

Management Committee

Date: 22nd June 2022



Outcome 6 – CPP Management Committee

1.0 Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide the CPP Management Committee with an update the activities of the Community Safety Partnership during 2021/22 contributing towards the delivery of Outcome 6 – People Live in Safer and Stronger Communities.

2.0 Recommendations

The CPP Management Committee are asked to:

- Note the contents of this report

3.0 Background

The Community Safety Partnership is chaired by Police Scotland with the Vice Chair from HM Coastguard. Representation includes Argyll and Bute Council Regulatory Services, Trading Standards, Housing, ASB, HSCP, Violence Against Women and Girls Partnership, Community Justice, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, RNLI, Argyll TSI and other partners where required.

4.0 Year End Achievements

During 2022, the Community Safety Partnership updated its strategy to provide a revised approach from the Community Safety Partnership. This was partly due to the Covid 19 pandemic and a shift in priorities and options available requiring a refreshment of the Delivery Plan.

Whilst it will be noted by all members of the CPP Partnership, the last few years have been particularly challenging, there have also been a number of successful partnership initiatives and approaches to ensuring people are safer and stronger within their communities.

The infographic on the following page provides a visual representation of the achievements through the CSP during 2021/22 with some more detail on each section in the remainder of this report.

Locality ASB Groups held regularly to discuss early intervention for ASB cases



Medics Against Violence inputs provided to local vet practices to raise awareness of domestic abuse



Support services for Domestic Abuse agencies created and circulated around all partners including holiday parks and private landlords

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Festive Safety campaign included funded bottle tops from ADP for issuing in pubs by Police

Referrals from partners to SFRS intervention with fire setters



Deliberate fire setting form part of ASB meetings

Priority 1

We Live in a Safe & Positive Community

Victim Support Scotland referrals made by Police Scotland, Argyll and Bute ASB Services and Housing Associations

Drugs Death Review meetings held with relevant partners to share learning

Priority 3

Our Natural & Built Environment is Protected

Information sharing to ensure Covid business compliance



Friendship Benches built, painted and installed throughout Argyll and Bute with support service numbers on plaque

Priority 2

We Encourage Safe Road & Water Use



Improved communication between partners to improve road signage and conditions

Improved water safety signage designed and installed



Partnership Approach to Water Safety Group established with regular meetings held

Education package developed and delivered to schools throughout Argyll and Bute

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Priority 4

Our Communities are Supported & Included



Fraud prevention materials designed and shared throughout all partnerships to increase education

Youth Engagement Officers delivering inputs on internet safety to pupils

Call Blocker funding received and devices installed by Police Scotland, Trading Standards and Alzheimer's Scotland

Funding for Keep Safe packs and more premises trained



Partnership awareness on home fire safety visits



Online Child Sexual Exploitation Event held for parents and carers to learn more about internet safety

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Focused days of action to focus on drink and drug driving



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1. Local Outcome 1 – We Live in a Safe and Positive Community
 - a. **Locality ASB groups** are well established and discuss cases where a multi-agency response is required. This could be due to complexity or escalation. Whilst the cases being referred to ASB is increasing, the demand is able to be met through the locality groups and each resolution case is being addressed.
 - b. **Victim Support Scotland (VSS)** are an independent charity providing support and information to people affected by crime and campaign for victim and witness rights. Police Scotland will ask every victim and witness they come into contact with if they wish referred to VSS however through partnership activity this year, other partners were encouraged to make direct referrals as people may choose to engage with different services and this ensures no matter who they link with, this referral option is available to them.
 - c. It was identified during Covid 19 that **victims of domestic abuse** may have less opportunities to seek support and report incidents of domestic abuse. As well as running several partnership campaigns to raise awareness of reporting mechanisms, inputs were provided to local vets throughout Argyll and Bute by Medics Against Violence (MAV). Medics Against Violence run training to professionals who may come into contact with victims of domestic abuse helping them recognise signs and be more confident in asking questions and helping signpost to support services. Printed leaflets were also provided to Living Well Networks and hospitals with national support numbers for Domestic Abuse victims. This information was also shared through AirBnB hosts and Argyll Holiday due to an increase in reported domestic abuse incidents from people frequenting Argyll and Bute on holiday.
 - d. The **festive safety campaign** was supported by Argyll and Bute Alcohol and Drugs Partnership who provided funding for reusable bottle tops that were distributed by Police Scotland throughout licensed premises in Argyll and Bute to promote responsible drinking and deter drink spiking incidents.
 - e. Multi-Agency **Drugs Related Death Reviews** are held regularly to establish any learning from each drugs related death. This may involve improvements in prescribing and support mechanisms being available through other partners.
2. Local Outcome 2 – We Encourage Safe Road and Water Use
 - a. The **Argyll and Bute Partnership Approach to Water Safety Group** was established to provide a multi-agency response to prevention of water related incidents. This provided enhanced communications which was shared in a consistent manner by all partners on various media platforms including social media and newsletters.
 - b. An **education package** was created, able to be delivered by any partners due to restrictions on school visits during the pandemic. This has now been delivered to schools throughout Argyll and Bute.
 - c. **Water safety signage** has been reviewed with improved signage created and installed in areas known to be frequented particularly during summer months when incidents are known to increase.
 - d. Focussed days of action have taken place on our roads by specialist Roads Policing officers to encourage safer road using including detections for **speeding and drink and drug driving**. The campaigns are supported through social media which is used to highlight particular issues affecting the road network and users within Argyll and Bute.

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3. Local Outcome 3 – Our Natural and Built Environment is Protected
 - a. **Deliberate fire setting is included** in the Multi-Agency ASB meetings where this occurs at repeat locations or with known nominals.
 - b. Referrals can be made by Police Scotland to Scottish Fire and Rescue Service for the **Fire Reach diversionary programme**.
 - c. During the peak of the pandemic, information sharing between Police Scotland and Argyll and Bute Council improved where business premises were involved to ensure they **were supported in being Covid compliant**.

4. Local Outcome 4 – Our Vulnerable Groups are Supported and Included
 - a. Funding was received from the Community Justice Partnership for more **Keep Safe information packs** which has enabled further premises throughout Argyll and Bute to be trained. This has included Argyll and Bute Council Service Points, Argyll UHI, Hope Kitchen, Campbeltown Shopper aide and Argyll and Bute Citizens Advice Bureau.
 - b. Funding was received for **Friendship Benches** as part of the work on the Suicide Prevention Plan to encourage people to talk to each other and start a conversation. A total of 12 benches have been built, painted and have plaques with support organisations displayed on them as they are sited throughout Argyll and Bute.
 - c. An **Online Child Sexual Exploitation awareness and prevention event** was held providing key advice for parents and carers about internet safety and how to keep their young people safe. A Guidance Document was also circulated to all parents and carers with useful links and advice as young people increased their online access due to pandemic limitations on face to face interaction.
 - d. **Youth Engagement Officers** have redeployed in Helensburgh and Cowal to provide information on internet safety to pupils.
 - e. Funding was received **for call blockers devices and printed fraud prevention materials** which has been shared with other partners to help education and awareness around fraud prevention.
 - f. Over 700 people have received face to face fraud prevention inputs in the form of the **Scam Savvy Quiz** to help protect them against becoming a victim due to an increase in frauds as a consequence of the Covid 19 pandemic.

5.0 Conclusions

Whilst the Covid-19 pandemic has required a change in delivery methods around Community Safety, as a partnership the successes from 2021/22 have been many. These will continue to be built on into 2022/23 where the Community Safety Partnership will ensure they revisit their strategy and local outcomes for relevance and focus.

6.0 Implications

Strategic Implications	None
Consultations, Previous considerations	None
Resources	None
Prevention	None
Equalities	None

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