

# SAFER PLYMOUTH BRIEFING PAPER



Community Connections

## 'Safer Plymouth, Delivering Safer Communities'

### 1. Our Values

Safer Plymouth is committed to becoming a trauma informed community safety partnership. We have adopted the values of the Trauma Informed Plymouth Network and aspire to apply the trauma lens to all the work we undertake as a partnership.

### 2. Our Focus

- Reducing violence, abuse and exploitation
- Reducing Re-offending
- Early intervention and prevention of harm
- Building community resilience, reducing inequalities and improving lives

### 3. Our Priorities

#### 3.1 Process

Safer Plymouth priorities are agreed annually using the evidence based MoRILE (Management of Risk in Law Enforcement) process, which is the standard approach adopted across the Peninsula. We hold workshops throughout July/ August with a wide range of community partners to discuss police data, combining this with locally gathered data and expertise from partners along with case study evidence. This forms the basis of our Local Strategic Crime Assessment (LSCA see appendix 1) which enables us to set priorities for the coming year. The new LSCA will be submitted to the Safer Executive in October 2021. This year we will benefit from an enhanced data set using the Office of Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) funded Crest Advisory 'Serious Violence Needs Assessment'.

#### 3.2 Plan on a page

Our annual priorities are available on the Safer Plymouth 'Plan on a Page' (see Communications Plan appendix 2). Based on last year's discussions the key delivery priorities (from Oct 2020- Oct 2021) were:

- **Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (DASV)**
- Child Exploitation (Adolescent Safety Framework- ASF)
- Substance misuse and harm
- Anti-social behaviour
- Hate Crime
- Adult exploitation and vulnerability
- Youth Justice
- Preventing serious violence

The Safer Plymouth Executive agreed that DASV would be the key priority for 2020/21 as the data from our MoRILE workshops showed that crimes had risen significantly and that we needed particular focus on the responsibilities placed upon Safer Plymouth by the new Domestic Abuse Act (April 2021).

### **3.3 Thematic Groups**

Delivery of the Safer Plymouth Priorities is delegated to our thematic groups. Each group has a Chair who feeds into the Safer Executive for governance. Reach across community partner organisations has been extremely strong, for example DASV has 50+ members and Safer Communities has 40+ members.

#### **Safer Families – Chaired by T/ Chief Inspector Simon Hardwick and Shelley Shaw (NSPCC)**

##### **Terms of Reference**

- Prevention of Adverse Childhood Experiences and Promoting Early Intervention to Reduce Harm to Families
- Impact of parental incarceration on children (CAPO)
- Preventing Child Sexual Abuse (Together for Childhood)
- Hidden Harm through substance misuse
- Healthy relationships work (DA SV prevention)

Examples of work supported via this theme group include funding and promoting the NSPCC 'Sharing the Brain Story' training to over 200 practitioners in Plymouth and supporting The Zone 'We're More Than That' Reverse Mentoring Project with young people mentoring the police.

#### **Safer People – Interim Lead Fiona Anderson Plymouth City Council (previous Tracey Watkinson)**

##### **Terms of Reference**

- Extra familial safeguarding (Adolescent Safety Framework (ASF))
- Modern Slavery/ Exploitation
- Inequalities in mental health
- Cybercrime and fraud
- Improving links between PSCP, PSAB and Safer Plymouth

Examples of work supported included developing the role of Safer Plymouth in the new ASF, writing a new Modern Slavery Strategy for the City and beginning development of a shared learning framework around Serious Case Review/ Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) recommendations.

## **Safer Communities – Tracey Naismith (PCC)**

### **Terms of Reference**

- Prevent Partnership
- Emerging issues including Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)
- Substance Misuse and Related Harms
- Hate Crime
- Serious Violence (knife crime working group)

Examples of work undertaken include setting up a knife crime task and finish group and holding community based meetings in conjunction with the Welcoming City team with a view to developing a new hate crime action plan for 2021.

## **Domestic Abuse(DA) and Sexual Violence(SV) – Lyn Gooding (CEO First Light) and Hannah Shead (CEO Trevi)**

- Incorporates terms of reference for the statutory DA Local Partnership Board
- Works to the vision and values set out in the Plymouth DASV compact and has oversight of Plymouth's DASV Action Plan and DA Act Partnership Plan
- Governance of MARAC (Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference)
- Governance of Domestic Homicide Reviews
- Equal focus on Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence

Examples of work undertaken include setting up a working group 'Plymouth Approach to Prostitution and Sex Working' to develop a citywide action plan, funding the Together for Childhood virtual learning week on preventing sexual violence (500+ attendees) and running campaigns for 16 Days of Action (DA Nov/ Dec 2020) and Sexual Violence week (Feb 21)

**Youth Justice priorities are held by the Youth Justice Management Board which reports into the Safer Executive.**

### **3.4 OPCC Grant Funding**

Safer Plymouth receives an annual grant allocation which enables us to support a range of community based projects to deliver on our agreed priorities. The grant period is aligned to the financial year. A full break down of our grant allocations and descriptions of projects supported by Safer Plymouth for 2021/22 can be found in appendix 3.

### **3.5 Communications**

Safer Plymouth produces an annual communication plan which summarises our internal and external communication priorities for the year. Each thematic group uses this and the Safer Events calendar to decide on communication and campaign priorities with partners. See appendix 2.

## **4. Challenges**

### **4.1 COVID**

The pandemic has had some significant impacts on Safer Plymouth functioning. It has made our planning process problematic, for example MoRILE shows a steep drop in some crime types such as shoplifting (41%) and a significant increase in ASB (11%) that are directly attributable to lockdown and cannot reasonably form the basis of planning next year. There has been understandably a clear focus on COVID duties for some of our key partners such as Public Health and this has meant reprioritising and approaching activity differently with some key messaging in areas such as DASV, while other planned activity has been delayed i.e. the Thrive Campaign focussed on Adverse Childhood Experiences.

There have been some benefits for the partnership in terms of increased access to meetings with virtual platforms and some creativity in ways of working together that we are looking to embed once the pandemic eases.

### **4.2 The Domestic Abuse Act**

The Act was one of the only pieces of legislation to be passed during the COVID period, coming into effect in April 2021. Substantial new responsibilities have come to the Safer Plymouth DASV group, which takes on statutory functions as the DA Local Partnership Board. Planning for the act has required a significant amount of officer capacity (there is a sizeable, detailed work programme which sits beneath this piece of work) to date and additional burdens funding will secure further capacity from the Autumn.

### **4.3 Serious Violence Duties**

Draft guidance on serious violence duties was released in May 2021 (Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill). This will place another layer of significant responsibilities upon community safety partnerships. We have been undertaking a review of how this will impact upon the existing Safer Plymouth structure and will be recommending a restructure to the Safer Executive on 20<sup>th</sup> July (see draft SV briefing paper appendix 4). This will have require some changes to existing partnerships and priorities and will best support us to meet new legislative requirements.

### **4.4 Changes to OPCC grant**

The OPCC grant (appendix 3) has enabled significant investment into local partners who are delivering our CSP priorities. This is the last year in which we will receive the grant in its current format. There may be opportunities for co-commissioning around delivery priorities such as domestic abuse and we are waiting for clarity on what those arrangements might look like moving forwards. We will also need to consider how the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) Crime Plan will align to our Local Strategic Crime Assessment. Strong working relationships with Office of Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) team and their participation on our Executive means we are confident that any risk is managed in respect of key service delivery and the effectiveness of Safer Plymouth in meeting local objectives.

## 4.5 Governance

Safer Plymouth convened a new Executive Board in October 2020 to ensure full representation of the responsible authorities and this means a relatively new leadership team which has had to operate in the context of the COVID pandemic and also focus extensively on the challenges from new legislative responsibilities under the DA Act and Serious Violence Duties. Connectivity with other strategic boards and continued strengthening of joint working have been identified as priorities. The proposed restructure of the partnership thematic groups will further enable the focus in these identified areas.

## 5. Work programme

**Safer Plymouth funded projects are detailed in the OPCC grant (appendix 3)**

**Deliverables relating to Safer Plymouth communications, conferences and campaigns are detailed in the Communication Plan 2021 in appendix 2 (draft for approval by Exec July 21)**

| Key Deliverables                                                             | Lead                                                   | When By                                              |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| MoRILE workshops<br>8 X community partnership events                         | Technical Lead and Thematic Leads                      | July 2021                                            |
| Review of Safer Plymouth Structure to meet Serious Violence duty             | Strategic Manager<br>Technical Lead                    | Subject to Exec Approval July 21<br><br>October 2021 |
| New Local Strategic Crime Assessment                                         | Technical Lead                                         | October 2021                                         |
| Updated 'Plan on a Page' for 2021/22                                         | Technical Lead                                         | November 2021                                        |
| Funding Applications<br>Safer Streets 3 bid<br>Tampon Tax<br>NHSE Pathfinder | Strategic Managers<br>DASV partners<br>DA Commissioner | July 2021                                            |
| Adult A DHR 2<br>Domestic Homicide Review publication                        | Technical Lead                                         | July 2021                                            |
| Domestic Abuse Act:<br>Needs Assessment                                      | DASV Local Partnership Board<br><br>DA Commissioner/   | August 2021                                          |

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| MHCLG report on Capacity Building Fund                                                             | Technical Lead                              | July 2021                                              |
| Safe Accommodation Strategy                                                                        |                                             | October 2021                                           |
| OPCC Grant Review Meetings                                                                         | Commissioner<br>Technical Lead              | November 2021<br>April 2022                            |
| Hate Crime Action Plan                                                                             | Technical Lead                              | September 2021                                         |
| Training for Chairs and implementation of the neighbourhood element of Adolescent Safety Framework | Safer Communities/ Safer People theme leads | TBC in negotiation with Children's Social Care         |
| Lived Experience Community of Practice Forum                                                       | Technical Lead                              | TBC – joint work between OPCC, Safer Plymouth and MEAM |

## 6. Appendices

1. <https://www.plymouth.gov.uk/sites/default/files/Safer%20Plymouth%20strategic%20TRH%20assessment%20201920-%20FINAL%20DRAFT.pdf>
2. **Communications Plan 2021/22 (Draft)**
3. **Safer Plymouth OPCC spend plan**
4. **Serious Violence Duty Briefing (Draft)**