

Community Planning Partnership Strategic Board

Community Plan Action Plan update September 2018

Theme	Our Quality of Life: Leads – Andy McLean/Murray Leys/Stuart Easingwood
Outcomes	<p>10. Fewer people experiencing violence (including domestic abuse)</p> <p>11. Fewer people experiencing anti-social behaviour (ASB)</p> <p>12. Fewer people killed or seriously injured on our roads</p>

Progress in Current Reporting Period

Domestic Abuse

- Between Apr and Sept 18 there were 510 domestic abuse incidents a reduction of -8.6% on the same period the previous year of which 36.9% became a domestic abuse crime.
- During this period there were 370 referrals to the council based Domestic Abuse Support Service an increase of +28% compared to the same period last year.
- The domestic abuse Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference discussed 53 high risk cases compared to 55 for the same period last year.

Antisocial Behaviour

- Between Apr and Sept 18 there were 820 people being monitored for ASB, a reduction of -2.8% on the same period last year.
- The number of early interventions made by ASB partners increase by +20.6% to 468, during this period.
- Mediation referrals fell by -6.3% from 79 to 74 during the period. The 5 year trend shows the figure to be on the increase annually.

Road Safety (Road Casualties)

- There were 8 fatalities during the period Apr to Sept compared to 4 during the same period last year. Motorcyclists from out with the area accounted for 50%.
- 39 casualties were classed as serious compared to 28 the previous year.
- 82 casualties were slightly injured compared to 119 during the same period the previous year.
- There were 2 children seriously injured compared to 1 the previous year.

Issues and Risks

Domestic Abuse

- The establishment of a Domestic Abuse Advocacy Support court worker and Advocacy Outreach have been the main causes of the increase in referrals.
- Third party funding for the SBC based domestic abuse services begins to end in 2019 and into 2020.

Antisocial Behaviour

- Through the partnership analysis ASB driving was identified as an issue in a number of specific areas. With support from the council funded police Community Action Team, Roads Policing and the work of our Community Safety Officer in raising awareness contact by members of the public have reduced in the affected areas.

Road Safety

- Despite a significant effort in relation to vehicle drivers through Drivewise motorcyclists have accounted for a disproportionate number of fatalities. Not all are residents of the Scottish Borders. Ideas are being considered with a view to reducing the number of crashes and a different approach necessary to broaden the safety messages.

Planned Activity in Next Reporting Period

Domestic Abuse

- Scottish Borders 16 Days of Action to end Violence Against Women and Girls, this is an annual event giving a local voice to a global campaign, and includes the Scottish Borders White Ribbon Campaign. This links to our local planning and involvement of a range of partners. The 16 Days of Action run from November 25th to December 10th 2018
- Five Safer Communities staff from the specialist domestic abuse services will start their roles as trainers in the Domestic Abuse Matters training programme in November. DA Matters is Police Scotland's national training programme for the introduction of the new Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Act in 2019. Staff will join a trainers cohort of 100 across Scotland and will be part of the training delivery to 14,000 police officers and staff between now and winter 2019. Scottish Borders Council's Safer Communities have become a training partner with Safe Lives, and will be paid for delivery of each course.

Antisocial Behaviour

- Core Group Meetings to be held in October/November and December agreeing interventions with partners in relation to those individuals being involved in antisocial behaviour. Introduction of changes to meetings enabling more in depth discussion on problematic cases.
- Extensive Mediation work at West Linton over the three months in relation to a party house.
- Extensive Multi Agency Work being done in Yarrowford, involving a range of partners to resolve a deep rooted and long standing neighbourhood issue.
- Preparations for a large scale training program (ASB) involving Police Scotland/ASBU RSL/Victim Support SB for delivery to operational staff in first three months of 2019
- Finalising the arrangements for the Gypsy/Traveller liaison function taken over by the Mediation Officer.

Road Safety

- Drivewise is winding up for the 2018/19 period. The remaining over 65 drivers are having their supervised refresher drives.
- In preparation for the worsening winter weather social media is being used to highlight hazards that exist with reduced visibility through darker nights and low sun. Ice on the roads and precautions that should be considered such as having some warm clothing in case of a break down or weather related obstruction to a journey.

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