



Safer and Stronger Communities

Safer Colchester Partnership

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Crime & Disorder Committee

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Welcome, Introduction & Brief Overview

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Chair

Safer Colchester Partnership

(5 minutes)

Changes within Police & Local Update

Chief Inspector Shaun Kane

District Commander

Colchester District | North Local Policing
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Changing Landscape 17-18

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3 KEY PRIORITIES FOR 2017-2018

KEY PRIORITY (KP) 1

To reduce the occurrence of violent crime and fear of being a victim of violent crime

KEY PRIORITY (KP) 2

To improve community resilience to reduce the threat of vulnerability and exploitation

KEY PRIORITY (KP) 3

To tackle the incidents of high risk, repeat Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)

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KEY PRIORITY (KP) 1 - To reduce the occurrence of violent crime and fear of being a victim of violent crime

To include sharing data and good practice – including maintaining a successful CS Hub, develop an understanding of violent crime, tackle alcohol related harm and establish links to violent and sexual crime. Deliver enforcement operations around the hidden harms such as OCG's, Gangs, Modern Slavery, Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE), Domestic Abuse (DA) and Night Time Economy

KEY PRIORITY (KP) 2 - To improve community resilience to reduce the threat of vulnerability and exploitation

To include tackling and raising awareness of the hidden harms in Colchester such as Gangs, Modern Slavery, CSE, DA PREVENT/Counter Terrorism and protecting/supporting those vulnerable residents at risk of exploitation. Also raising awareness of digital and cyber-crime

KEY PRIORITY (KP) 3 - To tackle the incidents of high risk, repeat Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)

To include tackling Hate Crime, repeat youth/gangs nuisance (not OCG's or drugs gangs but those more visual, gatherings that are intimidating the public), working in partnership to utilise ASB powers and tools appropriately to tackle issues such as aggressive begging, rough sleeping, street drinking and retail crime in the borough

Gangs Violence & Vulnerability Overview

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Identification

The SCP commissioned ICS (Institute of Community Safety) to carry out a LAP (Local Assessment Process) review in September 2016 to identify the Gangs issue affecting Colchester.

The ICS interview team spoke to over 60 practitioners from a range of organisations and found that the majority of them had an awareness of gangs and the existence of county lines and could describe the activities of groups and drug lines, with the resultant exploitation of vulnerable people, both young and adults.

The LAP report made 8 recommendations – those being:

1. Increase partnership work / appoint a SPOC and better identify vulnerable young people
2. Greater information sharing
3. Adult safeguarding for vulnerable adults being cuckooed/exploited
4. Prepare a problem profile / agree a group definition of gangs
5. Establish a teacher forum or similar group to identify and support individuals
6. Deliver gangs awareness training
7. Produce a compendium of services to support the vulnerable
8. Craft messages to convince young people against getting involved with the illegal drugs trade / consequences of doing so.

The recommendations from the LAP report have lead to the SCP delivering the following package of activities and services...

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Awareness Raising

- Hidden Harms Conference successfully delivered to 111 people from 34 different organisations in November 2016. The event was to raise awareness of the emerging issues affecting the borough – those being gangs, modern slavery and CSE. Speakers included Roger Hirst - Essex PCC, St Giles Trust, Essex Police, Safe and Sound and Essex County Council.
- The Community Safety Support Officer, has visited around 30 partner agencies who are likely to come into contact with those most vulnerable and chaotic residents, to raise awareness of the gangs issue, highlight the problems affecting Colchester and offer support those residents at risk of, or being directly affected by gangs and criminal exploitation.
- The Essex PCC has commissioned Gangsline, a London based company, to help tackle the gangs issue across 6 districts within Essex (Colchester being 1 of the districts), by offering a package of services including delivering 'Professionals Training' to 240 professionals by the end of 2018 (120 professionals per year). To date, Gangsline, working in partnership with SCP, have delivered to 58 professionals from 15 agencies. A further 60 professionals will attend the training later in the year. The training focusses on understanding gang mentality, key indicators and how to engage nominals.

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Education

- Paul Hannaford Gangs & Drugs Awareness delivered to all year groups in both The Gilberd and Phillip Morant secondary schools, as well as into the NEEAPS (North East Essex Additional Provision School). Around 2,000 pupils were engaged with.
- Gangsline School Prevention Programme to be delivered into a further 3 secondary schools in Colchester and 1 further alternative education provider (NOVA training) – the programme is designed to better equip professionals to identify young people that may be at risk of, or engaging in, gangs activity.
- A Young Persons Firebreak Programme was delivered to those at risk of / engaged in gangs activity. 10 students, aged 12-17, completed the programme over 1 week. Feedback was positive, with the pupils making reference to their confidence improving, improved communications skills and enhanced team working skills.

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Enforcement

- Essex Police Operation Raptor in place to target the OCG's / infiltrate gangs and arrest where appropriate
- Essex Police Community Policing Team (CPT) monitor local activity and provide disruption techniques when required. CPT also work closely with Community Safety Support Officer to identify and support vulnerable residents
- Essex Police held a Gangs Weeks of Action in March to target criminal gangs activity, which lead to a number of successful outcomes including seizure of drugs, mobile phones and money

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Feedback from the Hidden Harms Conference and Paul Hannaford Gangs Sessions in schools

Certainly makes me think more about how I can assist in prevention and look at ways we currently work with other agencies

Paul was absolutely amazing and every school should invite him to their schools. His talk was inspirational and our students are still talking about it

Really informative and thought provoking

Paul's talk was excellent and well received by all

Excellent event – was really informative, interesting and gruelling to hear all the facts

The students clearly enjoyed it and the message was very strongly received



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Support

- After successful negotiations with DWP, funding was approved to recruit a Community Safety Support Officer for 12 months to support a caseload of 15-20 individuals and/or families at risk of being exploited, or engaging in, criminal gang activity. The Community Safety Support Officer started in post in January 2017 and has visited a vast number of agencies to raise awareness of the gangs issue in Colchester. The Officer provides 1-2-1 support to clients aged 18+ with multiple vulnerabilities and has developed a good network of contacts to seek additional support for clients when required.
- Gangsline Mentoring to be delivered to the top 8 nominals aged 14-24. A Multi-Agency professionals meeting was held to discuss and agree the top 8 nominals, and agree on the 3 secondary schools which would most benefit from the Gangsline Schools Prevention programme.
- Serious Violence and Exploitation Forum (SVEF) to be set up by YOT, starting September 2017, to identify those most at risk and vulnerable residents and decide on appropriate course of action
- Essex Police have recruited a CSP Analyst for North Essex to help identify local problems. 2 Gangs and County Lines Analysts have also been allocated to North LPA to provide thematic reviews for the use of the partnership.

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- What makes these adults vulnerable
- Benefits of partnership working
- How this role has helped those adults
- Case studies / examples

Q & A

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