

SAFER PLYMOUTH PARTNERSHIP

Draft Minutes from Meeting held on Thursday 7 April 2016



Present:	<p>Chief Superintendent Andy Boulting, Devon and Cornwall Police (Chair) Councillor Philippa Davey, Cabinet Member for Safer and Stronger Communities (PCC) Bronwyn Prosser, Social Inclusion Manager (PCC) Lynn Young, Democratic Support Officer (PCC) Georgia Webb, National Probation Service Judith Harwood, Assistant Director for Learning and Communities (PCC) Pete Aley, Head of Neighbourhood and Community Services (PCC) Claire Oldfield, Plymouth University Heather Welch, Victim Support Sue Warren, Area Partnership Crime Reduction Co-ordinator (PCC) Chris Everatt, ZEBRA Nicola Jones, New Devon CCG, NHS Detective Chief Inspector Charles Pitman, Devon and Cornwall Police Ben Deer, Devon and Cornwall Police Cath Farrin, Devon and Cornwall Police Tim Broom, Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service Kerri Nason, Devon, Dorset and Cornwall Community Rehabilitation Company Nicola Horne, Service Manager, Environmental Health (PCC) Matt Garrett, Head of Housing Services (PCC) Professor Lystra Hagley-Dickinson, University College of St Mark and St John (MARJON) – observer.</p>
Apologies:	<p>Joe Hassall, Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service Danny Slay, Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service Craig McWhinnie, Devon and Cornwall Police Susan Moores, ZEBRA Andy Netherton, Licensing Service Manager (PCC) Rob Sowden, Performance and Research Officer (PCC) Kelechi Nnoaham, Director of Public Health (PCC) Gary Wallace, Public Health Specialist (PCC)</p>
The meeting started at 10.05 am and finished at 1 pm.	
Note: At a future meeting, the partnership will consider the accuracy of these draft minutes so they may be subject to change. Please check the minutes of that meeting to confirm whether these minutes have been amended.	
48	Welcome/introductions/apologies
	Chief Superintendent Andy Boulting, Chair, welcomed all parties and requested introductions.

49	<p>Minutes and actions from last meeting - held on Thursday 21 January 2016.</p> <p>Agreed.</p> <p>Members were provided with:</p> <p>(a) Update on domestic violence (DV) recording changes and issues and any impact on service and support to victims – there had previously been a delay in the recording of DV incidents. This timescale had now reduced to 6-8 hours overnight and 2-3 hours during the day. These are passed onto the Plymouth Domestic Abuse Service (PDAS). Recent months have seen a refining of how DV is categorised by the police. In summary the ‘policing the demand’ team have clarified that a domestic incident is:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">“Any incident or pattern of incidents of controlling, coercive or threatening behaviour, violence or abuse between those aged 16 or over who are or have been intimate partners or family members regardless of gender or sexuality. This can encompass but is not limited to the following types of abuse: psychological, physical, sexual, financial and emotional and includes so called ‘honour’ based violence, female genital mutilation (FGM) and forced marriage, and is clear that victims are not confined to one gender or ethnic group. ‘Family’ is defined as mother, father, son, daughter, brother, sister and grandparents, whether directly related, in-laws, common-law or step family.”</p> <p>Using this definition will enable the police to concentrate more effectively on the crimes and incidents that need extra support. Steps have been taken to ensure call handlers have received training to despatch appropriate resources to any reported incidents. Consequently, we are likely to see an increase in domestic crime figures but a reduction in domestic abuse.</p> <p>(b) CSE – promotion of organised crime profile and local action plan within organisations and alignment with PCSB work – the organised crime profile has been circulated to members. The Chair stressed the importance of the information it contained being circulated to organisations that members worked with. A new local PCSB action plan is being developed which Charlie Pitman will circulate to the group when it is ready for publication;</p> <p>(c) Update on students, University campus and North Hill community safety concerns – the University plan to produce a report on the issues. Violent incidents have been occurring in the Student Union which might be drink related. Drugs are also of concern and steps are being taken if found in halls of residence. The ‘Know the Line’ campaign will continue throughout the year and work would be undertaken with the new Welfare Office on the issue of consent. The new Student Union President would start in post in June and will be invited to future meetings.</p> <p>(d) Alcohol Harm – Judith Harwood has requested the work of the Alcohol Programme Board and Safer Plymouth are aligned. The chair of</p>
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		<p>this board has been invited to become a member and advised that Gary Wallace will be their nominated representative.</p>
50		<p>Safer Plymouth – decisions on development</p> <p>Pete Aley (Head of Neighbourhood & Community Services) presented his paper – ‘Safer Plymouth – decisions on development’. This builds on previous discussions held by Safer Plymouth Partnership Board members. Chairs of the delivery groups have been invited to this meeting so their views about next steps can be taken into account alongside the board.</p> <p>Members were reminded that the board has already agreed to -</p> <p>(a)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • review the existing arrangements for the Partnership and decide on a clear strategic leadership way ahead; • look at most important issues and deal with them accordingly; • focus on vision, objectives and outcomes; • engage all partners in the process and joint delivery of key actions; <p>A lengthy discussion followed regarding the future of the Safer Plymouth Partnership Board. Points of discussion and issues raised included -</p> <p>(b)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • there needed to be clearer communication between community groups / the public and the board; • the board needed to be realistic about what can be achieved given current resources and put bit sized plans in place; • ensuring the board is able to take a strong strategic role with clear lines of accountability but not necessarily through complex governance arrangements; • having a robust audit trail of any work the board undertook especially related to strategic joined up problem solving; • developing SMART objectives within a clear outcome framework; • people need to have responsibility for something and required to report back so attendance does not become ‘tick box’; • potentials for strengthening governance arrangements by making this board a sub group of other structures such as Health and Well Being; • recognising that Safer Plymouth is a statutory board in its own right with flexibility on how things are run; • the board is held into account by scrutiny – twice a year and this is webcast; • there are other strategic boards in the City such as Children’s and Adult’s Safeguarding and this board work needs to be closely aligned; • the work of the delivery groups is not fully linked up to the work of the partnership board and most are no longer meeting with effective intervention happening within operational teams around the problem e.g. Quality Inn; • devising a new structure is not a solution in itself as clarity in approach will make most impact; • communication is key – there are a lot of things happening, and conversations are taking place and these need to be impactful so we can spend more time on the doing and thinking and less on papers and plans;

- some members think sub groups are irrelevant, and this needs to be sorted out;
- systems leadership – its not about having and telling sub groups what to do its about leadership and direction from the board so operational work happens and is only referred to the board if issues need to be unblocked. The board has a conducting / coordinating role which creates the environment for levers to be pulled elsewhere;
- performance and quality assurance – progress will need to be measured and the board needs a joint view on how this is done and in what detail – with the right level of networking things will progress;
- flexibility and adaptability – is crucial and we need to be more ‘fleet of foot’ to recognise where and when our focus needs to change;
- the Police and Crime Commissioner has a key role in relation to resources and peninsula factors also need considering;
- neighbourhoods – some are suffering as resources are focused on other areas and issues;
- we can get better at promoting the profile and work of the board and the outcomes achieved eg 75% reduction in reoffending by those on Turnaround;
- best practice information is available from across the peninsula e.g. Torbay Vulnerability Forum and these could be considered for local implementation;
- developing the ‘offer’ of the board for others and how the work of this board links to or informs city wide developments e.g. Plymouth Plan, Health and Wellbeing Hubs ;

The Chair thanked members for their contributions which will be informative in enabling the board to reach a joint decision on direction and focus. He said that as a board there is a commitment to openness and accountability in order to achieve progress towards outcomes rather than end solutions. It is important that Safer Plymouth continues to listen and has time for this within its meetings. Members need to be prepared to come along and take the floor for a period of time and inform us of opportunities and threats.

It was agreed that the board –

- (1) will prioritise community safety issues that evidence shows pose the greatest threat, risk and harm, taking account of things which are most important in making our communities feel safe and secure;
- (2) commissions the next Strategic Assessment to focus on this priority, move away from themes, and make outcome focused recommendations for evidence based interventions, considering individuals (offenders and victims), communities and key issues;
- (3) develops and champions an outcomes framework covering: individuals, communities and key issues;
- (4) champions a systems leadership approach across organisations, to support delivery towards the outcomes framework (rather than formal recognition of sub groups);

	<p>(5) the Strategic Assessment and outcomes framework is considered as Safer Plymouth's Community Safety Plan, under the Plymouth Plan;</p> <p>(6) invites discussion with the Adult's Safeguarding, Children's Safeguarding and Health & Well-being Boards, about aligning governance and promoting prevention, early intervention and wider well-being;</p> <p>(7) considers how the voice of the community is included in Safer Plymouth's prioritisation;</p> <p>(8) considers what Safer Plymouth can offer to partners with regard to ensuring that community safety is taken into account in major decisions.</p> <p>The Board requested, that based on the above, Pete Aley builds on today paper and progress the outcomes framework for further consideration at the next meeting.</p>
51	<p>Dates of future meetings:</p>
	<p>Dates of future meetings are as follows -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 26 May 2016 • 21 July 2016 • 22 September 2016 • 19 January 2017 • 6 April 2017 <p>All meetings take place on Thursdays, 10 am to 1 pm in the Council House unless otherwise advised.</p>