

**Teignbridge District Council
Overview and Scrutiny Committee 1
10th January 2022
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 11th January 2022

Financial Implications

The financial implications are contained within Section 1.5, 1.6 and 5a. The £25,000 Safer Communities grant has not yet been received but is due shortly. The first instalment of £100,000 was received in April for the Turning Corners Programme. With two further instalments totalling £125,000 due in this financial year.

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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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Appendices/Background Papers

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 also the Police and Crime Plan. The CSP also responds to emerging risks. CSP Staff attend fortnightly tactical meetings with Police.
- 1.3 The focus of the CSP is addressing areas where risk of harm is the most significant for our communities.
- 1.4 The outcomes of the CSP are monitored at each CSP meeting through the Local Delivery Plan (LDP) and annually through a performance review with the Office of the Police Crime Commissioner (OPCC).
- 1.5 In 2021/22 the CSP received a £25,000 grant of Safer Communities funding from the OPCC. This funding plan is developed alongside the Local Delivery Plan.
- 1.6 The CSP has also been successful in obtaining £900,000 over four years for delivery of the Turning Corners Programme.

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"> • Quarterly SVDVA forums are convened with a range of partners and are well attended by all. • 'Later in life' toolkit was created and launched to partner agencies to address SVDVA in the

	<p>older population.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engagement in Domestic Homicide Reviews • Toolkit for parents to support vulnerable young people in relation to behaviours and gender. Online delivery was undertaken in April to sixteen families who gave positive feedback and now the project is being considered as a Devon wide initiative. • 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 – Two monthly meetings of the network are held to raise awareness of current risks. • Attendance at the Devon Anti-Slavery Partnership. • Attendance at the Devon and Torbay Prevent Partnership. • Continuing to promote the Exploitation Prevention Toolkit. The CSP presented as part of a Devon wide webinar on the impact of COVID on exploitation. The session was massively oversubscribed and further webinars are planned. Excellent feedback was received. • Promotion of the Police Partnership Information Sharing Form. • Engagement with the Adolescent Safety Framework to safeguard individuals and communities from risk of exploitation and harm. • Working with partner agencies to address concerning rise in hate crime and increase in offensive racist graffiti. • CSP facilitated the child centred policing team and counter terrorism specialists to deliver training directly to safeguarding leads in schools to support them in addressing concerning increases in inappropriate hate language within school environments. • The CSP hosted a training session delivered by the illegal money lending team from Bristol. Training was well received and attended by over fifty individuals.
Drug and Alcohol Misuse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased awareness of drugs and alcohol issues within a wide range of organisations through county lines awareness raising. • Targeted interventions with students at South Hams and Teignbridge schools as part of a multi-agency approach.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operation Moorland intelligence briefings around blue pills that were thought to cause harm were circulated to partners.
Changes in Youth Culture / Youth Gang Activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CSP working with WAVE Academy to deliver the Motiv8 programme. • Following conversations with schools concerns were raised about increased suicide ideation, the CSP funded Pete's Dragon charity to deliver an online session to school safeguarding leads within two weeks of concerns being raised. • 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. • Initiatives in schools working with a professional music partner to understand the impact of drill music and youth culture. • Fifty delegates attended training on gangs, youth violence, knives and criminal exploitation. Professionals from agencies including social care, police, secondary schools, NHS and District Council staff benefited from the training.
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. Online training was delivered over six sessions with a total of 96 delegates attending. Feedback has been incredibly positive and good practice shared with the Devon Trauma network. • Provision of 100 hand held domestic abuse alarms. • Literature review and engagement with partner agencies to identify best practice for interventions to address weapons and the fear of weapons. • Concern was raised about increasing anti-social behaviour on Dartmoor, the CSP worked with the Police, each Council and officers from Dartmoor National Park to develop a protocol for issuing community protection notices, this is currently under consideration by Dartmoor National Park.
Annual CSP Forum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The annual CSP Forum took place online on the 9/12/20, more than 100 delegates from at least 50 different organisations engaged in the meeting and feedback was incredibly positive.

	<p><i>“Thank you for such an informative morning. The breadth of work is staggering, the attention to local need is excellent and the drive and success of partnership working is encouraging.”</i></p> <p><i>“A positive fusillade of information, passionately delivered.”</i></p>
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2.2 Delivery specific to Teignbridge

- Concern was raised by partners about young people potentially being vulnerable in the night time economy at the start of the summer. A Safe Place Scheme was developed in Newton Abbot in partnership with Young Devon, St Pauls Church and the Police. Excellent support was received from the Special Constabulary . The scheme was set up with the first session taking place on the 19th July. The decision was taken to cease the project after three sessions as there were no young people around in the town centre or parks that appeared vulnerable or needed support. The learning is in place should demand and risk suggest a similar scheme is required.
- The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner opened a fund for hotspot locations in the summer. The CSP was successful with an application for £3,700 funding to enhance CCTV Cameras and increase CCTV monitoring for the Late Night economy in Newton Abbot. This was match funded by Newton Abbot Town Council.
- 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 risks and has seen work undertaken with young people from Newton Abbot and Teignmouth.
- The CSP continues to meet with Police, key agencies and 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. This year information from this meeting resulted in the CSP offering training in suicide risk and hate crime to schools within weeks of concerns being raised.
- Liaison has taken place with Police, local Town Councils and Schools in relation to racist graffiti found in the District.
- 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.

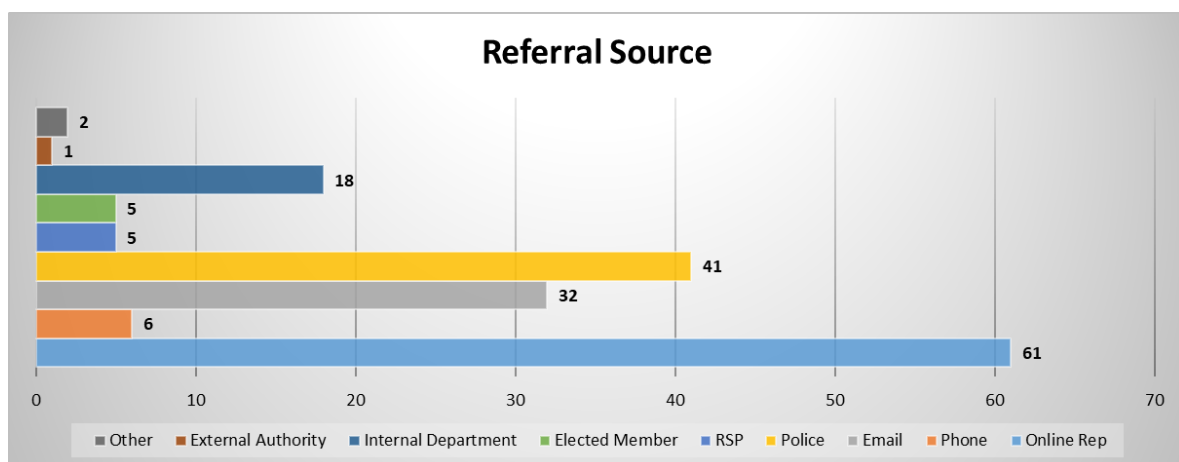
3 Turning Corners Programme

Turning Corners is delivered across South Hams and Teignbridge. The programme is now fully operational. There is a one day per week Project Lead in place, a full time Impact Research Analyst and wider project delivery teams. There is also a Turning Corners Implementation Board that is chaired by Becca Hewitt as Chair of the CSP and involves a wide range of partners including Police, Space, Devon County Council and Public Health. The programme consists of three projects

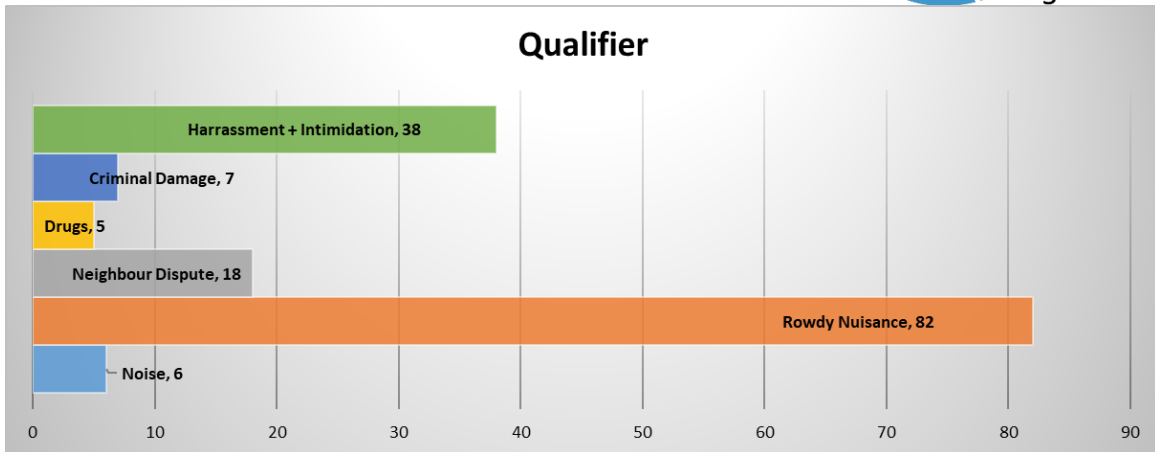
- 3.1 **Outreach** Space youth service are delivering sessions at two locations weekly and have included both Kingsbridge and Dartmouth. Covid placed restrictions on the early work but now those are reducing engagement has been good and relationships are being built for future engagement
- 3.2 **Moving up together** Supports targeted young people and their families from primary school to transition to secondary school. The two secondary schools that are engaged are Kingsbridge and Coombeshead in Newton Abbot. Currently working with 16 families.
- 3.3 **Parent Support groups** Referrals are taking place to identify groups of parents who can engage with the project. Staff are in place and the groups are starting this month.
- 3.4 **Evaluation** a Theory of Change, which clarifies the outcomes for the project is being developed to ensure all partners are clear on the outcomes hoped for by the project. From this an evaluation process is being developed. There will be external evaluations at the end of each year with the full evaluation at the end of the 4 year programme.

4 ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR DELIVERY IN TEIGNBRIDGE

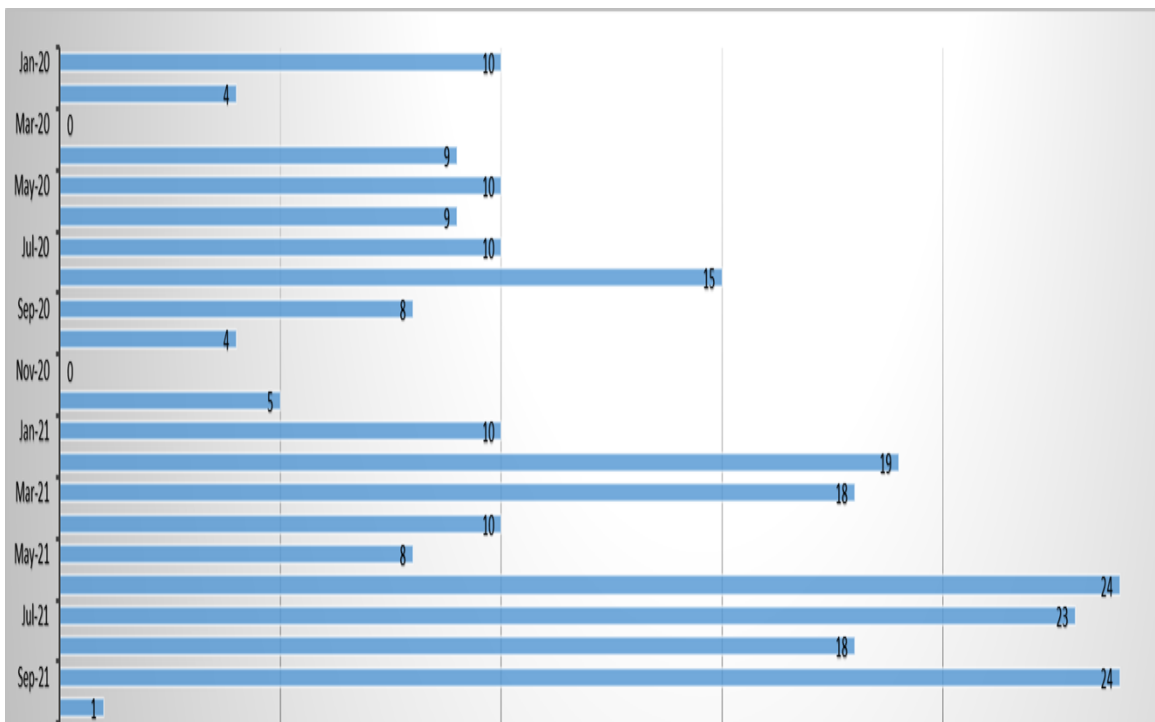
- 4.1 The data in this report for ASB cases are from 1st September 2020 to end of September 2021. There were 171 ASB cases managed over this period
- 4.2 As can be seen from the graph below, 35% of referrals came from online ASB reports from the public, 24% from Police and 19% directly through e-mail.



- 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 are seeing an increasing numbers of cases. The average number of reports each month in 2020 was 7 and in 2021 so far is 17.



4.5 Significant cases in the past three months

- In this period the majority for the cases received are of rowdy and nuisance behaviour. We believe that Covid has had an impact on this with resident tolerances being lowered with the lockdowns that took place. This is where neighbour disputes have escalated into anti-social behaviour due to increased tensions with home working and isolations.
- We have a few ongoing cases one of the cases was in relation to a person that has a caravan in the centre of Newton Abbot, A community protection notice warning was issued in May 2021 due to on-going ASB. This behaviour continued in nature and has had a detrimental impact on the quality of life of those within the community. A Community Protection Notice was issued this month in response to the ongoing ASB.

- Another case had provoked numerous complaints from a number of residents, mainly around noise disturbance by loud music being played. As I started to look into the case I made contact with the perpetrator of the noise, the case then turned into a safeguarding case as the noise was a by-product of a mental health breakdown. Interventions and offer to link back in with their GP and MH services helped with the de-escalation of the noise disturbance.
- A group of young persons in Teignmouth have been causing issues in the local town, incidents including theft, criminal damage and behaviour that caused alarm and distress. Quick action with the local policing team and I led to ASB letters issued to young persons with a covering letter direct to parents. We also had help from the youth intervention officer who worked the case for one particular person within the group and all efforts of diversion are being made.
- During a monthly ASB meeting a case was raised in relation to ASB from a resident in a housing complex, this led to 3 other residents where there were concerns. Concerns of ASB and safeguarding. A joint visit with myself the housing association and the local police took place. An ABC was issued to one of the residents and intervention with the others was established. Ongoing contact with the housing association, DCC and the police has helped manage the ASB that other residents were facing.

5 Implications

a. Financial

In 2021/22 the CSP has received £25,000 of Safer Communities funding from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner. In 2022/23 the CSP will be able to apply for funding from the OPCC for specific initiatives, detail of funds available have not yet been released. The CSP has also been successful in obtaining £900,000 over four years for delivery of the Turning Corners Programme.