

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 24 September 2015 Council Chamber, The Knowle, Sidmouth

Present:

Kevin Finan	MDDC (Chair)
Gerry Moore	Community Safety Officer, East Devon
Julia Ryder	Community Safety Officer, Mid Devon
Andrew Ennis	EDDC
Lucy Hextall	Action For Children
Donna Braund	Devon & Cornwall Police
Graham Rooms	DSFRS
Lisa Rutter	Devon Youth Service
Steve Gazzard	EDDC
Keith Perkin	Devon & Cornwall Police
Russ Green	Early Help Coordinator, East Devon (Item 3)
Laura Maksymczuk	Community Safety Support Officer (minutes)

1.	<p>Introduction and Apologies</p> <p>Kevin welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Gill Unstead, Caroline Rae, Janet Rendle, Stuart Hughes, Tina Teague, Simon Perkins, Margaret Squires, Clive Eginton and Anne Payne.</p>
2.	<p>Minutes from meeting on 23 July 2015</p> <p>The minutes of the East & Mid Devon CSP Steering Group meeting on 23 July 2015 were agreed as a true record.</p> <p>Matters Arising</p> <p>Page 1, Item 2 – Early Help – The Mid Devon Chair will attend the next meeting.</p> <p>Page 4, Item 7 – CPN Appeal – Andrew reported that the District Judge raised lots of technical procedural questions at the CPN Appeal Hearing and that this case will be back in court on 6 October.</p>
3.	<p>Early Help - East Devon Update</p> <p>Russ gave the group an overview of the move from Targeted Family Support (TFS) to Early Help which took place in April. Practitioners already working with the families can identify a specific need, with the family's permission, identify the need and put in place some provision to help them. TFS had 3 criteria, Early Help has 6:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • crime and ASB • children truanting and at risk of exclusion • vulnerable children/who need help • adults/young people out of work • Domestic Abuse • parents of children with a range of health problems, which includes mental health. <p>Many families being identified have mental health issues. The Intensive Family support (IFIT) team work one to one with families. There is an adult mental health worker</p>

	<p>attached to the team who works with the families and also to help other practitioners to deal with mental health issues.</p> <p>The new emotional and behavioural support service is coming into place from October. This will be for children and young people aged 11+ and will provide an online forum. Parenting support will be made available through the Children’s Centres using the Solihull parenting courses. These will be open to anyone with children under 11 (rather than under 5 currently).</p> <p>Devon Integrated Support Service (DISS) is now part of Early Help which means that they can quickly access children not engaging with school.</p> <p>The DAF process has proved difficult for partners and there have been some teething problems around accessing the Holistix online recording system. There is a risk that families could fall through the gap in the step down process from social care to Early Help and so protocols are being put in place to ensure this doesn’t happen.</p> <p>Each area has been asked to provide an Action Plan to identify needs still to be addressed. In East Devon it has been identified that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • there is no local directory to identify a resource for practitioners – so this will be created • private early years settings are not attending the forums as they have felt they didn’t have a place there - so Russ will visit them to encourage them to attend • single parents are isolated, particularly in Cranbrook • there are a lack of networks for parents with children with needs such as autism and ADHD – and so they are looking at setting these up in each locality in East Devon and are linking with Autism SW • Mental health issues are being promoted using The Project in Axminster and the mental health worker in the IFIT team. Workshops are currently being delivered to Children’s Centres so that staff can identify parents needing this support. <p>The Early Help Steering Group in East Devon is not as successful as would have hoped and Russ will relaunch this next month. Russ is working closely with the Early Help advisor for East & Mid Devon, Lisa Robinson, and they will both be supporting the new coordinator for Mid Devon when she takes up the post in October.</p> <p>Donna suggested that Early Help links in with repeat missing persons work undertaken by the police and asked if Russ and the Mid Devon coordinator could attend the police TIMS meetings. Action: Russ to let Laura have email addresses for East, Mid and Exeter coordinators to pass to Donna to invite to TIMS.</p> <p>Donna also informed the group that MACSE meetings – for missing children and those at risk of CSE – are now also in place and this identifies young people by geographical areas, linking in with the REACH team who undertake return to home interviews.</p> <p>The group agreed that it would be good to have a regular Early Help update on the agenda.</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>CSP Chair</p> <p>Kevin is retiring in January and so we need to elect a new CSP Chair. Kevin will Chair the November meeting but we will need new Chair from then onwards. Graham advised that he is happy to stand in on an ad hoc basis but there is no clarity about his post from April, as he cannot commit to Chairing the meetings after that. Steve will also consider taking on the CSP Chair and inform the group at the next meeting. Action: All to come back to next meeting with nominations for CSP Chair.</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Meetings</p> <p>a. Frequency of CSP meetings</p> <p>Julia and Gerry proposed reducing the meeting frequency to quarterly, which would help to assist the time pressures on the group. The group discussed the need to review the</p>

representation at this meeting and suggested outlining a clear role and inviting additional members to join the group, such as the voluntary sector, Trading Standards and the CRC, which could be done by new CSP Chair.

The group also discussed a possible merger with Exeter CSP, who already have a wider range of agencies attending. Concerns were raised that the meetings may become focused on the city and that it would be difficult to maintain our voice and separate identity, particularly focusing on local issues, which we currently do through the LAGs and which are reported back via the CSO reports. **Action: Keith to raise this suggestion at next Exeter CSP meeting and then liaise with Julia and Gerry before our next CSP meeting. Action: Laura to include the review of the CSP on November meeting agenda.**

b. Scrutiny Panel meeting arrangements

The Scrutiny Panel currently meet twice a year to scrutinise the work of the CSP but they have not met on the last two occasions as no agenda items have been suggested. **Action: To be discussed at the next CSP meeting, following discussion on CSP Review.**

c. Attendance at CSP Chairs and SDP meetings

The CSP Chair or another CSP representative needs to attend both the Devon and Peninsula meetings, including the CSP Chairs meeting in Plymouth. As this always falls on a Friday Gerry and Julia are both unable to attend. Keith does attend and agreed that he is happy to also represent East & Mid Devon CSP.

SDP meetings are held at County Hall and should be attended by the CSP Chair and an elected member from the CSP. CSOs are positively discouraged from attending these meetings. Keith also agreed to represent our CSP at this meeting, with Donna attending if he is unable to.

d. Attendance at Drugs and Alcohol Forum (DAIG)

Attendance at the DAIG are has really dropped off in recent months and whereas there used to be about 10 people attending, at the last meeting there were only 5, including Gerry, Julia and Laura. Merging the group with Exeter's Forum has previously been discussed but again there are concerns that it would become Exeter focused. Lisa suggested that the DAIG could be incorporated into the CSP Steering Group meetings.

6. Peninsula Strategic Assessment Project Plan

The Peninsula Strategic Assessment Project Plan had been circulated before the meeting. Gerry outlined that this Plan is for the next 3 years and has been produced by analysts from multiple agencies so it is not just based on police data. It outlines threats, strengths and weaknesses, and what we should be focusing on. It will go to new PCC in May to inform their decisions on priorities. **Action: All to provide any comments to Gerry and Julia to provide feedback from the CSP.**

There are additional papers on modern slavery and CSE which need to be circulated to the group. Sex workers, garage car wash workers and forced cannabis growers have all been identified as part of patterns of modern slavery in Devon. **Action: Laura to circulate modern slavery and CSE documents to the group – done.**

7. Update on Performance and Crime

East & Mid Devon Crime Figures 12 months to August 2015	
Total Crime	increased from 6592 offences to 6631 offences (0.6%)
Violent Crime	increased from 1672 offences to 2078 offences (24.3%)
Burglary Dwelling	increased from 248 offences to 254 offences (2.4%)
Burglary Non Dwelling	increased from 418 offences to 480 offences (14.8%)

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8.	<p>Prevent Julia and Gerry both attend the Devon wide Prevent meetings and are both Single Points of Contact for their Districts. WRAP training has been organised in other areas and for other agencies. EDDC are trying to roll this out for staff and £10K has been provided from Home Office for each District to do this. There is currently no training capacity at EDDC for this. Action: Feedback to be provided by Gerry at the next meeting on how this will be done by EDDC. Julia advised that WRAP training will also be rolled out to schools. In Mid Devon, Julia and the MDDC Learning and Development team will do this locally for Cullompton Community College and Tiverton High School. Babcock have put in a bid to provide training for schools across Devon and possibly some Train the Trainer training to cascade this down.</p> <p>Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) A number of potential witnesses to CSE and modern slavery have been identified, such as taxi drivers. Gerry has written a letter to all 200 taxi drivers in East Devon to raise awareness of these crimes, what to look out for and what to do if they have witnessed them or have concerns, which is to report via the police or Crimestoppers.</p>				
9.	<p>CSO Reports The following items were highlighted in Julia and Gerry's reports:</p> <p>Mid Devon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The decrease in ASB due to Street Pastors being in Cullompton was highlighted in a press release. • Young driver events are being arranged in both Crediton and Cullompton, working closely with DSFRS. • CEOP training is being run by a Mid Devon PCSO who was funded by the CSP to complete his CEOP Ambassador training. • 'Last Orders' will be performed in most East & Mid Devon secondary schools in the next couple of weeks. • An additional 200 Farm Watch signs have been ordered for distribution across Mid Devon. • UV marker pens – Julia asked Keith if police officers in our area check for UV 				

	<p>markings on stolen items. He confirmed that they do and he will ensure all officers in East & Mid Devon carry UV lights.</p> <p>East Devon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cranbrook Town Council are now engaging in the Sidmouth & Ottery LAG. • A CSP certificate of merit has been produced for the elderly volunteer who removes graffiti in Ottery St Mary and will be presented to him at the next LAG. • There will be some publicity around the fly tipping incidents in the Honiton area. • There will be a multi-agency photo shoot at Exmouth Fire Station on 16 November as part of Domestic Abuse awareness raising activities. • Simon Perkins gave a good update on the work of the CRC at the DAIG. Action: Laura to invite Simon to the November meeting to provide a CRC update.
<p>10.</p>	<p>Any Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crimestoppers gave a presentation at a recent Devon CSOs meeting to promote their ambassador scheme. This is about encouraging people to use the service through promotion by agencies and front line staff when speaking to the public. Crimestoppers can refer things back to local authorities when something is not a police issue that has been reported. Possible CSP funding required to provide resources for the ambassador scheme.
	<p>Date of next meeting Thursday 19 November 2015 at 10.00am in the Exe Room, Phoenix House, Tiverton</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