

Operation Deagon - 12 Month Critical Review

General overview of the past 12 months of what has been achieved by Operation Deagon;

Scope;

1. Initially planned to deploy from Norseman through to Wiluna
2. Final area of deployment Kalgoorlie/Menzies/Leonora/Laverton/Mt Margaret/Cosmo Newberry/Mulga Queen

Survey;

1. Survey's sent out during deployment one and two

Observations;

1. Low referral rates to DCP from other agencies. Identified by Deagon during the operation after speaking and meeting regularly with stakeholders. Operation Deagon was unable to review DCP files and identify if any further investigations were needed or warranted as there were no old files on hand. (This was key strategy implemented with Op Reset in identifying children at risk and potential offenders)
2. Lack of overall inter-agency coordination in relation to child protection matters

Training;

1. Mandatory Reporting
2. Working with Children Screening Unit
3. Safe Clubs for Kids
4. Protective Behaviours WA x 2 – lectured to adults and children
5. Protective behaviours training via Op Deagon staff
6. Department of Sport & Recreation Sport Program -Basketball
7. Role plays – what to tell police

Inter-Agency Interactions;

1. Kalgoorlie DCP briefing/de-brief during each deployment
2. Kalgoorlie DO briefing/de-brief during each deployment
3. Kalgoorlie Detectives briefing/de-brief during each deployment
4. **Children at Risk Committee - Leonora**
 - a. Police – Op Deagon
 - b. Childfirst – Op Deagon
 - c. OIC Leonora Police
 - d. DCP – Leonora
 - e. DCP – Team Leader Northern corridor
 - f. Education – Principal Leonora High School
 - g. Community Health Nurse
 - h. Health - Leonora Hospital

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- i. Youth Justice Services
- j. Population Health

5. Children at Risk Committee - Laverton

- a. Police – Op Deagon
- b. Childfirst – Op Deagon
- c. OIC Laverton Police
- d. DCP – Laverton
- e. DCP – team Leader Northern Corridor
- f. Education – Principle Laverton Primary School
- g. Community Health Nurse
- h. Health – Laverton Hospital
- i. Youth Justice Services
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- 6. Women’s Group Leonora
- 7. Women’s Group Laverton
- 8. Leonora Shire – CEO
- 9. Laverton Shire – Community Capacity Development Officer
- 10. Leonora Youth Services Officer
- 11. Department of Sport and Recreation Kalgoorlie
- 12. Goldfields/Esperance Development Corporation
- 13. Population Health – STI/HIV screening
- 14. Centrecare Kalgoorlie
- 15. Laverton Leonora Cross Cultural Association
- 16. Midwest Employment & Economic Development Aboriginal Corporation (MEEDAC)
- 17. SERCO – Leonora APOD
- 18. Goldfields Indigenous Housing Organisation Inc (GIHO)
- 19. Department of Indigenous Affairs – DIA
- 20. Community Recreation Centre – Leonora
- 21. Kalgoorlie Hospital
- 22. PMH CPU
- 23. ANCOR management and assistance

Partnerships/Projects

- 1. Care Pack Project – Foodbank WA/Minara Resources/GEDC
- 2. Local DCP – Kalgoorlie, Leonora, Laverton
- 3. Constable Care Road show
- 4. Kalgoorlie Miner Newspaper
- 5. Channel 10 – News story on Op Deagon during Child Protection Week
- 6. The Australian Newspaper
- 7. ABC Local radio interviews
- 8. Presentation to clients Leonora APOD

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9. Attend Leonora High School for class/staff interaction each deployment
10. Sturt Pea Newspaper Laverton
11. Multicultural Day Laverton
12. Creation of General Incidents Reports for both Leonora/Laverton Police re negative children interaction with Police. This information is now shared with DCP on a weekly basis.
13. Obtained funding for playgroup equipment for both Leonora and Laverton playgroups - \$1400 each.

Schools

1. Leonora High School
2. Mt Margaret School
3. Laverton Primary School
4. Mulga Queen Remote Community School
5. Cosmo Newberry Remote Community School
6. Menzies Community School
7. East Kalgoorlie Primary School
8. South Kalgoorlie Primary School

Community Events;

1. Blue Light Disco - Leonora
2. Big Shame Movie presentation in partnership with PBWA
3. Children's Movie Night – in partnership with Laverton Police and Laverton Shire
4. Regular events at schools involving BBQ's/interaction

Criminal Investigations;

Total Children Assessed (CAI)	=	49
Total Children SCI	=	10
Total arrests	=	4
Total charges	=	5

Future Intentions/Projects of Operation Deagon

1. Deployment into the Lands – Warburton/Warakuna
2. Further Protective Behaviours training via PBWA
3. Continuance of CAR Committees

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4. Blue Light Disco's
5. Sex Law Poster project – similar to that rolled out by Op LEEDS
6. Choose For You project with Foodbank WA
7. Wildcats Project

Challenges Facing Op Deagon 2012

1. Strategies/ideas to increase community involvement. Deagon is achieving results in relation to inter-agency development/engagement and interacting/gaining the trust of the local children. **The challenge is to develop strategies to create a sense of ownership at a community level.**
2. From the outset Op Deagon has worked hard to form strong women's groups in both Leonora and Laverton. We have had success with the Leonora Women's group however the Laverton group has struggled to be formed and lacked local motivation to develop the group.
3. Development of a workable and realistic handover model for the Goldfields/Esperance District.
4. Training deployment to the Lands.
5. Sustaining a greater working relationship between Police/DCP/Health/Education as the four key agencies in relation to child protection issues in the Goldfields/Esperance District.

Information as at 30/12/2011 – Det Sgt Graeme Barry 8013 Op Deagon

Points raised during review meeting 9am Friday 30/12/2011;

1. **To host the Big Shame movie to children yr 6 and above at schools to encourage discussion**
2. **Reviewing and maintaining the STI screening under the Health Check umbrella**
3. **Conduct a meeting with head of DCP/Police/Education/Health to discuss the possible model for the Op Deagon handover.**
4. **Make contact with Derek COLLINS – Kids Help Line and engage his services**