

# Devizes Area Board

**November 2016**

## 1. Wiltshire East Community Policing Team

**Sector Head:** Inspector Nick Mawson

**Sector Deputy:** Sergeant Mark Andrews

**Community Coordinator:** PC Teresa Herbert

**Devizes PCSO's :** PCSO Kelly Watts, Sam Burnside, Melissa Camilleri, Sue Ellway, Paula Yarranton, Fiona Marno and Ellen Carter.

The Community Policing Team (CPT) model commenced in this area on 17 October 2016 and was followed by Swindon on 7 November 2016.

This followed a successful trial of the new model in Trowbridge, Warminster, Bradford on Avon, Westbury, Tisbury and Mere.

CPT combines Neighbourhood Policing, Response teams and Local Crime Investigators so there is a “one team” approach to community policing. It means there is a bigger team of officers and police staff available to attend incidents and improves communication between teams and departments. It gives the public a better service because issues can potentially be resolved at the first point of contact (101 and 999 call-takers) and provides them with a named officer/police staff member who they will be able to keep in touch with during the investigation. It also encourages officers and staff to take more “ownership” of cases.

There are seven Community Policing Teams: Swindon North, Swindon West, Swindon South, Wiltshire North, Wiltshire West, Wiltshire East and Wiltshire South. Devizes comes under Wiltshire East area.

Each Community Policing Team is overseen by a Superintendent and has an Inspector and a Deputy. The team will be made up of a mix of police officers, community co-ordinators, PCSOs, civilian local crime investigators and Specials.

We will be engaging with the public after the roll-out and will welcome feedback about the new model. Please speak to your local officers to find out more about how Community Policing is affecting your local area. You can also find out more, including videos and infographics explaining the new model, on our website <http://www.wiltshire.police.uk/information/community-policing-pilot>

Our free Community Messaging service will also help keep you updated about policing and crime in your local area <https://www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk/>

## **2. CPT - Current Priorities & Consultation Opportunities:**

### **Traffic matters.**

In response to ongoing complaints from members of the public, Parish Councils and Speedwatch Teams our Policing Team will be focussing upon traffic matters, particularly speed enforcement, via the use of UNIPAR devices. Positive action has been requested of our team members concerning the issue of fixed penalty notices and reporting for summons offending drivers accordingly, together with words of advice for minor infringements. Such engagement with our motorists for this period may assist in reducing risk and keeping our communities and road users safe.

Details of actions completed will be documented within our priority investigation log detailing location, times, dates and disposal summaries.

### **Anti-social behaviour, street drinking and begging.**

A second priority for this area concerns anti-social behaviour, street drinking and begging. Locations identified include West central car park, The Old Post Office, Maryport Street, Stamford Court car park on Sheep Street and The Market Place. Officers have been tasked with high visibility patrols, engagement with the town centre community and those individuals involved, to deal robustly with offences identified using Police powers including direction to leave and agreed partnership actions in accordance with the Designed Public Place Order which remains valid until October 2017.

Interventions with those currently engaging in these anti-social activities are ongoing, in order to both deal with offences identified and to address issues of vulnerability, via the partnership with other agencies and the ASBRAC system. All in accordance with our Police Control Strategy cross cutting themes re drug and alcohol, vulnerability and safeguarding.

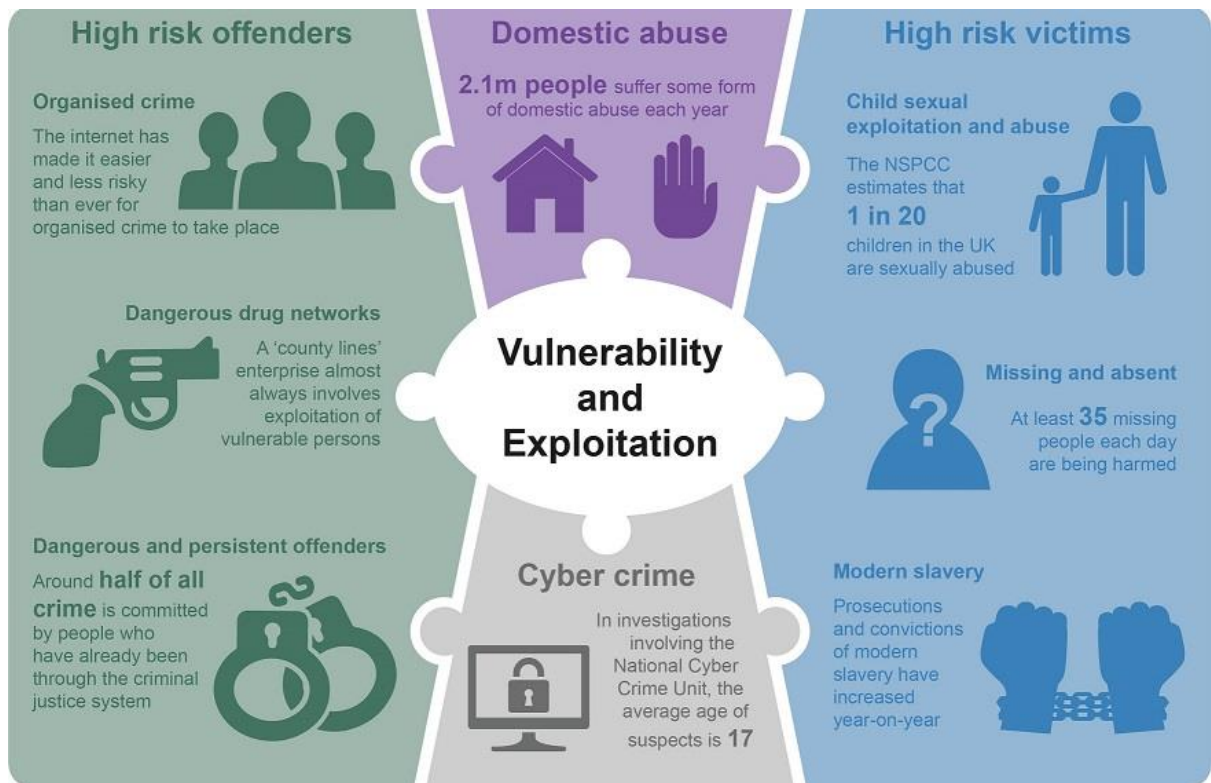
There has been some very early success against this priority with the sentencing of a Devizes man to a custodial sentence for a Breach of his Criminal Behaviour Order (see other local issues below).

### **Community Consultations.**

In relation to our Community Consultations; members of our Police Community Support Officer teams attended the town market last Thursday to allow for direct contact with local officers. We will continue to provide a monthly presence at this event.

It is also our intention to reinvigorate the local Neighbourhood Tasking Group, to ensure that we are tackling the issues that matter most to the local community.

### 3. Wiltshire Police Control strategy



#### Cybercrime

There have been no reported instances of cybercrime since the last meeting. A recent development is now enabling tasking of The Bobby Van to those who have been victims of these incidents.

Advice and guidance can be found at <http://www.actionfraud.police.uk>

#### Domestic Abuse

Our community policing team continue to be involved in supporting victims and the management of offenders in partnership with our multi-agency safeguarding hub.

#### High Risk Victims

We are currently investigating, in partnership with Trading Standards an incident of rogue trading in which an elderly male from the Devizes area has paid monies on three occasions to suspects who attended his address, cold calling for gardening work.

We regularly receive reports of persons selling door to door throughout the area. They do require a Pedlars Certificate to do so, which are rarely held, instead they will produce a laminated piece of card entitled Hawkers Licence - these are invalid. We

report for summons all those we deal with for this activity. Intelligence has linked these individuals to organised crime groups.

### **High Risk Offenders**

The structure of our Community Policing Team provides capacity in our management of persistent or dangerous offenders, in partnership with our Public Protection Department.

### **Other local issues**

**Prison sentence for breach of community behaviour order.** A Devizes man was sentenced to eight weeks imprisonment on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2016 following repeated breaches of his community behaviour order, since it's issue in May 2015. Our community policing team has been very busy with this homeless man in recent weeks, who, due to his alcohol dependency and resulting behaviours during these periods of intoxication, raised safeguarding concerns, with incidents ranging from his being victim to crime - thefts and assault - to his being the perpetrator to many incidents of anti-social and other offending behaviour. Following excellent team working within the CPT our area coordinator, Pc Herbert, attended Swindon Magistrates Court and addressed the bench, to share these safeguarding concerns and to request consideration for a custodial sentence, which was considered most suited to enable relevant interventions for this individual and to protect the Devizes community, in accordance with our current policing priority for the area of addressing ASB in the town, from street drinking to begging activity.

This is an excellent example of a positive outcome and an endorsement of the new Policing Model. There was a shared understanding of this man's needs and the impact that he was having on the community. A high proportion of our staff coordinated their activity to ensure this matter was brought to a swift resolution. It is hoped he will now receive the treatment he so requires and the town see a reduction in the amount of ASB caused.

### **Three arrested following dwelling burglary in Devizes.**

At 0100/20/10/2016 forced entry was made to a dwelling in Devizes, Police were tasked to the scene resulting in the arrest of three males, one of whom has been charged with burglary and a second currently on bail pending further enquiries.

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