

Marlborough Area Board

July 2016

1. Neighbourhood Policing

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2. NPTs - Current Priorities & Consultation Opportunities:

The current priority for the Marlborough area is to focus on Non-Dwelling Burglaries and overnight thefts.

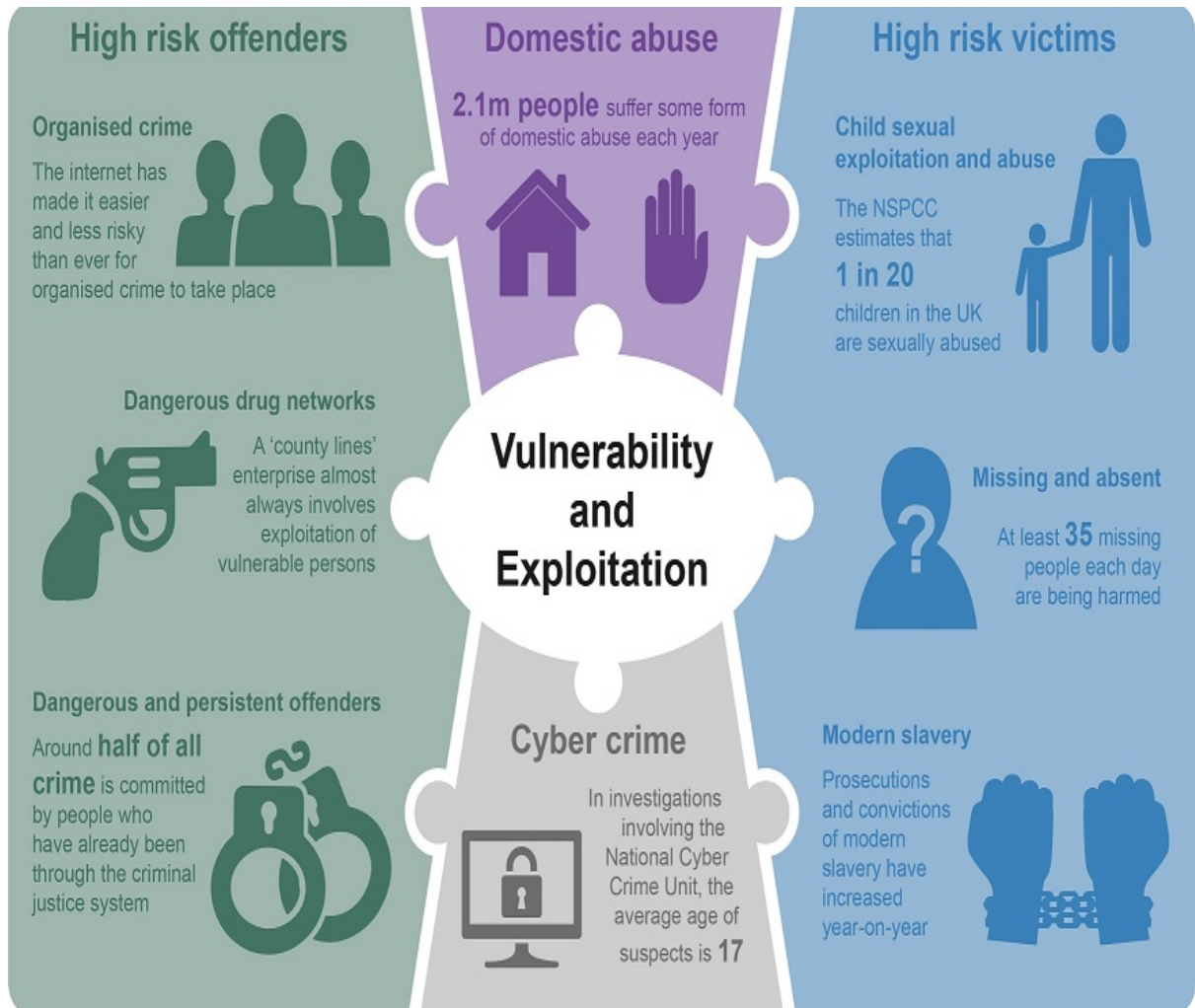
We have worked hard to tackle this by carrying out regular patrols in the areas which are most targeted, following up on intel received, overnight policing operations in collaboration with neighbouring police forces, and working with local game keepers. As a result of this being a priority for some time, there has recently been a reduction in the number of non-dwelling burglaries. Since the last Marlborough Area board (May 2016) there have been six non-dwelling burglaries across the Marlborough area. This represents a reduction in over 60% when compared to the same three month period last year when there were 16 Non-dwelling burglaries.

We have also been working with a crime prevention officer to put target hardening measures in place at the most vulnerable areas in our communities. Please revisit your security features on your property, such as chains and locks, CCTV, and lighting. Also consider:

- Security marking items
- Recording Serial numbers
- Photographing items
- Locking away and securing valuable items when not in use
- Having secured access point in to yards/premises

Another priority has been theft from vehicles in our beauty spot areas. Thankfully, in the last month, there has only been four thefts from vehicles from beauty spot areas, three of which occurred over the weekend of 2nd-3rd July. This is 50 % less than the same period last year.

3. Wiltshire Police Control strategy



Cybercrime

One of the simplest ways any of us can fall victim to a crime is by having our personal information taken from us online, over the phone or when out in the street and then used and abused by criminals. More than one in four of us has fallen victim to an identity crime, losing an average of £1200 each. The knock on effects can be huge, causing massive personal distress and inconvenience. There are a number of simple steps that can be taken to safeguard information. To reach as many people as possible with this advice, Wiltshire Police, supported by the Metropolitan Police Service, Experian, Cifas, FFA UK, Get Safe Online and Cyberstreetwise, is running a national campaign to raise awareness of this problem.

Between 18 and 24 July, as part of Get Safe Online's Campaign to 'be a switched on parent', Marlborough Neighbourhood Policing Team will be carrying out public consultations. Many parents and carers have children who go online for gaming, social media, chat

platforms, streaming and downloading - whether on a tablet, mobile phone, computer or games console.

In most cases, online gaming and chatting is fun, social and harm-free. But we need to be realistic, and parents and carers are becoming increasingly concerned about the safety of their children within a digital world they may not be familiar with themselves. Risks can range from downloading a harmful computer virus to online bullying or being targeted by a predator with sinister motives.

Although the internet is a fantastic tool and a key resource for modern learning, communicating and entertainment; it is largely unregulated and a magnet for people with malicious intentions.

Domestic Abuse

Since the last Area Board report, Marlborough NPT has been involved in investigating a report of domestic violence in the Marlborough area. Whilst it would not be appropriate to disclose details of the incident, historic reports of assault were made which resulted in one person arrested and cautioned.

We are also monitoring a high risk domestic related incident in the Marlborough area where a person is at risk from a violent partner returning to the address.

High Risk Victims

Members of the public have made reports relating to suspicious phone calls being made in which a man states that he is calling from Scotland Yard Fraud Prevention Department. He goes on to tell the person on the other end of the phone that somebody has attempted to use their bank card buy a computer in London for more than £1000.

If you receive a similar call to this, please do not give out any person details including your name, address, card details and PIN number. Hang up immediately and call 101 to report the matter.

In the coming weeks Marlborough and Pewsey Neighbourhood Policing Teams will be giving advice to vulnerable communities to help prevent them from becoming victims of crime in this way.

High Risk Offenders

There are no significant updates in relation to High Risk Offenders.

Other Local Issues

Road Traffic Collision: On the evening of 9th June a woman pedestrian from Swindon died following a road traffic collision on the outskirts of Marlborough, near Savernake Hospital.

The incident happened at 5.30pm on the A4. Two cars (blue BMW 328 and yellow Seat Leon Cupra) were travelling towards Froxfield when the BMW left the carriageway and collided with the woman who was pronounced dead at the scene. Two men were arrested at the scene on suspicion of causing death by dangerous driving and have been released on conditional bail.

Burglary: At approximately 1300 hours on 10th June a quantity of cash was taken from the post office in Baydon. Thankfully, no member of staff was hurt.

We have been appealing for anyone in the area who may have heard or seen anything suspicious to make contact with Detective Sergeant Scott Anger from Swindon CID by dialling 101 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Theft of Motor Vehicle: Overnight 23/06-24/06 a vehicle was stolen from the driveway of a property in Ogbourne St George. The vehicle has subsequently been found and enquiries are being made.

Drugs: At 1830 hours 02/06 a motorist was found in possession of a small amount of cannabis on London Road, Marlborough. He was issued with a cannabis street warning.

Criminal Damage: Sometime between 23/05-27/05 an unknown suspect kicked the back off a hand carved bench and smashed the seat in Stonebridge Meadow, Marlborough. Sadly, we don't know who was responsible but a kind member of the public offered to fix the bench for free.

Assault: At approximately 2115 hours 29/05 a disorder was reported on St Martins, Marlborough where one female was assaulted by another known female. This is still being investigated.

Burglary: Overnight 25/05/16 an unknown suspect gained entry to a premises in West Kennet by forcing a window. Jewellery was taken from within.

Burglary: In the afternoon of 07/06 a burglary occurred to a commercial premises in London Road, Marlborough. One male has been arrested and is currently on bail.

Burglary: Between 17/06-20/06 a burglary occurred to a commercial premises in Marlborough where cash was taken from a till and an office.

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