

# SAFER PLYMOUTH PARTNERSHIP

Draft Minutes from Meeting held on Thursday 21 January 2016



<b>Present:</b>	<p>Councillor Philippa Davey, Cabinet Member for Safer and Stronger Communities (PCC)          Bronwyn Prosser, Social Inclusion Manager (PCC)          Lynn Young, Democratic Support Officer (PCC)          Georgia Webb, National Probation Service          Danny Slay, Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Services          Judith Harwood, Assistant Director for Learning and Communities (PCC)          Pete Aley, Head of Neighbourhood and Community Services          Mel Joyner, University of Plymouth          Mark Thompson, Victim Support          Sue Warren, Area Partnership Crime Reduction Co-ordinator (PCC)          Superintendent Dave Thorne, Devon and Cornwall Police          Ian Ansell, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner</p>
<b>Apologies:</b>	<p>Susan Moores, Octopus Project (ZEBRA)          Nicola Jones, New Devon CCG, NHS          Charlotte Coker, Dorset, Devon and Cornwall Community Rehabilitation Company          Chief Superintendent Andy Boulting, Devon and Cornwall Police (Chair)          Joe Hassall, Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service          Claire Oldfield, University of Plymouth</p>
<p>The meeting started at 10.09 am and finished at 12.59 pm.</p>	
<p>Note: At a future meeting, the partnership will consider the accuracy of these draft minutes so they may be subject to change. Please check the minutes of that meeting to confirm whether these minutes have been amended.</p>	
1	<p><b>Welcome/introductions/apologies</b>          Councillor Philippa Davey welcomed all parties and asked everyone to introduce themselves. In particular she welcomed Mel Joyner (Plymouth University) and Bronwyn Prosser (Social Inclusion Manager) who is the new Safer Plymouth Partnership meeting facilitator.</p>
2	<p><b>Minutes of Previous Meeting</b> - held on Thursday 24 September 2015.</p>
	<p><b>Agreed</b></p>
3	<p><b>Domestic Abuse/Violence</b>          Sue Warren provided an overview following the recent domestic abuse (DA) review and report which was written by DCI Ben Deer.</p>

	<p>Members were advised that –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the Plymouth Domestic Abuse Service (PDAS) delivers early intervention and prevention programmes to city schools. This is funded by Children in Need and based on the RESPECT initiative;</li> <li>(b) there is a lack of a perpetrator programmes in the city for people not in the Criminal Justice system for their DA offending;</li> <li>(c) the Joint Commissioning team have explored a range of perpetrator programmes and there is a possibility of holding a task and finish group on this issue;</li> <li>(d) the Plymouth Domestic Abuse Partnership (PDAP) has increased in size and was now split in to a strategic and operational board;</li> <li>(e) PDAS dealt with all high and medium risk assessed clients and those who wanted to engage with them. Victims are encouraged to report incidences to the police. An IDVA works at Charles Cross and this includes weekends;</li> <li>(f) figures are closely monitored – 82% of people referred to PDAS were willing to work with them. Re-referrals to the service currently stood at 10%;</li> <li>(g) DASH (Domestic Abuse, Stalking and Honour Based) training was being rolled out to other agencies in the city, over 800 people had received training in the last 2 years.</li> <li>(h) Event re BME communities and DV being held in March 2016.</li> </ul> <p>Following a discussion, members were advised that –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) a budget for the DASH training was available;</li> <li>(j) there had been a 6% increase in reported domestic abuse crime in the city and non-crime domestic abuse had fallen, it was acknowledged there could be an issue with the reliability of the data that is recorded, and the police were looking in to this;</li> <li>(k) there was the possibility that the recording of DA incidents would change – this would not necessarily affect the figures – it would affect the type of crime recorded;</li> <li>(l) it is important that the voluntary and community sector agencies are aware of DV and what to do so their referrals are included in the figures.</li> </ul> <p><b>Agreed:</b> Update re recoding issues and numbers for the next meeting.</p>
4	<p><b>Locality issue</b></p>
	<p>Pete Aley introduced a paper covering a number of issues within Stonehouse,</p> <p>Highlights of the report included –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) there is a strong correlation between deprivation and crime in the area;</li> <li>(b) the collaborative enforcement pilot – ‘Don’t walk by’ focussed on people who</li> </ul>

	<p>) worked in the area (including Council staff, such as refuse collectors and parking attendants) who could pass on pertinent information on issues such as abandoned vehicles;</p> <p>(c) 1000 houses in the area were ‘door knocked’ in May 2015, and a number of issues were highlighted –  parking  rubbish  drugs  drunken/rowdy behaviour;</p> <p>(d another ‘door knock’ would take place in the near future to determine  ) whether things had changed in the area – it was thought that the situation had improved, but it was important to get feedback from members of the local community.</p> <p>Following a discussion, members were advised that –</p> <p>(e) the possibility of a ‘hub’ containing a GP surgery, the DWP etc in one location was being investigated;</p> <p>(f) the roll out of Universal Credit would impact on the residents of Stonehouse and might prove to be a challenge.</p>
5	<p><b>CSE organised crime profile</b></p>
	<p>In the absence of Charlie Pitman and Siobhan Wallace, Judith Harwood led on this agenda item.</p> <p>Members were advised that –</p> <p>(a) this Board needed to hold the work of the Local Safeguarding Children’s Board (LSCB) to account, and there were certain aspects of their CSE work that the Board needed to be aware of;</p> <p>(b) a CSE action plan had been agreed by the Local Safeguarding Children’s Board in December 2015; this plan contained 7 priority areas including a focus on therapeutic support and professional training;</p> <p>(c) a CSE conference would be held in March to raise the profile of this issue;</p> <p>(d) if any members had any questions regarding the work of the LSCB they could pass them to Judith.</p> <p>(e) there is little evidence of organised CSE in Plymouth.</p> <p>Following a discussion, members were advised that –</p> <p>(f) therapeutic support was only available for victims;</p> <p>(g) the Police need to focus their attention on perpetrators and potential perpetrators;</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(h) the NSPCC had raised the issue of therapeutic care in a recent national report;</li> <li>(i) it was important to ensure that sufficient SARC facilities are available – long term investment was required to ensure the continuation of these facilities which are primarily the responsibility of NHS England;</li> <li>(j) the National probation Service (NPS) currently offers programmes for convicted sexual offender perpetrators. In the past, places on the programme were offered to non convicted men who had acknowledged they had perpetrated sexual harm but were not convicted. Because they were not mandated to attend the programme by the Court, their attendance on the programme was difficult to enforce. Some research evidence indicated that it could be more harmful for a sex offender to start a therapeutic programme and not finish it, rather than not do it at all;</li> <li>(k) the NSPCC were working on a scheme involving adults with learning difficulties, and also offered the Shield project, which was a specialist service offering assessment and therapeutic work to children who displayed sexually harmful behaviour/s;</li> <li>(l) it is important for children to know the difference between what is and isn't appropriate;</li> <li>m there had been a marked increase in peer to peer abuse, and abuse by females (but not necessarily CSE specific);</li> <li>(n) it was important for teachers to identify any possible signs of abusive behaviour in children at an early age;</li> <li>(o) Consideration of work within BME communities needs to be a focus of any action plan.</li> </ul> <p><b>Agreed:</b> Bronwyn Prosser to circulate the CSE Organised Crime Profile to the Exec Board Members and also our local PCSB action plan – members asked to champion and promote this within their organisations</p>
6	<p><b>Sexual predators</b></p>
	<p>Mel Joyner led a discussion on this agenda item. It was noted that this was a wider issue than the title on the agenda suggests – it is about Students being safe within and near to the campus and a range of issues that relate to this such as alcohol availability and consumption.</p> <p>Highlights included –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the safety of students was a great concern, and many were unaware of their vulnerability;</li> <li>(b) there were a number of factors surrounding this issue, and included the</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>) availability of cheap drink offers, preloading, late opening hours, poor behaviour of students and binge drinking in halls of residence;</li> <li>(c) there has been an increase in social media abuse, such as students posting abusive sexual messages about fellow students online;</li> <li>(d Plymouth University had introduced a number of campaigns to ensure the safety of their students;</li> <li>)</li> <li>(e) the University wanted to work closely with the licensed premises on North Hill and the surrounding area and encourage them to engage in campaigns to ensure the safety of students. It is important that any concerns about these premises were fed back to Plymouth City Council Licensing Department, who could take remedial action as relevant;</li> <li>(f) a number of students had taken up the offer to stay in quiet, alcohol-free halls of residence and there had been no issues in those premises, some are asking for alcohol free events too;</li> <li>(g) the University has good links with the PCSOs for Mutley and Greenbank, who provide a link between the students and the University staff, police, other agencies and the wider community;</li> <li>(h SU have been taking action re SU bars and also in promotional events/campaigns aiming to ensure students keep themselves safe;</li> <li>)</li> <li>(i) A multi-agency approach to the issues discussed, led by the university is needed and meetings have been happening to make progress; new leadership is now in place at the University and Mel will be liaising with the Vice Chancellor about the issues discussed today in mid-February.</li> </ul> <p><b>Agreed:</b> Mel Joyner agreed to update members on this issue at the next meeting.</p>
7	<p><b>Safer Plymouth</b></p>
	<p>Pete Aley introduced a paper on Safer Plymouth which highlighted some issues and associated pointers for discussion, to help move Safer Plymouth's development forward. This builds on a previous paper discussed at the last meeting. Members were reminded that there were a number of opportunities to help the Safer Plymouth Partnership develop and modernise its work and that now was a good time to explore what they were.</p> <p>Highlights of the questions that need to be considered and the discussion held included –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) did the Board want to continue allocating resources to Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB), and could they afford to do so? Could the Board afford to continue spending money on this issue? Should the Board be looking at threat, risk and harm? It was possible that communities could become involved in dealing with this issue;</li> <li>(b) how does the Board have an integral input into, and influence on, the development of the Plymouth Plan;</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(c) how can we secure joint delivery of better community safety work locally making sure the focus is on outcomes rather than structures with systems leadership embedded in the approach;</li> <li>(d) is there an opportunity to become a sub-group of the Health and Wellbeing Board;</li> <li>(e) mental health is an emerging issue (often linked in to ASB), and might need to be a key focus for the Board;</li> <li>(f) how do we secure a greater focus on the overall health and wellbeing needs of both victims and perpetrators and how this impacts on health services delivery;</li> <li>(f) consideration could be given to other CSP models such as Torbay, are there opportunities for a regional join up of CSP's;</li> <li>(g) the Board needs to identify what their priorities are, make them outcome focused and then focus on them accordingly.</li> </ul> <p><b>Agreed – Safer Plymouth</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) adopts a tighter focus on threat, risk and harm, reducing the harm to communities and protecting vulnerable people, across a broad community safety brief;</li> <li>(2) develops a more focused strategic assessment document, reflecting wider community safety priorities, with better prioritisation, and with more emphasis on outcomes;</li> <li>(3) facilitates improved joint delivery by identifying leads amongst organisation and empowering them to work towards defined outcomes through systems leadership – without worrying about what structures they do/do not adopt.</li> </ul> <p><b>Agreed:</b> Pete Aley to review his report based on the above agreements and produce an updated version for the next meeting, focussing in particular on the way ahead for the Board.</p>
8	<b>Election of Chair</b>
	Following a discussion amongst members, it was <b>agreed</b> that the status quo regarding the Chair of this meeting would remain until Partnership's direction of travel had been decided.
10	<b>Dates of future meetings:</b>
	<p>Next - Thursday 14 April 2016</p> <p>Future -</p> <p>26 May 2016</p> <p>21 July 2016</p> <p>22 September 2016</p> <p>19 January 2017</p> <p>6 April 2017</p> <p>All Meetings on Thursdays, 10 am to 1 pm in the Council House unless otherwise advised.</p>