

Police Liaison Meeting 23rd May 2023

Presentation by Flo Linscott (Diversity team leader for Cornwall, team of 3)

Role of the diversity team – involves monitoring hate crimes and incidents, looking at emerging trends, monitoring repeat victimisation and areas and producing expert crime reports

The team also give tactical advice to colleagues about matters that impact their role

And attend community events to promote hate crime awareness

There are 5 protected characteristics in Cornwall – Sex/gender, Race, Sexual orientation, Gender identity, Religion or belief and disability.

A hate crime is:

A hate incident that constitutes a criminal offence and is believed to be motivated towards a person because of a particular factor and can have a major impact on a community.

A hate incident is:

A non-criminal incident perceived to be motivated by hostility or prejudice (Can often become a hate crime) - The keyword is 'perception' in order to record it as a hate incident or crime. There needs to be evidence to prosecute but not to investigate.

Hate crimes can be targeted at people who are not part of the protected identities classified as 'other' (on the basis that they have been targeted because they are different)

The team monitor trends constantly.

For action to be taken incidents need to be reported to 999 or 101 or Devon and Cornwall website (report a hate crime page), online through the 'True Vision' website which is anonymous, crime stoppers or citizen's advice

TPR (Third party reporting – support to report)

Neighbourhood team and news

Sector priorities remain:

- Tackling dangerous drug networks
- Reducing vulnerability
- Reducing violence against women and girls
- Tackling violence and antisocial behaviour

In Penzance, there are 4 deployable neighbourhood beat officers (and one on restricted duties) there are also 4 community support officers and three Tri-service officers.

5 patrol teams from PZ cover all sector areas

Penzance update

Spike in antisocial behaviour - working with partner agencies to reduce and tackle this, several arrests have been made and curfews put in place (Theft and stolen vehicles) the emphasis remains on prevention by working with youth provision promoting inclusion and physical activity.

Red zone patrols have been placed outside some schools and around town centres, linking with schools, making areas safer with advice around parking etc.

Sadly, officers have been subjected to verbal abuse and low-level assault outside a primary school.

Working with housing and social care to reduce vulnerability

Operation Medusa – County lines team of officers from Merseyside and local police teams worked together on a really dynamic operation – there were seizures of cash, vehicles, drugs and bladed weapons.

Continue to engage as much as possible with communities inc. Sennen market. Connectivity events are publicised on FB. There will be a repeat of last year's water safety event in June in PZ.

The team have begun to produce a quarterly newsletter which will be distributed to town and parish councils.

Vaping continues to be a big issue, in terms of disposal and health concerns and is being addressed by a

Subgroup - Safer Cornwall

The next meeting is 22nd August 19:00