

INTRODUCTION TO PLYMOUTH STRATEGIC ASSESSMENT 2015/16 AND SAFER PLYMOUTH RECOMMENDATIONS

This strategic assessment aims to provide an accurate and realistic evaluation of the significant crime, disorder and substance misuse issues that may impact the partnership over the next 12 months, and also takes account of areas impacting the partnership over the last 12 months. Its key role is to inform Safer Plymouth of the key areas of Community Safety that the partnership should be focusing on for the coming year. This year the areas of focus are broken into two categories, they are;

Emerging areas of focus – these are new areas that have previously been mentioned briefly in previous strategic assessments but are now identified as being key emerging issues for the partnership. These tend to be areas where the primary objective should be to gain greater knowledge of the problem within the city in order to consider how best to tackle presently and in the future.

The emerging areas of focus are;

- Child Sexual Exploitation
- Modern Slavery
- Impact of Mental Health on Community Safety Issues
- Cyber crime

Established areas of focus – these are areas previously referred to in strategic assessments as ‘priority areas’ and are established areas of crime and disorder that has been the subject of partnership action for a sustained period.

The established areas of focus are;

- Supporting vulnerable victims of Anti-Social Behaviour
- Hate Crime
- Domestic Abuse
- Sexual Abuse
- Tackling Re-offending
- Violence and Alcohol
- Tackling Violent Extremism

SAFER PLYMOUTH RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Safer Plymouth agrees that the emerging areas of focus should be adopted by the board as areas of partnership work.
2. Safer Plymouth commissions work to assess and identify the most appropriate and effective development and delivery mechanism/forum for all the agreed areas of focus and receives recommendations back at the next meeting.
3. Safer Plymouth agrees that the established areas of focus should continue to be adopted by the board as areas of priority and co-ordinated partnership work.
4. Safer Plymouth signs off in principle the strategic assessment, specifically agreeing the areas of focus and the supporting narrative content. In addition safer Plymouth agrees to provide appropriate feedback to the author regarding the recommendations for each area of focus (emerging and established) and on any changes or additional content.