

**COMMUNITY PDG
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COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP PRIORITIES AND ACTION PLAN 2020-21

Cabinet Member(s): Cllr Dennis Knowles
Responsible Officer: Simon Newcombe, Group Manager for Public Health & Regulatory Services

Reason for Report: To ensure the Community Policy Development Group is aware of the Community Safety Partnership (CSP) priorities and the planned activities of the partnership for the coming year.

RECOMMENDATION: To note the priorities of the Community Safety Partnership (CSP) and planned activities within the partnerships action plan for 2020-21.

Financial Implications: There are no direct financial implications as a result of this report. Funding for the Partnership is provided by external grant from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC). The action plan for spending is agreed with the OPCC each year as a condition of the funding itself. Furthermore, the OPCC is represented on the wider (non-statutory partner) CSP delivery group and have had input into the priorities for action as set out herein.

Approved by Finance: yes/æ - Group Manager for Financial Services

Budget and Policy Framework Financial implications are discussed above. There are no direct local policy implications as the CSP is a statutory partnership required to set its priorities based on local input from its statutory partners including the Police in addition to the formal Devon-wide Strategic Assessment (see Section 2.0). Nonetheless, it is important that all stakeholders including the PDG are aware of the CSP direction of travel and how this is shaped by strategic risks, best practice approaches and the need to maximise added value from limited resources.

Approved by Finance: yes/æ - Group Manager for Financial Services

Legal Implications: The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 makes it a statutory requirement for the police and local authorities to engage with partners to form a community safety partnership for the purposes of reducing crime and disorder. The 1998 Act requires the partnership to carry out a strategic assessment of the area which is used to inform the partnership priorities. The partnership is also responsible for conducting Domestic Homicide Reviews and these are supported by Devon County Council.

Approved by Legal: yes/æ – Elizabeth Palmer, Solicitor on behalf of Head of Legal Services

Risk Assessment: The Council is at risk of failing to meet its statutory duties if it does not engage with the partnership. If the CSP were to set its priorities in a manner at odds with the strategic assessment it would be contrary to these duties but would also

represent a failure to focus its activities where the risks are highest so that the most vulnerable persons can be protected and/or supported.

Approved by Performance/Governance: yes/æ – Group Manager for Performance, Governance and Data Security.

Equality Impact Assessment: The 2018-21 CSP Plan has had an equality impact assessment (EIA) completed. The Partnership intends to transition to a plan that follows the Trauma Informed Approach and this has also had an equality impact assessment completed. Overall, the work of the CSP is to support the most vulnerable groups in East and Mid Devon as evidenced-based by the strategic assessment and with local input from the range front-line community services delivered by all CSP multi-agency partners and its wider delivery group.

Relationship to Corporate Plan: The priorities of the CSP and the activities undertaken as part of the action plan compliment the ambitions of the Corporate Plan. In particular this activity contributes to the priority of Community. The CSP works directly with local partners and the wider community to ensure the district is a safe place to live, work and visit.

Impact on Climate Change: None directly arising from the report.

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 The East & Mid Devon Community Safety Partnership (CSP) has been formed in order to meet our statutory duties under the Crime & Disorder Act 1998 and is a multi-agency group working together to reduce crime and disorder.
- 1.2 The CSP is structured to include a Board that consists of the statutory partners involved in the CSP and a wider group of agencies and partners that help to deliver the plan (delivery group).
- 1.3 The East and Mid Devon CSP is scrutinised through each Council's Scrutiny Committee. This is a statutory requirement of the Police and Justice Act 2006 to ensure there is a method of scrutinising the functions of the partnership. The latest report was presented to Scrutiny on 5 August 2019 (<https://democracy.middevon.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=131&MId=1139&Ver=4>)
- 1.4 The principal purpose of this report is for the Community Policy and Development Group to be aware of the planned activities for the CSP going forward. A separate report covering performance against current year (2019/20) objectives and budget will be provided to the Scrutiny Committee in due course.

2.0 Priority Areas

- 2.1 The East & Mid Devon CSP Priorities for 2020-21 are based on the evidence given in the Safer Devon Partnership (SDP) Strategic Assessment, which was refreshed in 2019. This gave clear indications that the biggest areas of concern

are hidden risk, harm and exploitation alongside emerging issues. East and Mid Devon risks are clearly mirrored within the report, matching the key areas.

2.2 The CSP has therefore adopted the following six priorities moving forward:

1. Domestic Violence & Abuse and Sexual Offences
2. Extra-familial Youth Risk and Vulnerability
3. Problem Alcohol & Drug
4. Exploitation (including Modern Slavery & Human Trafficking)
5. Radicalisation & Extremism
6. Violent Crime

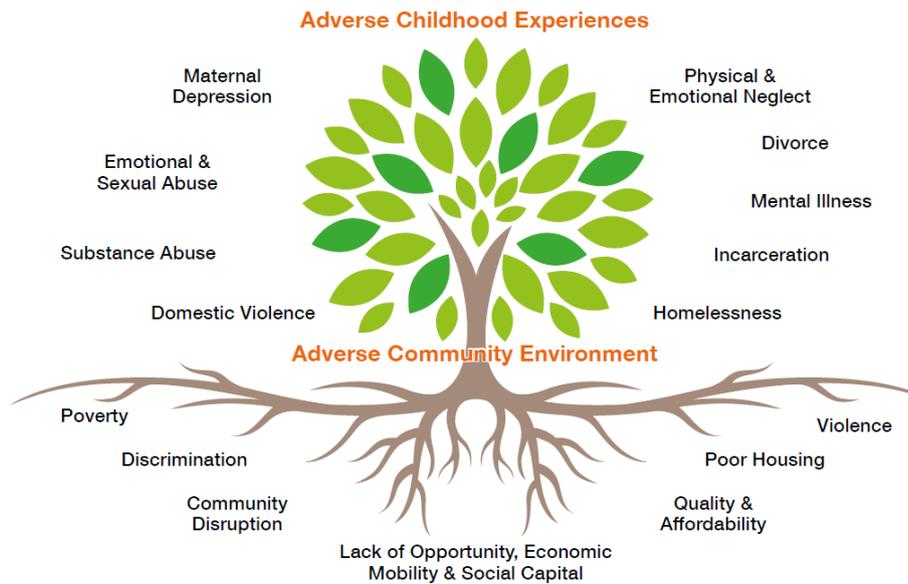
2.4 As resources across all partner agencies become more stretched we will commit to putting our energy into areas where we can add best value. We will introduce and adopt a 'Trauma Informed' approach across the partner agencies. This approach encourages practitioners and staff to recognise that many service users and community members have experienced some form of traumatic event that they live with day to day which may impact on their life choices, activities and actions.

2.5 2020-21 will be a transition year allowing our plan to become more aligned to the trauma lead work. Preventative work will become more of a focus for the partnership rather than the current method of responding to urgent symptomatic issues which are often a result of trauma.

3.0 **Adverse Childhood Experiences and a Trauma Informed Approach**

3.1 The CSP recognise that Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) can have a massive, potentially detrimental effect on many children who, as a result, may experience less opportunity than others as they reach adulthood. There is clear correlation between ACEs and mental health issues, addiction, and vulnerability. We have an opportunity to recognise those links and put in place working practices and support that reduce the risk to individuals, family members and the wider community.

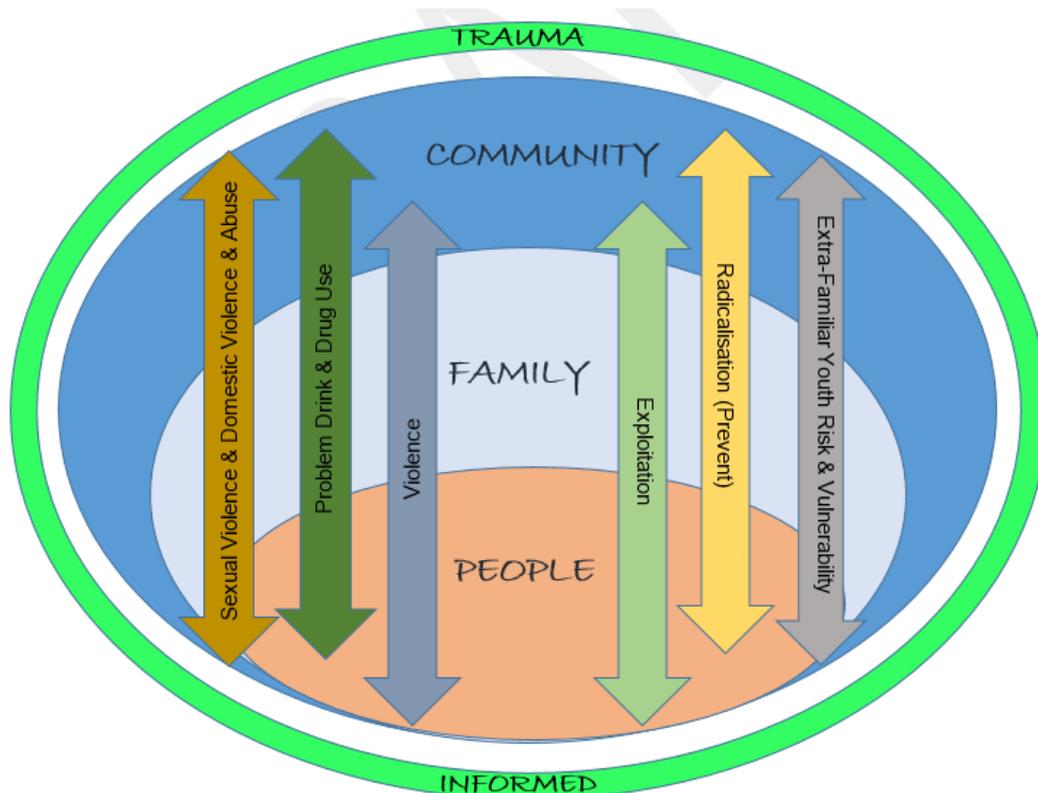
3.2 Preventing ACEs should also be seen within the wider context of tackling inequalities within society. While ACEs are found across the population, there is more risk of experiencing ACEs in areas of higher deprivation and/or isolation. Adverse Childhood Experiences are therefore often described alongside Adverse Community Environments as a 'pair of ACEs', as shown below.



3.3 The CSP will aim to look for ways to introduce support to children and young people in order that they are supported through trauma and not put at a disadvantage as a result. For adults who have experienced childhood trauma we will look to offer an improved, more positive experience when engaging with professional staff from the CSP agencies.

3.4 Trauma Informed Approach

The diagram below shows how the six priority areas of the CSP impact and cut through all elements of society, i.e. individuals, families and the wider community. The trauma informed approach can be used to encompass all these areas of working practice.



4.0 Action Plan 2020-21

4.1 Work over the coming year will include:

- Training and awareness raising for staff and practitioners on the Trauma Informed approach
- Raising awareness of ACEs and the lifelong legacy with staff and community leaders
- Resilience building for children and young people
- Explore and support nurturing and supportive provision for young people who are experiencing ACEs/trauma
- Support positive ways to 'close the loop' in the negative cycles trauma can bring to families
- Analysing and responding to the new responsibility for Local Authorities around Violent Crime.
- Support young people and families through the transition year from primary to secondary education which can be very challenging
- Remaining aware and vigilant of emerging threats and local priorities within our communities, and respond in a positive, proactive way.

5.0 Recommendation

- 5.1 That the PDG notes the priorities of the Community Safety Partnership (CSP) and planned activities within the partnership's action plan for 2020-21.

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