



# Community Safety update for the Health & Wellbeing Board

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# Working together to make Devon even safer

- The Safer Devon Partnership is responsible for providing **strategic leadership for community safety** work across the county
- Those with responsibility for community safety are required to **protect communities** from the threat and consequences of crime, antisocial behaviour and harm by reducing the incidence and fear of these issues
- This requires a **holistic approach**, with responses focused on prevention, early intervention, support and protection, and recovery, and which draw on the expertise and resources of multiple agencies and community assets.



# 2020 Community Safety Strategic Assessment

- Update on the 2019 assessment – with focus on highest level threats
- Uses the MoRiLE framework to assess threat, risk and harm
- Developed in consultation with key stakeholders
- Data from April 2019 - March 2020, but assessment also takes account of the impacts from current societal issues

# Headlines

- Similarities in impacts, trends, and highest level threats
- Continued challenges for partners:
  - **Intelligence and analysis** – continued underreporting
  - **Sustainability of responses** – in the context of increased demand, continued resourcing pressures and the current fiscal climate
- Underlying themes:
  - **Vulnerability and trauma** – ACEs and trauma as a key driver
  - **Complexity** – complexity of need and interrelationships between issues
  - **Inequality** – disparities driven by deprivation, poverty, and disproportionate impacts on some groups of people with existing vulnerabilities



# Impacts of COVID-19

- Increased isolation and reduced oversight from support agencies and protective factors.
- Difficulty accessing services safely.
- Changed service provisions and challenges of meeting demand.
- Increased stress, personal and financial uncertainty.
- Increased risk for those already vulnerable and rise in 'newly vulnerable' groups.

# Domestic violence and abuse and sexual violence

	Physical	Psychological	Community	Frequency	Trend	Forecast	Intel	Ability to mitigate	Risk	
DVA	Moderate	Severe	Moderate	Daily	<10% increase	<10% increase	55-75%	V. Limited	High	▶
Rape/serious sexual offences	Moderate	Severe	Moderate	Daily	<10% increase	<10% increase	55-75%	V. Limited	High	▶

## Headlines

- Continued **rise in referrals** (and increase in severity and intensity of violence and abuse during lockdown).
- Continued differences in presentation across age groups.
- **Concern over children** - impact of DVA on vulnerability in adolescence and adulthood; sexual violence in peer groups/relationships; and increased cases of child-parent abuse.
- Indications that domestic abuse is an **important factor in local homelessness**.
- Domestic homicides - continued low numbers but significant complexity.
- Legislation – new **Domestic Abuse Bill**.

# Violence (with injury, including serious violence)

	Physical	Psychological	Community	Frequency	Trend	Forecast	Intel	Ability to mitigate	Risk
Violence with injury (non-DA)	Moderate	Substantial	Moderate	Daily	<10% decrease	<10% decrease	55-75%	Emerging issue	

## Headlines

- Complex issue:
  - Covers violence with injury, including serious violence, and the fear of violence
  - Focuses on violence outside of the home, acknowledging **links between intra and extra familial violence**
  - Scale, prevalence and trends is unclear and underreporting is a significant theme.
- Crime data indicates a substantial decrease in serious violence and a slight increase in other violence with injury.
- Possessions of weapons is low but is increasing in prevalence.
- **Concern over younger age groups**; and links to serious and organised crime, including drug related exploitation
- Fear of violence is significant, contributing to underreporting and weapons possession.
- Legislation: new duty and requirements from the **Serious Violence Bill**.

# Problem drinking and problem drug use

	Physical	Psychological	Community	Frequency	Trend	Forecast	Intel	Ability to mitigate	Risk
Problem drinking	Substantial	Severe	Moderate	Daily	<10% decrease	<10% decrease	55-75%	V. Limited	High
Problem drug use	Substantial	Severe	Moderate	Daily	<10% increase	<10% increase	55-75%	V. Limited	High

## Headlines

- Stable prevalence of alcohol misuse, **increasing prevalence of drug misuse.**
- Devon is an outlier in:
  - Alcohol related hospital admissions
  - Drug related deaths (which have continued to increase)
- Increased referrals into provider services and **continued complexity and vulnerability** in cases.
- COVID-19: increased drinking; changes in the sourcing and type of drugs being used; **concerns over high toxicity substances**
- **Transitions: Y-Smart and Together have strengthened transitions between child and adult services.**





# Modern slavery and human trafficking (drug related exploitation)

	Physical	Psychological	Community	Frequency	Trend	Forecast	Intel	Ability to mitigate	Risk
Drug related exploitation	Substantial	Severe	Severe	Daily	<10% increase	<10% increase	55-75%	V. Limited	High

## Headlines

- Substantial **rise in drug related offences** (trafficking and possession) - including offences relating to under 18s.
- Drug related exploitation features most prominently within intelligence and NRMs relating to modern slavery and human trafficking .
- Young people and existing substance users remain more likely to be targeted by drug gangs.
- **COVID-19 has lead to increased targeting of local populations** and online exploitation, and increased violence towards those involved in drug activities.
- Continued **links to serious forms of violence**, and sexual violence is also a concern.
- Drug related violence is more likely to have **visible impacts on communities** than other forms of exploitation.



# Modern slavery and human trafficking (labour, sexual and criminal exploitation)

	Physical	Psychological	Community	Frequency	Trend	Forecast	Intel	Ability to mitigate	Risk
Labour & sexual exploitation	Substantial	Severe	Moderate	1-2 weeks	<10% increase	<10% increase	25-30%	V. Limited	High ▲

## Headlines

- Prevalence remains unclear due to **underreporting**.
- Labour and sexual exploitation are likely to occur most frequently.
- COVID-19 has likely forced exploitation further underground and led to diversification in how people are exploited.
- **Rising demand for jobs may increase opportunities to recruit people into exploitative employment.**
- Child exploitation:
  - Data is too limited to provide accurate prevalence figures.
  - Significance of **child sexual exploitation and drug related exploitation**.
  - The **role of the internet** continues to increase, with a shift to ‘groom now exploit later’ models.

# Radicalisation and violent extremism

	Physical	Psychological	Community	Frequency	Trend	Forecast	Intel	Ability to mitigate	Risk	
Radicalisation and violent extremism	Catastrophic	Severe	Catastrophic	Annually	No change	No change	25-35%	Limited	High	▶
Hate crime	Low	Substantial	Substantial	Daily	<10% increase	<10% increase	55-75%	Limited	Moderate	▲

## Headlines

- The threat from terrorism remains ‘substantial’ – greatest threat from low sophistication attacks carried out by lone actors.
- The threat of **online radicalisation** continues to increase – grooming and self radicalisation.
- High level of **complexity, vulnerability and underlying need** in local cases.
- **Significance of local and international events** in acting as a route to radicalisation.
- COVID-19: role of lockdown in increasing the risks of online radicalisation.
- **Increased hate crime and intolerance within communities is contributing to the spread of hate and extremism.**

# Update on lower scoring issues

	Physical	Psychological	Community	Frequency	Trend	Forecast	Intel	Ability to mitigate	Risk	
Child sexual abuse	Moderate	Severe	Moderate	1-2 weeks	<10% increase	<10% increase	25-35%	Limited	Moderate	▶
RTCs - fatal and serious	Substantial	Severe	Severe	Daily	<10% decrease	<10% decrease	80-90%	Limited	Moderate	▼
Cybercrime and fraud	Low	Substantial	Moderate	Daily	<10% increase	<10% increase	40-50%	Limited	Moderate	▲
ASB (& street drinking)	Moderate	Moderate	Substantial	Daily	>10% decrease	<10% increase	55-75%	Partial	Moderate	▶

Child sexual abuse	Road traffic collisions	Financial exploitation	ASB including street drinking)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continues to be heavily underreported.</li> <li>Police data suggests a decrease in crimes but partners indicate a sustained increase.</li> <li>Familial sexual abuse remains significant.</li> <li>Online abuse and peer-on-peer abuse remain growing concerns.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continued decrease in fatal and serious injuries across most districts, continuing a long term trend.</li> <li>Year-on-year increases in fatal and serious collisions in Exeter, South Devon &amp; Dartmoor.</li> <li>Year-on-year increases in lower injury collisions in East &amp; Mid Devon and South Devon &amp; Dartmoor.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Observed increase, especially in cyber related crime.</li> <li>Unclear if this represents a true increase or a shift in tactics.</li> <li>High prevalence of COVID-19 related crimes - affecting a wider population cohort.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Partners have observed a rise in incidents - not reflected in crime data.</li> <li>This is largely linked to COVID-19 related non compliance, neighbourhood disputes and street drinking</li> <li>The pandemic has created a change in attitudes and decreased tolerance.</li> </ul>



# Strategic Priorities 2020-21

- **Intra and extra-familial violence and abuse**
  - Develop effective and proportionate responses to new legislation, namely: Domestic Abuse Bill and Serious Violence Bill
- **Problem drinking and problem drug use**
  - Evaluate existing responses to harm from alcohol and drug misuse
- **Exploitation**
  - Strengthen and expand intelligence and knowledge and inter-partnership collaboration
- **Offending and reoffending (cross cutting)**
  - Develop a Youth Crime Prevention Strategy
- **COVID-19 – impacts and knock-on effects (cross-cutting)**
  - Influence/co-ordinate an appropriate system response aligned to the wider work on recovery