

East & Mid Devon Community Safety Partnership Plan 2011-12

Vision

The Community Safety Partnership (CSP), will work together to make both East and Mid Devon safe places in which to live, work and visit.

Mission Statement

Agencies will work in partnership to reduce incidents of crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour whilst improving public confidence and addressing the fear of crime locally.

Introduction

The structure of the Partnership is similar to that of most others and meets the requirements of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 *“to work together to reduce crime, disorder and fear of crime locally, in order to improve quality of life and to create a safer living and working environment”*.

Members of the Partnership Steering Group include:

- Chief Executive of East Devon District Council (or nominated officer)
- Chief Executive of Mid Devon District Council (or nominated officer)
- Police Commander for East and Mid Devon
- Safer Devon Partnership's Lead Officer
- Senior Officer from Devon Primary Care Trust
- Senior Officer from Devon and Cornwall Probation Service
- Senior Officer from Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service
- Devon & Cornwall Police Authority Representative

The Steering Group meets every six weeks to monitor, oversee and support the work of the Action and Thematic Groups.

Local & Thematic Action Groups

Each main town in East & Mid Devon has a geographically based Local Action Group (LAG), which is responsible for the town and its rural communities. In East Devon there are four namely, Axe Valley (Axminster and Seaton), Honiton, Exmouth and finally Sidmouth and Ottery St Mary. In Mid Devon there are three namely Exe (Tiverton), Creedy (Crediton), and Culm, (Cullompton).

LAGs were established to tackle crime, disorder and anti social behaviour within those localities and they comprise local officers, some of which are from the statutory organisations mentioned above, but also may include elected members and representatives from the voluntary and business sectors.

In addition there are Thematic Groups tackling Domestic Violence, Drug and Alcohol and Diversity issues. Each of the LAGs and thematic groups have objectives and action plans and from 1st April 2011, they will be concentrating on the five priority areas mentioned later in this document.

Plan, Performance and Funding

Since the introduction of the Crime & Disorder Act 1998, the East and Mid Devon Community Safety Partnerships, which informally merged five years ago into a single Partnership, have produced three 3-year crime and disorder reduction strategies. These strategies, with multi-agency involvement and agreement, were designed to tackle the issues of crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour across the two districts.

At the time of writing this document guidance to CSPs from the Coalition Government has yet to be made available regarding central priorities for CSP activities. We do know however that funding has been considerably reduced and will be further reduced in subsequent years. However there is a clear message that Community Safety Partnerships do work and it is intended that they will continue. It is acknowledged that they have achieved great success over past years to reduce incidents of crime, disorder and anti social behaviour.

The National Indicators linked to the Public Service Agreements for monitoring performance, have been removed along with the Local Area Agreements. This is a time of great transition for many agencies, with restructuring and revised 'leaner' ways of working in order to provide 'best value' and improved services with less money. However, agencies within East & Mid Devon will continue supporting the Community Safety Partnership and are committed to their involvement in joint working.

The Safer Devon Partnership (SDP) has been our structure for the delivery of community safety within the 'New Devon'* area and our link into central Devon-based services such as the Prolific & Priority Offender Scheme, Youth Offending Teams, Drugs & Alcohol and Domestic Violence Support Services. It is not clear at this stage (February 2011) what role, if any, the SDP will play in the future.

Due to the above mentioned changes and restructuring of key services, the East & Mid Devon CSP has based its priorities for the coming year, on its previous Plan (2008-11). All of the priorities are still relevant and are linked to current crime trends and statistical evidence and data.

This Partnership will concentrate on the five priorities shown within this document and this one-year plan will explain how we intend to achieve this through positive action and a number of initiatives.

Identifying Priorities

In 2008, the Police & Partnership Strategic Assessment (audit of crime and disorder issues across Devon) was used to identify 'hotspot' areas of crime, disorder and anti social behaviour. In support of this work Mosaic (software that profiles socio-demographic information), was utilised to identify vulnerable groups in terms of victims and potential victims. Whilst this is now historical data these priorities remain relevant at this current time.

Added to these conclusions were the priorities identified by members of the public through the various methods of consultation, the main one being PACT (Partners & Communities Together), which is in the main Police led.

* New Devon is the Devon area excluding the unitary authorities of Plymouth and Torbay.

Achievements Against Our Previous Targets

Priority One – To Reduce Violent Crime

Reduce by 5% offences of violence in a public place:

Result: reduction of 15.1%

(1122 offences 2009/10 to 953 offences 2010/11)

**3 year average result:
reduction of 16.3%**

Reduce by 5% minor assault offences, namely common assault and assaults occasioning actual bodily harm:

Result: increase of 4.0%

(1199 offences 2009/10 to 1247 offences 2010/11)

**3 year average result:
reduction of 3.4%**

Priority Two – To Reduce Acquisitive Crime

Reduce by 3% offences of burglary dwelling:

Result: reduction of 17.6%

(408 offences 2009/10 to 336 offences 2010/11)

**3 year average result:
reduction of 13%**

Reduce by 5% offences of theft from motor vehicle:

Result: reduction of 30.2%

(636 offences 2009/10 to 444 offences 2010/11)

**3 year average result:
reduction of 23.6%**

Priority Three – To Reduce Anti-Social Behaviour

Reduce by 5% incidents of rowdy, inconsiderate or nuisance behaviour:

Result: reduction of 18.5%

(6240 offences 2009/10 to 5086 offences 2010/11)

**3 year average result:
reduction of 11%**

Reduce by 3% offences of criminal damage:

Result: reduction of 17.1%

(2271 offences 2009/10 to 1882 offences 2010/11)

**3 year average result:
reduction of 12.3%**

Priority Four – To Improve Public Confidence

To exceed a 61.2% level of agreement from people when asked if 'the local police and local councils are dealing with anti social behaviour and crime that matters in this area.'

Result: Achieved 88.7%

Based on British Crime Survey results measuring police performance only.

Priority Five – Improve Road Safety

The main issue highlighted is speeding traffic followed by inconsiderate parking and vehicle related anti social behaviour which is covered in our Anti Social Behaviour Priority above.

Result: No specific measures were attached to this priority

Our Priorities for 2011-12

- **To reduce violent crime**
- **To reduce acquisitive crime (thefts from vehicles and burglaries)**
- **To reduce anti social behaviour**
- **To improve public confidence & satisfaction**
- **To improve road safety**

All communities across the two districts will continue to receive a high standard of support from agencies, and will be encouraged to contribute, in order to achieve these objectives.

Priorities and Targets

Priority One

Tackle violent crime by concentrating on two types of offences:

- a) Reduce by 5% offences of violence in a public place.
- b) Reduce by 5% minor assault offences, namely common assault and assaults occasioning actual bodily harm.

In 2008 Police statistics had suggested that violence, particularly that relating to the late night economy across the two districts, was showing an increase. As a result of some local, but also much national publicity, there is a perception amongst the general public that violence is an issue and therefore of concern. In reality, over the last year (2010/11) violent has increased by a small percentage but figures locally remain very low.



We will continue working with our partners across Devon to develop county initiatives and adopt best practice models locally where appropriate.

By tackling these two types of offences, the Partnership will also have an impact on domestic abuse which accounts for about 30% of all violent crime reported to the Police. It is believed that there is still much under reporting of this crime. A joint Domestic Abuse Forum exists across East & Mid Devon where agencies work together to raise awareness of the issues. Survivors of domestic violence and abuse are encouraged to seek help from the various agencies who can provide a great deal of advice and support.

The table below gives an outline of the key actions that will be taken to reduce violence across the two districts, but it is not an exhaustive list. While the Partnership still wishes to concentrate on the priorities shown above in respect of violent crime, it also recognises that in some areas more serious violent crime is an issue and this will be tackled as it arises.

Violent Crime Action Plan 2011/12

Project title	Action (including geographic coverage)	Project lead	Resources	Delivery dates	Performance measures
Planned local initiative by Local Action Groups	To identify and deliver one targeted activity via each Local Action Group (LAG) to impact on local violent crime in each geographical LAG area.	LAG Chair & Community Safety Officers (CSO's).	Multi-agency resources. LAG attendees and local groups/contacts.	Develop by Sept 2011 Delivery by March 2012	1. One activity per LAG during the year.
Raise Awareness of Domestic Violence and Abuse	To identify, plan and deliver a targeted event per district that will raise the profile of domestic abuse support services to the wider community and encourage reporting of offences.	Chair of the Domestic Abuse Forum & Community Safety Officers.	Multi Agency Resources with some funding from the Safer Devon Partnership.	Develop plan by Sept 2011 Delivery by Dec 2012	1. To organise a publicity event in each district to coincide with Domestic Abuse Awareness Week. 2. Distribution of domestic abuse promotional literature across districts.
Safer Night-time Economy Event focused in hotspot areas	To plan and deliver a focused event or project regarding the links to late night economy and violent crime in 'hotspot' areas.	Community Safety Officers in conjunction with police and partners.	Multi agency.	Develop by May 2011 Deliver by Sept 2011	1. One activity per district during the year.

In addition to the above actions, the Partnership will continue to support the following initiatives which have been in place for some time and remain relevant in reducing and preventing violent crime:

- CCTV in Tiverton, Crediton, Cullompton, Exmouth and Honiton.
- Supporting Registered Door Staff at licensed premises with equipment such as Nitenet Radio & metal detectors.
- Supporting Street Pastor & 'Night Shift' projects in key towns with active night-time economy use.
- Operations Street Safe & Optic to reduce underage drinking and promote 'Safe Nights Out'.
- Domestic Abuse Forum activities in order to raise awareness and maintain contact with support groups and organisations.
- Continued use of Police powers such as Dispersal Orders.
- Continued engagement with licensees.
- Work with Trading Standards to tackle underage sales.
- Multi-agency Community Alcohol Project in Mid Devon.

Priority Two

Tackle acquisitive crime by concentrating on two types of offences:

- a) Reduce by 3% offences of burglary (both dwelling and non-dwelling properties).**
- b) Reduce by 5% offences of theft from motor vehicles.**

The evidence relating to this priority has come from Police statistical data, and the annual Strategic Assessment produced for the Safer Devon Partnership in January 2010.

Although crimes in these particular categories are reducing there is, quite rightly, an expectation by members of the public that Partnerships will continue to tackle these issues.

There is also a popular misconception that there are more crimes of this type committed. The Partnership therefore needs to do some work around these public perceptions in order to allay people's fears and to dispel some of the myths.

The table below gives an outline of the key actions that will be taken to reduce acquisitive crime across the two districts, but it is not an exhaustive list.



Acquisitive Crime Action Plan 2011/12

Project title	Action (including geographic coverage)	Project lead	Resources	Delivery dates	Performance measures
Planned local initiative by Local Action Groups	To identify and deliver one targeted activity via each Local Action Group (LAG) to impact on local acquisitive crime in each geographical LAG area.	LAG Chair & Community Safety Officers (CSO's).	Multi-agency resources. LAG attendees and local groups/contacts.	Develop by September 2011 Delivery by March 2012	1. One activity per LAG during the year.
Promotion of Community Messaging	To identify opportunities for promotion of Community Messaging through Community Safety Partnership events and to increase coverage by 5% in both districts.	Community Safety Officers & Neighbourhood Policing Teams.	Community Safety Officers & Police Leaflets and multi agency engagement.	Delivery of target by March 2012	1. Increase Community Messaging participants from 7441 to 7813 (372) in East Devon. 2. Increase Community Messaging participants from 3159 to 3317 (158) Mid Devon.
Provide one CSP property marking event in each district	To identify and deliver a property marking event in each district in order to raise public awareness about acquisitive crime.	Community Safety Officers & Crime Prevention Officer.	CSOs, Police Neighbourhood Teams and Police Crime Prevention Officer (CPO).	Delivery of target by March 2012	1. Delivery of one property marking event in East Devon by March 2012. 2. Delivery of one property marking events in Mid Devon by March 2012
Increase Neighbourhood Watch Groups	To identify communities that have experienced an increase in acquisitive crime and promote Neighbourhood Watch in order that the community takes action for self protection.	Neighbourhood Policing Teams.	Venues & Speakers.	Develop plan by August 2011 Delivery by March 2012	Increase the number of NHW groups across the two districts by 5% by March 2012.
Public Perceptions via Media	To identify public 'crime myths' and produce positive news items for press and media use on the low crime area e.g. 1 in 1000 chance of experiencing a burglary.	Community Safety Officers.	CSO's.	Develop plan by June 2011 Delivery by March 2012	1. Ensure that 'myths' are responded to effectively by counter publicity. 2. Use of 'positive publicity materials and articles.

In addition to the above actions, the Partnership will continue to support the following initiatives which have been in place for some time and remain relevant in reducing and preventing acquisitive crime:

- Community Action Days and Neighbourhood Assessments which will promote home security and safety.
- Community Information and Advice Events to pass on useful advice to protect property and prevent crime.
- Support of Neighbourhood Watch.
- Warning to registered keepers of vehicles spotted with valuables on display.
- Use of covert capture car to catch criminals in the act of theft from vehicles.
- Increased use of media.
- Continued awareness of Scams.
- Police initiatives to deter both rural and cross border crime.

Priority Three

Reduce Anti-Social Behaviour across the two Districts by concentrating on the following:

- a) **Reduce by 5% incidents of rowdy, nuisance or inconsiderate behaviour.**
- b) **Reduce by 3% offences of criminal damage.**

Research has been carried out for the Safer Devon Partnership and each Community Safety Partnership has received an individual report on issues relating to anti social behaviour within their locality. This has indicated a reduction in this category of offending over recent years. However, information gathered at public consultation meetings and the Local Action Groups (LAGs) has indicated that the communities within both districts consider the need to continue to reduce anti social behaviour (ASB) as a local priority.

The measure and benchmark for this is data provided by the Police for the two priorities shown.

Due to some high profile cases around vulnerability linked to ASB activities, agencies need to be more aware and 'joined up' in their approach to protecting vulnerable victims of ASB within our communities. Actions regarding this are included in the Action Plan below.

The action plan below gives an outline of the key actions which will be taken to reduce anti social behaviour across the two districts, but is not an exhaustive list.



Anti-Social Behaviour Action Plan 2011/12

Project title	Action (including geographic coverage)	Project lead	Resources	Delivery dates	Performance measures
Planned local initiative by Local Action Groups	To identify and deliver one targeted activity via each Local Action Group (LAG) to impact on local ASB in each geographical LAG area.	LAG Chair & Community Safety Officers.	Multi-agency resources. LAG attendees and local groups/contacts.	Develop by Sept 2011 Delivery by March 2012	1. One activity per LAG during the Year.
Deterring Underage Drinking	To identify and deliver a project for each district that deters underage drinking that will link in with Alcohol Awareness Week.	Drug and Alcohol Group (DAIG) Chair & Community Safety Officers.	DAIG members Publicity materials.	Develop by Jun 2011 Delivery by March 2012	Delivery of one event in East & Mid Devon by March 2012.
Provide Positive Activities for Young People in ASB Hotspot Areas	Look at joint initiatives to provide positive activities for young people in areas across the district where ASB has become a community issue (relating to young people).	Youth Service & Community Safety Officers/Anti Social Behaviour Co-ordinators.	Community input Devon Youth Service resources Funding Opportunity	Identify hotspots from police stats by May 2011 Delivery by March 2012	1. Identified hotspots. 2. Planned activities.
Use of ASB Escalation Process	Continued targeted use of ASB 'Escalation Process' for perpetrators of ASB.	ASB Co-ordinators Police Neighbourhood Teams /Housing Teams.	Multi-Agency Meetings Diversionary Activities & Referrals to support agencies.	Continuous throughout the year.	1. Number of warning letters issued per quarter, per district. 2. Number of ABCs issued per quarter, per district 3. Number of ASBOs obtained, per quarter, per district
Development & Introduction of Vulnerable Victims Process	Based on Home Office examples, develop and introduce a Vulnerable Victims process for use in both District Councils.	ASB Co-ordinators Housing Officers.	Staff development & training time.	Delivery by Dec 2012	1. Development of working practice re Vulnerable Victims and vulnerability matrix in Mid Devon 2. Development of working practice re Vulnerable Victims and vulnerability matrix in East Devon

In addition to the above actions, the Partnership will continue to support the following initiatives which have been in place for some time and remain relevant in reducing and preventing anti social behaviour (ASB):

- Autumnal Safety Strategy to prevent issues around November 5th and Halloween.
- Use of ASB Tools & Powers including Dispersal Orders and Premises Closure Orders.
- Use of alcohol detection devices such as 'Alco-blow's' to detect underage drinking.
- Use of Section 59, Police Reform Act 2002, re seizure of vehicles and other interventions to deal with vehicle related ASB.
- Use of positive activities to divert those at risk of ASB.
- Continue monthly multi-agency meetings regarding youth ASB.
- Continue adult multi-agency case conferences to deal with ASB.

Priority Four

Improving Public Confidence

- a) **To meet Devon & Cornwall Police satisfaction survey results of 80%.**
- b) **To meet District Council satisfaction results regarding reports of ASB of 80%.**

Members of the public have expressed a wish to be kept regularly informed of both the progress and results of any crimes they have reported to the police or any complaints they have made to other agencies, such as County and District Councils. It is therefore vital that such feedback is given by those organisations.

Research has also shown that some members of the public are fearful of crimes being committed in their neighbourhood and this fear of crime is the result of seeing news articles in both national newspapers and on television. The Devon & Cornwall Police website and a new national police website, provides information directly relating to crimes reported in individual neighbourhoods. This information can be useful for some, but also a cause concern for others.

Work needs to be done to tackle the fear of crime, which in reality is reducing and to improve the confidence of the public that when they report incidents of crime and anti-social behaviour they will be dealt with quickly and effectively. In addition communities need to understand that they can play a big role in helping to maintain our low crime figures and assist in reducing them further by becoming more involved in reporting suspicious activity etc.

Forms of public consultation in East & Mid Devon, such as PACT (Partners and Communities Together), which is Police led, and Neighbourhood Assessments, which are District Council led, are good ways of engaging with the public and identifying their concerns. This method of consultation can also be used to feedback positive stories in terms of low crime rates, thereby reducing the fear of crime within the community.



Improving Public Confidence Action Plan 2011/12

Project title	Action (including geographic coverage)	Project lead	Resources	Delivery dates	Performance measures
Planned local initiative by Local Action Groups	To identify and deliver one targeted activity via each Local Action Group (LAG) to impact on local confidence in each geographical LAG area.	LAG Chair & Community Safety Officers (CSO's).	Multi-agency resources. LAG attendees and local groups/contacts.	Develop by Sept 2011 Delivery by March 2012	1. One activity per LAG during the year.
Positive News Stories & Information on Agency Actions	Local agencies to identify and promote positive activities regarding crime & anti social behaviour (ASB), resulting actions, preventative action, and self-help.	Police Neighbourhood Teams & District Councils) CSO's.	Multi-agency input. Press Officer support.	Delivery throughout year – by March 2012	1. Number & type of positive news stories circulated to media, parish magazines, staff news-letters and websites over the year.
Promote the Activities of the Local Action Groups	To identify and promote LAG activities to impact on local confidence in each geographical LAG area twice a year minimum.	Chair of LAG CSO's.	Multi-agency input. Press Officer support.	End of Quarter 2 & End of Quarter 4	1. Delivery of at least two promotional activities per LAG by end of March 2012.
Multi-Agency Community Action Days	To identify and deliver community action days (CAD) in targeted communities where there is experience or fear of crime or ASB.	CSO's.	Multi-agency staff.	Delivery throughout year – by March 2012	1. Delivery of two CADs in East Devon by March 2012 2. Delivery of two CADs in Mid Devon by March 2012
Engagement and Improve Links with Parish Councils	To improve communications with Parish Councils and provide suggestions on how they might engage in more pro-active community initiatives to support community safety.	CSO's Police Neighbourhood Teams.	Staff time.	Development by May 2011 Delivery by Dec 2012	1. Delivery of a presentation to Parish Councils in East & Mid Devon by March 2012 2. Development of a community safety initiative run by a parish council in each district by March 2012.

Increased use of Community Messaging Service	Regular feedback to communities on Community Messaging Service regarding crime trends and preventative actions.	LAG Chair via Community Safety Officers Neighbourhood Police Teams.	Community Messaging Service.	Quarterly	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. One message per Local Action Group every quarter. 2. One update message per Neighbourhood Team per month.
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In addition to the above actions, the Partnership will continue to support the following initiatives which have been in place for some time. The initiatives remain relevant to improving public confidence in services provided by partner agencies and acknowledgement that we live in a safe area where the crime rates are one of the lowest in the country:

- Promotion of Local Action Group and Thematic Group activities.
- Monitoring of customer satisfaction against crime and ASB reports made.
- Continuing to publicise the message that residents in the two districts live in a safe area.
- Support of Neighbourhood Watch Groups.
- Support Community Groups such as Residents Associations, park groups and ‘Friends Of’ groups, etc.

Priority Five

Improving Road Safety

Through the various forms of public consultation in East & Mid Devon, such as PACT, which is Police led, and Neighbourhood Assessments & Consultations, which are District Council led, the public are indicating that road safety issues are of prime concern to them. This same type of feedback is also apparent when multi-agency Community Action Days and Estate Walkabouts take place.

The main issues highlighted are:

- **Speeding Traffic**
- **Inconsiderate Parking**
- **Vehicle Related Anti-social Behaviour**



The Partnership is keen to join in with both local Police and national campaigns regarding road safety issues such as drink driving, wearing seatbelts, not using mobile phones etc.

In the last year we have:

- Monitored road safety issues via the Local Action Groups.
- Engaged young people via youth workers and the Devon and Somerset Fire & Rescue Service on issues of safe driving and being a safe passenger.
- Worked with schools and local communities to ease congestion around school pick-up times.
- Held a drink drive public information session in Cullompton prior to Christmas 2010.

Learn 2 Live



Improving Road Safety Action Plan 2011/12

Based on Speeding Traffic, Inconsiderate Parking and Anti-social Driving

Project title	Action (including geographic coverage)	Project lead	Resources	Delivery dates	Performance measures
Planned local initiative by Local Action Groups	To identify and deliver one targeted activity via each Local Action Group (LAG) to impact on road safety in each geographical LAG area.	LAG Chair & Community Safety Officers (CSO's).	Multi-agency resources. LAG attendees and local groups/contacts.	Develop by Sept 2011 Delivery by March 2012	1. One activity per LAG during the Year.
Inconsiderate Parking	Use of community initiatives to deal with inconsiderate parking around schools and local hotspot areas, as identified by Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs), Civil Enforcement Officers (CEO's) or LAG members. e.g. 'Park Smart' projects with schools.	PCSOs & CEO's.	Publicity Materials Staff time.	Delivery by March 2012	1. Minimum of two activities per district during the year.
Engaging Young Drivers	Use of Devon & Somerset Fire and Rescue Service (D&SFRS) education vehicles or 'Learn To Live' activities in each district in order to engage with young drivers.	Devon Youth Service D&SFRS and Police Neighbourhood Teams.	Dedicated mobile unit from D&SFRS. Devon County Council 'Learn To Live'.	Delivery by March 2012	1. Minimum of two activities per district during the year.
Christmas Safe Driving Campaign	Based on event held December 2010 in Cullompton where Police and Fire Service staff held an event in a supermarket car park to raise awareness.	Police Special Constabulary and other resources, D&SFRS.	Staff time & vehicles Publicity material.	Develop by Oct 2011 Delivery by Dec 2012	1. One activity per district

Community Engagement

All Partner Agencies will consult with communities across both districts using a variety of methods, which will include Partners and Communities Together (PACT), Liaison Meetings hosted by both Police and District Councils, face to face consultation, Police Community Messaging Service, Neighbourhood Watch, Tenants & Residents Groups etc.

Other Examples of Positive Action we will be taking

- Public consultation processes to be implemented by Police and other agencies e.g. PACT
- Targeting of offenders by Police & other agencies e.g. Prolific & Other Priority offenders Scheme (PPO)
- Media Campaigns by all agencies
- Engagement and development of Neighbourhood Watch, Residents Associations and tenants' forums etc.
- Use of other agency staff as additional eyes and ears in 'hotspot' areas
- Encourage reporting of crimes and suspicious incidents by all agency staff and members of the public
- Local Community Problem Solving for identified hotspot areas

Links to other organisations

- East Devon District Council, <http://www.eastdevon.gov.uk/>
- Mid Devon District Council, <http://www.middevon.gov.uk/>
- Devon and Cornwall Probation Service, <http://www.dcpa.co.uk/>
- Devon and Cornwall Constabulary, <http://www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/>
- Devon Youth Service, <http://www.devonyouthservice.org.uk/>
- Devon Primary Care Trust, <http://www.devonpct.nhs.uk/>
- Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue, <http://www.dsfire.gov.uk/>

Equalities Statement

East & Mid Devon contains diverse communities and regular assessments of both offenders and victims of crime will take place to determine if any groups within the community are being discriminated against.

Scrutiny

This Plan has been compiled taking into account suggestions received from the independent CSP Scrutiny Panel, which has helped us to enhance performance measures, delivery mechanisms and presentation of our documentation.

