

Melksham Area Board Report

7th September 2016

1. Neighbourhood Policing

Sergeant: T/Sgt Kane Fulbrook-Smith

Town Centre: PC Emily Thomas
PCSO Rose Baldock
PCSO Janet Gould

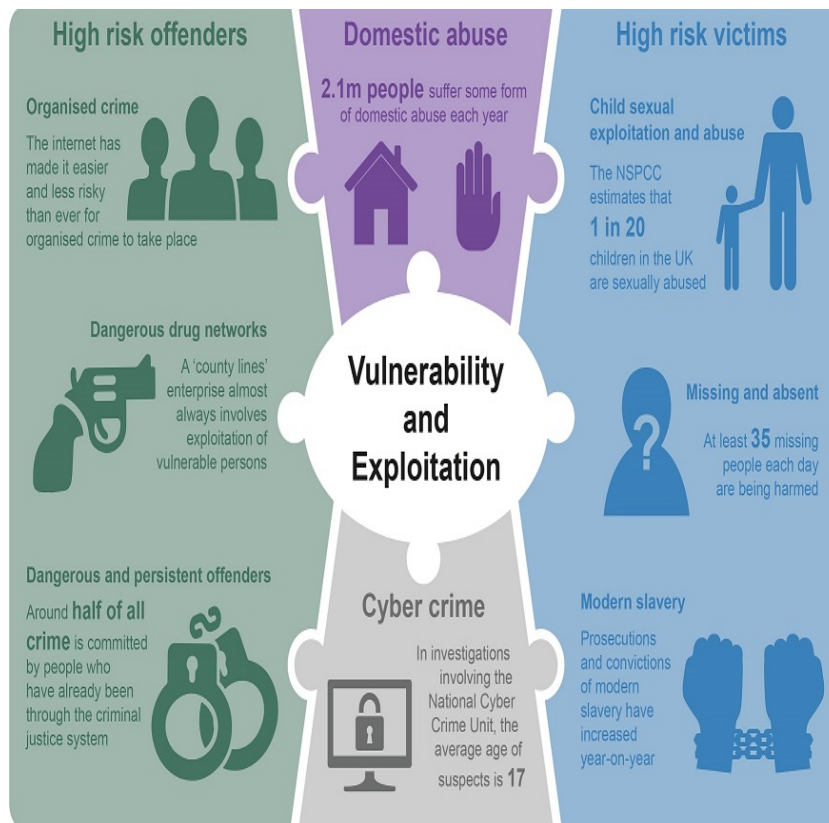
Rural North: PC Barry Dalton
PCSO Maggie Ledbury

Rural South: PC Barry Dalton
PCSO Helen Wilson

2. NPT-Priority- High Risk Offenders

Melksham Neighbourhood Policing Team set their NTG Priority at the end of May around targeting “HIGH RISK OFFENDERS” in line with the Force Control Strategy. During this period one of Melksham’s Persistent Offenders has been sentenced to a 20mth Custodial Sentence for an array of criminal and driving offences. This also included working alongside SWITCH (Integrated Offender Management) to conduct proactive home visits, gather Intelligence to evidence Breach of Licence to demonstrate the lack of non-compliance of an individual. In relation to the Drug Net Working Gangs one known local individual has been arrested by the Dedicated Crime Team and is currently on police bail for Possession with Intent to Supply Class A & B drugs. NPT have carried out Drug Warrants at local Premises those members of the Drug Network associate. There have been two Adult Cautions issued for Possession of Class B Cannabis. One Cannabis Street Caution and one individual currently on Police Bail for two separate investigations for Supplying Class B drugs to local youths.

3. Revised Wiltshire Police Control strategy



Cyber Crime

Cyber Crime still continues to play a major part in criminality especially around National and International Organised Crime Groups. However the public must not become complacent about local Networking Groups.

A new on-line Advance Fee Fraud is becoming more favourable

People selling their items on online platforms are falling victim to a new type of advance fee fraud. This involves a fraudster, posing as a buyer, sending an email to the seller (victim), agreeing to the full asking price of the item. They state that they are unable to collect the item themselves and will arrange for a courier to pick it up instead.

The fraudster then sends a fake payment confirmation email from a different email address, one which falsely purports to be from a payment platform. In the course of the email exchange, the seller/victim is requested to pay the courier fee. Once the payment is made the contact is broken, the item is not picked up and the money paid for the 'courier' is gone.

Protect Yourself:

- Be wary when buyers wish to purchase items at the full asking price without viewing them.
- Check the validity of the payment receipt confirmation

- Avoid paying an advanced fee if you are a seller; should you choose to use a courier, arrange your own.
- Check feedback online by searching the associated phone numbers or email addresses of the seller/buyer. Feedback will give you useful information about recent transactions other buyers/sellers have made.

To find out more visit Wiltshire Police website or GetSafeOnline - www.getsafeonline.org. Or for advice and to report an incident of fraud, scams or cybercrime, visit Action Fraud website www.actionfraud.police.uk or Tel: 0300 123 2040.

During the Get Safe on Line Campaign that ran between 18th-24th July, Melksham NPT attended a number of Local Retail Businesses to target parents and raise awareness around security settings to protect young people. This was very well received and a number of parents went away feeling more reassured that they could safeguard their children and that cybercrime was being taken seriously.

High Risk Victims

The Human Exploitation and Emerging Threats Team within the Wiltshire Intelligence Unit are dedicated in monitoring and conducting welfare visits within the County with individual businesses or potential identified victims to safeguard and build intelligence on perpetrators. The independent charity Crimestoppers is raising awareness in Wiltshire on the hidden harm of Human Trafficking. Statistics for 2014-15 show that around 14 people are arrested and charged every day thanks to the information they receive from the public, this clearly demonstrates that the public's voice is heard, information is acted upon and offenders are made accountable. Contact Crime Stoppers 0800-555-111 or visit www.crimestoppers-uk.gov for further information.

GEMSTONE is Wiltshire Police's response to Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE). The dedicated police team working under GEMSTONE provides specialist guidance and support to departments within Wiltshire Police and works with other professionals to provide a coordinated approach to identifying and tackling CSE, ensuring that it remains a high priority. Working together we can help prevent child sexual exploitation happening in Wiltshire.

What is child sexual exploitation?

Sexual exploitation is a form of sexual abuse where a young person is encouraged or forced into taking part in a sexual act. It could be as part of a seemingly consensual relationship or in return for attention, affection, money, drugs, alcohol or somewhere to stay. The young person may think the abuser is their friend, or even their boyfriend/girlfriend, but they will put them into dangerous situations, forcing the young person to do or see things of a sexual nature. The abuser may or may not use violence, but they will control and manipulate their victim, trying to isolate them from friends and family. The victims are not at fault, and sometimes are not even aware it is happening. Abusers can be very clever in the way they manipulate, groom and take advantage.

Wiltshire Police are committed in protecting those most vulnerable and a positive tool that is used by the Police is the Child Abduction Warning Notice this can be used in conjunction with the Sec 2 Child Abduction Act 1984 for young people under the age of 16 years and Sec 31 of the Children's Act 1989 and Sec 49 Children's Act for young people under the age of 18 years in Local Authority.

Melksham NPT have been liaising with the Emerald Team (Child Sexual Exploitation & Missing Children)

Protection Team from Wiltshire Council to build Intelligence, identify potential 'hot spots' and perpetrators so proactive targeted patrols can be implemented around our locality to safeguard vulnerable young people from the harm of CSE.

Wiltshire Safeguarding Children Board

www.wiltshirelscb.org

Website includes information for children and young people parents and carers about keeping children safe.

NSPCC

www.nspcc.org.uk

National children's charity which provides information, advice and support about child Sexual exploitation.

PACE (Parents Against Child Exploitation)

www.paceuk.info

National charity working with parents and carers whose children are sexually exploited.

Domestic Abuse

Domestic Violence can take place anywhere and anytime however, members of certain minority groups are less likely to report it in fear of reprisals and male victims are even less likely to report. The Wiltshire Domestic Abuse Investigation Team specialise in safeguarding medium and high risk victims. The team work closely with domestic outreach agencies such as Splitz and Swindon Women's Aid. Wiltshire Police receive a large number of 'Right to know' applications from professionals around concerns that a victim may be in a relationship with a serial perpetrator of domestic abuse. (A serial perpetrator is one who has committed domestic abuse on more than one partner or family member) We also receive 'right to Ask' applications from people in relationships or concerned family members around a perpetrators background. This is coordinated by a dedicated administrator; these applications are all cantered around the Clair's Law. DAIT staff also represent the Police at Court for Domestic Violence Protection Orders. Wiltshire Police are doing well at gathering and securing the evidence for these to be granted compared to other forces. These tools are fundamental in safeguarding victims of domestic abuse in our community and dealing with perpetrators effectively.

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