

Agenda Item No: 17



Reporting Back on Meetings of Outside Bodies

Lewes District Joint Action Group

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Lewes District Joint Action Group (JAG) is an operational group which has the responsibility of delivering the priorities of the Eastbourne and Lewes District Community Safety Partnership.

Priorities are set by a joint strategy group and both Eastbourne and Lewes district have their own JAGs.

Progress Against Priorities

Anti-Social Behaviour:

- Work to address crime and ASB at Meridian Centre, Peacehaven continues with action being taken to ensure that the centre management are fulfilling their licensing requirements.
- A multi-agency group to deal with high risk cases of ASB has been set-up in Lewes district. Cases reported to the police or brought by others (e.g. LDC housing) are heard at the meeting.
- An analysis of crime and ASB in Lewes district has been commissioned. The analysis will work to identify 'hot-spots' of ASB across the district which can then be problem-solved by the JAG.

Road Safety:

- A number of town and parish councils across Lewes district have been equipped and trained in running a Community Speedwatch scheme. The

information gathered by these groups is then fed to the police who will take action against persistent offenders.

- Road safety signs are also being placed in key spots across the district. The signs aim to reduce speeding by using behavioural insights.

Emerging Threats and Priorities:

- County Lines has been identified as an emerging threat and priority for the JAG. County Lines is where urban crime gangs supply drugs to market and coastal towns – often using dedicated phone lines.
- Gangs use violence, threats and other forms of exploit to coerce individuals in allowing them to deal from their properties or on their behalf.
- A safeguarding process has been established for victims and focus is now on prevention.

Support Victims and Perpetrators:

- JAG has funded the Tell Me scheme which will begin engaging with parishes across Lewes district to raise awareness of domestic abuse and the services available to victims.
- A domestic abuse conference is also planned for later in 2018. The conference will bring practitioners in Lewes district together to share good practice.