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Community Safety Board

West Lothian Civic Centre Howden South Road LIVINGSTON EH54 6FF

16 September 2013

A meeting of the Community Safety Board of West Lothian Council will be held within the Council Chambers, West Lothian Civic Centre, Howden South Road, Livingston, EH54 6FF on Monday 23 September 2013 at 2:00pm.

For Chief Executive

BUSINESS

Public Session

- 1. Apologies for Absence
- 2. Order of Business, including notice of urgent business
- Declarations of Interest Members should declare any financial and nonfinancial interests they have in the items of business for consideration at the meeting, identifying the relevant agenda item and the nature of their interest.
- 4. Confirm Draft Minutes of Meeting of Community Safety Board held on 27 June 2013 (herewith).
- 5. Community Safety Quarterly Strategic Performance Update (herewith)
- 6. Police Scotland Campaign Against Violence (herewith)
- 7. "Party Houses" (herewith)
- 8. Westdrive 2013 (herewith)
- 9. Preparing West Lothian for Bonfire/Firework Period 2013 (herewith)
- 10. Partnership Focus on Domestic Abuse over the Festive Period 2013-14

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(herewith)

11. New Single Outcome Agreement (SOA) and Community Planning Development (herewith)

Date of Next Meeting : (9 December 2013 – 2.00pm to 4.00pm)

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MINUTE of MEETING of the COMMUNITY SAFETY BOARD of WEST LOTHIAN COUNCIL held within COUNCIL CHAMBERS, WEST LOTHIAN CIVIC CENTRE, HOWDEN SOUTH ROAD, LIVINGSTON, EH54 6FF, on 27 JUNE 2013.

<u>Present</u> – Councillors John McGinty (Chair), Anne McMillan and Cathy Muldoon; Graham Hope (Chief Executive, WLC), Graeme Struthers (Acting Depute Chief Executive, WLC), Alistair Shaw (Head of Housing, Construction & Building Services, WLC), Yvonne Beresford (Housing, WLC), Siobhan Mullen (Housing, WLC), Carol Bebbington (substituting for Jim Forrest), Lorraine Gillies (Community Planning, WLC), Audrey Park (Addiewell Prison), Chief Inspector Steven Elliot (Police Service Scotland), Gary Laing (Area Commander, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service), David Lockhart (Group Manager, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service)

<u>Apologies</u> – Councillor Frank Anderson; Jim Gallacher (Voluntary Sector Gateway West Lothian)

Absent – Councillor Peter Johnston

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

No declarations were made.

2. MINUTE

The Board approved the Minute of its meeting held on 10 April 2013.

3. <u>COMMUNITY SAFETY QUARTERLY STRATEGIC PERFORMANCE UPDATE</u>

The Board considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) providing information from Covalent showing Community Safety Performance Indicators for the year to date.

Chief Inspector Steven Elliot then provided an explanation of those performance indicators that concerned Anti Social Behaviour, Road Safety and Violence.

Area Commander Gary Laing then provided an explanation of those performance indicators that concerned Fires and Road Safety.

Following the presentations a discussion ensued with regards to future reporting arrangements of performance indicators to the Community Safety Board as it was considered that some data could be excluded but new performance indicators included, for example data relating to Addiewell Prison and those leaving prison with "no fixed abode". Data concerning community offending and re-offending would also be a welcome addition to future reports.

Decision

1. To note the terms of the report and current levels of performance

for Community Safety; and

 Agreed that the Chief Executive would liaise with the Chair of the Community Safety Board, in the first instance, to clarify future reporting arrangements to the Board and which was to include data related to offending, re-offending and those prisoners of no fixed abode.

4. REDUCING VIOLENCE

The Board considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the West Lothian Community Safety Strategic Steering Group providing information on the partnership work that was being undertaken to prevent and tackle violence in West Lothian primarily associated with public space and the night time economy and to gain support for the tactics being deployed.

The Board were advised that violent crime impacted on all members of society and was not limited by age, sex or ethnic origin. The excessive consumption of alcohol could often increase the likelihood of both perpetrating and being a victim of a violent crime

Therefore there was a continuing commitment to delivering tangible outcomes via well established multi agency strategies. These strategies focussed on the problems caused by alcohol and drugs across all communities and tackled town centre violence and disorder through a policy of early intervention and joint work alongside partners. The partnership working on policing the night time economy included:-

- Dedicated night time economy police departments (high viz patrols);
- Taxi marshals;
- Public space CCTV;
- Street pastors;
- Pub Watch;
- SIA enforcement activity;
- Campaign against Violence Days; and
- Offender and location Management

In the future it was intended that there would be further partnership work undertaken to reduce violence associated more directly with social deprivation and in private space. This could involve the development of a Multi Agency Tasking & Co-ordinating Group (MATAG) which would focus solely on violence. This would involve the creation and maintenance of a structured partnership programme to manage and target high tariff violent offenders and would allow for the consideration of a number of tactical

options to combat those who posed the greatest threat, risk and harm to communities.

Decision

- 1. Noted the terms of the report; and
- 2. Noted the update with regards to the formation of the Multi Agency Tasking and Co-ordinating Group (MATAG) and welcomed further updates on its progress to future meetings of the Board.

5. <u>MAKING OUR ROADS SAFER</u>

The Board considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the West Lothian Community Safety Steering Group advising of the partnership working that was being undertaken to prevent and tackle speeding and inappropriate driving behaviour throughout West Lothian.

The proposed initiative would provide local Community Officers with the ability to respond to community concerns rather than relying on specifically trained Road Policing Officers. The programme would cover all ward areas within West Lothian, with 8 out of 9 wards having Road Safety as a priority in their area. The primary objective of the programme would be to reassure the public that their concerns about road safety were being taken seriously and acted upon via a multi agency approach incorporating community engagement, education, engineering, enforcement, where appropriate, and evaluation.

The project would focus on targeting offenders throughout West Lothian on an almost daily basis and would be supported by inputs to secondary school children, community councils and relevant groups in the areas.

It was anticipated that the proposed action would have a big impact on public perception and community engagement, recognising the issues affecting them locally.

In conclusion the initiative was considered to be a long term intervention that would be fluid and could be utilised and concentrated in areas of concern as determined through analysis or issues raised by partners or the community.

Decision

Noted the terms of the report.

6. REDUCING DELIBERATE FIRE RAISING - IMPROVING COMMUNITY WELL BEING

The Council Executive considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the West Lothian Community Safety Steering Group advising of the partnership work that was being undertaken to prevent and tackle wheelie bin fires in Boghall, Bathgate and Ladywell, Livingston.

The Board were advised that across West Lothian, deliberate fires had accounted for 1.4% of all reported crime in the past three years, with Boghall and Ladywell identified as hotspot locations. In Boghall 4.2% of all crime was deliberate fire related with over half of these fires involving wheelie bins being deliberately ignited. Deliberate fires accounted for 2.3% of all crime in Ladywell which was considerably higher than the West Lothian average of 1.4%.

Therefore a multi agency working group consisting of Police Scotland, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service, West Lothian Council Housing & Building Services, Waste Services and Community Regeneration was created and met to identify and take forward a range of options to trial and develop a lasting plan to tackle the problem. Short term solutions have been deployed, consisting of the area being leafleted regarding ongoing problems with wheelie bin fires and the installation of dummy CCTV cameras.

In addition wheelie bin locks (blue bins only) were to be fitted within the two areas of Boghall and Ladywell. The trial was planned to run for one year to gather sufficient data to inform any long-term strategy. The Joint Partnership Analysts would record all incidents throughout the year (from both the Fire & Rescue Service and the Police Service) to demonstrate any significant change for evaluation purposes.

The resources implications for the proposal were minimal for the trial period and each agency would be absorbing this within existing demand.

A progress on the trial would be reported to a future meeting of the Board.

Decision

- 1. Noted the terms of the report;
- 2. Noted that progress on the trial would be reported to future meeting of the Board;
- Noted that the Council would have to monitor the effects of the locks on the blue wheelie bins to ensure that it did not have a negative affect on recycling targets in these two areas.

7. <u>BENEFITS TO THE FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE FROM PARTNERSHIP</u> TASKING & CO-ORDINATING

The Board considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the West Lothian Community Safety Steering Group advising of the benefits to the Fire & Rescue Service from being a member of the West Lothian Community Safety Unit Tasking and Co-ordinating process.

The Board were advised that the Fire & Rescue Service considered the following fire related incidents as antisocial behaviour:- deliberate fire setting, malicious fire alarms, misuse of fire hydrants and violence towards fire and rescue employees. In West Lothian the Community

Safety Unit Tasking and Co-ordinating daily and monthly processes had become an integral part of the prevention strategy in relation to these types of events. As a result fire related antisocial behaviour had declined over the past few years in West Lothian through partners proactively identifying shared problems and targeting problem areas.

The report continued to advise that the Home Safety Visit Programme delivered by the Fire & Rescue Service had delivered significant reductions in accidental dwelling fires and associated casualties and fatalities, since it was introduced in the early 2000's. Again the Community Safety Unit Daily Tasking and Co-ordinating process allowed the Fire & Rescue Service to be informed of households that may be considered as being "more at risk from fire" and subsequently home fire safety advice and smoke detection could be offered in a targeted approach.

In conclusion the West Lothian Community Safety Unit Tasking and Coordinating processes were essential to the delivery of fire and rescue preventative activity.

Decision

Noted the terms of the report.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Board noted that the next meeting would be held on Monday 23rd September 2013 at 2.00pm.

Community Safety - Quarterly Performance Report

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Community Safety Board

Agenda Item no 4

1.1 Child Protection

cspPP001 Percentage of Children who have made positive progress by the time of the six month review as **Performance Indicator** Partner Organisation CPP West Lothian Council reported by the Reviewing Officer This will be a key indicator of the effectiveness of services aimed at improving the lives of children and young people. Following a decision to place the child on the child protection register at a child protection case conference, current procedures and best practice dictate that cases are reviewed regularly. At the six month point a reviewing officer chairs a Description Responsible Officer(s) Tim Ward review meeting and can make an objective and informed decision based on information shared at the review as to whether the Childs' circumstances have improved. This should give a useful indication of the effectiveness of key services to improve life chances. The indicator reflects all LAC reviews. Data Collection Officer(s) Yvonne Beresford; **SOA Ref** Outcome Vulnerable children are safer cspPP001 Percentage of Children who have made positive progress by the time of the six month review as reported by the Reviewing Officer Q1 2013/14 result 70% 60% 90% 80% 58% Target 80% 70% **Frequency** Quarters 60% 78.6% 69,4%

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Trend Chart Commentary

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This is an indicator of progress that is being made by the time of a 6 month LAC review that focuses at present on children that are accommodated. The current performance of 55.8 per cent represents a drop from the previous quarter. There is a particularly high number of complex cases reviewed. Data is collected by reviewing officers at LAC reviews. As recording becomes more sophisticated and the single child's plan develops, measures will become more refined.

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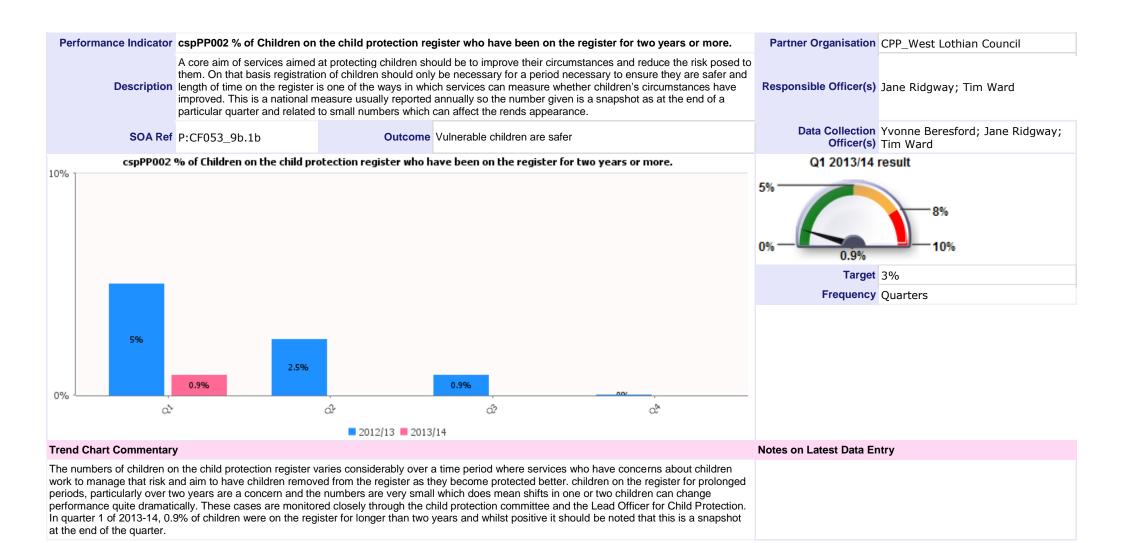
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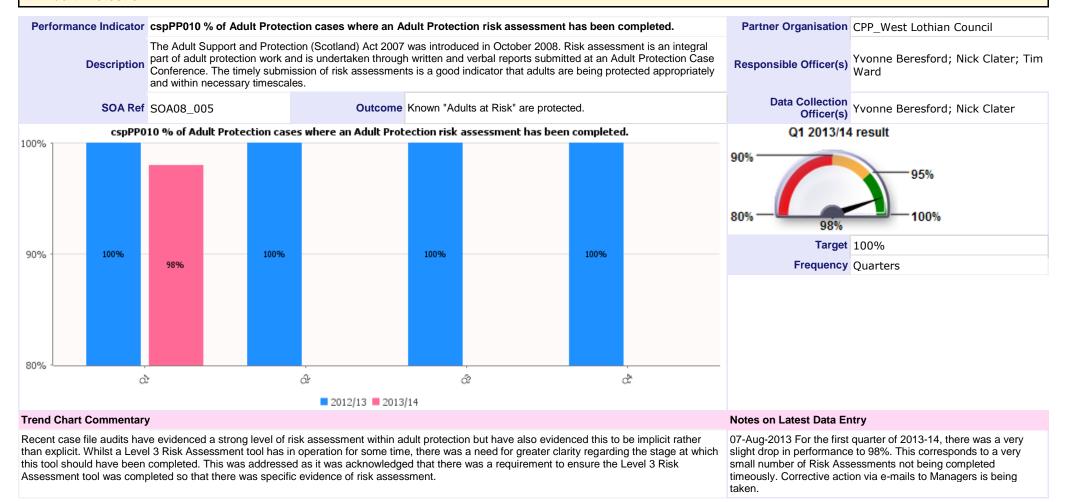
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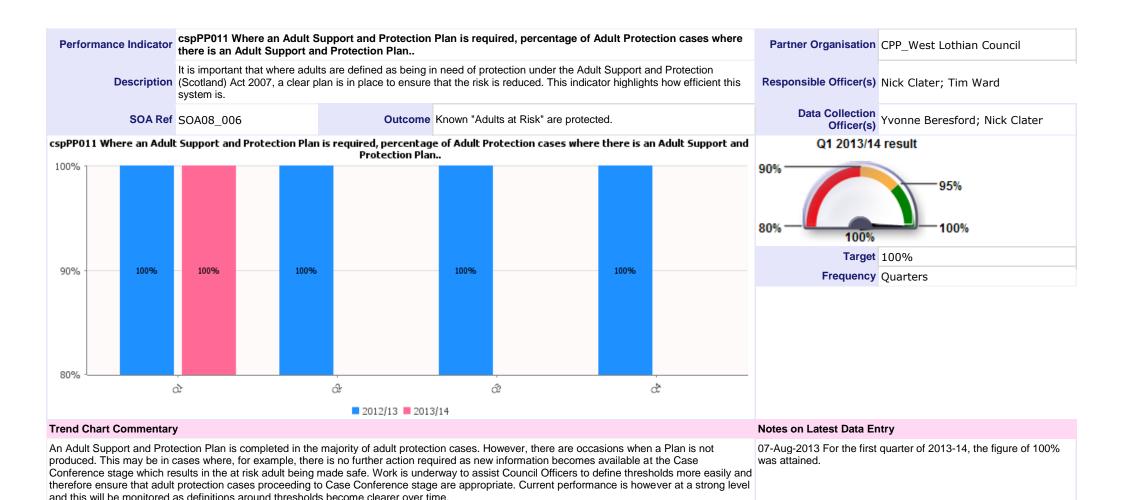
05-Aug-2013 small improvement in performance but system and process under review.

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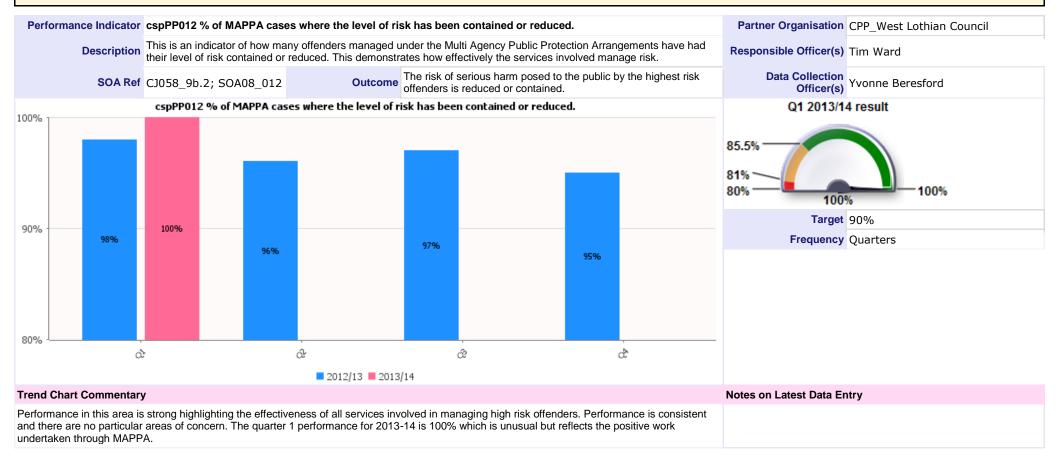


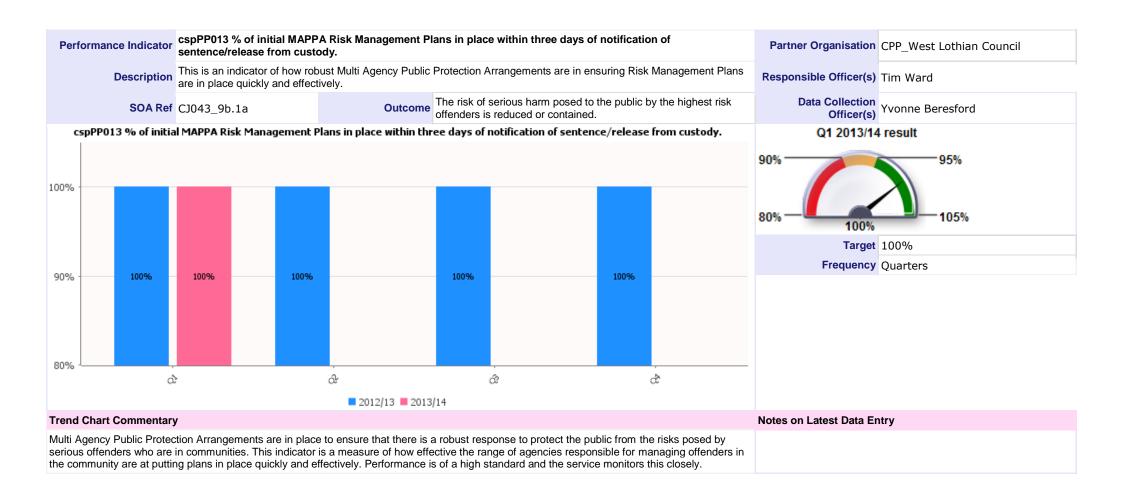
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1.3 MAPPA



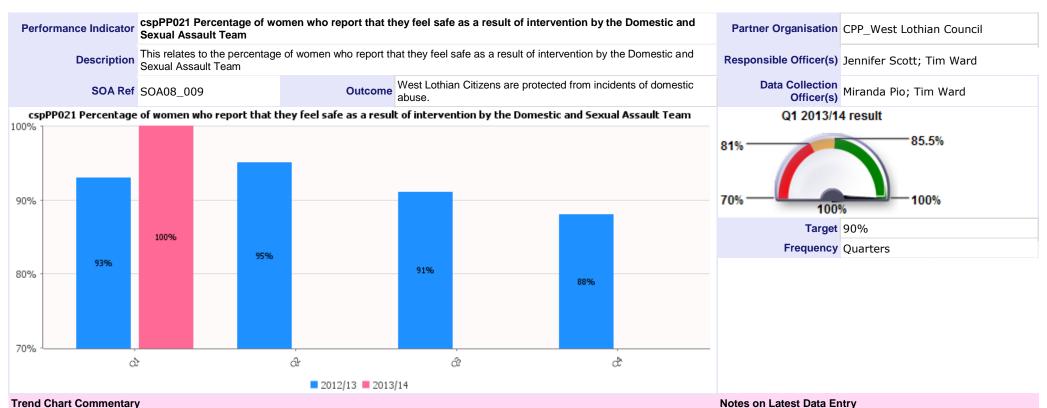


1.4 Domestic Abuse



The data we have indicates that People who engage in supervision result in less calls to the police. The process is effective and as well as reducing calls to the police, it is also increases the safety measures to women and children. The target is currently 50% and this new indicator is dealing with relatively small numbers. The view will be to raise the target higher for 2013-14. The most recent data showing completions in 2012-13 show an improvement in performance. This is indicative of the increased focus on the risk posed by perpetrators and the need for a structured supervision approach. Through West Lothian Councils commitment to early intervention, time limited funding has been provided to support the development of a group work and one to one programme for domestic abuse perpetrators. This should help to continue to improve outcomes in relation to reoffending and reduce impact on victims.

25-Jul-2013 significant improvement for 2012-13 reflecting increased focus on domestic abuse.



The overall trend is fairly consistent with over 90% of women feeling safer as a result of intervention by the DASAT for those who have completed an 14-Aug-2013 Very high satisfaction rates reflecting increased

evaluation.

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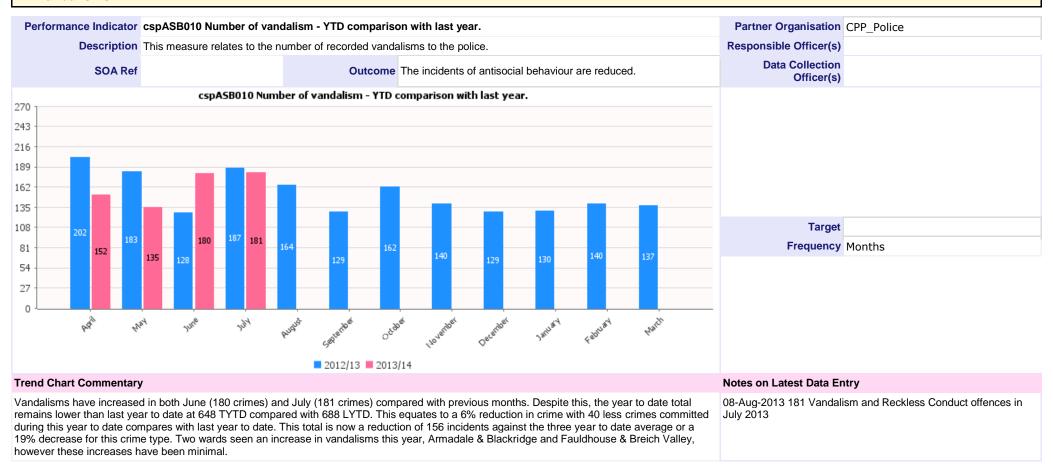
2.1 Youth Calls



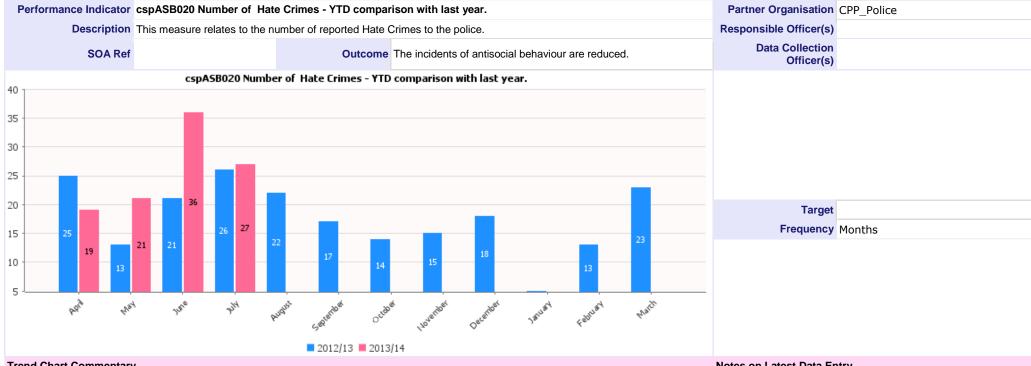
Youth calls continue to fall with only 232 incidents reported during July compared with 252 in June. This is also far lower than the figure of 328 reported in July 2012. The year to date total for 2013/14 is 941 calls compared to 1198 calls for last year. This equates to a decrease of 257 youth calls compared to last year, or 21%. The 2013/14 total now shows an average of under 8 youth calls a day in West Lothian and is a decrease of 43% compared to the three-year to date average total for youth calls. Youth calls in Whitburn and Blackburn began to increase in June and July after low numbers of calls in previous months. Most of these incidents are reporting general nuisance youth activity however 11 of the 15 underage drinking calls to the ward this year to date were across June and July. Local gala days in June combined with the onset of the school holidays and better weather in July will play a contributing factor in increased youth activity. East Livingston and East Calder Ward is the only ward to have seen an increase in youth disorder this year with a 29% increase in calls compared to last year (36 calls). The daily tasking process continues to identify youths involved in ASB and links with Social Work to ensure early intervention and engagement is undertaken to reduce the risk of youth offending.

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2.2 Vandalisms



2.3 Hate Crimes



Trend Chart Commentary

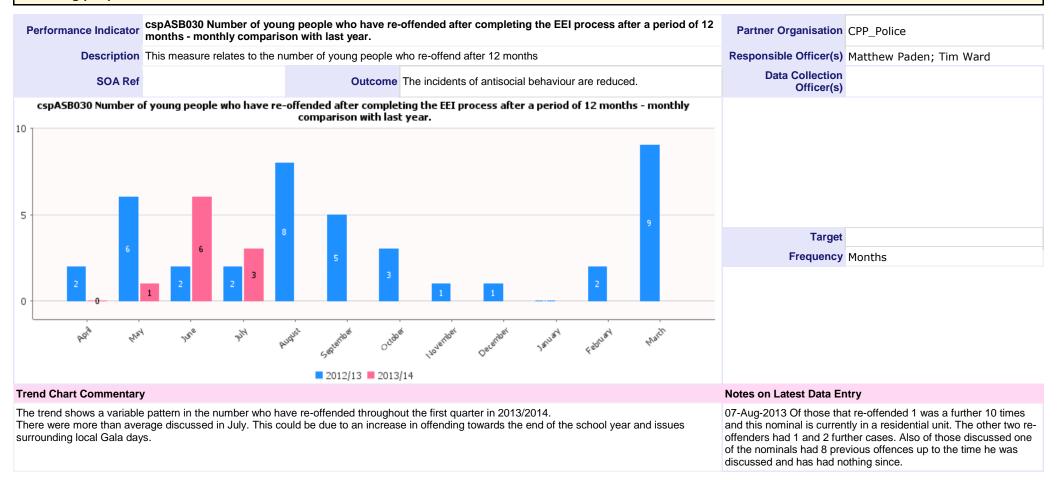
There has been an increase in the number of Hate Crimes in West Lothian during July with 27 crimes recorded compared with 24 in July 2012. The total of incidents for the year to date have increased by 20 crimes or 24% 2013/14 compared to 2012/13. Hate crime is significantly higher than the three-year average, displaying an increase of 47%. Hate crime has increased in 5 of 9 wards this year to date, most significantly in Livingston South which has increased by 15 incidents and East Livingston & East Calder which has increased by 8 incidents this year to date. There has been an increase in race related crime with three separate incidents near to the Mosque in Craigshill and a number of racial graffiti incidents recently in Dedridge. The increase in these crimes may be linked to national tension following the incident in Woolwich during May.

Notes on Latest Data Entry

08-Aug-2013 There has been an increase in the number of Hate Crimes in West Lothian during July with 27 crimes recorded compared with 24 in July 2012. Hate crime has increased in 5 of 9 wards most significantly in Livingston South which has increased by 15 incidents mainly due to the location of the Police custody area and Police Officers being the victims.

The hate crime detection rate remains high with each crime being risk assessed by Community Inspectors and the Community Safety Unit on a weekly basis to ensure all avenues for enquiry are explored timeously.

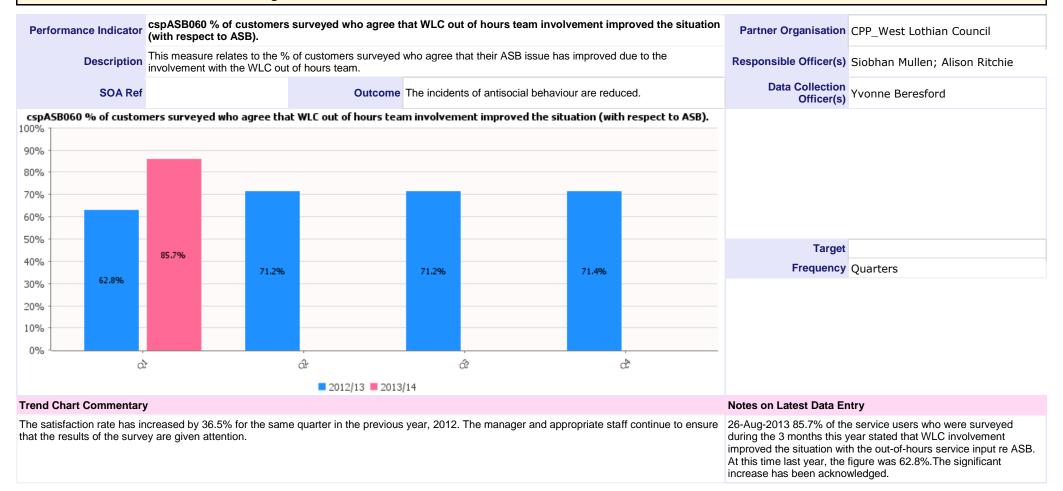
2.4 Young people who have re-offended



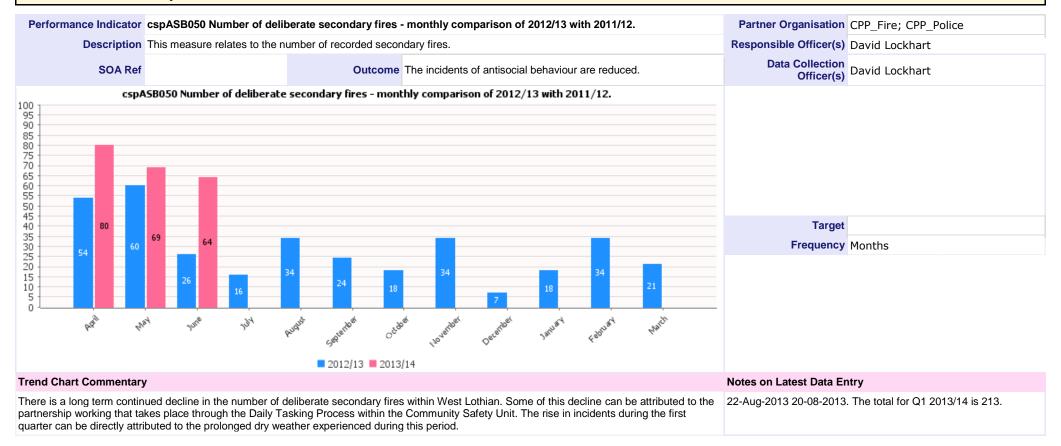
2.5 Night Noise team - Visits



2.6 Customers satisfaction with WLC Night-Noise team involvement in ASB



2.7 Deliberate Secondary Fires

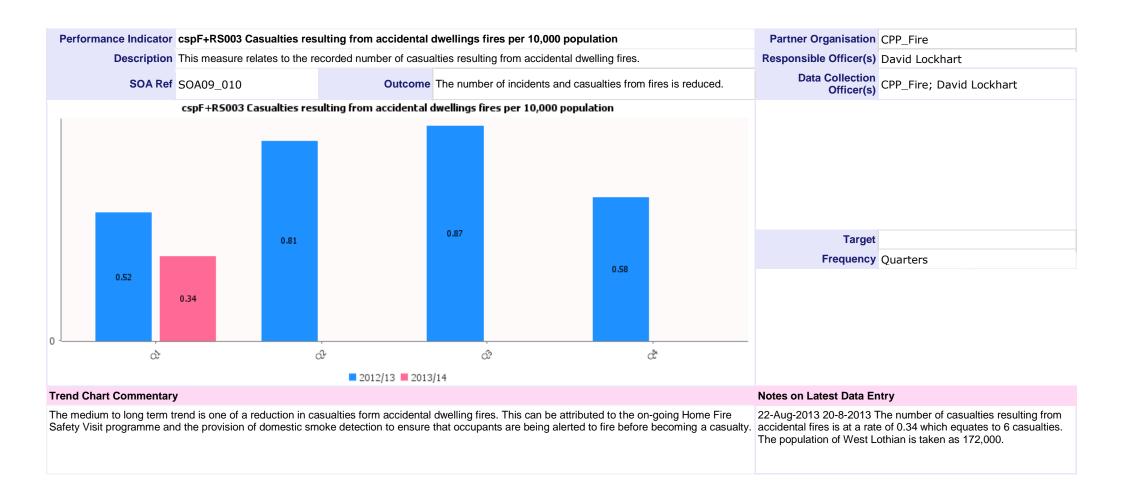


3. FIRE AND ROAD SAFETY

3.1 Fires

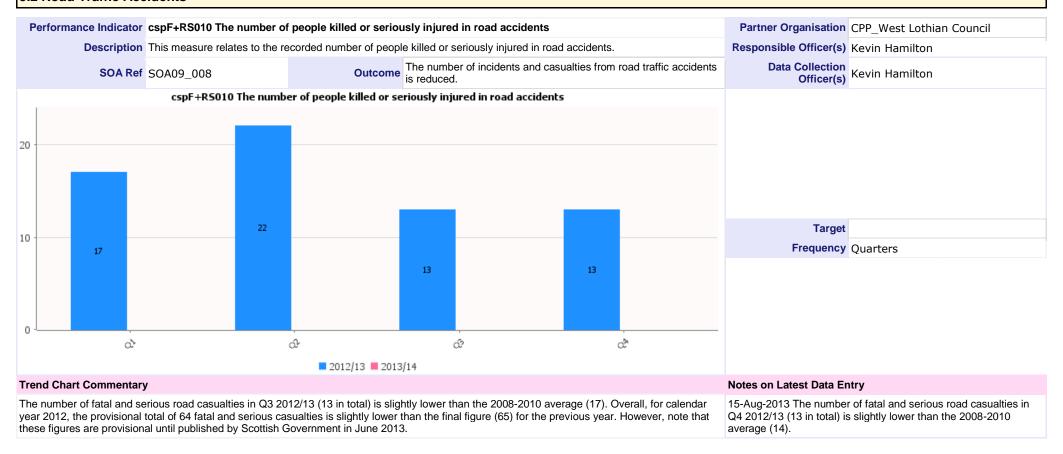


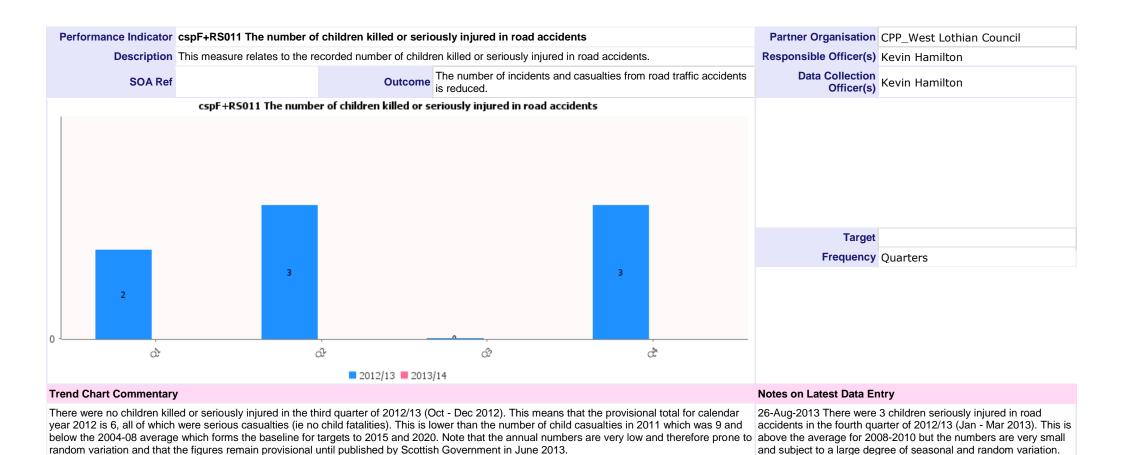


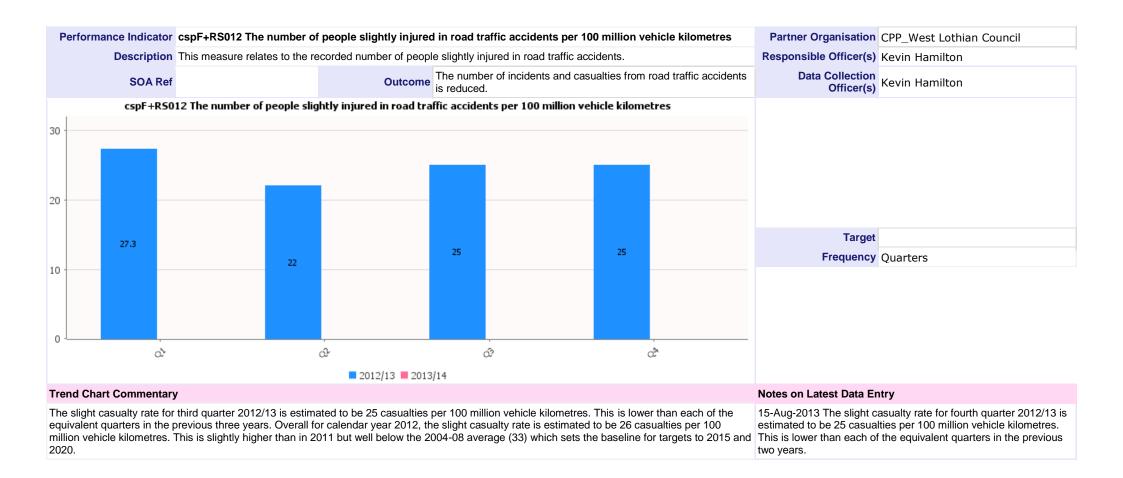


3. FIRE AND ROAD SAFETY

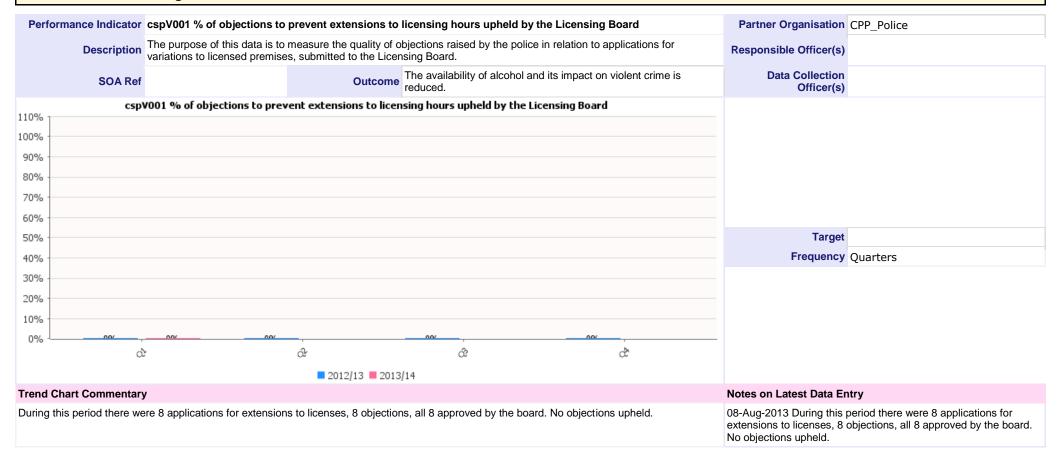
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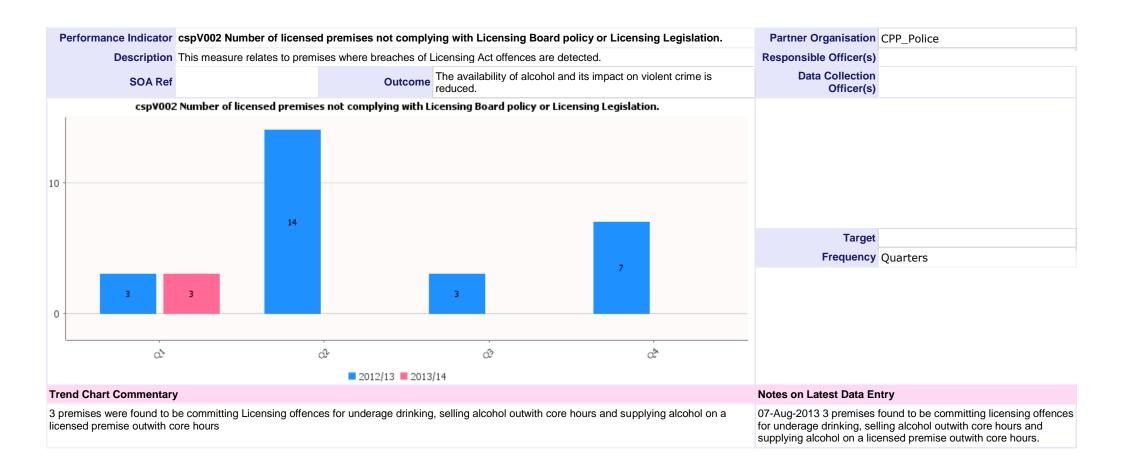


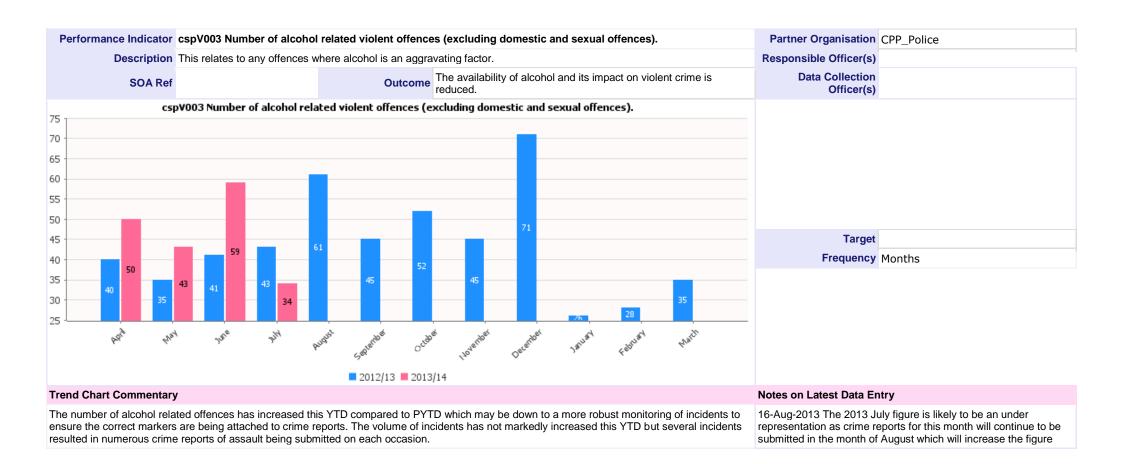




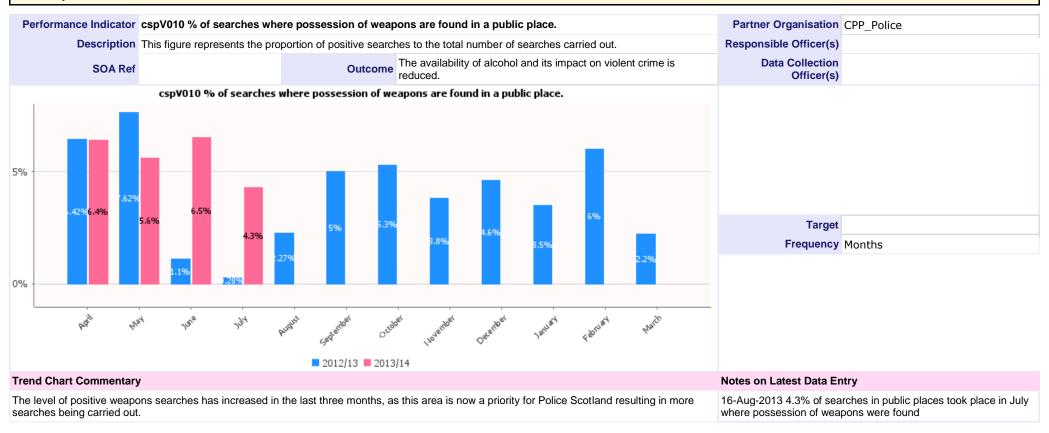
4.1 Alcohol and Licensing



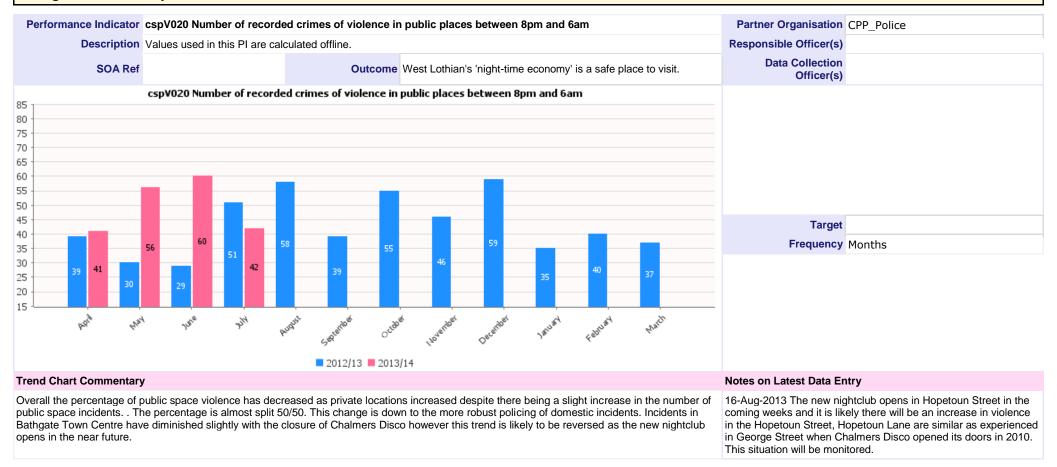




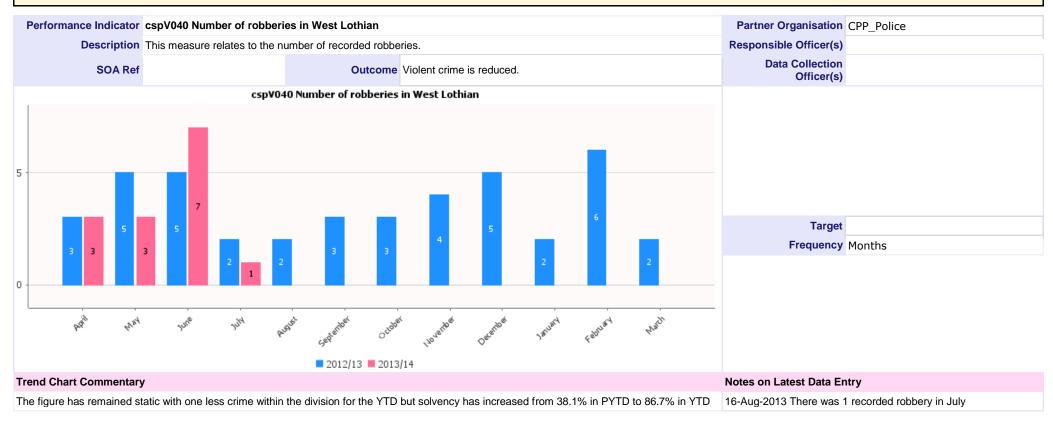
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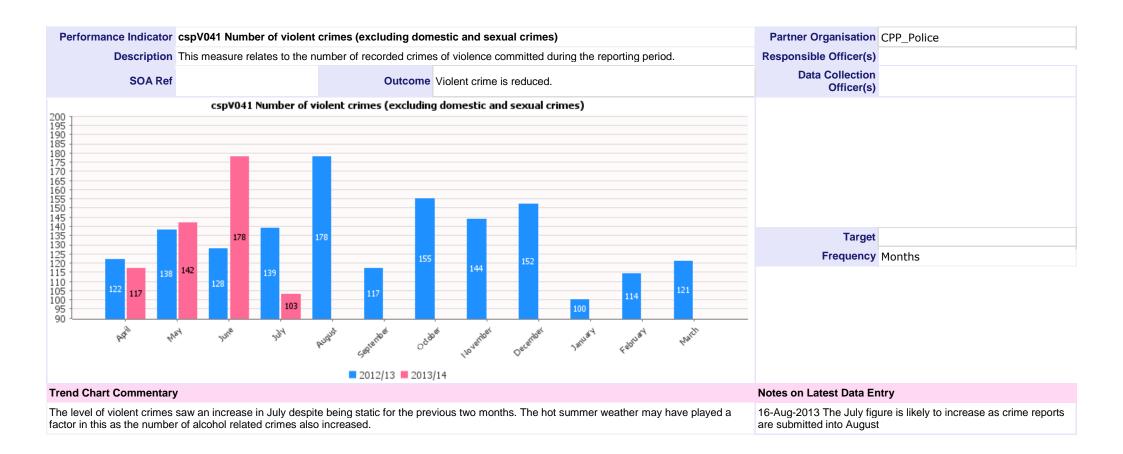


4.3 Night-time Economy



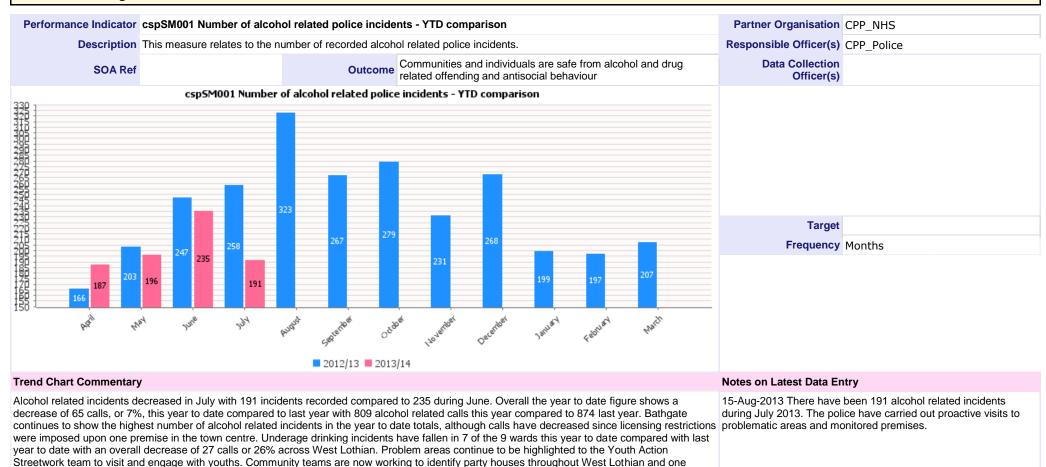
4.5 Violent Crimes.



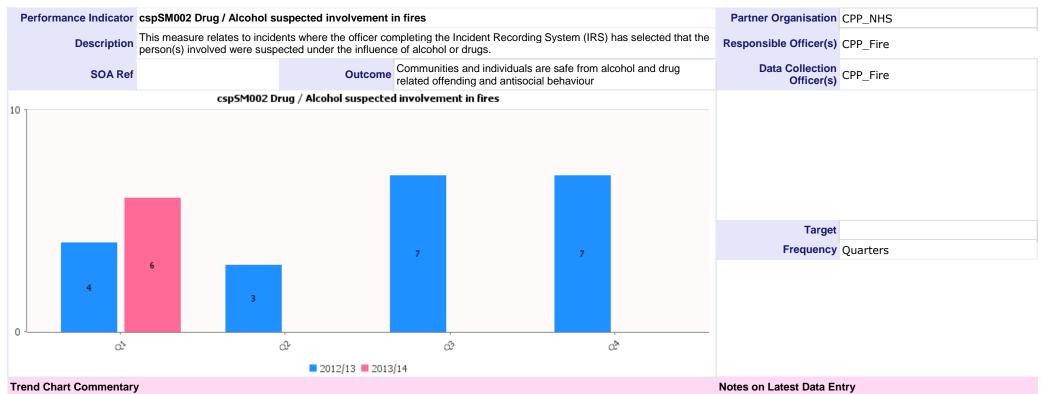


5. SUBSTANCE MISUSE

5.1 Alcohol / Drug incidents



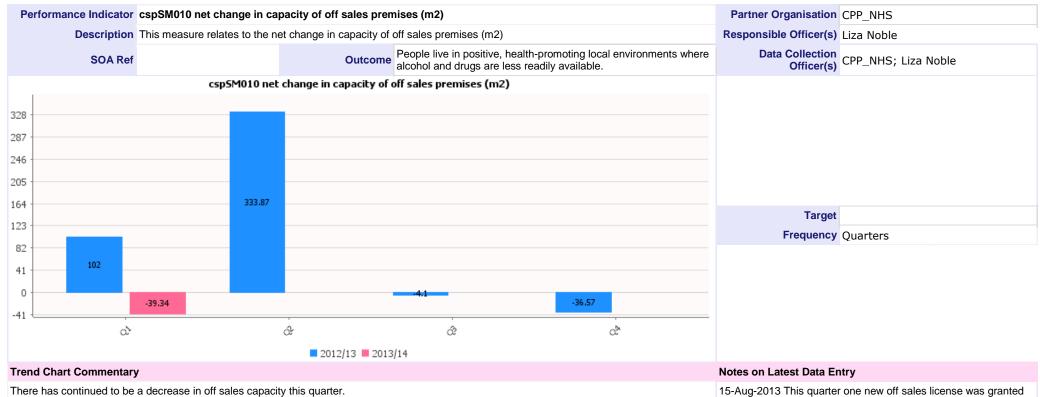
tenant was served with a closure order for his property during July due to the level of antisocial behaviour and underage drinking calls.



Drugs or alcohol have been a contributory factor in a number of serious injury/fatal fires due to the affect that they have upon the occupant's ability to 22-Aug-2013 20-8-2013 There were 6 incidents during this period react appropriately in a fire situation. A number of local and national campaigns highlight this and there seems to be some recent success reflected within the figures. SFRS regularly target high risk groups through proactive partnership working.

where drugs or alcohol was suspected to be a contributory factor.

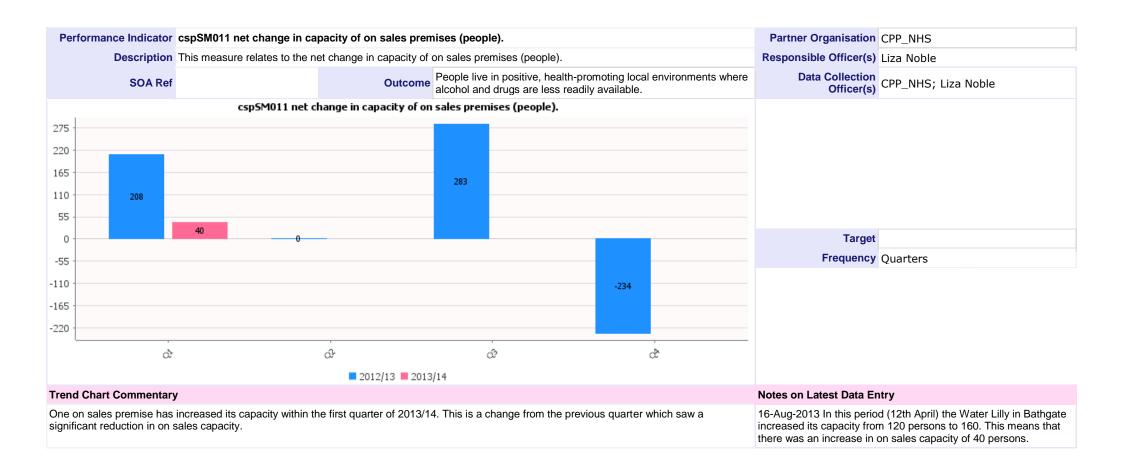
5. SUBSTANCE MISUSE 5.2 Licensing Standards



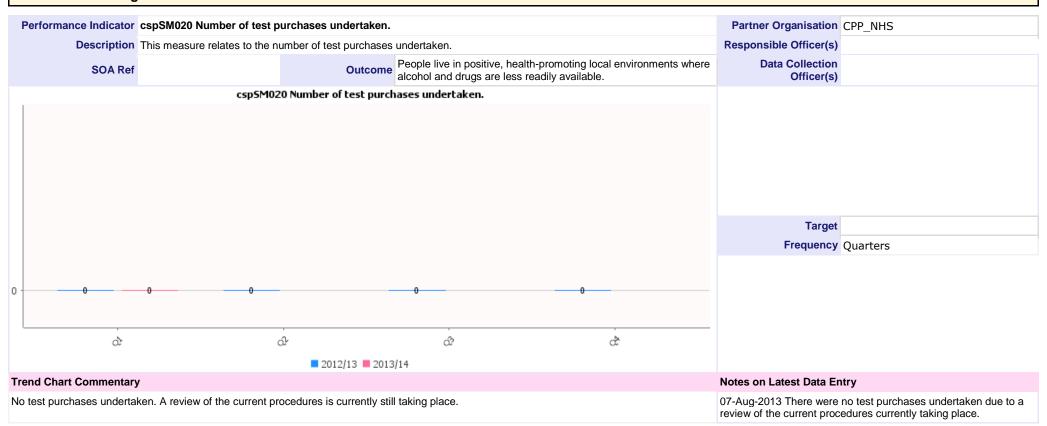
Please note that there is a change in the PI. Measurement of capacity in off sales is in m3 (Volume) however m2 (area) has also been an accepted measurement. This PI has captured m2 but has not captured m3 particular this quarter. The PI has also only being measuring net change within each quarter rather than overall changes in capacity. It is intended that this PI will be revised to ensure that it remains relevant.

15-Aug-2013 This quarter one new off sales license was granted in Winchburgh with capacity of 12.08m2.

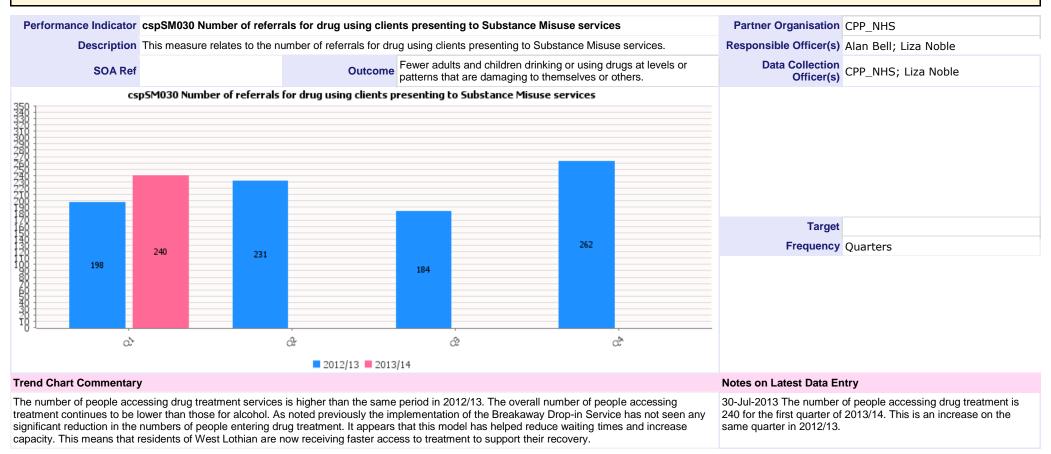
There were also decreases at the Scotmid in Fauldhouse. The display frontage reduced from 43.2m3 to 36m3 (33m3 alcohol display and 3m3 stacked alcohol display). Within Tesco, Bathgate, the display reduced from 298m2 to 246.58m2. Therefore the overall change in off sales is a reduction of -39.34m2 this quarter.

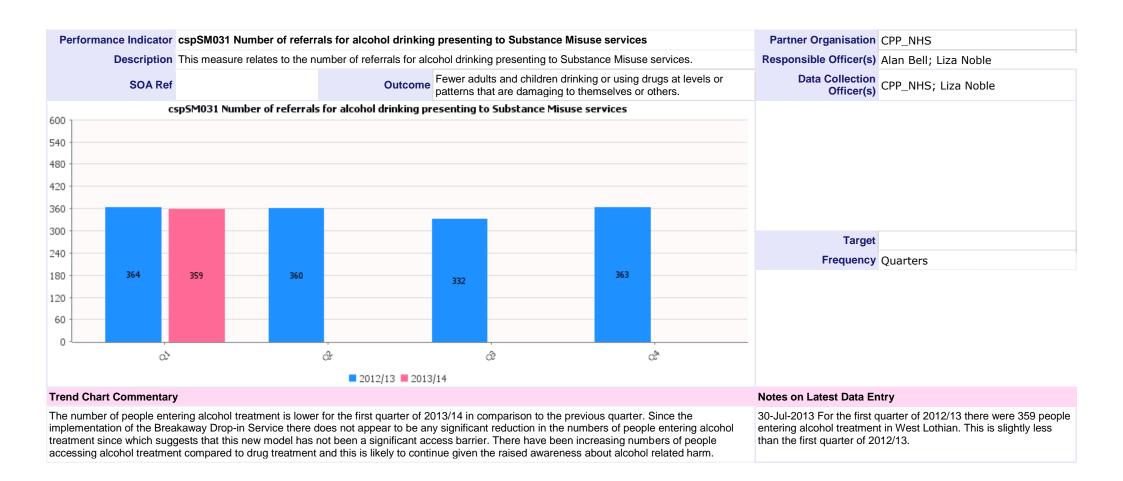


5. SUBSTANCE MISUSE 5.3 Police Licensing



5. SUBSTANCE MISUSE 5.4 TADP









West Lothian Community Safety Strategic Steering Group

Meeting Date 23rd September 2013

Subject: Police Scotland – Campaign Against Violence

1. Purpose of Report – Background Summary

The purpose of this document is to provide the Community Safety Board with an introduction to the Police Scotland Campaign Against Violence, (CAV) and its identified strategic intentions.

The Campaign Against Violence had been an integral part of the legacy Strathclyde Police policing plan for some five years prior to the inception of Police Scotland. Police Scotland has adopted the process in its entirety and it is now employed nationwide

2. Terms of Report

A 'Campaign Day' is any additional operational deployment by non front facing office based police officers from a variety of posts such as administration and specified departments that focuses on reducing violence, disorder and antisocial behaviour. Deployments that are part of the officer's normal business, or specialist deployment such as public order or football duties are not counted as a Campaign Day.

Although any additional deployment can be regarded as a Campaign Day, Police Scotland have identified a National Programme of Force Activity highlighting 36 dates over a calendar year split into 4 phases, (9 dates per phase). Within each phase there is a compulsory day. Officers have been asked to nominate 12 dates split evenly across the 4 phases. To put this into perspective West Lothian have 29 identified CAV officers who will potentially give 348 days back to front line policing within an area chosen by them. An officer's shift for a Campaign Against Violence deployment will generally be 18:00hrs – 02:00hrs.

Considerable work has gone into identifying priority tasks for those officers to undertake and to some degree this is still an ongoing piece of work as demands change. Currently there is a distinct split in the deployment with the first period focusing on the following,

- VIOLENT OFFENDER INTERVENTION Intervention work is undertaken in line
 with identified tactical options, targeting offenders, currently formally managed at a
 local community police level.
- **DOMESTIC OFFENDER BAIL COMPLIANCE** Campaign officers will call on identified domestic offenders to ensure they are fully aware of, and complying with current bail conditions.
- **DOMESTIC OFFENDER INTERVENTION** Intervention work will be undertaken in the same way as that identified for non-domestic violent offenders. Some work is still to be done to identify the individuals concerned.

- PROGRESSION OF OUTSTANDING DOMESTIC PACKAGES Campaign officers will undertake work to trace and apprehend domestic offenders who wanted in relation to ongoing incidents.
- VIOLENT OFFENDER WARRANTS Campaign officers will be allocated warrants for progression where the subject is a violent offender or where the crime/offence is particularly violent.
- MONITORED / PROBLEMATIC LICENSED PREMISES INSPECTIONS —
 Campaign officers will visit identified licensed premises to ensure compliance with legislation and ensure there is a focus on problem/potential problem areas.
 The intention is that this work will, 'set the tone' for the evening and reduce the potential for night time economy / open space violence.

The second period activity will be intelligence led and take into consideration current problems/themes. The main focus will be on.

- HIGH VISIBILITY PATROLS DEALING WITH THE NIGHT TIME ECONOMY
- HIGH VISIBILITY PATROLS IN IDENTIFIED, 'HOT SPOT' AREA
- MONITORED / PROBLEMATIC LICENSED PREMISES INSPECTIONS Campaign officers will make further visits to these premises to examine how they operate when busy with customers.

The assessment of all this activity will clearly be an ongoing process taking into consideration a reduction in any relevant crime figures, performance in key areas identified by Police Scotland and public perception through community engagement and interactions with partner agencies.

3. Resource Implications

Clearly the removal of individuals from their key role may impact on local efficiency, particularly on compulsory days when their abstraction is not covered by other officers. The expectation is that department supervisors will forward plan and consider operational resilience. The Force message is clear that this is not an opt in opt out situation.

4. Equality Issues

None identified

5. Conclusions

The Community Safety Board members acknowledge the 'Campaign Days' of operational deployment as a direct means to deliver the Campaign Against Violence.

6. Consultation

As identified by Police Scotland.

7. Recommendation

Members acknowledge and support the ongoing approach to reduce violence within the communities of West Lothian.

Glossary of terms -

Campaign Against Violence (CAV)

Appendices - none

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West Lothian Community Safety Strategic Steering Group

Meeting Date: 23rd September 2013

Subject: 'Party Houses'

1. Purpose of Report - Background Summary

To inform the Community Safety Board regarding the 'Party House' process.

2. Terms of Report

During early June, Community Policing Teams, working in partnership with the Community Safety Unit (CSU) and their council colleagues, adopted a process of ensuring that very close checks are kept upon properties identified as 'Party Houses', where it has been identified that occupants are behaving antisocially on a regular basis and causing fear, alarm and distress to neighbours. This is relevant to all houses and it is immaterial whether the dwelling is a council property or otherwise, being pertinent to all tenures.

A party house within West Lothian is defined as:

' a dwelling where the occupants, on a regular basis, facilitate the misuse of alcohol and/or drugs by persons who are not in a personal relationship with the occupant, and there have been reports of antisocial behaviour, violence, or disturbances within or associated with the dwelling '

Incidents where a "personal relationship" is involved are excluded, as incidents of this nature are addressed through police domestic abuse intervention policies.

Ownership of the issue of party houses lies with the Community Policing Teams. Properties are identified and reviewed on a weekly basis, with input from West Lothian Council Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) Officers and the Analytical team within the CSU. Police act proactively to deter problems from occurring and will often attend the property in question to warn of possible action, should antisocial behaviour be witnessed. Action as appropriate is then be followed up by SNT Council officers, who may issue warnings and/or consider further action.

The process of identifying party houses starts with the identification of high tariff properties through the daily partnership Tasking and Co-ordinating Group (T&CG) and this is reviewed on a weekly basis.

3. Resource Implications

There should be no resource implications as officers are already deployed to deal with antisocial behaviour.

4. Equality Issues

There are none identified

5. Conclusions

As this is a new process it is not possible to draw conclusions until an appropriate period of time has passed. However, since its conception in West Lothian on 4th June 2013, there have been a total of 23 addresses on the party house list. It is reviewed weekly and currently there are 8 properties on the list. 15 properties have been removed by the Community Policing Teams as a result of reduced incidents and where the occupiers/visitors are no longer presenting themselves as a problem or concern to the local community and partnership agencies in respect of noise and antisocial behaviour.

6. Consultation

Community Policing Teams in conjunction with the CSU staff.

7. Recommendation

For further feedback at a later stage following continued monitoring.

Glossary of terms -

Community Safety Unit (CSU)
Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT)
Tasking and Co-ordinating Group (T&CG)

Appendices - none

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West Lothian Community Safety Strategic Steering Group

Meeting Date: 23rd September 2013

Subject: Westdrive 2013

1. Purpose of Report – Background Summary

The purpose of this report is to provide the Community Safety Board with an understanding of the Westdrive event and it's contribution to the identified strategic intention of reducing casualty rates from road traffic accidents.

2. Terms of Report

Senior pupils in West Lothian attended 'Westdrive' an event at the end of August at Howden Park Centre. The event, which was funded by Legacy Lothian and Borders Police and organised by West Lothian Community Safety Unit (CSU), aimed to promote driving issues in a positive and fun way but with a very serious message.

Road crashes can destroy many young peoples' lives and those of their families. Westdrive provided an exciting and innovative way to connect with future drivers at the time when statistics show that they are most likely to be involved in accidents.

The programme included: presentations by the emergency services, demonstrations and a range of interactive activities. A short theatre presentation, partially funded by Transport Scotland, and a DVD, highlighted the dangers of poor decision making when driving and the impact on families and friends when these decisions lead to tragic consequences.

The Westdrive event is a partnership event hosted by Police Scotland, alongside, Fire Scotland, Scottish Ambulance Service, The AA, Child Brain Injury Trust, West Lothian Drug and Alcohol Service, Young Marmalade (insurance industry) and the Cycle Touring Club (CTC). A young driver who was seriously injured but survived a road accident also attends to engage with the pupils.

1120 pupils attended over the three days.

3. Resource Implications

Emergency Services;

Police Scotland resources were obtained from CSU staff, School Link Officers and Special Constables.

Fire Scotland resources were obtained from Community staff. Operational Crews were also in attendance but these were not ring fenced and attended on the understanding that they could be deployed from the venue.

Scottish Ambulance Service resources comprised of two operational Paramedics who were ring fenced for the event.

4. Equality Issues

None identified

5. Conclusions

Evaluation forms are still being collated however it is clear that in general attendees found the event informative and stated that it would impact positively on their driver behaviour.

The following emails were received at the CSU following the event; 'On behalf of Linlithgow Academy I would just like to thank you and the team of professionals who delivered the Westdrive afternoon to our students. We found the afternoon to be very informative and the students were talking about it on their way home in the bus. Please pass on out thanks to the other people.'

'I want to congratulate you and your team on Wednesday afternoons event .It was very appropriately targeted. I heard positive comments from young people and adults. The structure of the afternoon worked well and was obviously thoughtfully planned. The activities had a good balance of fun and serious messages. Well done! I hope you feel you met your objectives.

Kindest regards, Myra Macpherson(Education Executive)'

'Thankyou for your invitation to Westdrive last week. It was a very informative session and the DVD had a big impact. Pupils I have spoken to got a lot out of it. Everyone taking the sessions and at the displays inside and outside were very helpful. With thanks, Lynne McEwen

Appointed member of Education Committee'

6. Consultation

The Westdrive Event followed an existing plan from 9 years of previous events. However in order to address the issue of an increase in both commuter and leisure cycling the charity CTC were invited to address the attendees.

7. Recommendation

Due to the success of the road safety initiative, it is recommended that Community Safety Partners continue to support this worthwhile safety initiative in order that Westdrive 2014 can be developed and planned in the coming months.

The CSU should continue to examine trends and threats in relation to the strategic intention of reducing casualty rates from road traffic accidents.

Appendices - none

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Report To: West Lothian

Community Safety Board

From:

West Lothian Community Safety Strategic Steering Group

Meeting Date: 23rd September 2013

Subject: Preparing West Lothian for Bonfire/Firework Period 2013

1. Purpose of Report - Background Summary

This report provides the Community Safety Board with an overview of the preventative work taking place across the Community Safety Partnership in relation to the forthcoming Bonfire/Fireworks period. It is recognised best practise in West Lothian for services to work together in order to prevent/reduce incidents occurring and increase the safety within the communities of West Lothian over this period.

2. Terms of Report

The aim of this preventative work is to minimise operational demand to all partner agencies, reduce deliberate fire setting and fire related antisocial behaviour and, advise the communities of West Lothian on how to enjoy bonfire night safely.

Outcome Based Objectives

The success of the prevention work will be measured against the following Outcome Based Objectives:

Reduce the number of deliberate primary and secondary fires during this time of the year Reduce acts of fire related antisocial behaviour

Reduce accidents and injuries arising from fire and fireworks

Promote an awareness and, assist to enforce firework legislation

Raise an awareness of the impact bonfires and deliberate fire setting has on the environment.

Risk Analysis

The partnership analyst plays a key role in the identification of hotspot areas from historical and real time data. This information is shared with all community safety partners to ensure that frontline staff are aware of high risk areas. This also informs the allocation of resources from partner agencies for the delivery of preventative activities.

Preventative activity

Demand reduction education plan - Targeted educational inputs will be delivered to a number of primary and secondary schools on firework safety in areas identified through the partnerships analytical product.

Uplift of unlicensed bonfires – Nets and Land Services provide a service where unlicensed bonfires will be uplifted when reported to them through partner agencies.

Local Media releases – Safety advice will be provided through local media and partners social networks to communities across West Lothian e.g. twitter and facebook @scotfire_FlkWL @LoveWestLothian @WestLothPolice www.facebook.com/westlothiancouncil

Engagement with Fireworks retailers - Fire crews will visit shop retailers who sell fireworks to provide staff members' with firework safety advice which can be passed onto customers. Where necessary, Trading Standards will inspect premises storing larger amounts of fireworks, to ensure compliance with storage / selling legislation.

3. Resource Implications

Managed within existing resources

The following Partners were involved in the early partnership prevention:

- Scottish Fire and Rescue Service
- Police Scotland including Safer Neighbourhood Teams
- West Lothian Council Departments:

Trading Standards,

Education Department,

Nets and Land Services

Community Safety Unit

Night Noise Teams

- NHS Lothian (St John's Hospital)
- Scottish Ambulance Service
- Shop Retailers

4. Equality Issues

There are none identified

5. Conclusions

It is recognised as best practise that partnership working and intervening early in this way is effective in reducing unlicensed bonfires and resultant injuries.

6. Consultation

Consultation is on-going with Community Safety Partners.

7. Recommendation

The Community Safety Board are asked to:

Note the contents of this report and make any comments.

Glossary of terms -

Appendices - None

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West Lothian Community Safety Strategic Steering Group

Meeting Date: 23rd September 2013

Subject: Partnership Focus on Domestic Abuse over the Festive Period 2013/14

1. Purpose of Report – Background Summary

The purpose of this report is to update the Community Safety Board on the agreed plans for partnership working over the Festive Period 2013/14 focusing on Domestic Abuse

2. Terms of Report

Police action against the perpetrators of Domestic Abuse is central to our current strategy in keeping our communities safe. While the Police achieve a great deal by dealing robustly with domestic offenders and proactively targeting frequent offenders, more can be achieved when we act in concert with our partners in Health, Social Work and the community at large. This proposal intends to link Police actions with resources from other partner agencies to promote a firm stand against Domestic Abuse over the festive period. This will maximise uptake of this message in order to ensure victim safety during this period and beyond.

This will be carried out by use of several tools available to the Partners, namely:

- Analytical reports highlighting the last 3 years crime data with offences carrying a 'domestic tag', problem profile highlighting hot-spot times and places and multi agency plan.
- Use of the Recency Frequency Gravity (RFG) scoring system
- Implementation of a 'Cocoon Watch' which is a scheme for domestic abuse
- Training for Neighbourhood Watch groups and promotion of remote reporting
- Additional training for Police Officers highlighting the views from the survivors perspective and current legislation and the necessity for remote reporting
- Work with local licensed premises and businesses to highlight the campaign and issues around domestic abuse
- Using existing strategic protocols and co-operation and assistance with DASAT and Woman's Aid, thereby utilizing the available resources from them and Housing to assist each family involved with the best options available that meets their needs and provides protection and support.
- Extensive use of media
- Providing an educational input targeted at engaging with young people in order to craft a message targeted at 13-18 year olds and a white ribbon campaign promoting positive male role models.
- Ensuring that there is a referral programme for NHS frontline professionals to refer those they feel are being subjected to domestic abuse
- Identifying peak offending periods and presence at A&E to offer assistance to victims at vulnerable periods directly following a domestic incident.

Other activities around Domestic Violence include:

- o 16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence (i), from 25th November until 10th December. There will be a number of events to raise the profile of Domestic Violence in the West Lothian area coordinated by West Lothian Council Gender Equality and Violence against Women Dept.
- Enhanced information sharing with Addiewell prision regarding domestic abuse offenders in custody- release/ risk assessment. This can be in-built in MATAC and MARAC processes.
- Consideration of multi-agency visits to victims of Domestic Abuse by DAIU and DASAT over the festive period.
- Example of best practice: ASSIST in Glasgow utilising SID to enter intelligence into the system for police action and build a holistic picture of the offending behaviours. Increased targeting of offenders based on this information.
- Where victims are already engaging with DASAT on an exit strategy share this information with Police for further support and targeted action.

3. Resource Implications

This is very much a Partnership plan for focussing on domestic abuse over the Festive Period and will require a variety of resources from Police, Health, West Lothian Council including DASAT, Woman's Aid, Assist, Addiewell Prison, Licensees, NHW co-ordinators and the community.

4. Equality Issues

The Domestic Abuse plan for the Festive Period 2013/14 is non gender specific. There are no other equality issues highlighted.

5. Conclusions

The Domestic Abuse plan for the Festive Period 2013/14 has been agreed by the Reducing Re-Offending Committee and the separate actions have been appointed to lead service providers to take ownership of and take forward. The 'start' and 'end' dates have yet to be determined and communicated. It is proposed that a full review will take place on conclusion of the Festive Period in order to ascertain the success of the partnership work in the prevention of domestic abuse and provision provided to the families concerned within West Lothian.

6. Consultation

This domestic abuse plan for the Festive Period will be developed through extensive consultation and agreement with community safety partners and other relevant stakeholders.

7. Recommendation

The Community Safety Board members acknowledge the content of this report and the proposed plans for partnership work focussing on domestic abuse over the Festive Period 2013/14.

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Glossary of terms:

RFG - Recency Frequency Gravity

'Cocoon Watch' - multi agency awareness

MATAC - Multi Agency Tasking and Coordinating Conference

MARAC - Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference

DAIU - Domestic Abuse Investigation Unit

DASAT - Domestic Abuse And Sexual Assault Team

ASSIST - Glasgow's 'DASAT'

Appendices - none

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Lothian Community Safety Strategic Steering Group

Meeting Date: 23rd September 2013

Subject: New SOA and community planning development

1. Purpose of Report – Background Summary

The purpose of this report is to update the Community Safety Board on the development status of the new single Outcome agreement and wider plans for developing the Community Planning Partnership.

2. Terms of Report

NEW SOA

West Lothian Community Planning partnership has 'signed off' its new Single Outcome Agreement 2013 – 2023. The new SOA – Achieving Positive Outcomes – is different to previous SOAs, it is a 10 year plan and moves from 15 to 8 more focused and interrelated outcomes. The development of the new SOA was underpinned by CPP strategic assessment and builds on the current community plan – towards 2020. Achieving Positive Outcomes is supported by a suite on enabling plans and strategies including the Prevention Plan, Community Engagement Plan and Better off - the partnership's anti poverty strategy.

Although the new SOA is signed off, there will be a period of engagement (outlined in the Communication plan) to ensure that all appropriate stakeholders are aware of the new SOA and are geared up to using it before the (still to be confirmed) 'go live' date. In addition, several work streams are underway to focus on a revised governance structure and performance management system (using a new covalent scorecard) before the 'go live' date.

The Community Planning partners received feedback from the SOA quality assurance panel tasked with reviewed new Single Outcome Agreement. The partnership recently competed a self assessment exercise using the PSIF and discussed findings at a special meeting. Findings and feedback and the feedback from the QA panel have been incorporated into the CPP development plan. The CPP development plan will be the main mechanism for taking forward development actions. The CPP development plan is arranged around Audit Scotland focus areas for the Community Planning reviews.

AUDIT SCOTLAND

Audit Scotland is tasked with auditing all 32 CPPs. They have already completed audits on 3 pilot areas (North Ayrshire, Scottish Borders and Aberdeen). West Lothian has been confirmed as being in the next tranches of 5 areas to be audited. The CPP and Audit Scotland are developing the scope of the audit with a view to auditors being on site in January/February 2014.

An Audit preparation plan is under development based on our own self assessment of need and on previous audits. Based on this the following is likely,

- Partners will be asked to contribute to the audit process and provide copies of papers, documents, plans, minutes etc.. that demonstrate their commitment to community planning and the actions they have taken as a result.
- Partners will be asked to meet with auditors and attend meetings and development sessions.

Auditors will be particularly looking for evidence of where strategic community planning and SOA impacts in communities, where partners have arranged their service delivery to meet SOA and strategic direction, where partners have aligned their strategic development and corporate planning to the SOA and Community Plan, where partners have aligned budgets and resources to meet agreed outcomes

3. Resource Implications

N/A

4. Equality Issues

The new SOA has 'tackling inequality' as its main theme. The SOA has completed a pres screening exercise to determine whether an equality impact assessment is required.

5. Conclusions

The new SOA has been signed off by community planning partners and the Scottish Government. A period of pre implementation activity is underway which includes communication with relevant stakeholders. A 'go live' date has still to be determined and communicated. A period of community planning development is underway and will inform the forthcoming audit.

6. Consultation

The new SOA has been developed fowling an extensive consultation process with relevant stakeholders and groups.

7. Recommendation

The Community Safety Board members to note the contents of this report and receive future reports for audit purposes.

Glossary of terms – Single Outcome Agreement (SOA)

Appendices - Nil

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