

SAFER PLYMOUTH

I would like to thank Inspector Sally Hutchins and Superintendent Chris Singer for their insights, however these reflections are mine.

PRIORITY AREA: CLOSING THE GAP

- No specific group looking at this
- Groups are looking at some of the specific crimes and anti-social behaviour, however they are not making a substantial inroad into closing the gap so a new approach is needed
- There is enormous range within the ten priority areas – could they be lessened in number?
- There is no real analysis of crimes easily available that pulls out the impact of evening and night time economy, alcohol, district shopping centres, visitor economy in these neighbourhoods in order to address these better
- With crime and anti-social behaviour being the only indicators there is no systems leadership approach or consideration of impact on services other than police and council (Fairness Commission commitment)
- With all of these gaps the potential to work with communities rather than doing to them is missing (Fairness Commission commitment)

PRIORITY AREA: EMERGING CRIME

- No specific group looking at this
- This is a police area of responsibility
- There is no expansion into other areas of emerging priority amongst either the CSP Responsible Authorities or other Safer Plymouth members
- Consideration should be given to looking at victim type as well as crime in case the commonality is between the former and not the latter
- Effectively Safer Plymouth relies on the police and Sarah Hopkins' team to do this

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