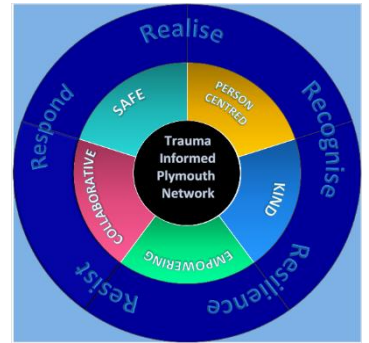




SAFER PLYMOUTH THEME LEAD REPORT



Safer Communities

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ASB Case Reviews (Community Trigger) –Kristina please

This year to date we have had 16 requests for ASB Case Reviews, 13 of which met the threshold. The demand for ASB Case Reviews is significantly higher than the year prior which is creating substantial workload pressure for all agencies involved. This increase in demand is likely due to increased publicity about ASB Case Reviews and Plymouth signing ASB Help's ASB Pledge. More recently, a significant number of ASB Case Review applications have been received via elected members and partners in Housing Associations. Victim feedback from the process has generally been very positive and a number of cases have been resolved following recommendations made. 2 ASB Case Reviews this year have been escalated to the OPCC. One of these resulted in recommendations to the Local Authority and Police. The other is currently under review.

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Prevent

The Prevent Partnership is currently developing a new action plan. Once this has been agreed, work will be undertaken to implement the plan. This will support all partners to embed a consistent approach to Prevent matters.

The independent review of Prevent is due to be published imminently. National media indicates that it is possible that this review will contain a significant number of recommendations which may lead to change in how Plymouth considers the delivery of Prevent. CTP, Home Office and Plymouth Prevent and Channel Leads are aware of this and as soon as the review is published agencies will come together to provide local response.

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Channel

We continue to see a number of referrals linked to school age boys. Work will take place in specific schools when a need is highlighted and information about this will be shared across relevant agencies. Where appropriate Child Centred Policing and local Policing Teams will step in and offer wider generic support if themes are highlighted. This will continue to be monitored and if numbers continue to increase then support may be requested of Safer Plymouth.

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Hate Crime Awareness Week

Hate Crime Awareness Week took place from Monday 10th October 2022. A number of events took place, including a full week of community engagements. DCT attended Boccia and Ambito learning disability advocacy groups, as well as Leadworks. Hate crime talks and interactive quizzes raised awareness of hate crime. Police carried out a visit the Synagogue to celebrate the Jewish festival of Sukkot as well as officers attending local Mosques throughout the week. Work was done with 'Hope in the Heart' refugee and asylum support for female victims of domestic violence, inline with a citywide priority to tackle violence against women and girls. Time was spent in Drake Circus shopping mall, engaging with members of the public to raise awareness of our pledge to have 'Zero Tolerance to Hate Crime' within Devon & Cornwall. Engagement also took place in Plymouth's Central Library over the weekend. Finally a focused piece of work was undertaken to visit the Safer Delivery Scheme zones to talk to delivery drivers and businesses in key areas in the city centre. This engagement and responses from drivers will lead further work in this area.

As part of Black History month police have a public engagement Black History stand in the front office of Charles Cross police station.

Plymouth Safer Delivery Scheme

An initiative to ensure delivery drivers are able to work safely and well in the city is underway. Safer Zones have been highlighted and reports indicate they are being well used and well received by drivers. Work is now underway to produce leaflets and maps of areas. A training package will be co-designed across the partnership to further complement this work. Additional engagement took place during HCAW and feedback from riders and drivers will be used to support further actions as this scheme progresses.

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Crimestoppers

Safer Plymouth have partnered with Crimestoppers and are jointly creating 3 new Crimestopper Zones. The zones have been agreed and are linked to areas of low reporting but high numbers of ASB and crime. The zones are

designed to increase confidence in services and increase reports linked to an area. Crimestoppers work in the locality and work with residents to not only report issues, but also to empower them to create associations and NHW schemes to ensure communities become strong and resilient.

Crimestoppers also recently supported Hate Crime Awareness Week in the city as we used their "There's no place in Devon and Cornwall for Hate Crime" campaign. It is widely understood that racially motivated crimes and incidents remain under reported. This campaign was used to try to increase reports and encourage all to speak up and stop hate crime. Many businesses were visited and riders and drivers engaged. All thought this was a positive campaign and it is something we hope to expand on.

ASB Escalation - Youth

Work has been ongoing to create a city-wide process for tackling youth anti-social behaviour with an emphasis on early intervention, diversion and support. This is to ensure there is a consistent approach to youth ASB across the city and that all relevant agencies are sharing information and working in partnership with a trauma-informed approach. Consultation on the new process has taken place with the Youth Justice Service and this is now nearly ready to 'go live'. Training on the new process will be provided via PCC Safer Communities team.

Policing/ENTE – Please also see linked report from Police

Emerging drug supply issue in Stonehouse linked to named young persons. Extraordinary MACE convened and multi-agency attendance achieved, and initial plan created. Further detailed mapping meeting being held with a full review of all exploitation concerns linked to wider group of young people. The initial actions recorded are two adults have been raised to police management plans (previously known as Targets) and work has commenced on an Injunction to keep key individuals away from each other.

Operation Scorpion Week commencing Monday 5th July. Intensification week linked drugs and ASB. OPCC in attendance on Monday. Multi-Agency walk around Granby Green. Throughout the week a number of young people will be visited who have come to police attention for drug use and will be offered support and diversion.

Re Introduction of the Community Safety Sergeant. Post Holder started in the New Year. Core Objective has been to work with a range of partners on initiatives. Initial feedback has been positive.

Night Time Economy All agencies now back into a rhythm around Evening and Night time Economy. Over the coming weeks we look to re-introduce joint briefings to support interoperability.

Designated ASB Patrols on key dates (Currently Friday and Saturdays) have been introduced under Operation Marnow. These patrols are focused on key locations throughout the city and have dedicated staff deployed.

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Safer Streets 4

Projects under Safer Streets 4 are underway. Each project has a lead and brief details of all successful bids are detailed below. If you would like further information relating to specific projects please contact the named project lead. The Project Manager is now in place and he has provided the below to provide a flavour of each initiative.

Outcomes and objectives of the initiatives include;

Reduce ASB incidents, making individuals and communities safer

Change of attitudes and behaviours towards VAWG in public places, with the long-term goal of reducing VAWG crimes and disorder in public (however it is noted that increasing reports of some crimes or issues could be seen as a positive outcome)

Improve feelings of safety for everyone within the community, in particular women and girls' feelings of safety in public spaces and the night-time economy

Make local areas safer and reduce demand on the police to focus on higher harm crimes

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#1 Substance Misuse

- **Sean Gray @ The Harbour Centre** is leading a project to increase the awareness of Substance Misuse and will be running a series of workshops with **Plymouth University** and **Trevi Women Ltd** bringing in a Subject Matter Expert (SME); the focus of the project is to help young people who are getting involved with drugs to understand their effects and be safer when doing so. The project also aims to identify what drugs are prevalent across the local area and use this information to help tailor the advice and support content

#2 Kicks Town

- **Daniel Hart @ Plymouth Argyle Trust** is continuing the excellent work through sporting engagement, coupled with both workshop delivery and bespoke 1-2-1 mentoring to engage with young people who may be responsible for ASB in across Plymouth, showing them a different path by encouraging their participation in sporting activities

instead of hanging around on street corners. They aim to create a positive outlet for their frustrations and energy and through collaboration with the Youth Justice System, avoid entering the system, or help others out of it. They have secured matched funding from the Premier League for £115,000

#3 Police CCTV Van

- **Tryst Fentem & Sarah Daniels-Day @ Devon & Cornwall Police** plan to purchase a new Police CCTV Van and kit it out with some of the latest developments in CCTV technology, hoping to utilise Starlink for optimum connectivity across the whole of Plymouth to help make a safer environment in the ENTE and at key events. The Van should link in with the Police Drones for greater visibility and will also be a port of call for anyone feeling vulnerable. We've met with the Procurement and IT teams and everything looks extremely positive now we've found a solution to the 21 week lead times on new vans, which threatened the project in its very early stages.

#4 Detached Youth Work Team

- **Caroline Storer @ Plymouth City Council** is increasing the number of Youth Workers who will engage over the winter months with schools and ACE Schools Multi Academy Trust; identified by the Police as a source of young people involved in ASB at the Waterfront, Coxside and City Centre aiming to build a rapport in advance of the summer months, the team will then engage with them running a number of activities in conjunction with Kicks Town, the National Marine Park Rangers to reduce and deter ASB and Tombstoning, hopefully reducing the burden on the police.

#5 Make Amends

- **Lucy Evans** and her team **Claire Baldock; Jax Page and Charlotta Gare @ Shekinah** are looking to identify three communities where they can implement and educate about restorative justice, with the intention of improving communities feelings of safety and reducing fear. They aim to train volunteers in the communities to continue this work at the end of the project, potentially creating a network amongst the communities to share and support each other. Setting the record for fastest responses and the first to complete the initiation phase of the project, this team is raring to go.

#6 Dynamic Response Safer Streets – Environment

- **Kristina Browning and Tracey Naismith @ Plymouth City Council** are leading a project to make tactical, visible environmental improvements across Plymouth, using referrals from the Police or local councillors (on behalf of residents) to improve feelings of safety in hotspots. These may be simple changes such as trimming back trees to improve the lighting in dark walkways or improving the appearance of areas that have become run down. There has been a feeling within the public that they haven't been listened to in the past, as there was no money to make these improvements, so there is the potential to improve the

sentiment in the community as well as reduce fear of violence and harm across Plymouth

#7 The Night Bus

- Following Covid, Brexit and the Ukraine Crisis, Plymouth has seen a reduction in the availability of Taxis around the city centre especially in the early hours of the morning when nightclubs close. This has led to more people, sometimes vulnerable through alcohol walking late at night. The Night Bus is up and running and offers three routes each running at midnight, 2:00am and 4:00am every Saturday Night (Sunday Morning) until the end of March. **Dave Moore @ Devon & Cornwall Police** is running this one. Each bus has a Security guard to provide safety and who are linked in with the door staff of pubs and nightclubs across Plymouth to prevent potential predators from accessing the service. The service began on 9th October and although initial numbers have been low so far, it will become completely self-sustainable by achieving 75% occupancy and then the aim is for it to be taken over by a private company as a permanent service. There is a QR code on all material so that people can book through their phones and the whole process is extremely simple. We're running an increased publicity campaign, getting adverts into toilet stalls and above urinals in nightclubs to increase uptake. Anything you can do to promote this service would be greatly appreciated. Flyers are available in different formats to suit social media, mobile and old-school poster format, please ask

#8 In Our Words

- **Hannah Shead, Helen Metherell and Hayley Saundry @ Trevi Women Limited** are looking to tackle the risks of women getting into drugs and prostitution; running a series of pop ups and film nights and utilising their network of women who have experienced the pitfalls of being drawn into prostitution and drugs to speak and help raise awareness for women in education. This group has recognised a lack of understanding of the functions of some of their partners including Student Services at the University and are looking to collaborate and learn more about what services are available, the aim is to improve the signposting and networking across likeminded organisations and institutions to create better outcomes for all. This feels like something each of you could benefit from, so this project will be looking to put something in place to tackle this.

#9 Safer Spaces

- Although funding for this project doesn't commence until April 2023, this one is well underway; recognising the **Safe Bus** (a Source of refuge, place to charge your phone or get help on an evening in the Plymouth ENTE) is soon to be retired due to its decline and age; **Julie Jamaa Ben M'Hand** and **Dave Moore @ Devon & Cornwall Police** are looking to identify a Safe Space to replace the bus in the City Centre. They are exploring empty shop fronts and spaces with **Plymouth City Council** as an area which serves all of the functions of

the Safe Bus, but also gives Police, Street Pastors, Plymouth Night Patrol and the Medical Team somewhere to stop get a drink, something to eat and use the bathroom. The funding covers the utility costs of opening this space once determined.

#10 VAWG Men's Group

- Another project set for next year; **Andy Hodges @ Devon & Cornwall Police** part of the **M.A.N. Culture** group is looking to run a conference in Plymouth, primarily for men, to highlight the impact of violence and women and girls and to deliver training to men to help them understand the privilege and power they hold. The conference will include talks/sessions from Beyond Equality (an external training provider), a safe space for men to ask questions and discuss, and training delivered by Beyond Equality.

#11 SVLO

- **Laura Beahan** alongside **Clare Harding**, (recruited as SME to deliver the project) @ **Plymouth University** aim to develop and recruit volunteer **Student Violence Liaison Officers**, the project will also bring in specialist training to Student Services to create self-sustainability so that new volunteers can be developed beyond the life of the project. The SVLO role will take over a specialist caseload and offer more dedicated support whilst creating capacity within the ever-stretched Conduct team.

Following discussion with the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner and Plymouth City Council, it has been agreed that the University of Plymouth will act as the lead institution submitting the bid for the city as part of Safer Streets 4. The University intends to submit a bid agreed by a small steering group chaired by the University and including colleagues from PCC and Devon and Cornwall Police. The University will submit the bid not only in relation to students and staff within the city (a population of 20,000+), but in recognition of the fact that the university has a large 'footprint' in the city and is committed to Plymouth continuing to be a safe and thriving city for all who live, study and work here.

Partners have been asked to begin to identify areas they believe we should include in our application. We have selected our main areas of focus for the bid being the following objectives from the prospectus: