

Key points discussed
Safer Oxfordshire Partnership (SOP) Co-ordination Group
13th September 2017

Police and Crime Commissioner(PCC) Up-date

Eddie Fitzpatrick updated the Group on the redesign of Victims First Hub which is due to launch on 1st April 2018 in Reading. The Hub will provide support to victims of crime and include advisers for legal issues, trauma and mental health awareness. The Hub will also be used as a hate crime reporting centre.

Eddie Fitzpatrick updated the Group on the top slice arrangements and the sign-off approval is due on 29th September 2017. Paul Riley informed the Group that the mid-year grant agreement report is due on 15th October.

Friends against Scams

Jody Kerman informed the Group of the 'Friends against Scams' Initiative. Friends Against Scams is a National Trading Standards Scams Team initiative which aims to protect and prevent people from becoming victims of scams by empowering communities to... 'Take a Stand Against Scams.' Friends Against Scams is designed to inspire action, highlight the scale of the problem, change the perceptions of why people fall for scams and make scams a community, regional and national topic.

By attending a Friends Against Scams awareness session or completing the online learning, anyone can learn about the different types of scams and how to spot and support a victim. With increased knowledge and awareness, people can make scams part of everyday conversation with their family, friends and neighbours, which will enable them to protect themselves and others.

SCAMchampions are Friends Against Scams who want to do more. SCAMchampions host awareness sessions to recruit Friends and drive Friends Against Scams forward in their communities or workplace. SCAMchampions attend an additional session to give them a fuller understanding of the laws surrounding scams and some presentation tips.

The Friends Against Scams website provides further information on the initiative, including dates of planned events, online learning and resources for Friends and SCAMchampions:
<https://www.friendsagainstscams.org.uk/article.php?xArt=124>

Draft Confidence Assessment Framework

Richard Webb introduced the Community Safety Confidence Framework which will assist the Group to provide a clear, shared account of how we are responding to the more serious, county-wide community safety risks. It is essentially a self-assessment framework. The Group agreed that the framework can be used to evaluate effectiveness of strategies on modern slavery in Oxfordshire.

Richard proposed that the framework can be used to gain a clear picture of what's happening in Oxfordshire, determine if our prevention work is appropriate and reviewing the governance structure.

Thames Valley Cybercrime Strategy

The strategy states that 80% of cybercrime is preventable through simple messages such as use of passwords and virus software. The strategy is predominantly a communication strategy.

It was suggested that CSPs can help to spread the word and use Communication Teams and Voluntary Agencies to help with messaging.

Prevent Update and Peer Review Report. Quarterly CTLP Update

The Peer Review Report was presented by Carys Alty and is was generally positive, with Oxfordshire having a strong appetite for Prevent and good structures in place. A sub-group has been set up to deliver the peer review action plan.

Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) Update

Dr. Clare Robertson updated the Group on the report on Multi-agency work related to Female Genital Mutilation 2016-17. The next steps following the report are to promote FGM champions, maintaining champions, standard agenda items in partnership meetings, more information out to schools, keeping professionals competent in FGM and supporting wider communities.

Dr CR feels that Oxfordshire work on FGM sits well nationally and we are the only clinic between London and the North.