

## **Stronger Communities Board Update July 2013**

### **End of Year Performance Summary 2012 / 13**

Both crime and ASB fell in 2012/13, crime by 6% to 9535, and ASB by 23% to 5330.

Most crime types fell but there were increases in violent crime (increase of 196 offences to 2651) and sexual offences (increase of 48 offences to 222). Domestic abuse incidents (3146) and crime (937) remained at a similar level. Positive outcomes for domestic abuse crimes fell slightly to 36%.

Repeat cases at MARAC were up to 38%.

Data for alcohol related admissions and adult and youth reoffending is subject to delays due to the way it is analysed. Latest data in all cases showed small reductions, the adult reoffending rate was 27% and the youth rate 33%..

### **Peninsula Strategic Assessment / Torbay Strategic Assessment**

Strategic priorities for Torbay and the Peninsula were agreed at the SCB meeting in June and remain unchanged from previous year. These are: Abuse in the Family (inc Domestic Abuse); Alcohol, and the Night Time Economy; Anti Social Behaviour; Reoffending. The Torbay Strategic Assessment is due for completion by the end of August and the Peninsula Strategic Assessment due for completion in November.

### **Police and Crime Commissioner**

Relationships continue to build with the PCC and his office. There is a peninsula commissioning event planned for the 18<sup>th</sup> September, to help support and build further good relations with the PCC and his team.

Cllr Robert Excel has formally replaced the Mayor on the Police and Crime Panel – which is the scrutiny process for the Police and Crime Plan.

### **Key Activity since Last Report**

#### **vS@fe**

Virtually S@fe is a new project in Torbay that offers practical online safety advice for local people and aims to keep children safe in cyberspace.

Virtually S@fe does two things:

1. Gives 'hands on' online safety advice for parents and carers
2. Provides special presentations for children in schools

Virtually S@fe is a project delivered by Safer Communities Torbay and Hele's Angels. It's funded by Police and Crime Commissioner and the Torbay Safeguarding Children Board.

14 Virtually S@fe events were delivered between March and April 2013. The total number of people accessible via these events totals 3138. 112 parents have been

actively engaged with (i.e. provided with demonstrations/full discussions) and 288 children have received presentations.

The project has been recognised as excellent practice by MP Sarah Wollaston, MP Adrian Sanders, and the Police and Crime Commissioner and the project team have been invited to speak at a national conference on their work.

Visit [www.torbayvirtuallysafe.co.uk/virtually-sfe-a-bit-of-a-project-update/](http://www.torbayvirtuallysafe.co.uk/virtually-sfe-a-bit-of-a-project-update/) for further project updates. Follow the team on Twitter @VirtuallySafe1

### **Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHR)**

Torbay is currently processing two DHRs in relation to homicides on 7 March 2013 (in Torbay) and 28 December 2011 (in Dorset). The decision to review the Dorset 2011 homicide was taken because the perpetrator resided in (and accessed a range of services from) Torbay.

A criminal outcome has been achieved for each homicide (i.e. the court process is complete and each perpetrator convicted).

To date the process has been steered by a small 'Core Group' of multi-agency senior managers and the Chair of the Community Safety Partnership and an initial information gathering activity has taken place.

A review panel is now set up to collate further and more detailed information to enable reports to be created to demonstrate the findings of each DHR.

Each review will:

- Seek to establish the sequence of agency contact
- Invite the involvement of the family (and, if appropriate, friends) to provide a robust analysis of events.
- Consider whether, under the circumstances, agency intervention potentially could have, or would not have, prevented the victim's death, given the information that comes to light through the review.
- Provide a report for each DHR which summarises the chronology of events, analyses and comments on the actions of the agencies involved, and makes any required recommendations for improving the way agencies, singly and together, respond to domestic abuse.
- Identify how and within what timescales any recommendations will be acted on, and what is expected to change as a result.

Bob Spencer has been appointed as the Independent Chair of the Review Panel for each DHR and will be supported by Vicky Booty, Project Manager, Safer Communities.