

Melksham Area Board

24th February 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

After two years as the Melksham NPT Sergeant, James Williams has now moved back into his old role as Custody Sergeant. He has provided some valuable leadership and guidance to the Team which inevitably will have reflected on the community Melksham NPT serve. Kane Fulbrook-Smith, who has been a member of the NPT for six and a half years, will be taking his place and is looking very much forward to the responsibilities of keeping Melksham safe and working with our Councillors and Partner Agencies.

2. NPTs - Current Priorities & Consultation Opportunities:

The current priority for my team in Melksham is:

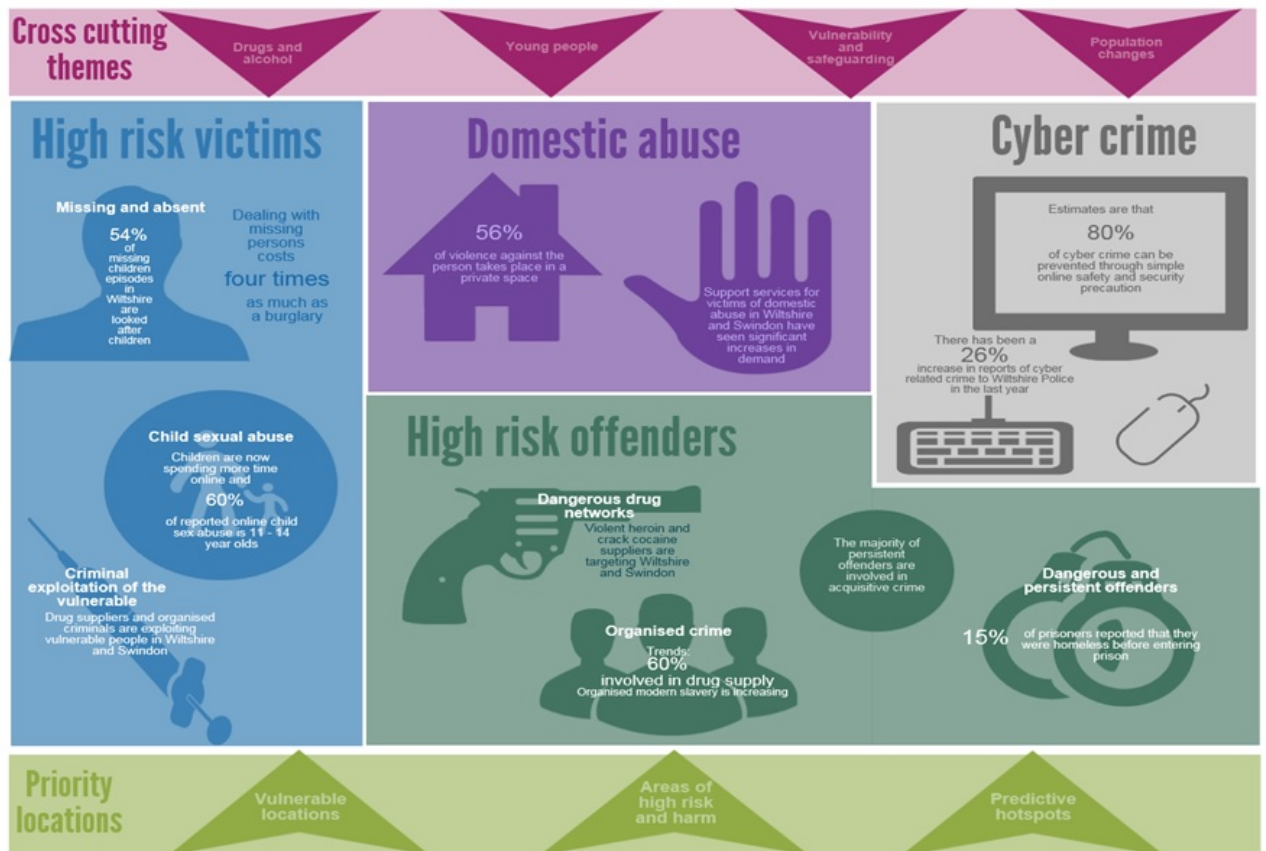
To promote Cyber Crime awareness within our communities.

Melksham NPT has now attended the following schools:

The Manor, Rivermead, Forest & Sandridge, Bowerhill Primary, Aboeric, Keevil Primary, Churfields Primary Broughton Gifford a total of 550 pupils within years 5-6 schools to deliver lessons on Cyber-crime and Bullying.

We have received positive feedback so far from children and teachers with this force wide initiative. Melksham NPT has now taken it to the next phase working with Melksham Oak School to compile and deliver a music Rap as well as introducing an NPT Cyber Crime Stand at Parent Evenings. These have commenced at Keevil Primary and The Manor. The Local Youth Network and Young Melksham have also agreed to assist working with NPT and vulnerable members of the community delivering workshops on Cyber Crime. This in turn will give the Melksham Young People time credits whilst bridging the gap between various groups to achieve the overall objective in reducing crime. Literature handouts will also be available for parents, children and the general public.

3. Wiltshire Police Control strategy



High Risk Victims

54% of Missing and absent children are looked after children. Melksham NPT are committed to work closely with the children’s home in our area and build a rapport with the residents. This means they are more likely to engage with local officers should they be reported as missing. Historically we have been able to locate missing children quickly by understanding where they like to spend time and who they are likely to be with.

Child sexual abuse

Children spend more time on line and 60% of online Child sexual abuse involves 11-14 year olds.

With many children using smart phones and starting to explore sexual feelings at this age common offences children become involved in are asking for or taking pictures of a sexual nature and sending them on. This is considered making or distributing an indecent image of a child. At present we seek to educate rather than criminalise those children involved for the first time in minor offences of this nature. Decisions regarding this approach are made on a case by case basis.

Criminal exploitation of the vulnerable

We have seen in other areas of Wiltshire that Drug suppliers and organised Criminals will exploit vulnerable people. Sometimes they will try and take over a vulnerable persons address to use as a base for criminal activity. If you have any concerns about a vulnerable person please contact Wiltshire Police on 101.

Domestic Abuse

Through Intelligence led policing Melksham NPT worked jointly with Local Priority Team to target a High Risk Domestic Offender who had been evading police for a considerable period of time. By sharing of information and responding quickly there was a positive arrest which resulted in the offender being served a Custodial Sentence. This in turn safeguarded the previous victim and a current new partner who had been manipulated into believing that they had no reason to be afraid and were not at risk of abuse.

Domestic Abuse so often takes place behind closed doors and victims have no escape route. The Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme- Clare's Law - has been introduced to safeguard potential victims. The purpose of this is for individuals who are in an intimate relationship to be given information about their partner who may be putting them at risk of harm. This is a very impactful scheme that can ultimately keep people safe from domestic violence.

High Risk Offenders

Melksham NPT work closely with Offender managers and the Public Protection Department to monitor prolific or dangerous offenders. A New Tasking Process has been implemented across the Force to target our persistent and prolific offenders in our communities. Our work involves visiting those offenders when appropriate and engaging with them. This approach focuses on five principles:

- *All partners tackling offenders together
- *Delivering a local response to local problems
- *Offenders facing their responsibilities and consequences
- *Making better use of existing and proven programmes
- *All offenders at high risk of causing serious harm and continue to re-offend are under the 'spot light'

By adapting this method of policing we are able to provide evidence of compliance and non-compliance of dangerous offender orders or probation conditions to facilitate positive action if required and make individuals accountable.

Priority Locations

Melksham NPT has identified a High Risk location that is persistently used for drug related criminal activity and Anti-Social Behaviour. The last two months have been very busy capturing evidence through targeted patrols. This has resulted in the First Anti-Social Behaviour Injunction Order for Melksham under the ASB Crime and Policing Act 2014 on 1st February 2016. The multi-agency approach with Wiltshire Council and other external and internal departments have also been crucial to achieve this positive result. This Order also carries a Power of Arrest for any prohibition that has been breached over a 12 month period.

Cross Cutting Themes

To assist and address acquisitive crime such as shoplifting in Melksham the Shop Watch Scheme was set up to assist Police and Retailers in deterring crime. In Melksham there are currently 7 Businesses who are active and we are working with MRS Communications to enhance this product.

The Melksham Pub watch Association are also a valuable voluntary Group in that they work very well with NPT to address alcohol related issues and Night Time Economy to reduce alcohol related violence. This was evident over the Christmas and New Year Period where there had been a reduction in reported incidents as per previous years.

Wiltshire Police have now introduced a New Intelligence Briefing Tool which Supervisors deliver at the beginning of a tour of duty. The information is more specific around the Force Control Strategy and directed tasks and actions are given to officers. This new model is fluid in that it never becomes stagnant; the Intelligence is fresh and purposeful.

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