



## Safer Plymouth


Meeting Date 2<sup>nd</sup> November

Report from Chair of Serious Violence Prevention Group

SECTION A		
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<b>Dates of meetings since last Full Board</b>	Click or tap to enter a date.	
<b>Executive Summary/ Key Issues only<sup>1</sup></b>	Quality Assurance	Click or tap here to enter text.
	Partnership Co-ordination	Through Chair and Technical Lead (Community Safety)
	Systems Leadership	All Serious Violence Duty 'Specified Authorities' engaged and broader membership secured.
	Trauma Informed System Development	Agreed as key value for the group – embedded in Terms of Reference

SECTION B	
<b>What is working well?</b>	<p>Good membership and engagement with new theme group. As per current draft statutory guidance the theme group has agreed a working definition of serious violence as follows</p> <p><i>'In Plymouth we are taking a public health approach to serious violence, focusing on the underlying risk factors and prioritising approaches designed to reduce and prevent violence at a population level. We are using a broad definition of serious violence – 'the intentional use or threat of violence and harmful behaviours including (but not limited to) knife and gun crime, robbery, domestic abuse, sexual violence including rape, alcohol related violence and stalking and harassment.'</i></p> <p>Serious Violence MoRiLE assessment (Management of Risk in Law Enforcement) completed with engagement from key partners and used to inform Local Strategic Crime Assessment.</p> <p>Work has started on the statutory Serious Violence Needs Assessment. This will present a local Plymouth 'profile', drawing upon the wide breadth of evidence and data from across the Safer Plymouth partnership and related networks to produce a 'shared understanding' of serious violence. It will also focus on lived experience and community intelligence to provide insights into the impact of violence on individual and communities.</p>

	<p>Third meeting of the Safer Plymouth Serious Violence Prevention Theme Group scheduled for 31<sup>st</sup> October and will give some focus to justice services (Probation and Youth Justice Service) in relation to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Current understanding of serious violence issues – intelligence and practice wisdom</li> <li>• Outline of current responses</li> <li>• Members discussion – how does this align with wider system approaches to serious violence reduction and prevention and opportunities for further/different approaches</li> </ul> <p>We continue to engage with the Office for Police and Crime Commissioners (OPCC) Serious Violence Prevention Programme - <i>Breaking the Cycle</i>. This has supported additional capacity to improve responses to intergenerational violence and exploitation through the Youth Justice Service.</p>
<b>What are we worried about?</b>	<p>We are awaiting final guidance and confirmation of funding allocations and distribution in support of the delivery of the new statutory Serious Violence Duty</p> <p>Ensuring read across and alignment with other partnerships and work programmes in Plymouth including safeguarding and emerging <i>Harm to Hope</i> drugs plan to cut crime and save lives.</p>
<b>What needs to happen?</b>	<p>Engagement of all partners in Serious Violence Needs Assessment</p> <p>Continued mapping of existing services and initiatives</p> <p>Delivery of agreed programmes re OPCC investment including</p>
<b>Identify Group Impact</b>	<p>Improving intelligence and developing shared understanding of serious violence and the city's current responses</p>
<b>Formal recommendation to/action required of Full Board.</b>	<p>None noted at this time</p>
<b>Suggested work engagement with Trauma Informed Plymouth Network</b>	<p>Chair and theme members to link with Trauma Informed Plymouth Network to continue learning and networking re trauma informed responses</p>

Name of Group Chair	Laura Juett
Signature of Group Chair	
Date Signed	19/10/2022