



## COMMUNITY PLANNING WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE

**Report by Chief Inspector Coleen Wylie,  
Safe Delivery and Improvement Group Chair**

**Management Group: 3 February 2022**

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**Subject: Safe Delivery and Improvement Group – progress update – January 2022**

### **1. Purpose**

- 1.1** The purpose of this report is to update the members on the progress of local outcomes within the Local Outcome Improvement Plan 2017-2027 being delivered by the Safe Delivery and Improvement Group (DIG).

### **2. Recommendations**

- 2.1** Community Planning West Dunbartonshire are asked to note the contents of this report.

### **3. Key Discussions**

- 3.1** The October meeting of the Safe DIG was cancelled due to operational matters requiring immediate focus.
- 3.2** In order to retain momentum, the Safe DIG was rescheduled for December 2021 where the Safe DIG Strategy and Delivery Plan was endorsed with only minor amendments.
- 3.4 Online Child Sexual Exploitation/Abuse**  
This has been included in the Safe DIG Strategy and Delivery Plan owing to the increase in this risk since the start of the pandemic. On Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2021, Argyll and West Dunbartonshire Policing Division hosted an evening online event to raise awareness of the opportunities and risks that comes with increasing online use by young people.

A total of 42 people attended the event in varying capacities from parents, carers, other guardians and professionals from across both West Dunbartonshire and Argyll & Bute, intended to be more accessible for parents and carers, and increase awareness of online safety particularly with Christmas often bringing new mobile devices for many young people.

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The virtual session was opened by Area Commander for West Dunbartonshire, Chief Inspector Coleen Wylie. PC Jules Wreford, local Youth Engagement Officer delivered a presentation that highlighted the opportunities now available through the internet and passed on some useful facts. Key messages were passed during the event to help parents and carers help protect our younger people.

The event was supported by West Dunbartonshire Education who kindly passed out awareness of the event as well as an accompanying Online Safety Guide to all parents of school age young people through their own communication methods.

### **3.5 Fraud**

Frauds continue to increase using differing methods to target victims.

Following an increase in phone scams being reported throughout West Dunbartonshire, Police Scotland and West Dunbartonshire Community Volunteering Services (WDCVS) have launched the roll out of free call blocking devices.

This work is supported with funding from the Life Changes Trust. The Trust is funded by The National Lottery Community Fund.

The trueCall call blocking units will be installed by Lomond and Clyde Care and Repair. We are looking to supply these to people who are most vulnerable of falling victim to these scams, particularly if you live alone or suffer from a disability or mental impairment such as dementia.

### **3.6 Anti-social behaviour/Violence**

“Safe Summer” partnership meetings will re-commence in February 2022, allowing for necessary discussion and planning of joint activities to address objectives agreed in revised Action plan. Planning will consider learning from notable instances of ASB, violence and disorder in specific areas across the area during periods of good weather in 2021, and involve wider range of partners and stakeholders including local community.

## **4. Additional Matters – Partnership Approach to Water Safety (PAWS)**

- 4.1** The PAWS group continues to be active, with good representation from key partners/stakeholders, completing review/debrief following any notable water related incidents/safety concerns and identifying areas for improvement/awareness raising. Chair of group will change over coming months, however discussion has already taken place ensuring smooth handover. As referenced above, planning meetings will be arranged in coming months ensuring necessary communications, awareness and safety measures are in place before spring/summer periods.

## **5. People Implications**

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**5.1** No, all activity is delivered through the existing teams of the Community Planning partners.

### **6. Financial Implications**

**6.1** There are no direct financial or procurement implications from the updates detailed in this report.

### **7. Risk Analysis**

**7.1** The responsibilities contained within the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 and the Community Justice (Scotland) Act 2016 are fundamental to planning and delivery of better services. The partners' commitment to the Safe DIG is an acknowledgement that the importance of this work is recognised.

### **8. Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA)**

**8.1** Whilst an EIA is not required for the focus of the Safe DIG, for each of the new outcomes agreed by the Safe DIG Partnership, these will be checked against the aspects of Equality, Wellbeing, Sustainability and Empowerment.

### **9. Consultation**

**9.1** This is an update on areas of work relating to the current work of the Safe DIG. Consultation is carried out relevant to each project and initiative, as appropriate by the action lead/partner agency.

### **10. Strategic Assessment**

**10.1** This report confirms that the SPWD continues to deliver against the outcomes set in the Local Outcome Improvement Plan. However the impact on resources and operational capacity as a result of Covid 19 cannot be underestimated and there will be challenges in some delivery.

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**Appendices:** **Safe DIG Strategy and Delivery Plan DRAFT**

**Background Papers:** **None**

**Wards Affected:** **ALL**