

Safer Stockton Partnership

A meeting of Safer Stockton Partnership was held on Wednesday, 11 January 2022.

Present: Cllr Steve Nelson (Chair), Cllr Ann McCoy (Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care), Marc Stephenson (SBC – Community Services), Dave Willingham (SBC – Children’s Services), Chris Smiles (Cleveland Police), Gary Knight (SBC – Housing Services), Cllr Paul Kirton (CFA), David Barkley (CFB), Sarah Wilson (OPCC), Dave Willingham (SBC), Jon Carling (Catalyst), Sarah McManus (A Way Out), Sarah Bowman-Abouna (Public Health), Calum Titley (Children’s Services), Angela Corner (Thirteen), Kim Peirson (Information and Intelligence)

Officers: Peter Bell (SBC – Democratic Services).

Also in attendance: Chris Williams (CJW Consulting).

Apologies: Alex Sinclair and Sean Ormerod.

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 27 October 2021.

AGREED that the minutes be approved.

4 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

5 Stockton-on-Tees Community Safety Plan

The Partnership received a restricted presentation from Chris Williamson (CJW Consulting) on the draft Stockton-on-Tees Community Safety Plan.

The presentation covered the following key areas:-

- Introductions and explanation of the process
- Statutory obligations
- What do we know about crime and disorder in Stockton-on-Tees?
- Choosing priorities
- Agreeing a way ahead

The Partnership was given the opportunity to ask questions and make comments on the presentation and these can be summarised as follows:-

- Very useful presentation and pleased that sexual exploitation was

included under vulnerability. Regarding breakdown of percentages around resident feedback it would be useful for that to be broken down in demographics and what it looks like between males and females. More should be included around the pandemic and violence against women and girls. Sexual offences should be split from violent crime as this maybe masking have had more of an increase. To be able to monitor sexual exploitation the Partnership will need to see some data to see if an impact was being made. There should be some links with private landlords regarding cuckooing. Regarding re-offending, there is a female offender's strategy across the whole of Cleveland looking recognising that pathways into crime for females are different and this should maybe separated out in the Plan also.

- The Chair outlined that many of the of the above points and questions will form part of the action plan that will form and support the strategy so that every key partner will have actions that feed into delivering the strategy.
- There are some good points in the strategy around enforcement and serious violence. It also has good work around prevention for drugs and alcohol. There could possibly more in the strategy around victim support and community resilience.
- Following this meeting any amendments/additions to the plan will be made and then an action plan will follow.
- It was noted that there was a large amount of work already on-going around community resilience, prevention and early help in other plans such as the health and wellbeing strategy and domestic abuse strategy. It was important that links were made between the strategies.
- It was noted by the Partnership that there was a huge range of outstanding innovation work on-going in Stockton-on-Tees collectively. This plan would draw all that work in to six desired outcomes. The strategic document and action plan will essential be 80% of the work that is already on-going across the Borough. There will also be some new elements and more accountability.
- There was overall agreement that the strategy be approved and the action plan would be presented to the next meeting of the partnership.
- If any partnership member had any further comments they should be emailed to Marc Stephenson by the end of the week.

AGREED that:-

1. The discussion be noted.
2. The comments made from the Partnership be noted.

7 Recorded Crime and Disorder Report

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

The report provided an overview on recorded crime, anti-social behaviour incidents, domestic abuse and hate crime in the Borough of Stockton-on-Tees for the 12-month period of December 2020 to the end of November 2021.

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 data extraction (19/10/2021). 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.

The report would 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.

Any reference to Population rates per 1,000 had been used in conjunction with the ONS UK Mid-year population estimates for 2020.

The Partnership was given the opportunity to ask questions and make comments on the report and these could be summarised as follows:-

- It was noted that as lockdown had ended it was expected that there maybe an increase in certain figures that were reported.
- The proactive work around hate crime was highlighted to the partnership. Chris Smiles would email Jon Carling with further information around hate crime.
- It was agreed that for future meetings the report/data separates out domestic abuse from domestic crime.
- Regarding the reporting of sexual offences, it was felt that the figures should be broken down into male and female so the partnership could see who the victims were and how they have been negatively impacted. As there had been an increase in sexual violence a question was asked around how the data was being used and how partners were working in collaboration to tackle the issue. In response it was noted that there was a Cleveland police response to the issue including violence against women and girl's movement, the serious violence reduction unit and the work of the PVP. These issues would be picked up as part of the action plan for the community safety plan.

AGREED that the report be noted.

9 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.

10 Any Other Business

There wasn't any other business.

11 Date and time of next meeting:

16 February 2022.