

SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE CRIME & DISORDER REDUCTION PARTNERSHIP

ACTIVITY REPORT: NOVEMBER 2013

The South Cambridgeshire CDRP 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 continued to fully engage with the national and countywide Together for Families agenda through the three locality meetings that bring together partners to share information to tackle ASB and identify families that might benefit from extra support. The South Cambridgeshire CDRP is leading the way in the county with regard to this way of working.

Partners are now being formally signed up to and trained on using E-CINS, the cloud-based E-CINS solution to manage casework tasks and complex cases involving vulnerable people and their families. There are currently 15 South Cambridgeshire cases being managed via E-CINS and the system is already strengthening local information sharing.

CASE STUDY: Stopping Anti-Social Behaviour

Partners have worked together to resolve a long-term case of anti-social behaviour resulting in a Council tenant being evicted. The tenant had been playing loud music on a regular basis over a number of years, which was having a detrimental impact on the family next door. The case was not quick to resolve, however, the following steps were taken:

- Noise logs provided by neighbours
- Noise equipment was placed in the property and the noise witnessed by officers
- Noise abatement notice served a breach subsequently witnessed
- A warrant was gained and equipment seized from the property. The equipment was later returned.
- After witnessing further occurrences of noise, the equipment was then seized again.
- The Council served a Notice of Seeking Possession and gained possession following a court hearing.

Preventing and reducing crimes against business

Allocated PCSO, with local crime prevention officer, continues to build relationships with South Cambridgeshire businesses to reduce crime that could affect them:

- Focus on top ten affected smaller businesses to provide crime prevention advice and support.
- Evaluation forms introduced and lots of positive feedback has been received.
- Strengthened links with Cambridge Business Against Crime (CAMBAC), continuing to promote them within the district.
- Strong relationships between the Police and the District Council's Licensing, Environmental Health, Building Control and Growth teams continue to build.

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. The arrangement with the Fire and Rescue Service is now particularly strong.

Integrated Offender Management

South Cambs continues to benefit from the Countywide Integrated Offender Management (IOM) scheme; three IOM clients are currently in custody.

CASE STUDY: Integrated Offender Management

Clive's heroin addiction was the trigger for his history of domestic burglary, vehicle crime, shoplifting, and violence. As part of his Drug Rehabilitation Order, he works weekly with Drugs Services, Police and Probation to address his addiction and offending. Clive wants to work again, but is currently signed off sick. Partners are helping him update his certificate to work on building sites and take a JCB course. Other support has included advice regarding debt, and food parcels have been offered to his family. Under pressure he still uses heroin and crack. He has been arrested for driving whilst disqualified. The Magistrate is pleased with Clive's progress, but Clive must give negative drug results to succeed. A further review is due soon.

Supporting work to reduce domestic abuse

The first meeting of the new Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Governance Group will take place on 14 November to agree a way forward for future governance and leadership of the DASV Partnership.

Home Office expert Davina James-Hanman from Against Violence and Abuse (AVA) is working with the DASV Partnership to implement new Communications and Community Engagement Strategies. An initial meeting took place in October where needs and priorities were identified and ideas are being taken forward for action.

A workshop was held on 24 September 2013 at Police Headquarters to develop a consistent, effective and sustainable countywide response to Domestic Homicide Reviews across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. 34 representatives attended from various partner agencies. The main priorities identified at the event are being taken forward by county leads.

Recent training provision for partners has included Digital Stalking training to support professionals working with children and adults using social media, and MARAC training to improve response and provide updates to partners.

CASE STUDY: Domestic Violence

Annie (21) suffered interfamilial abuse as a child, has a diagnosed mental health illness, and self-harms regularly. She met Lee (24), but within 6 months had experienced abuse from Lee including punching, kicking, false imprisonment and a broken jaw. Lee was remanded in custody, and Annie was assessed as very high risk, receiving intensive support from two IDVAs (necessary due to Annie's complex needs and for the safety of the IDVA workers). The detailed action plan agreed by the IDVAs and Annie, included welfare checks, pre-arranged safe meetings, referrals to mental health services, arranging supported living, providing a phone, and placing police markers on her mobile number and home address to keep her safe. The IDVA service recently supported Annie in obtaining a non-molestation order against Lee. Annie has now separated from Lee who has now moved out of the area. She has a new job, is making new friends and moving on with her life.

Spending plan 2013/14

FUNDING SOURCE	AMOUNT
Pooled Fund start balance April 2013	£34,843
Rollover SSCF from April 2012 to March 2013	£2,233
Police & Crime Commissioner funding for April 2013 to March 2014	£20,540
TOTAL FUNDING AVAILABLE	£55,384

The agreed spending plan is set out below. The spending plan is on track and the workstreams, which link to the CDRPs priorities, are all being progressed.

ITEM	AMOUNT	NOTES & CONTEXT
Tackling Anti-Social Behaviour (priority: tackling ASB and supporting troubled families)	£10,000	£2,400 to carry out ASB Casework (the CDRP has moved to a position whereby there are no officers employed through CDRP monies and casework is carried out by existing officers). £7,600 on diversionary activities in ASB hotspot areas.
E-CINS (priority: tackling ASB and supporting troubled families)	£5,000	E-CINS is a cloud-based tool that will enable the partners to effectively manage victims, offenders and vulnerable persons on one system. The system was commissioned by the Home Office in 2010 and is currently used in seven counties. E-CINS has been commissioned by Fenland District Council on behalf of all CDRPs, Integrated Offender Management and Together for Families. The cost of £5,000 covers a two-year contribution towards a countywide contract. The implementation will be supported by officers from partner organisations.
Community Safety Accreditation Scheme (priority: tackling ASB and supporting troubled families)	£5,000	£2,000 to contribute towards the up-front cost of introducing a Cambridgeshire local authority pilot scheme i.e. training of staff. Cambridgeshire Constabulary has agreed to in kind contributions to cover administration of the scheme, local training and vetting of staff and South Cambridgeshire District Council will hopefully also contribute. The scheme will give approximately 16 local authority staff selected police powers to make best use of all available resources and strengthen the powers that staff already utilise. £3,000 to evaluate the CSAS pilot.
Lead Professionals Training (priority: tackling ASB and supporting troubled families)	£3,000	Training to up-skill and develop existing roles within organisations to take on the role of lead professional in dealing with families who require support linked to ASB, but who do not reach the Together for Families threshold.
Information & Intelligence (priority: all)	£3,500	£3,500 contribution to County Council analyst to provide support to CDRP. This will be matched by £3,500 from the District Council and £3,500 from the County Council.
TOTAL	£26,500	
TOTAL (UNALLOCATED)	(28,884)	To remain unallocated in case of Domestic Homicide Review or tackling emerging issues as deemed appropriate by the CDRP Tasking & Coordination Group.

Looking ahead

With previously agreed support from the CDRP, South Cambridgeshire District Council will shortly be applying to Cambridgeshire Constabulary 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. This will be the first local authority Community Safety Accreditation Scheme in the county and will be evaluated on its effectiveness.

The Tasking and Coordination Group continues to work towards the partnership becoming self-sufficient, with no reliance on external funding beyond April 2014.