

The East and Mid Devon Community Safety Partnership

A Partnership between East & Mid Devon District Councils, Devon & Cornwall Police, Devon County Council, NEW Devon Clinical Commissioning Group, Devon & Cornwall Probation Trust, and Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service.



EAST & MID DEVON COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP STEERING GROUP MEETING On Thursday 23 July 2015 Phoenix Chamber, Phoenix House, Tiverton

Present:

Graham Rooms	DSFRS (Chair)
Gerry Moore	Community Safety Officer, East Devon
Julia Ryder	Community Safety Officer, Mid Devon
Andrew Ennis	EDDC
Anne Payne	SWAST
Nick Sanderson	MDDC
Simon Young	DSFRS
Lucy Hextall	Action For Children
Keith Perkin	D&C Police
Laura Maksymczuk	Community Safety Support Officer (minutes)

1.	<p>Introduction and Apologies</p> <p>Graham welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Kevin Finan, Gill Unstead, Tina Teague, Simon Perkins, Lisa Rutter, Caroline Rae, Clive Eginton, Steve Gazzard, Janet Rendle, Brenda Hull and Margaret Squires.</p>
2.	<p>Minutes from meeting on 14 May 2015</p> <p>The minutes of the East & Mid Devon CSP Steering Group meeting on 14 May 2015 were agreed as a true record.</p> <p>Matters Arising</p> <p>Page 2, Item 4 – Early Help – Laura to invite Chairs/Coordinators to next meeting.</p> <p>Page 2, Item 4 – Review of CSP Action Plans – carried forward to November meeting.</p> <p>Page 2, Item 5 – Fraud data gaps – Keith has confirmed with the police data analysts that it is not possible to capture Fraud data which is held nationally by Action Fraud.</p> <p>Page 3, Item 7 - DYS referral form – this was circulated with the last minutes. If anyone would like another copy please contact Laura.</p>
3.	<p>DSFRS Community Engagement</p> <p>Simon Young gave a presentation to the group on the partnership work that DSFRS are undertaking in relation to vulnerable adults. There are both moral and financial factors to consider, for example, over 300 people die every year in dwelling fires; two thirds of which are accidental. Costs to society: £1.65m cost of fire death, £185k serious injury, £12k slight injury and £25k domestic fire.</p> <p>There were 88 fire deaths in the South West between 2008 and 2013 and so a study was commissioned to find the common factors which in turn can inform prevention work. Target groups have been identified as: disabled, including those with mental health issues and sensory loss; over 55s; those living alone; children in the home; mobility issues; smokers over 40. DSFRS are now offering free fire home safety check visits for these target groups, including advice on escape plans, free equipment and guidance to prevent a fire happening in the first place. These are bespoke to each person and their property. These visits stop the likelihood of a fire happening by 55% (in some cases by</p>

up to 90%) and provide a societal saving of £146 per visit. It costs £50 to provide the visit. DSFRS are working with partner agencies who are already in contact with these vulnerable groups and provide awareness training to partners on vulnerability, information about the free fire home safety checks and provide referral information. Data sharing with partners has been an issue e.g. with medical data, and this particular issue is currently being worked on with Devon GPs. Visits usually take place within 28 days of a referral being made. Feedback is provided to the individual who made the referral but is not currently passed on to third parties, for example information on hoarders is not passed onto Environmental Health.

DSFRS also have a programme of school interventions which are structured to different age groups. All DSFRS staff delivering this all have an education background. Over 10,000 children were reached last year and they are hoping for 100% sign up of schools this year. This may also be a way to gain access to those harder to reach groups indirectly through their children. Julia advised that the Mid Devon secondary schools are keen to have DSFRS, police and SWAST in to provide a further input with the performances of 'Last Orders' in October.

Future work will expand the content of the home safety visits, for example, to include falls prevention information. There will also be more education advocates to provide additional messages to children.

All DSFRS staff are DBS checked if they are conducting these visits, and have had dementia training, enhanced safeguarding training (including child safety and Domestic Abuse awareness) and DSFRS are looking at providing staff with scams awareness training. They make referrals to MASH and Care Direct when they find safeguarding issues for children and vulnerable adults. Julia suggested that PREVENT training could also be offered and that MDDC staff could deliver this.

Keith asked if it is possible to arrange some training sessions for the East & Mid Devon Neighbourhood police teams about making referrals to DSFRS for home visits, as this has already been done in Exeter. Keith also advised that the police are using Mosaic data to identify where vulnerable people are located and also use repeat victim data to identify vulnerable people. They could do joint visits with DSFRS.

For more information please contact Simon Young: syoung@dsfire.gov.uk 01392 456885

4. Peninsula CSPs Strategic Priorities 2016-19

Documents were circulated to the group before the meeting. Gerry explained that the Peninsula Strategic Assessment will be developed from these documents, which are modelled on the risk of harm, rather than on the number of incidents. Domestic Abuse, sexual violence and alcohol harm are all shown as high risk, which we already have as our priorities. Keith attended the last Peninsula CSPs meeting and reported that there is the flexibility for CSPs to choose a focus within each broad priority area to tailor each priority to local environments.

5. Update on Performance and Crime

East & Mid Devon Crime Figures 12 months to 30 June 2015	
Total Crime	decreased from 6967 offences to 6616 offences (-5%)
Violent Crime	increased from 1750 offences to 1972 offences (12.7%)
Burglary Dwelling	decreased from 278 offences to 260 offences (-6.5%)
Burglary Non Dwelling	increased from 448 offences to 467 offences (4.2%)
Vehicle Offences	decreased from 506 offences to 336 offences (-33.6%)
Criminal Damage	decreased from 1236 offences to 1088 offences (-12%)

Rowdy/nuisance behaviour (ASB) increased from 2844 reports to 2872 reports (1%)

Domestic Abuse increased from 862 offences to 928 offences (7.7%)

Total crime is down by 5% and Domestic Abuse is up by 7.7% which are both very good. The police are looking at reducing the number of repeat victims of Domestic Abuse, and it is suspected that there is more under-reporting in rural areas.

Violent crime has increased and some analytical work is being done around this, but in total there are less than six violent crimes a day for the whole of East & Mid Devon.

Mid Devon have recently done some proactive work based on drugs intelligence by obtaining more warrants and targeting offenders.

Graham asked if it is possible to benchmark our crime figures against other similar areas. This used to be done regularly and Keith advised that we are in line with the national average.

Gerry reported that crime figures may not be available in this format in future.

6. CSO Reports

The following items were highlighted in Julia and Gerry's reports.

Mid Devon

- A Pattern Changing course is being co-facilitated by the Crediton Children's Centre and Devon Domestic Abuse Support Service. Good attendance by the 10 women on the course, who are already providing positive feedback.
- Police plan a multi-agency Community Event at the Fire Station in Crediton on 29 September. Events will also be held in Cullompton and Tiverton.
- Mel Smith, Migrant worker PCSO for Mid Devon, attended the Creedy LAG to explain what her role entails. She plans to attend the other two LAGs in September.
- CSP agreed to fund additional performance of Chelsea's Choice at Cullompton Community College re CSE.
- Devon Youth Service have spoken to Tiverton High School and DYS are looking at doing regular weekly inputs at the school to tackle NPS, Substance Misuse and Mental Health. This is likely to start from September.
- Fire cadets will be going ahead in Tiverton.
- CEOP training is planned for 27 September at Tiverton High School and on 24 November at Cullompton Community College.
- PREVENT – WRAP training is to become an integral part of staff safeguarding training at MDDC. The Learning & Development team are also prepared to provide this to local schools and other partner agencies.
- Many thanks to partner agencies who have been involved in the Community Safety pop up shop, which have included Age UK, Trading Standards, CRP Call blockers, Fire (who have been almost every day!), Police, Housing Officers, Street Pastors and CAB.

East Devon

- Following the successful police operation in Dunkeswell, another operation was held in Newton Poppleford where 8 vehicles were issued with Prohibition Notices.
- Honiton town's CCTV system, which has proved invaluable over recent years, is being given an upgrade.
- A number of the Beach Huts at West Walk, Seaton had been broken into. The Police are investigating and a meeting with beach hut owners and tenants was taking place at the time of the June LAG meeting. I have provided funding to the Police to purchase items to secure beach huts in Sidmouth and Seaton following a recent spate of burglaries. The Police Crime Prevention Officer and local Police Officers will work with beach hut owners and tenants in order to improve security.
- An elderly male resident of Ottery St Mary continually removes any graffiti found

	<p>around certain areas of the town. I suggested that we present him with a certificate on behalf of the Community Safety Partnership for his public spiritedness.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ASB has reduced following the decision by the owner of the Hush shop in Exmouth to shop selling NPS. • Gerry has been out in the District's supermarkets with police and Trading Standards to promote scams awareness month. • Caravan watch launches in Seaton and Sidmouth this month.
7.	<p>Any Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andrew reported that EDDC have recently served a Community Protection Notice on an individual for feeding birds in Sidmouth. This case will go to court for an appeal hearing on 11 August. • Keith has funding available to assist any CSP funded projects.
	<p>Date of next meeting Thursday 24 September at 10.00am in the Committee Room, The Knowle, Sidmouth</p>

To add items to the next agenda please contact Laura Maksymczuk, Community Safety Support Officer, tel: 01884 234997 or email: communitysafety@middevon.gov.uk