

**COMMUNITY POLICY DEVELOPMENT GROUP
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COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP PRIORITIES REPORT 2020 - 2021

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Reason for Report: To ensure CPDG has an update on 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 priorities and action plan for 2020-21.

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.

Financial Implications: There are no direct financial implications as a result of this report aside from highlighting potential ad-hoc costs arising from Domestic Homicide Review responsibilities as set out below. Funding for the Partnership is provided by external grant and the details of this are outlined in Section 5.0 of the report.

The CSP are legally responsible for the delivery of Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHR) under the Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004. Until recently this activity was absorbed at county level without any direct financial contribution by local CSPs. They will continue to be coordinated and delivered on a county basis through the Safer Devon Partnership, however all CSPs agreed to contribute £1,125 of their grant from 2020-21, towards the cost of undertaking these reviews.

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 places a legal responsibility on the partnership to consult with the community on the priorities it has set and to inform them of progress against the action plan. The Act also 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.

Risk Assessment: There is a risk to the Council if it does not engage with the partnership in respect of failing to meet statutory duties. In turn, the ability of the partnership to provide effective multi-agency working to reduce crime and disorder in our community is potentially reduced.

Equality Impact Assessment: The 2018-21 CSP Plan has had an equality impact assessment (EIA) completed. The transition to the Trauma Informed approach plan has had an equality impact assessment completed. Overall, no adverse impacts on persons with legally protected characteristics has been identified. However, the CSP Plan and the wider purpose of the CSP itself is to help protect or support some of the most vulnerable persons in our area.

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Impact on Climate Change: None directly arising from the report. The partnership undertakes the majority of its work remotely through electronic communications which limits officer travel and physical meetings.

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 formal operating structure of the partnership was reviewed in 2018 and changed to adopt a two tier meeting structure in order to better engage with partner agencies, however at the February 2020 meeting of the combined CSP Board and the CSP Operational Delivery Group it was agreed to revert to a merged meeting of all partner agencies that would meet four times per year. The role of chairing the partnership can be met by any of the statutory partners within the partnership and most recently this function has been carried out by East Devon District Council but from April 2020 will be taken over by Devon & Cornwall Police.
- 1.3 The Police and Justice Act 2006 requires the local authority to put in place a method of scrutinising the manner in which the partnership functions. Every local authority must have in place a committee with the power to review and scrutinise the actions of the CSP and make recommendations about how it functions. The East and Mid Devon CSP is scrutinised through each Councils Scrutiny Committee via an annual report. A report was presented at the Scrutiny committee meeting held on 20 July 2020.
- 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.

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 & Mid Devon risks are clearly mirrored within the report, matching the key areas.

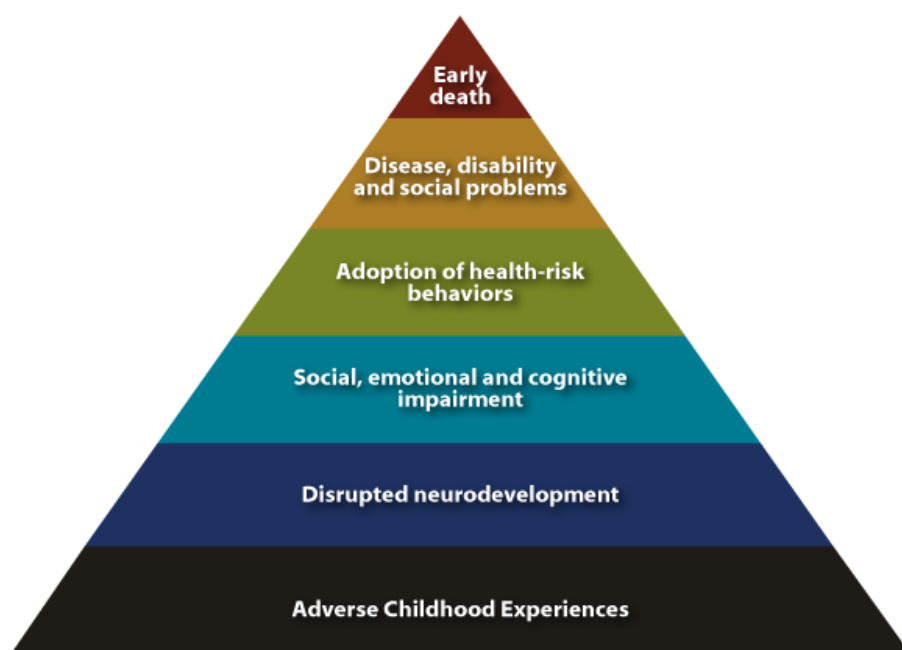
2.2 The CSP has therefore adopted the following priorities moving forward:

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 our approach will be to 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 are living with day to day, and may impact on their life choices, activities and actions.

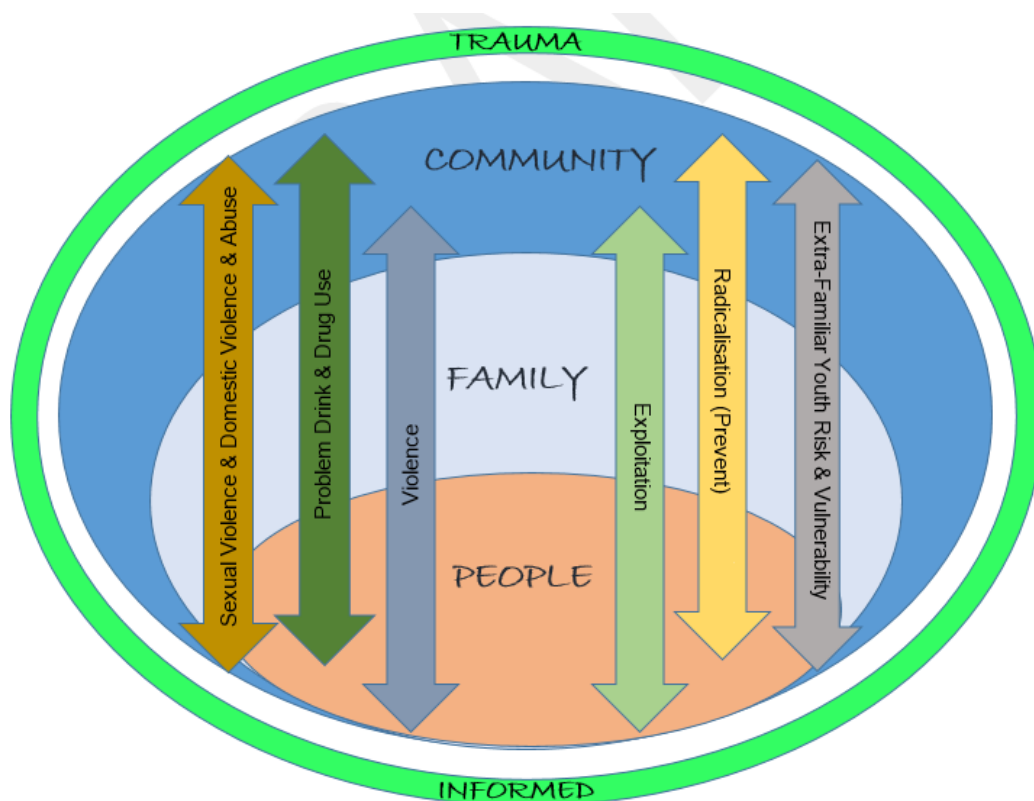
3.0 Trauma Informed Lens

3.1 The CSP recognise that Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE's) can have a massive, and 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 The CSP will aim to look for ways to introduce support to children and young people in order that they are supported through trauma they may experience and not put at a disadvantaged 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.
- 3.3 Trauma Informed Priorities

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.



- 3.4 The CSP has confirmed commitment to:
- The use and understanding of ACEs/Trauma lens to focus on how harm happens and how safety is compromised within relationships (individual or family) and in the community
 - Developing Person Centred Approaches to Community Safety in line with the Strategic Assessment Priorities.
 - Equitable, timely and evidence based interventions

4.0 Action Plan 2020-21

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.
- We recognise that the transition year from primary to secondary education can be very challenging and will look to support young people and families through this process.
- Remaining aware and vigilant of emerging threats and local priorities within our communities, and responding in a positive, proactive way.

5.0 Spending Plan 2020-21

5.1 Annex 1 indicates the CSP spending plan in relation to the £25,000 grant from the Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner (OPCC). This has been approved by the OPCC (a condition of funding), with a caveat that it may be subject to change if other issues emerge during the year.

5.2 The CSP will also be mindful of the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic and localised areas of concern that relate to this within both districts. It has already been well documented and reported in press and media that a rise in domestic abuse cases has been seen due to the rise in referrals to supporting organisations during 'lock down'. There has also been an increase in anti-social behaviour issues relating to neighbourhood disputes that have bubbled-up during the lockdown period, and noise and bonfires. The CSP will be keeping a watchful eye on emerging issues and linking with the other Devon CSPs and the OPCC to address these.

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List of Background Papers:

Community Safety Plan for 2018-21 available at
<https://www.middevon.gov.uk/residents/community-safety/>

Public Health England/College of Policing – *Public health approaches in policy. A discussion paper* (PHE 2019) available at
<https://www.college.police.uk/What-we-do/Support/uniformed-policing-faculty/Documents/Public%20Health%20Approaches.pdf>

Annex 1

Community Safety Partnership Fund 2020-21 Spending Intentions Plan

Project/Service/Pilot title and brief outline	Amount allocated £	How the outcomes will be measured
Problem Drink & Drug Use Axminster Hub – Continued support of this community project supporting drugs and alcohol misuse in the town, supported by Together service.	£1000	Number of clients passing through the Hub. Reduction of community issues caused by drugs & alcohol users. Possible link to YSmart and Space and Together
Extra-Familiar Youth Risk & Vulnerability East & Mid Devon Youth Engagement. Youth development meeting to develop bespoke solutions for the area consideration of Outreach Fixed working or bespoke work	£10,000	Number of clients engaged. Support to vulnerable young people and links to County Lines and other vulnerabilities. Reduction in ASB / positive outcomes recorded in relation to trauma informed working.
Supporting Youth Provision over school holidays for most high risk and vulnerable	£2000	Number of clients engaged. Support to vulnerable young people and links to County Lines and other vulnerabilities.
Supporting Schools and education providers to impact on the CSP priorities via the redesigned Junior Life Skills Programme and revise as appropriate following first year evaluation. Also - Scope possibilities for work in Secondary Schools with Yr 7's that builds on JLS at Yr 6.	£1000	Number of staff or youths engaged with/trained.
Sexual Violence & Domestic Violence & Abuse Supporting Sexual Violence and Domestic Abuse services to provide local projects across the two districts.	£5000	Evaluation of project and positive outcomes. Investigating supporting services locally with rise in referrals and consideration of where best value could be for CSP financial input.
DHR Contributions for each Authority relating to additional resource costs as required for each review.	£2000	Hours of administrative and support time for each DHR
Exploitation Raising the awareness of Modern Slavery & Human Trafficking / NRM process with partnership front line practitioners through Bitesize sessions. Delivery and raising the awareness of Neighbourhood Context Meetings re the Adolescent Safety Framework Risk Pathways and Radicalisation / Extremism. Monitoring via Bitesize Feedback Forms and the CSP.	£1000	Number of Bitesize workshop sessions delivered and number of practitioners reached and upskilled.
Violent Crime Consideration to new Public Health statutory requirement to respond and tackle violent	£1000	

<p>crime and understanding where the CSP can add value. Work with partner agencies to develop strategies and training to support staff to understand and tackle violent crime by means of Bitesize workshops and information exchange.</p>		
<p>Trauma Informed Approach Delivery of Trauma Informed training to professionals and practitioners to raise awareness of this approach to business and influence future working practices. Raising awareness of ACEs.</p>	£1000	<p>Positive links (via East Devon) via Young Devon and VOICE who specialise in Trauma informed working so potential lead for Bitesize sessions. Number of Sessions and informed/trained practitioners.</p>
<p><i>COMMUNITY</i> Devon Mediation Service to allow 'free referrals' from Police and local ASB Officers. Already promised and approved by CSP</p>	£1000	<p>Reduction in the number of neighbour disputes that escalate to formal involvement Number of referrals to the Devon mediation service Number of cases successfully resolved.</p>
Total	£25,000	