



COMMUNITY PLANNING WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE

Management Board Meeting

Development and Improvement Groups (DIGs): Highlights and Issues Report

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Name of DIG

Safe DIG

Date of report

31/01/2024

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1 Highlights of activity and progress since last meeting.

Due to the changes within Police Scotland, Supt Jon Harris has replaced Supt Gibson in the Partnership and Preventions Role. He has also assumed chair of this DIG.

Due to the change in Chair and the festive period there has yet to be a meeting of the SafeDIG. A date for meeting has been set for 6/3/2024.

The SafeDIG will then agree on whom is taking forward each part of the Action Plan and the appropriate measures for judging success.

We fully supported the VAWG 16 days of action campaign raising awareness of the issues faced and encouraging reporting of same. We promoted positive messages from male role models from SFRS and Dumbarton FC. Youth Engagement Officers are delivering inputs at Community Hubs addressing internet safety. Inputs were targeted more towards parents looking at their responsibilities and what securities can be put in place to best protect the children.

A multi-agency project has commenced involving NSPCC and Y Sort-IT where NSPCC will deliver inputs to youth groups specifically targeting online sexualised conduct, misogyny, and the dangers of inappropriate online conduct. Inputs will include how to be safe, how to report inappropriate content or conduct, encourage users to speak to someone if they are encountering issues online of any form and to better understand what acceptable behaviour is. The inputs will address how the effects of online abuse or pressure can manifest in an individual.

The Police Preventions & Partnerships Unit are currently arranging a series of road safety events taking place across West Dunbartonshire. The events will include input and advice from Police Scotland and SFRS and also the opportunity for drivers to take a drive with a member of the Institute of Advanced Motorists (IAM) sitting alongside who will provide the driver with advice and guidance relating to the driver's driving standards. It is part of the 'I Am Road Smart' campaign which has proved very effective across the country.

In preparation for bonfire weekend, Police officers worked closely with colleagues from Scottish Fire & Rescue Service and West Dunbartonshire Council ASB and Housing teams and Trading Standards to promote safety and prevention. Youth Engagement Officers carried out joint inputs in local schools, and Community Policing Teams visited premises selling fireworks to ensure they are complying with strict guidelines. We worked with our Green Space colleagues at West Dunbartonshire Council and our communities responding to information about possible stockpiles of rubbish or wood being gathered which could be used to create unsafe fires so that it be removed.

2 Outline of any issues/risks and how these are being managed.

The appointment of a new Chair and the intervening festive period has broken the cycle of meetings and minimises the quality of update. The new Chair will seek to restore the sequence of meeting by adjusting the meeting schedule of the SafeDIG to rectify this.

3 Outline of the main outputs expected before next meeting.

At least two meetings of the SafeDIG.
Agreement of Action Plan and responsible partners.

4 What are your requirements of partners in the Community Planning Management Board?

All partners to consider which “milestone” from the Action Plan sits best with which partner and to update the group.

5 Please outline any good news story you wish to share

The Action Plan is looking positive and includes the issue relevant to the Safe DIG. All members have had an input and continue to do so. At each SafeDIG good news stories will be collated.