

# REPORT FOR THE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

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## UPDATE ON THE INTRODUCTION OF THE NEW COMMUNITY TRIGGER AS LEGISLATED UNDER THE ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR, CRIME AND POLICE ACT 2014

### 1. Report Objectives

The objective of this report is to provide an update on the introduction of the Community Trigger within the South Yorkshire Partnership.

### 2. Introduction

2.1 The ASB, Crime and Policing Act 2014 (the Act) became law on the 20<sup>th</sup> October 2014. One of the pillars of this new Act was the introduction of the Community Trigger (CT).

2.2 The Act describes the CT as:

*'.....giving victims of Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) and communities the right to request a review of their case and brings together agencies in order to take a joined up, problem-solving approach to finding a solution.'*

2.3 In anticipation of the Act and specifically the CT, as force lead for ASB, Supt McFarlane, managed a countywide approach including lead officers from Local Police Units and all four Local Authorities. This resulted in a single agreement on the number of ASB incidents that would qualify a CT and agreement on a single 'process map' for onward management of the CT. (The process map and policy can be found on the force ASB website)

2.4 A CT Panel will consider any CT activated. This panel consists of representatives from the Community Safety Partnerships, their role is to review the case and develop an action if required.

2.5 At its introduction the CT process was subject to both a national and local media launch. Internal and external media campaigns were conducted within South Yorkshire Police. All four local authorities and SYP media departments coordinated on an external media campaign with the CT processes featuring on each organisations web pages.

2.6 The Local Authority CT leads managed the internal media and marketing of CTs within each Local Authority and to elected members.

### **3**      **Impact**

#### **3.1**      **Volumes**

3.1.1      To date, across the partnership, there have been 44 CT activations.

3.1.2      The figures break down to:

Rotherham: 12  
Doncaster: 5  
Barnsley: 11  
Sheffield: 16

3.1.3      **Rotherham:** Twelve requests to activate the CT have been made in the last year. However, only four met the threshold, went to the CT and were subject to a partnership action plans.

3.1.4      **Doncaster:** Of the five CT activated to date, one was resolved outside the CT panel process. One was deemed not to have met the CT threshold with three progressing to the CT panel. Two of those went to the panel were deemed to have been dealt with correctly, but other actions were agreed by the partnership.

3.1.5      **Barnsley:** Eight CT have been requested, with all reaching the CT threshold. One was withdrawn on request prior to the CT panel with the other seven being subject to multi agency actions plans.

3.1.6      **Sheffield:** To date sixteen CT activations have been made and one appeal. The CT panel reviewed all and actions were agreed by the partnership for onward support to the victim.

#### **3.2**      **Financial**

3.2.1      The process put in place to manage the CT was zero cost in terms of staffing.

#### **3.3**      **Resources**

3.3.1      The process for managing CTs has been catered for within existing resource levels and no additional bids for resources or funding are currently being considered.

### **4**      **Key Points**

- The initial concerns regarding the potential for high numbers of CT has not been realised.
- An external marketing campaign was conducted at the CT introduction that included media and website articles on all Local Authority and SYP web sites.

- Local Authority leads managed the internal market and promotion within their own organisations and briefings to elected members.
- The number of CTs activated is relatively low.
- This CT process is corporate across South Yorkshire.
- The introduction of this countywide CT process has been achieved at zero cost.

## **5. Recommendations**

- 5.1 Panel members are recommended to note the content of the report and to comment upon any issues arising.

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