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 Essex County Fire & Rescue Service



Meeting	Essex Fire and Rescue Performance & Resources Board	Agenda Item	
Meeting Date	29 th January 2018	Report Number	
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Subject	Safeguarding Update - December		
Type of Report:	Information		

RECOMMENDATIONS

Members of the board are asked to note the following contents of the report for information.

BACKGROUND

Safeguarding updates are submitted to the Essex Fire and Rescue Performance & Resources Board on a monthly basis.

OPTIONS AND ANALYSIS

Adult Safeguarding referrals December 2017

Crews North West	1
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Crews South West	2
Crews South East	6
HFS Technicians	6
Community Builders	4
Internal referrals	1

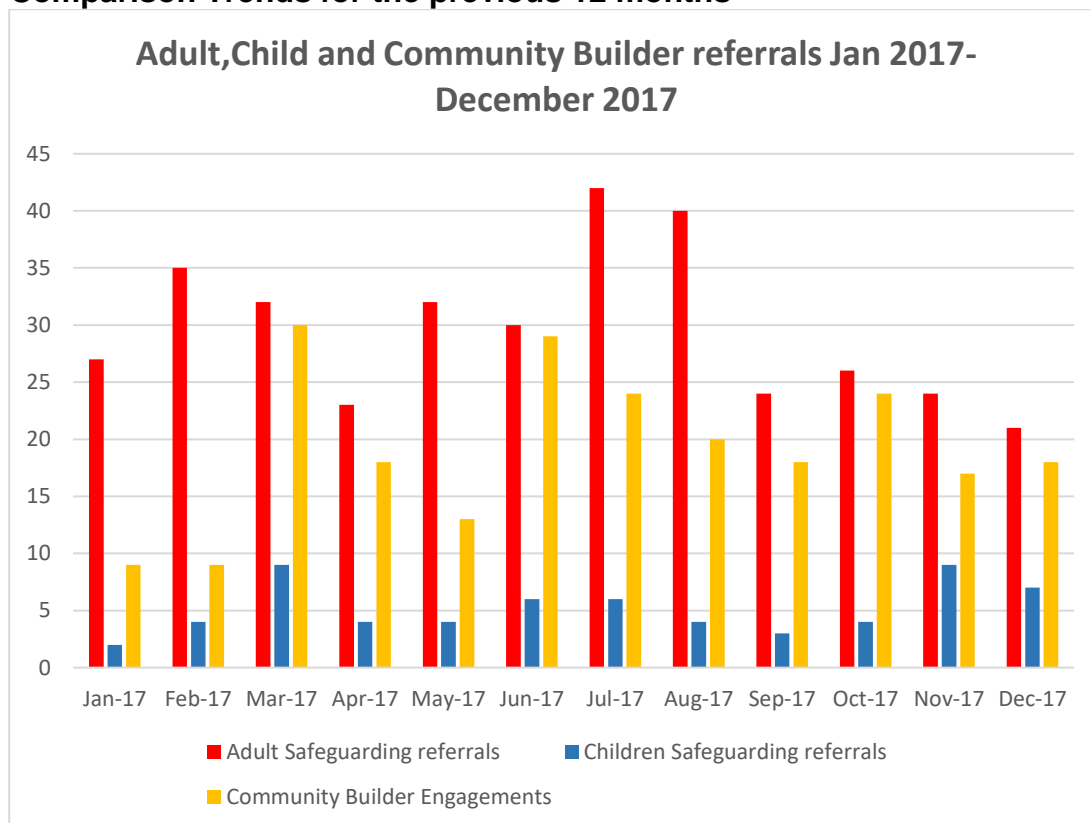
Children's Safeguarding referrals December 2017

Education Officers	2
Crews South East Command	2
Community Builder	3

Community Builder Engagements December 2017

North East	4
North West	6
South East	7
South West	1

Comparison Trends for the previous 12 months



Total number of outstanding referrals

The current number of outstanding referrals being case managed currently stands at 116. Essex Safeguarding Board have been contacted to see if they can reduce the amount of time and numerous requests we have to make before an update is received.

Any trends/ areas attracting most referrals

The majority of referrals are regarding concerns for older people and their welfare, including hoarding.

Update on resources:

Community Builders:

Luis De Goni Parks commenced employment as a Community Builder on the 11th December 2017 covering the vacancy in the South West. He has made good progress within the communities in his area and has already made good contacts and working with community agents.

Two Rural Community Builders commenced employment on the 4th December as part of the Collaboration pilot. They have attended several events and completed essential

induction sessions. Engagements have been attended in the rural areas and they are currently looking at getting involved in the Surround the Town pilot in Thaxted.

Community Builders Christmas appeal.

The appeal helped to provide lots of festive goodies for those in need but also was a great community action project involving both station crews, from Colchester and Clacton, community agents and volunteers where the needs of our more vulnerable were addressed to see where support can be gained and giving them an amazing and safer Christmas.

Community Builders in the North east are currently running their annual Winter Warmer event.

The annual winter warmer event will be held at Dovercourt from 8th January to 12th January and Brooklyn Gardens Jaywick 15th to 16th January. The Winter Warmer is a pop-up shop offering donated good quality, winter clothing, bedding, shoes, boots, towels and crockery all free of charge. People attending are also given safety advice and any concerns can be followed up appropriately.

BENEFITS AND RISK IMPLICATIONS

The Data Protection Audit highlighted urgent action around the seating for the Community Development and Safeguarding Team.

There are currently confidentiality concerns around the progression of safeguarding matters with the current location of the team.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications associated with this paper.

EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

There are no equality and diversity implications associated with this paper.

WORKFORCE ENGAGEMENT

The Service is currently progressing a DBS policy with the representative bodies.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no legal implications associated with this paper.