

Report to: **Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

Date: **16 November 2021**

Title: **South Devon and Dartmoor Community Safety Partnership**

Portfolio Area: **Customer First**

Wards Affected: **All**

Relevant Scrutiny Committee: N/A

Urgent Decision: **N** Approval and clearance obtained: **Y / N**

Date next steps can be taken:
(e.g. referral on of recommendation or implementation of substantive decision)

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Recommendations:

- 1. That the Committee identifies any issues to be raised at the next Community Safety Partnership meeting**

1. Executive summary

The purpose of this report is to provide Members with the opportunity to scrutinise the work of the South Devon and Dartmoor Community Safety Partnership (CSP).

2. Background

The 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.

3. Outcomes/outputs

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.

The focus of the CSP is addressing areas where risk of harm is the most significant for our communities.

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).

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.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

3.1 Achievements across the whole of South Devon and Dartmoor 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 older population.• Engagement in Domestic Homicide Reviews, no Domestic Homicide reviews have been undertaken in South Hams during the reporting period.• Toolkit for parents to support vulnerable young people in relation to behaviours and gender, online delivery undertaken in April to sixteen families who gave

	<p>positive feedback and now being considered as a Devon wide initiative.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 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 centered 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 a South Hams school as part of a multi-agency approach. • Operation Moorland intelligence

	<p>briefings around blue pills that were thought to cause harm were circulated to partners.</p>
<p>Changes in Youth Culture / Youth Gang Activity</p>	<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. • Key partner in the Turning Corners project (South Hams and Teignbridge). • 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 Borough Council staff benefited from the training. • The CSP developed a pilot project working with the police, a local church and Young Devon to provide a safe place for vulnerable young people who were out and about in the night time economy. Once at the venue they would be safeguarded and directed to support services. The decision was taken to cease the project after the initial three sessions as there were no young people in and around the town centre, the learning and risk assessments are now in place should demand and risk suggest a similar scheme is required within the CSP area.
<p>Emerging issues</p>	<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.

	<p>Feedback has been incredibly positive and good practice shared with the Devon Trauma network.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
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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.

"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."

"A positive fusillade of information, passionately delivered."

3.2 Additional achievements specific to West Devon

- Following best practice from Teignbridge on the 11th October the first meeting took place between the Police, CSP and Children Care Home Managers across South Hams and West Devon. The purpose of the meeting is to ensure that care home staff can recognise the signs of exploitation, encourage them to report concerns, increase awareness of support and identify themes for our most at risk young people.
- Following concerns raised about risks within the community a project was established with students in Okehampton College, Police and the local community to divert away from drug use and wider risks. Issues in local area reduced after the project and positive community engagement with the partners.
- CSP funded Okehampton summer delivery through Space youth service – ten different activities were provided over the four weeks of the school holidays and a residential also took place. The projects engaged a total of 65 young people many of whom were new to the service. Positive feedback was received from the young people and

at the CSP meeting held in October Police said the situation had improved.

- CSP funded Tavistock summer delivery through Tavistock youth Café – In response to the ASB at the Meadows weekly Café sessions were held in the park as a place for young people to go. They worked with young people experiencing mental health issues on a 121 basis. They held day trips and outdoor sessions in the park that were attended by more than 30 young people. These sessions enabled them to reconnect with the young people they had lost contact with during the pandemic and they have had positive feedback from these young people.
- The CSP continues to attend Missing and Child Exploitation (MACE) meetings facilitated by Devon Children and Young People's Service, also Tactical Incident Management meetings chaired by Devon and Cornwall Police.

3.3 Achievements in Anti-Social Behaviour – West Devon

This report covers the period from 1st September 2020 to 30th September 2021.

Over the year there have been twenty nine referrals into the ASB escalation process. This is an increase of 33% on the same period last year. Of these referrals, twenty four came from the Police (an increase of 33%), two came direct from individuals (an increase of 100%) and three came from partner agencies (an increase of 50%). These referrals resulted in seven 1st stage letters being sent, a decrease of 42%. Fourteen 1st stage youth letters sent, an increase of 180%. Eight 2nd stage letters an increase of 300%. These spikes revolve around a series of incidents of anti-social behaviour by a small group of young people in Okehampton. As a result both Police neighbourhood Team and Youth Intervention Officer were working with the Youth Offending Team.

Three Acceptable Behaviour Contracts have been signed. This is a 200% increase compared to the same period last year. Two of these contracts signed were in Tavistock. One person continued in their behaviour and as a result has since been charged with criminal offences. The other person has stopped their behaviour. The other contract signed was in Okehampton and related to an individual's behaviour within their living complex. This contract involved Police, Community Mental Health Team, Housing provider and Care provider. While this contract is still in place there does appear to be continual breaches. All agencies are working together to now try and find a more suitable accommodation for the individual.

There have been no Community Trigger activations within West Devon compared to two in the previous year.

One Community Prevention Notice warning letter has been served. This is as a result of joint working with LiveWest. Unfortunately at this time it would appear that this will be escalated to a full notice being served.

An Anti-Social Behaviour Injunction has been served on an Okehampton resident by Sanctuary Housing following extensive partnership working between Sanctuary Housing, Police, the ASB officer and WDBC Housing department. As a result of the injunction the individual has moved out of the family home and has been found alternative accommodation by Adult Social Care outside of the area which has resulted in the ASB stopping for the community.

There is continued engagement with the monthly ASB meeting where individuals causing ASB are discussed with regular attendance by Police, Registered Social Landlords & West Devon Borough Council and Community Mental Health Team. At this meeting vulnerable adults are also discussed to ensure that all agencies are aware and that appropriate support is being offered.

4. Options available and consideration of risk

The CSP continues to be intelligence led and directed by the findings of the Devon Strategic Assessment. This document guides the CSP to understand the threat, risk and harm that our communities face. From a day-to-day basis engagement with partner agencies ensures that risk is dynamically managed.

5. Proposed Way Forward

Members consider the report and any issues be taken to the next CSP meeting.

6. Implications

Implications	Relevant to proposals Y/N	Details and proposed measures to address
Legal/Governance		The Council is required by section 19 of the Police and Justice Act 2006 to have a committee with power to review or scrutinise decisions made, or other action taken, in connection with the discharge by those authorities responsible for crime and disorder strategies of their crime and disorder functions. The Committee undertakes that role.
Financial		2021/22 income to the CSP included a £25,000 grant of Safer Communities funding from the Police Crime Commissioner.

		The staff costs of West Devon Borough Council contribution to Community Safety Partnership and Anti-Social Behaviour in 2021/22 was £16,679.00.
Risk		Members consider the report and any risks be taken to the next CSP meeting.
Supporting Corporate Strategy		Communities, Wellbeing and Homes
Climate Change - Carbon / Biodiversity Impact		No direct carbon/biodiversity impact arising from the recommendations
Comprehensive Impact Assessment Implications		
Equality and Diversity		The CSP addresses issues including hate crime and specific crimes relating to vulnerable members of the community such as exploitation.
Safeguarding		CSP staff engage in a number of safeguarding forums and promote effective safeguarding practice in their work. This links to internal Council safeguarding. The Community Safety Specialist also has a Safeguarding role at WDBC.
Community Safety, Crime and Disorder		The report details the many implications on Community Safety of West Devon Borough SCouncil's engagement in the CSP.
Health, Safety and Wellbeing		The CSP works closely with public health and other partners on health and wellbeing issues including alcohol, licensing and mental health.
Other implications		

Process checklist	Completed
Portfolio Holder briefed	Yes/No
SLT Rep briefed	Yes/No
Relevant Exec Director sign off (draft)	Yes/No
Data protection issues considered	Yes/No
If exempt information, public (part 1) report also drafted. (Cabinet/Scrutiny)	Yes/No