



Local Policing and Partnership Update for Plymouth Safer Executive Update - October 2022

UPCOMING EVENTS

Op Aident 24th Oct to 11th Nov

Key partners involved in raising MDS and exploitation with specific focus on child trafficking. Work planned involving transport network and hubs.

Op Sceptre 14th- 20th Nov

Planned partnership activity to raise awareness of knife related crime

Op Scorpion 2nd-3rd December

Intensification weekend of action linked to network supply. Focus planned on ENTE and party drugs. OPCC in attendance

UPDATE TO PREVIOUSLY REPORTED EMERGING DRUG SUPPLY - STONEHOUSE

The emerging drug supply reported to last Safer Executive has been given operation name – OP FITTER. One male has been recalled to prison, the other remanded awaiting crown court trial for offence of possession with the intent to supply. Collaboration continues with submission of 6 civil injunction and housing closure to continue to safeguard.

OPERATION TARAK – 3RD- 9TH OCTOBER

The forcewide intensification week of action to the threat of County Lines in Plymouth saw over 310 disruptions recorded, the safeguarding of 43 young people and 27 adults.

Policing activity during this week instigated 51 recorded crimes, 45 arrests made resulting in 3 persons charged, 17 persons reported for summons, 16 person released on bail or under investigation and 1 person receiving a police caution.

“Disruption has been achieved when intentional activity leads to an OCG or individual involved in serious and organised crime being unable to operate at its usual level of activity, or where the risk posed is diminished for a period of time” **National Crime Agency 2018**

OPERATION VIGILANT EMBEDDED IN PLYMOUTH ENTE

Op Vigilant is a force initiative of good practice, originally instigated by Thames Valley police. It sets out a trigger plan for police, partners and other agencies and businesses involved in the Evening and Night Time Economy to recognise and identify threats of predatory and harmful behaviour and to respond in a consistent manner to protect vulnerable women and girls. It aims to disrupt sexual predators and subsequently record, analyse and investigate instances.

In Plymouth, training has been delivered to ENTE staff and businesses on signs to spot and actions to take, with notification to Council CCTV who monitor and inform the police control room who co-ordinate a police response.

OTHER VAWG FOCUS ACTIVITIES/ ACTIONS



Some recent recorded crime and the implementation of Op Vigilant in the city has revealed some concerning predatory behaviours leading to the identification of a “hotspot.” Collaboration is ongoing to look to “design out” crime at identified location of North Hill incorporating cutting back of trees, improved lighting and CCTV.

Other VAWG focus work includes:-

- Plymouth Night Bus commenced from 8th October funded by SS4
- Work to extend the successful ENTE campaign “Ask for Angela” campaign to the transport network with Plymouth Citybus being key contributor
- Procurement of CCTV vehicle funded by SS4
- Vulnerability/ bystander training delivered to ENTE and door staff

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with campaigns focused on reporting ASB and crime. Crimestoppers will also be supporting activity during the forthcoming Op AIDENT week and other similar planned campaigns. <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/give-information/give-information-online/>

CRIMESTOPPERS RELAUNCH

The charity Crimestoppers have recently reinvigorated their activities in the Devon and Cornwall Force area with the appointment of a new Regional Manager Karen MacDonald. In Plymouth, this has seen activity focused in Stonehouse and in Devonport areas with promotion of the work of the charity



MINI POLICE DELIVERED TO HOME EDUCATED CHILDREN

The Mini Police is an innovative engagement programme aimed at 8-11yr olds and is a growing part of the Volunteering Police Cadets (VPC) family, operated as a partnership between police and primary schools. In Plymouth, the scheme has been established in primary schools across the city by Youth Engagement Officer PC Deb Hart. In recent weeks, the scheme delivered in a non-school setting with home educated children taking part in the programme with great success.

ANTI SOCIAL AWARENESS WEEK - 18TH -24TH JULY

During a week of activities co-ordinated by Kristina Browning Community Connections Technical Lead, Neighbourhood Police, OPCC staff and partners took part in a series of roadshows across the city, where residents were canvassed on their views and experiences of ASB. In addition, there was much additional activity to include community tours and clean ups, environmental audit and social media communication.

Plymouth Police hosted work experience students during this same week and set the to task to produce a short video clip about ASB. Their efforts were presented to a panel of judges to include Head of Professional Practice of RESOLVE.

“Can I say a warm thank you to everyone for giving me the opportunity to be of your judging panel today. The young people are in my eyes, and I know you agree, are all winners. Their passion and commitment was amazing, their ability to “pull” this off in a week is not lost on me. I shall certainly be sharing this as a piece of best practice! What a pleasure it was to be involved.”

Sharon McLoughlin Head of Professional Practice - Resolve

FRESHERS' WEEK



Freshers' week saw police and partnership activity to welcome students to the city. Additional evening and night time resources were deployed to include the Plymouth Safe Bus and the University society Night Patrol who offer first aid and medical treatment during the ENTE. Councillor Rebecca Smith joined the Charles Policing Team for an evening patrol during Freshers' week.

Freshers' Fairs held at Marjons and Plymouth University were attended by local policing teams who promoted the Devon and Cornwall Police Student Safety Handbook.

SUCCESSFUL PARTNERSHIP – JOINT RESPONSE

The P99 unit jointly resourced by police and Mental Health Services and the co-location of the AMHP within police premises within Plymouth is credited for the reduction in section 136 detentions this year.

Further funding is being sought to extend the current service to provide 7 days a week cover.

OPERATION AIDENT – ENGAGEMENT MATERIAL SAMPLE

HATE CRIME AWARENESS WEEK

During the week of the 8th to 16th October, the Plymouth Diverse Communities Team, undertook a jammed packed week of engagements. Their work included:-

Working with learning disability advocacy groups Boccia and Amito and Leadwork

A planned visit to the Synagogue to celebrate the Jewish festival of Sukkot

Engagement with "Hope of Heart", a refugee and asylum support group for women victim of domestic abuse and violence

Engaging with residents, visitors and workers in the city centre in partnership with Community Connection Staff to raise awareness of the Devon and Cornwall Police "Zero Tolerance to Hate Crime" campaign.

The Plymouth DCT Staff are:-

Sgt Jon FORD
PCs Jo Moss, Nicky Roberts and Andy Rowe