



Melksham Area Board Report

15th June 2016

1. Neighbourhood Policing

Sergeant:	Acting 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. NPTs – Existing Priority (Cyber crime)

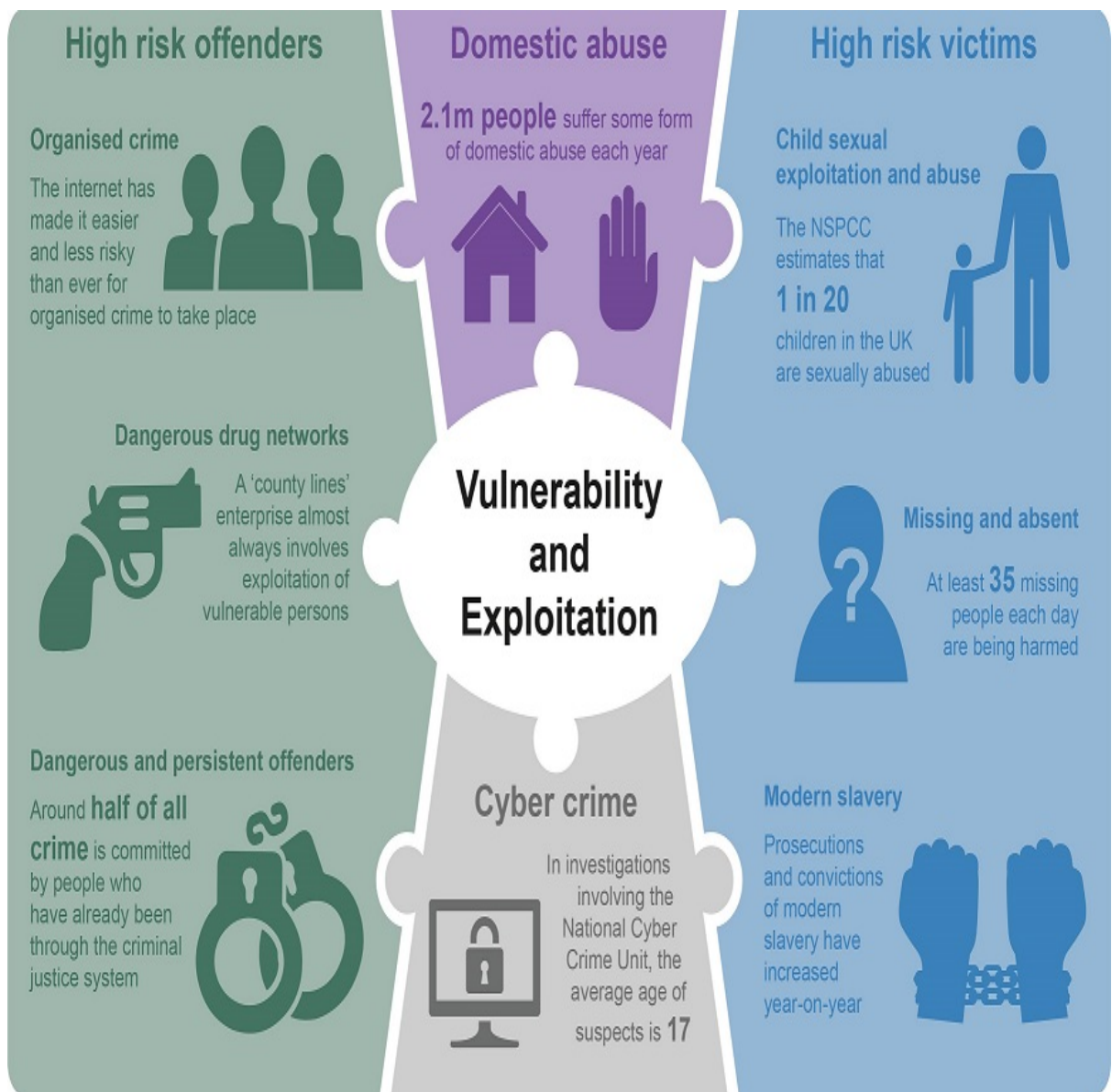
This Cybercrime priority was raised as part of our Force Control strategy 6 months ago. During this time Melksham NPT has raised the awareness with Local Infant Schools on addressing Cyber Bullying through 'Operation Polite' across Town and Village Schools. NPT have also attended Parent Evenings to raise the security awareness on Social Media Sites. In addition to this NPT have given talks to more vulnerable groups to raise awareness on Internet Scams and have been involved with Senior School producing a cybercrime music 'rapp'. We have also had the opportunity to work alongside the School Youth Engagement Officers within Wiltshire Police who have been delivering topics around sexting and safeguarding children and exploitation. NPT have also been working alongside Melksham Young People and the LYN to come up with a package to deliver to the elderly. It cannot be confirmed exactly what impact this has had in reducing cybercrime but it can demonstrate how victims of crime have become more aware by reports made to the police and National Action Fraud. Cyber crime will continue to be a priority for Wiltshire Police as part of the Force Control Strategy.

NPT –New Priority

The new NPT Priority will be targeting "HIGH RISK OFFENDERS" working alongside SWITCH (Integrated Offender Management). Currently Melksham have 3 individuals who are persistent offenders and have a significant impact on our community and are a drain on resources so our aim will be to build intelligence and secure arrests and custodial sentences. We will also target individuals

working in Dangerous Drug Networks who exploit young people and will target organised crime groups who prey on elderly around retail outlets. Our aim is to protect, deter and detect criminality and make Melksham Community a safe place to be for all.

3. Wiltshire Police Control strategy



Cyber Crime

A reminder for everyone, as an individual or part of a group, company or organisation;

- anyone of any age or background can become a victim of cyber crime at any time and by various means, not just online

- follow simple online security steps to reduce the risk of falling victim & make it difficult for a criminal to access your personal information and your money,
- 'Think before you click or confirm'
 - do not click on any unsolicited links or attachments,
 - do not provide your personal details, ID/usernames, bank account or credit card details over the phone.

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.

Get Safe On Line Campaign will be running between 18th-24th July, Melksham NPT will hold a number of awareness sessions times, date and venue will be communicated via our NPT Facebook Page and Community Messaging.

The most recent incident in Melksham involved a vulnerable person duped out of £47,000 via on-line scams over a succession of request from abroad. With the police intervention the victim has been compensated through the banks for some of the monies but the rest lies with calculated organised criminals overseas.

High Risk Victims

The New Missing and Absent data base that was introduced a few months ago has been working well with greater transparency and accessibility for officers. There have been 22 reported missing/absent reports in Melksham over the last 2 months. With this new tool in place it has allowed officers on the ground to work more effectively in locating individuals who have been reported as missing or absent without them being subjected to significant harm. These reported incidents have reduced by an average of 25% in Melksham since the closure of a Children's Residential Home.

Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking within Wiltshire exists in numerous forms. It is easily seen in local nails bars where the staff are predominantly Vietnamese. Brothels and Car wash enterprises are staffed by Eastern Europeans. A dedicated team known as Human Exploitation and Emerging Threats Team with the Wiltshire Intelligence Unit monitors these addresses, conducting welfare visits with staff where appropriate. Visits often involve partner agencies such as Immigration and Council staff. The police have not recovered any such victims from within the Melksham area however the HEET Team will continue to police and visit high risk businesses that are of an interest in safeguarding potential victims.

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 centered 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.

High Risk Offenders

Melksham NPT regularly attends Multi-Agency Public Protection Meetings to discuss individuals who may migrate out of other Force/Local areas and move into the Melksham Community. At this present time we do not have any such individuals due to the close working relationship with our partners and addressing community and victim concerns.

Persistent Offenders who fall under the scope of SWITCH (Integrated Offender Management) impact hugely on resources not just across the police but also our Partner Agencies. Currently across the Force there are 36 Red SWITCH Offenders and 30 Amber SWITCH Offenders. Melksham have 3 individuals who are monitored by NPT with regular home visits, building Intelligence around acquisitive crime and generally make our presence known that these individuals are under the spotlight to deter offending.

Social culture around drugs has change immensely over the years, peer pressure and recreational drug use is part of the norm for many young persons. This in itself poses health and safety risks along with the criminality. Recently NPT arrested three young persons concerned in the supply of Class B drugs and suspected of dealing to local school children. They are currently on police bail however, the concerns are that these individuals are being exploited themselves through drug net working groups at a higher level and therefore it is important that these particular groups are identified and dealt with robustly to safeguard vulnerable individuals and capture evidence to secure prosecutions, forfeitures of drugs and investigations around Proceeds of Crime. NPT have also executed a drug warrant locally which resulted in a successful conviction in Court.

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