

**Teignbridge District Council
Overview and Scrutiny Committee
17th June 2025
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 23rd July 2025

Financial Implications

The financial implications are contained within Section 4. There are no additional pressures on the budget.

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Legal Implications

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

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Risk Assessment

Not required as for information rather than requiring a 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, prevention of violent extremism and domestic violence and abuse.
- 1.2 The CSP sets its priorities each March. All partners are invited to take part in the priority setting using information from the Devon Community Safety Strategic Assessment and the Police and Crime Plan. Throughout the year, the partnership 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 includes the recently introduced Serious Violence Duty. The Home Office is currently undertaking a review of Community Safety Partnerships.
- 1.4 The CSP focusses on addressing areas where the risk of harm is the most significant for our communities.
- 1.5 The outcomes of the CSP are monitored at each CSP meeting through the Local Delivery Plan (LDP).
- 1.6 In 2024/25 the CSP received a grant of £8,000 from Serious Violence Funding to deliver a pilot project on Community Protection Warnings, and £27,000 for the Let's Talk project to deliver a website and sessions specifically targeted for Dads and male carers.
- 1.7 In December 2022 the CSP was allocated funds from the Teignbridge allocation of the UK Prosperity fund of £244,000 to further tackle violence by building resilience in our communities with a focus on young people and women and girls. There is more information about this work under section 2.5.

2.0 2024/25 CSP Priorities and delivery

2.1 Priorities

- Domestic violence, abuse and harmful sexual behaviour
- Problem drinking and problem drug use
- Exploitation and hate crime
- Changing youth culture
- Anti-social behaviour

2.2 CSP delivery

- Active partners in a number of Devon and Peninsula wide partnerships including South Devon MARAC (Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference), Devon Interpersonal Gender Based Violence and Abuse Local Partnership Board, Devon and Torbay Prevent Partnership, Devon Exploitation Prevention Group, Devon Channel Pannel and Devon Preventing Serious Violence Group.
- Meetings are held with secondary schools to discuss community safety issues that are impacting their communities and also raise awareness of current issues.
- Extensive work has taken place under the Adolescent Safety Framework to safeguard young people and communities from risk of exploitation and harm
- Promotion of the Partnership Information Sharing Form to ensure as much knowledge about risks is known by Police.
- Reinforced protocol for licensed premises to safely dispose of any drugs found and encourage reporting through joint visits to licensed premises with Police
- Engagement in statutory Domestic Homicide Reviews
- Working with partner agencies to address large gatherings of young people.
- The CSP has several social media accounts and has 322 followers on Facebook and 172 followers on LinkedIn.
- The annual forum took place on the 24th March and was attended online by 62 people. The session had presentations from Police, Local Authority, Prisons and Safer Spaces, Safer Places Project. The feedback from delegates was positive including:
 - Variety of speakers
 - All of the updates where helpful and interesting
 - Great information to take away and strong partnership working
 - Great to understand the extensive work being carried out by partner agencies
 - Every presentation is engaging and I learn something new every time.

2.3 Let's Talk

2.3.1 The CSP developed the Let's Talk project to empower parents and carers by raising awareness of the community safety risks and challenges faced by young people whilst providing simple tips to support young people. The sessions cover a range of community safety issues including healthy relationships, exploitation, mental health, staying safe online, county lines, gangs, alcohol and drug misuse. The project has seen considerable interest from parents and carers but also professionals.

2.3.2 The information is delivered through live online sessions and recordings are then available on YouTube. The sessions have been targeted at the parents/careers of teenagers, pre-teens and primary aged children. In the last year there has been a focus on engaging with Dads and male carers, parents and carers of neurodivergent young people and offering bitesize sessions on different themes. The project has also worked alongside the Safer Devon

Partnership to deliver sessions on keeping our children safe online which had a focus on radicalisation.

- 2.3.3 This project has so far has been a resounding success with 8,774 engagements and 97.5% of attendees saying they would recommend this course to others.
- 2.3.4 The CSP has received funding through the Serious Violence Fund from the Safer Devon Partnership to re-brand the project and also develop a website to create a single space for all the resources. This development is underway and the website is scheduled to launch in July.

2.4 Bitesize

- 2.4.1 A crucial role of the CSP is working with partners to raise awareness of key community safety issues. For several years the partnership has developed a contact list of more than 850 interested parties who are notified when the online events are held.
- 2.4.2 All sessions are delivered live on Teams and the majority are then recorded and made available on YouTube. Since starting the bitesize sessions, we have seen 1,588 people attend the live sessions with a further 566 accessing the information through YouTube taking us to a total of 2,154 engagements.
 - 2.4.3 In the past year sessions have been delivered on the following topics: Gaming and gambling harm, Exploitation prevention, Diversity and hate crime, Suicide Prevention, Serious and organised crime, Safer Spaces Safer Places, Fraud and Rogue Traders, Radicalisation and online influences, Violence against women and girls and a further Safer Spaces Safer Places learning event.
- 2.4.4 Following each session delegates are asked to provide feedback. As an example of the data collected, information below relates to the session delivered on Radicalisation and online influences:
 - The session was rated 4.87 out of a possible five stars
 - 100% said their knowledge had improved or greatly improved
 - 100% were either somewhat confident or extremely confident in spotting the signs
 - 100% were either somewhat confident or extremely confident in reporting the signsIndividual feedback included:
 - Ali's enthusiasm was really fantastic, the information was thorough and accessible. So glad I booked on, best training I've had in a long time! Thank you so much
 - Informative learnt a lot to share with my children in care team
 - This was truly an insightful/informative presentation. I felt totally engaged for the duration.

2.5 UK Prosperity Fund

- 2.5.1 The aim of the Safer Spaces, Safer Places work delivered under the UK prosperity Fund was to tackle violence by building resilience in our communities with a focus on young people and women and girls. The project has two elements;

- making our town centers feel safer for all and placing young people at the heart of our communities
 - changing the culture of misogyny to address harmful sexual behaviour. Space Youth Service and Young Devon were the delivery partners. Examples of the work are shared in 2.5.2 to 2.5.9.
- 2.5.2 A focus group was established with hard-to-reach young people who were influential with their peers within Teignmouth Community School. This group considered what a youth provision could look like and discussed themes including healthy relationship, drugs, alcohol, knife crime and safety in the community.
- 2.5.3 Students from Coombeshead delivered a social action project looking at feelings of safety in the community which resulted in a training video being produced by the students for Police.
- 2.5.4 The 'Is This Okay' Harmful Sexual behaviour programme is a preventative targeted and educational series of six sessions that works with young people who have been highlighted as being at risk of either displaying, or experiencing, harmful sexual behaviors both in school and in their local community. 197 young people in Teignbridge have benefited from this programme.
- 2.5.5 One to one work that aims to help young men understand harmful sexual behaviour and the impact of this on others has taken place with seven young men.
- 2.5.6 More than 180 young people across Teignbridge engaged with conversations about how we can change the culture of misogyny. The insights gained from this work led to the design of a potential new piece of work entitled Voices to be Heard which would be an early intervention approach for young men.
- 2.5.7 Funding from the project also supported the delivery of elements of the Let's Talk programme which was mentioned in section 2.3
- 2.5.8 Two learning events were delivered online and recordings can be found at <http://www.youtube.com/@SouthDevonandDartmoorCSP> A toolkit that shares the learning and experiences of the Peer Research has also been produced.
- 2.5.9 It is hoped the Safer Spaces, Safer Places work will continue in the current financial year.

3 Anti-Social Behavior delivery in Teignbridge

3.1 Case management

- 3.1.1 The Council officers work with partners in the CSP to address anti-social behaviour in our community. Between 1/4/24 and 31/03/25 there were 137 ASB cases. The majority of these cases relate to rowdy nuisance behaviour or harassment and intimidation but also include issues relating to themes such as drug misuse and supply, domestic abuse and exploitation. From the 1/4/25 to date there have been 42 cases.
- 3.1.2 Gary Wilson who was the Council's ASB and Safeguarding Officer left in February 2025, and the work is currently being covered by Rebecca Hewitt. Recruitment has taken place, and the new post holder is expected to start at the end of July.

3.2 Community Protection Warnings

- 3.2.1 The Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 introduced simpler, powers to tackle anti-social behaviour that provide better protection for victims and communities. It included Community Protection Notices (CPNs) to stop a person aged 16 or over, business or organisation committing anti-social behaviour which spoils the community's quality of life. A written Community Protection Warning (CPW) must first be issued informing the subject of the problem behaviour, suggesting actions to prevent the impact on others and the consequences of continuing. A CPN can then be issued including requirements to stop behaviours, positive conditions or to do things or take reasonable steps to avoid further anti-social behaviour which if breached becomes a criminal offence.
- 3.2.2 The CPWs are now used as an integral part of the toolkit to address anti-social behaviour, these are only used by the CSP currently for adults. Between 1/4/24 and 31/03/25 there were 132 CPWs issued and 9 progressed to CPN. So far in this financial year up to the 27th May 23 have been issued. The overall compliance rate for CPWs in Teignbridge is currently 92%.
- 3.2.3 The main reasons for issuing a CPW are neighbour dispute, disorder, shouting swearing and drug use, but they have also been effective in addressing detrimental impact on themes such as domestic abuse, stalking and exploitation prevention of both adults and children.
- 3.2.4 In September 2024 the CSP undertook a consultation with wider partners regarding the issuing of CPWs and their effectiveness. 37 responses were received. Of the respondents all but one said that they felt engaged in the delivery of the work and the average rating for how effective the CPW process is in addressing detrimental impact on quality of life was 4.53 out of 5 with 61% of respondents grading a five out of five. When asked how satisfied they were with the service received the average rating was 4.81 out of five, with 84% grading a five.
- 3.2.5 The CSP is seen as being a leader in the peninsula for the work on the application of CPWs to resolve issues in communities. The CSP have delivered training to Police officers and also been asked to speak at several meetings and conferences.

3.3 ASB Hotspot delivery

- 3.3.1 In 2025/26 the Police and Crime Commissioner received funding from the Home Office to tackle serious violence and anti-social behaviour. An analysis of crime data resulted in the identification of 16 sites across the peninsula.
- 3.3.2 A total of £28,280 was received and Newton Abbot Security Trust were employed to deliver a Marshall Scheme patrolling key locations in the town.
- 3.3.3 This resulted in more than 2,000 hours of foot patrol, more than one hundred ASB incidents attended, 16 pieces of intelligence to the Police, 2,700 visits to premises and nearly 3,500 members of the public engaged with.
- 3.3.4 The scheme is being extended into the current financial year.

4 Implications

a. Financial

In 2024/25 the CSP received £8,000 of funding from the Safer Devon Partnership that originated from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner to deliver violence reduction initiatives this was to provide additional resource for the CSP with a fifth day per week for the ASB and Safeguarding Officer to lead the delivery of the CPW pilot and also £27,000 for development of Let's Talk.