a last resort in cases but were used as a way to encourage the take up of support services rather than as a punishment. Some have taken up the offer of accommodation.
- 4.5.5 The public spaces protection order in Teignmouth has proved successful with only having to issue four further warning letters issued bring the total number of warnings since the order was introduced to eight. Further evidence has been provided last week which may result in fines for two that have previously been warned. The order runs until 31st March 2024.

5 Implications

a. Financial

In 2022/23 the CSP has received £12,000 of funding from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner to deliver violence reduction initiatives. The CSP has also been successful with several funding bids to generate income for project delivery. This includes £900,000 over four years for delivery of the Turning Corners Programme and £244,000 from the Uk Prosperity Fund. The CSP is also developing a franchise model for the Let's Talk programme to generate income for future delivery and project costs.