

SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE CRIME & DISORDER REDUCTION PARTNERSHIP

ACTIVITY REPORT: JANUARY 2013

The South Cambridgeshire Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership (CDRP) has been operating in its current form for 14 months. Its second Stakeholder Event was held on 29 January 2013. The Tasking and Coordination Group meets on a monthly basis to progress priorities, address emerging issues and monitor the budget. In addition to partners' core business, progress has been made against each of the CDRPs priorities:

Tackling anti-social behaviour and supporting troubled families

- ⊙ Partners have fully engaged with the national and countywide Troubled Families agenda, using CDRP Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) task group meetings to bring together all relevant partners who share information on families that might benefit from the scheme, identifying ways of providing support
- ⊙ The ASB Task Group and other problem solving groups continue to meet on a regular basis to share information and take co-ordinated action. As well as meeting with perpetrators and challenging their behaviour, positive developments have been taken with regard to working strategically with agencies to develop new services to respond to emerging needs.
- ⊙ Work with the Local Health Partnership (LHP) has built relationships with mental health service commissioners and providers. This has resulted in SCDC officers receiving Mental Health First Aid training and developing tailored training for other frontline staff within partner organisations. The CDRP/LHP is also investigating adapting the Integrated Offender Management model of supporting service users to access mental health services for ASB victims and offenders.
- ⊙ Agreed the purchase and implementation of E-CINS, a cloud-based IT solution to manage ASB casework tasks and complex cases involving vulnerable people and their families. We have planned for partners to be formally signed up, trained and the

CASE STUDY: Stopping Anti-Social Behaviour

Partners worked together quickly to stop a group gathering in the entrance hall of a Council owned block of flats. Residents reported a group gathering, causing a disturbance with evidence of drug use. Housing officers met with residents and identified perpetrators, including moving a tenant and putting an ABC in place. The area was made secure with additional lighting and new locks. Police provided target hardening advice, and conducted targeted patrols, resulting in arrests. The problem was closed within two months of being reported.

routinely using the system by Spring 2013.

Preventing and reducing crimes against business

- ⊙ Allocated a PCSO to build relationships with South Cambridgeshire businesses to reduce crime that could affect them:
- ⊙ Strengthened existing links with Countryside Watch and Police rural tactical team to identify opportunities and take action to reduce farm related crime.
- ⊙ 184 businesses signed up to the new South Cambridgeshire Business Watch to enable them to receive free regular updates and alerts from the police about criminality against businesses.

- ⊙ Strengthened links with Cambridge Business Against Crime (CAMBAC), helping to promote them within the District. CAMBAC is currently considering appropriate membership fees for South Cambridgeshire businesses.
- ⊙ Developed strong relationships between the Police and the District Council's Licensing, Environmental Health, Building Control and Growth teams.

CASE STUDY: Reducing Business Crime Case Study

A PCSO was tasked to focus exclusively on Business Crime and started by visiting the top 10 businesses in the District, providing crime reduction advice and recording information on offences where there is not enough evidence for the police to investigate. 75% of CCTV cameras have been repositioned, and further work is now planned to make use of Automatic Number Plate Recognition.

Shaping & supporting new growth, and taking account of impacts on existing communities

- ⊙ The CDRP has facilitated closer working between partners and the SCDC New Communities Team, and a number of partners now regularly Hot Desk at South Cambridgeshire Hall
- ⊙ A workshop has been arranged for January 2013 to integrating lessons learnt about policing, anti-social behaviour and strengthening communities that can be applied right from the start with new developments. The workshop will bring together SCDC officers, and members of the Local Health Partnership, Ageing Well and CDRP Tasking and Coordination Groups who will identify vital issues to be considered and how they could be taken forward as an integral part of new developments.

Integrated Offender Management

South Cambs continues to benefit from the Countywide Integrated Offender Management (IOM) scheme:

- ⊙ The number of South Cambs clients has increased from two to five during the year. Three of the IOM clients are currently in custody.

CASE STUDY: Integrated Offender Management

Lee has a history of drugs, theft and violence and was adopted onto the IOM scheme following release from prison. He was a heroin addict, suffering with depression, released from prison without his antipsychotic medication. Under the IOM scheme the mental health team provided regular home contact and support to ensure he received his medication, and family support. He also received treatment from Cambridgeshire Drug Intervention Programme, giving consistent negative tests for opiates. He talks about how his life has changed and that he is learning to recognise the triggers that could tempt him back to his old lifestyle.

Supporting work to reduce domestic abuse

- ⊙ The CDRP regularly monitors the countywide work to reduce domestic abuse and the Tasking and Coordination Group recently focussed specifically on Domestic Abuse issues and services in South Cambridgeshire, with a personal update from the County Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Partnership Manager.
- ⊙ The recent expansion of the Independent Domestic Violence Advocacy (IDVA) Service means that some medium-risk cases can now be taken on by the service; previously the service only had the capacity to take on the cases that were high-risk. Due to this increase in capacity, referrals increased from 23 in quarter one 2012/13 to 54 in quarter two 2012/13. At the end of September 2012 a total of 83% of clients

referred were engaging with the service, far exceeding the 64% countywide target for engagement.

- ⊙ The Young Person's IDVA post went live on the 1 October 2012, providing crisis intervention, safety management and safety planning advice to young people aged 13-19 who are victims of "teen dating violence". The IDVA is also increasing awareness of teen dating violence issues within communities and other agencies to increase reporting and alert to the relevant agencies.
- ⊙ Additional Freedom Programmes running in the district.

Looking ahead...

As part of the national Community Safety Accreditation Scheme, the CDRP will explore the merits of SCDC applying to for some its officers to be accredited with a limited range of anti-social behaviour powers to help progress partnership actions and support officers to take action in a more effective manner.

In the current financial climate, it is essential for the CDRP to use its resources effectively, and to build in resilience for the next three years. Most of the activities this year have been funded through partners' mainstreamed budgets, meaning that the CDRP continues to have some funding remaining for use in 2013/14, leading to the partnership becoming self sufficient, with no reliance on external funding beyond April 2014.