

Safer Stockton Partnership

A meeting of Safer Stockton Partnership was held on Tuesday, 15 October, 2019.

Present: Cllr Steve Nelson (Chair), Cllr Ann McCoy (SBC - Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care), Marc Stephenson, Craig Willows, Dawn Tyreman, Dale Metcalf, Arron Bendelow (SBC – Community Services), Kelly Smith (SBC – Engagement Team), Marc Anderson, Ami Campbell (Cleveland Police), Daryl Lane (Cleveland Fire Service), Gary Knight (SBC – Housing Services), Tanya Evans (SBC - YOT), Angela Corner (Thirteen Group), Steve Rose (Catalyst), Sarah Wilson (PCC), Chris Dyer (HMP Holme House Prison), Jo Hodgkinson (Safe in Tees Valley).

Officers: Peter Bell (SBC – Democratic Services).

Also in attendance: None.

Apologies: Martin Gray, Dave Willingham, Miriam Sigsworth, Jamie McCann and Cllr Andrew Stephenson.

1 Introductions / Apologies

Introductions and apologies for absence were given.

2 Declarations of Interest

There were no interests declared.

3 Minutes

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting held on 10 September 2019.

AGREED that the minutes be approved.

4 Matters Arising

ECINS

The Partnership was informed that Adult Social Care had signed up to ECINS for use in safeguarding situations. Further work was still taking place with regard to Health and safeguarding teams. Cleveland Police gave an update on how they were using ECINS.

AGREED that the item remain on the SSP agenda for future meetings.

5 Cleveland Police Information Sharing Update

The Partnership received an update on the information sharing that was taking place between the Partnership agencies and Cleveland Police. The Partnership agencies were thanked for the information that they shared with Cleveland Police although there was some confusion about when to use an information sharing form, 101 service and when to use the 999 number.

If the issue was a safeguarding issue and required a Police Officer to attend it was requested that a call go through the Control Room.

The new partnership intelligence sharing form would be circulated to all Members. Names, DOB and addresses were key to share on the form. Following the submission of the form the information could then potentially be shared on ECINS.

AGREED that the update be noted.

6 Seasonal Disorder – Operation Trojan/Autumnus

With regard to Operation Trojan/Autumnus the Partnership received updates from the following:-

- Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council:-
 - Introduction – Seasonal Demand
 - Analysis of Incidents
 - Ward Data
 - Response

- Cleveland Fire Brigade:-
 - Bonfire Removal
 - Leafleting / Posters
 - Use of Social Media
 - Targeting Schools
 - Wheelie Bin ownership
 - Fix My Street App
 - Adverts in the local press

- Cleveland Police:-
 - Youth Outreach Supervisors
 - Diversionary Tactics
 - Voluntary Sector Input
 - Prevention Methods
 - Additional Staff / Rest Day Cancellation
 - Trading Standards work

- Thirteen Group:-
 - Estate Clean Ups
 - Diversionary work

The Chair felt that there was a lot of good planning and Partnership work on-going and Stockton was well prepared to deal with any issues. The Partnership would receive the figures for the period in the future.

AGREED that the update be noted.

7 Presentation -"Knife Crime: Head of Community Safety Bright Minds Big Future"

The Partnership were informed that this item would be deferred to a future meeting.

8 Recorded Crime and Disorder

Members were presented with a report on recorded crime and disorder.

The report provided an overview on recorded crime and anti-social behaviour incidents in the borough of Stockton for the time period April 2019 to the end of August 2019.

The bulk of the statistics utilised for the report had been obtained from Cleveland Police crime statistic database with the figures correct at the time of writing (03.07.19). The data was extracted from 'live' systems and therefore remained the subject of on-going operational activity, audit and scrutiny, and therefore may result in slight amendments to some of the statistical information in future publications.

Crime details for Darlington, who form part of the Tees Valley area, were not available at the time of writing.

The report would be not provide any detailed analysis unless there were any significant changes to patterns or trends.

A comparison against other similar Community Safety Partnerships utilising iQuanta was noted within a separate report. This report was a restricted document due to the statistical information only made available as an intelligence tool until released by the Home Office.

Members discussed the issue of the misuse of motorbikes. In response a brief update was given on Operation Kickstart. Members felt that the Partnership should receive a full update on Operation Kickstart at a future meeting of the Partnership.

Members also discussed the issue of Domestic Abuse and it was agreed that Cleveland Police would look at the figures and report to a future meeting of the Partnership. It was also noted that this issue was on the Partnership Forward Plan for 2020.

The issue of the shoplifting figures was also discussed and that there could be some fluctuation of the figures due to the fact that Cleveland Police would now attend shoplifting incidents.

It was noted that Thirteen would add a paragraph to each report of their statistics.

AGREED that the report be noted.

9 YOT Performance Summary

Members considered the YOT Performance Summary.

So far in 2019/20, there had been outcomes for 100 offences committed by 47

10-17 year olds; 2.1 offences per child. It was therefore projected that there would be around 400 offences for the whole year by approx. 188 children.

This projection represented a decrease on previous years: 550 offences in 2018/19 by 212 10-17 year olds; 758 offences in 2016/17 by 290 children, and 695 offences in 2015/16 by 337 children. Thus, the data, to date, suggests that youth crime and the numbers of children involved is continuing to fall locally.

The majority of offences were Violence Against the Person (34%), Criminal Damage (15%) and Public Order (15%). This had been the general trend for several years, although in this Quarter Violence offences had seen a slightly higher proportional rise against last year. In the year to date, there had been no Arson, Breaches of Bail, Fraud, Non-Domestic Burglaries or Sexual Offences by children.

Of the 47 children committing an offence, so far, in 2019/20, 40 were male and 7 female (85% and 15%). 11% of offences were committed by BME children and those with an Unknown Category (the latter tending to be those receiving a community resolution where ethnicity isn't recorded).

Local FTE performance was strong. Although the numbers and rates of FTEs had been rising since Jul 17 - Jun 18 they had still been lower than the majority of the benchmarks, however Apr 18 – Mar 19 was the first time since Jul 16 – Jul 17 we have been higher than the England and Wales rate of FTE's

Local tracking of FTE's showed that Stockton have had 10 in Q1 in 2019/20, compared to 14 in the same period in the previous year. The YOT would monitor this to see if this was reflected in the national data. Forecasting for the year would suggest that there would be 40 FTE's.

In Stockton, there were higher levels of reoffenders amongst the overall cohort, although this was decreasing. A probable explanation for this was the introduction of triage and other out of court disposals in 2013 which significantly increased the numbers of children diverted away from the youth justice system, meaning that those children who couldn't be diverted and were therefore left 'in the system' were those most likely to reoffend. It was also worth noting that although Stockton's figures were higher than others they were continuing to reduce.

When exploring the reoffending rate, which was the reoffences per reoffender, the local picture was also positive. Even though Stockton had a higher proportion of reoffenders, the number of reoffences being committed by them was lower than all the other comparators.

Custody rates in Stockton had remained higher than in all regions historically, however the rates had reduced below all the other rates for the period Jul 18 – Jun 19.

A lot of activity had been placed upon reducing custodial rates in Stockton, and as was evidenced, there looked to be successes from these activities.

Members discussed Youth Zone and that this was s a really good example of Partnership working.

AGREED that the report be noted.

10 Community Safety Action Plan Q1

Members were presented with an update on Community Safety Action Plan Q1.

The following areas were highlighted to the partnership:-

- Reduce Re-Offending by the Most Prolific Offenders
- Protecting Vulnerable People and Communities
- Reduce Crime Linked to Alcohol and Drug Misuse
- Community Safety and Protection

The Partnership noted that further work would take place with regard to Sex Workers that would include some short and long term objectives.

AGREED that the update on Community Safety Action Plan Q1 be noted.

11 Community Safety Partnership Comparative Data – iQuanta - RESTRICTED

Members were presented with a restricted report that provided an overview on crime comparisons against other similar CSPs utilising iQuanta.

This report was a restricted document due to the statistical information only made available as an intelligence tool for partnerships until released by the Home Office.

AGREED that the report be noted.

12 Brexit – Partnership Briefing - RESTRICTED

The Partnership received a restricted briefing on Brexit.

AGREED that the briefing be received.

13 Any Other Business

The Partnership was updated with regard to the Community Safety Plan and the upcoming consultation exercise.

14 Reports Back

There were no reports back.

15 Date and time of next meeting: Tuesday, 26 November 2019

AGREED that the date of the next meeting be noted.