

Devizes Community Area Board

16th May 2016



1. Neighbourhood Policing Team

Sergeant:	Vincent Logue
Town Centre:	PC James Twyford PC Jon Bedbrook PCSO Paula Yarranton PCSO Kelly Watts PCSO Melissa Camilleri PCSO Sue Greenway PCSO Sam Burnside
Rural:	PC Jo Newbery PCSO Fiona Marno PCSO Ellen Carter

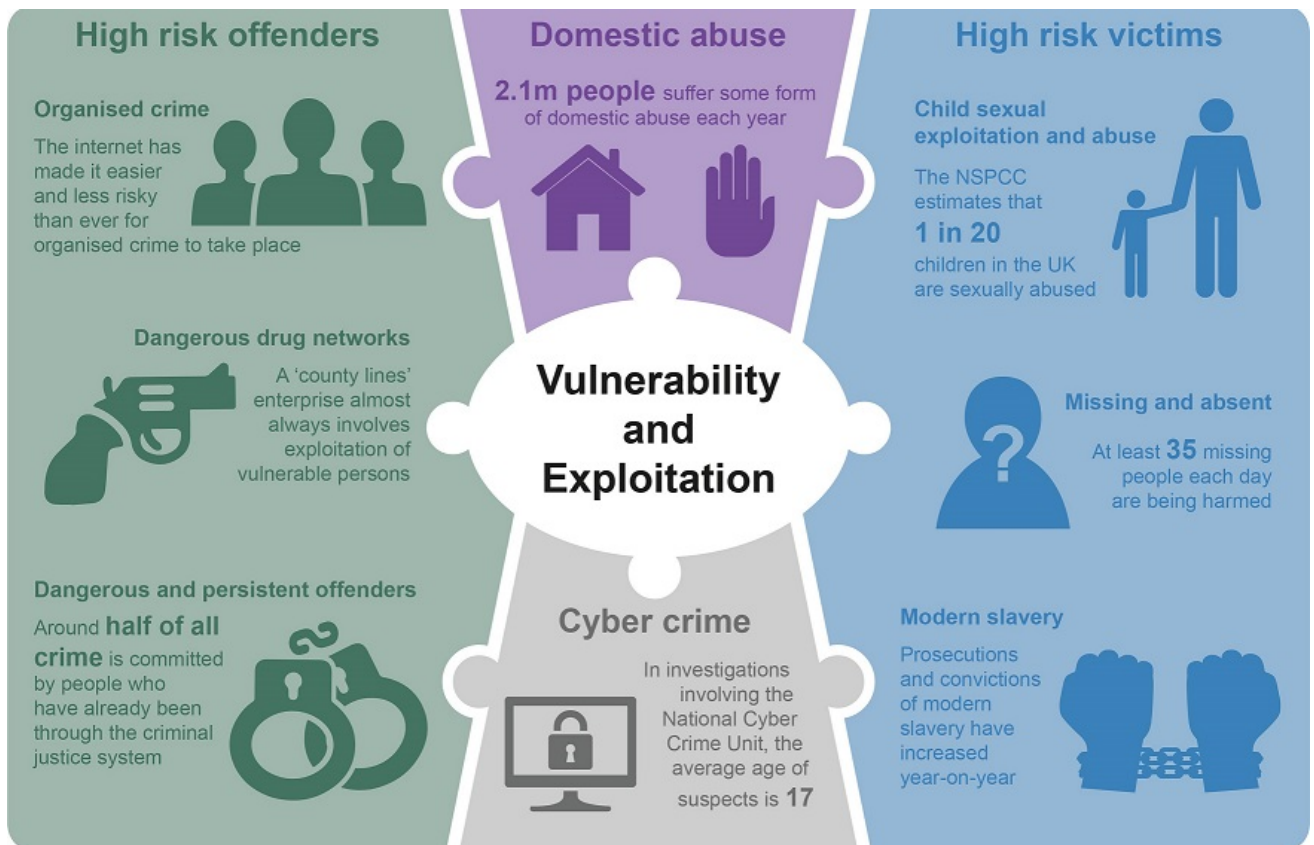
2. Local Issues and crime:

The perennial problem of cars being broken into at remote locations becomes greater when the weather improves and already this year we have started to see a rise in this type of incident. Police all over the country have for as long as anyone can remember been advising motorists not to leave valuables in unattended cars yet people are still becoming victims of this crime because they leave such things as handbags in plain view in their cars while they walk their dogs or simply go for a walk. Our team patrol these areas and issue advice to motorists especially when they see them about to walk away from their car with valuables inside. The most common comment we hear is "I'm only going to be 10 minutes", but the fact is it takes about 5 seconds to smash a window and grab a bag from inside a car and within 30 seconds the offenders will be gone.

Please don't become a victim of this crime type – Don't leave valuables in your unattended cars, not even for a minute

3. Wiltshire Police Control strategy

On page 2 you will see the current Wiltshire Police Control Strategy. It sets out which areas we will prioritise which are the areas of risk of significant harm to the public, or to sections of the public, and in particular the vulnerable.



Cybercrime

Cybercrime is a growing area of crime (Wiltshire Police has seen a 26% increase in reports of cyber related crime in the last year). Criminals are moving online and there is an increasing cyber element to many traditional crimes.

Wiltshire Police is in the process of training every officer in identifying and dealing with Cyber Crime. Some simple tips are:

Do not click on links on unsolicited emails – These may be 'phishing' emails that try to 'pharm' your username and password. Most common are emails that look like they are from your bank. Instead, go to your internet browser and type in the bank's URL – eg www.nationwide.co.uk and log in from there.

When you are about to log in to an account, make sure the URL in the address bar has the following prefix <https://> as opposed to <http://> The 's' shows that the website you are on is secure and encrypted. Eg <https://onlinebanking.nationwide.co.uk/AccessManagement/Login>

Do not tell anyone your password – for example, a call from someone stating they are calling from your bank – Bank staff will NEVER ask for your password or PIN.

Wiltshire Police have a dedicated Cybercrime Facebook page 'CyberBee WiseWilts' which aims to help people to avoid becoming victims of cybercrime. There are regular cyber safety messages and updates so this is well worth visiting, particularly as 80% of cybercrime can be prevented by following simple online security advice.

Domestic Abuse

Devizes NPT regularly has involvement in attending incidents of domestic abuse and through liaison with other departments within Wiltshire Police we are able to identify those people who are repeat victims so that safeguarding measures can be put in place.

Please report incidents of domestic abuse to the police if you feel it is happening within a family near you.

High Risk Victims

I have mentioned previously the crime area of particular concern where older residents are visited at their homes by persons who then steal money from them. NPT officers continue to prioritise the reassurance and protection provided to those that have been victims of these crimes and giving advice to elderly residents and the most vulnerable in our communities to help reduce the likelihood of their criminal exploitation.

It is important to note that there have been no new offences of this nature in this reporting period.

The advice is not to let anyone into your address who you do not know and to report any suspicious incidents to the Police. Do not pay any money up front for any services offered. We ask you to keep an eye on older neighbours and to make a note of any descriptions of persons knocking door to door and also registration numbers of vehicles. Please report any suspicious activity **immediately** to the police via 999.

If you have any general concerns about a vulnerable person being the victim of crime, please contact Wiltshire Police.

High Risk Offenders

The NPT work closely with the Public Protection Department to identify persistent or dangerous offenders, to engage with them and to take positive action where required. The offender management department, NPT and Response officers continuously visit these people with a view to disrupting their criminal activity. If you have any information that can assist Wiltshire Police, you can report it to us directly or through Crimestoppers anonymously by telephone on 0800555111 or online at www.crimestoppers-uk.org

It is a fact that 60% of organised criminals are involved in drugs supply.

4. Other issues

PC's Andy List and Chris Mead have now left the team and taken on new roles. We have 2 new Community Beat Managers who will cover Devizes town area. PC James Twyford has joined us from Response, he has previous knowledge of Devizes. PC Jon Bedbrook has joined the team from the Offender Management Unit giving him a headstart in getting to know our repeat and high risk offenders. I am confident that both will be assets to the team.

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