



Police & Crime Commissioner for Cleveland Cleveland Community Safety Hub

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Report of the Police and Crime Commissioner to the Chair and Members of the Police and Crime Panel

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Commissioners Update

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide Members of the Cleveland Police and Crime Panel (PCP) with an update on progress since the meeting in February.

2. Police and Crime Plan

- 2.1 The Police and Crime Plan was approved by members at the February meeting. The final version of the plan is enclosed and copies will be brought to the meeting.
- 2.2 The plan provides a strategic document for the PCC to deliver with Cleveland Police and partners, progress reporting will be progressed to future meetings with the panel.

3. Chief Constable Appointment

- 3.1 The Police and Crime Panel Confirmation Hearing took place on 9th April and as a result Richard Lewis was confirmed as the new Chief Constable for Cleveland Police.
- 3.2 The Chief is currently undertaking his assessment of the Force with the aim of confirming priorities for operational policing and organisational development.

- 3.3 Whilst the specifics of this assessment are in progress from initial discussions the following has been identified:
- Neighbourhood Policing is fundamental to Cleveland Police in being able to understand and respond to the needs of our communities
 - Support and protection to victims and the vulnerable will be a priority
 - The on-going development, values and wellbeing of officers and staff are crucial in supporting our communities
- 3.4 In conjunction with the Chief's appointment the PCC scrutiny process is developing to provide more in-depth insight into how the promises in the Police and Crime Plan are being delivered and assured.
- 3.5 Further information will be presented from the Chief Constable to the PCC during July to identify development plans for the future and commence the changes in scrutiny starting with the theme of 'A Better Deal For Victims'.

4. Cleveland Community Safety Hub Awards

- 4.1 The Cleveland Community Safety Hub project has been successfully shortlisted for three awards achieving two of these as follows:
- Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors regional ward for Design Through Innovation presented on 26th April. The project will now progress to the national awards in October 2019
 - Construction Excellence North East – Highly Commended award for Client of the Year presented on 14th June
 - Construction Excellence North East – shortlisted for Build Project of Year
- 4.2 The building has been in occupation for almost 12 months and continues to support operational policing requirements and partners. This was recently demonstrated by an emergency planning exercise with the nuclear power plant in Hartlepool.
- 4.3 Feedback from this event was positive in that the building provided flexibility, connectivity and simplicity in being able to support the requirements of all partners.

5. **Independent Custody Visitor Scheme**

- 5.1 As part of the Independent Custody Visiting Association (ICVA) Quality Assessment Framework a peer assessment was completed of the existing Independent Custody Scheme for Cleveland by the OPCC for South Wales.
- 5.2 As a result the scheme was successful in achieving a 'Silver' award presented by the Chief Executive of ICVA at the House of Lords on 15th May.
- 5.3 The scheme utilises volunteers to conduct unannounced visits to custody and provide feedback on the wellbeing of detainees.

6. **Cleveland Volunteer Police Cadet Programme**

- 6.1 Cleveland Volunteer Police Cadet programme is commissioned by the PCC to the charity Safer In Tees Valley with 120 young people aged 13-17yrs from diverse backgrounds across the 4 boroughs of Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Redcar and Stockton.
- 6.2 In the last 12 months each unit has been involved in workshops to help achieve the aims of the programme curriculum which covers seven areas of skills and development:
 - Citizenship and Volunteering
 - Life Skills
 - Health and Fitness
 - Outdoor Activities
 - Purpose of the Police
 - Crime Awareness
 - Community Safety
- 6.3 Each unit, over the course of the last year have invited guest speakers to present on current issues including counter terrorism, mental health, trans-aware, racism, CV building and interview skills
- 6.4 The programme further shares best practice and learning nationally with other schemes where after a recent national visit local policies and procedures were distributed as a guide to good practice.
- 6.5 The cadets take part in volunteering in the local community and are rewarded with V-inspired certificates for the number of hours worked such as V30, V50 and V100. These were awarded at the cadet celebration evening at Stockton Baptist Tabernacle on Saturday 16th March.

6.6 Charity and local events are a key part of the programme with support being provided (but not limited) to the following:

- Children of Chernobyl charity invited as part of a recuperative visit from Belarus to a day at Preston Park which included a visit to the museum and a boat trip along the river Tees;
- Round Table games for disabled
- Durham Cathedral service for road crash victims
- Ropner Park and Ward Jackson Christmas Fairs
- Thornaby Show
- Race for Life
- Working alongside the Air training Corp the group completed a beach clean resulting in 44 bags being collected
- The cadet Coordinator Craig Green also held a race night at the Cleveland Golf Club, Redcar. This event was open to the Cadets staff and their families in aid of the programme which raised £920.00 for central funds.



6.7 Community work has been further recognised recently when a 16-year-old Police Cadet from Stockton won Cleveland Police's Rose Award for 'Benevolence' in recognition of her charity work. Nieve Rusby gave more than 400 Christmas gifts to children's special care units, women's refuges and local hospices. The teenager is a member of Stockton's Police Cadets and her selfless community work exemplifies cadet values.



6.8 The cadets are provided with opportunities to learn about community safety, history, problem solving as well as supporting police work.

Examples of these include:

- A visit to RAF Fylingdales to learn about how the RAF keep the UK skies safe
- All units attending an arrest night at Kirkleatham Police Station in which 4 teams of 8 cadets participated. This was further supported by volunteers predominantly from Safe in Tees Valley on a busy Saturday night
- A trip to Amsterdam from one of the units to visit a number of historical sites including the Ann Frank Museum. This was the first time that some cadets had travelled overseas.
- Unveiling of a memorial plaque in honour of PC Henderson with family members, the public and supported by the Police Memorial Trust, Cleveland Police, Special Constabulary and the International Police

Association. PC William Henderson died on 14 April 1893 when he was shot at close range by a man he was trying to disarm whilst trying to take into custody, he has been the topic of research and history for the cadets.

- Marching as part of the Remembrance Parade



7. Injectable Opioid Treatment Pilot

- 7.1 Members may be aware of recent media interest within the Injectable Opioid Treatment Pilot which has been successful in being provided with the Home Office license to progress the project.
- 7.2 Latest figures, published by the Ministry of Justice and Public Health England, show that Middlesbrough local authority area accounts for the highest rate of adult re-offending, opiate users and drug-related deaths in the country. Entrenched heroin dependency continues to be a key driver for acquisitive crime offending behaviour with a cohort of 'revolving door' offenders placing increased demand on the local Criminal Justice System.
- 7.3 Both nationally and locally, heroin addiction is commonly treated with oral methadone maintenance substitution, but about 5-10% of people addicted to heroin who remain in treatment fail to benefit and continue to inject street-bought heroin and continue in cycle of offending behaviour to fund their addiction.
- 7.4 Published evidence from the UK and other countries, shows that Heroin Assisted Treatment (HAT) is a clinically effective second line treatment for a small group of people who have repeatedly failed to respond either to methadone treatment or to residential rehabilitation. Currently, there are no HAT schemes operating in England and Wales.
- 7.5 Funded in partnership with South Tees Public Health, Cleveland Police, Foundations Medical Practice, Durham Tees Valley Community Rehabilitation Company and Tees and Wear Prisons Group. The PCC will introduce a 12-month HAT pilot scheme in Middlesbrough that will deliver a targeted and intensive programme, which utilises the reinforcing effects of injectable diamorphine to promote adherence, social reintegration and recovery in people who have failed to benefit from traditional treatment.

- 7.6 The scheme will target up to 15 of the most 'at risk' individuals within Middlesbrough, who are causing most concern to Criminal Justice agencies, as well as Health and Social Care Services, and will promote independence, long term recovery and desistance from offending behaviour.
- 7.7 Delivered 7 days per week individuals will receive intensive psychosocial interventions (PSI) delivered via group work and individual key worker sessions. Dovetailed with rehabilitation and resettlement plans, individualised treatment plans will extend to include carers/family members in supporting patients along a recovery pathway.
- 7.8 Support for social reintegration (housing, employment) will be achieved by patients having a dedicated Recovery Co-ordinator and 'team around the individual', including community peers in active recovery (Recovery Ambassadors).
- 7.9 Ensuring that a recovery and rehabilitation focus aspiration is maintained, recovery plans will support patients to consider non-injectable forms of treatment and facilitated access to mutual aid, opportunity for detoxification (community or inpatient) and an abstinence programme via our local quasi-residential rehab services.
- 7.10 **Benefits**
- 7.11 The pilot will seek to achieve the following benefits to criminal justice agencies and wider society through:
- Reduction in offending/reoffending caused by the reduced need to buy and use street drugs – leading to less crime and victims, fewer short-term prison sentences. A local mapping exercise of 20 individuals who meet the proposed criteria for the HAT scheme shows that over a 24-month period they were detected to 351 crimes, costing society £784,890 the equivalent to £5.58 per head of population in Middlesbrough.
 - Reduction in anti-social behaviour and drug related litter due to stabilization of the individuals opiate use disorder, supervised injecting and increased engagement in treatment programme as well as constructive diversionary activities.
 - Reduced inpatient admissions due to overdose and/or co-morbidity issues.
 - Engaging and retaining in treatment some of the most entrenched hard-to-treat heroin dependent individuals for whom previous community-based and/or prison-based treatment, as well as residential rehabilitation, appear to have had little beneficial impact.
 - To inform future commissioning arrangements the pilot scheme will be independently evaluated by an academic institution

- 7.12 Now the project has received license from the Home Office, plans for implementation can progress with the aim of launching the scheme during the Autumn.

8. **Serious Violence Early Intervention Fund**



- 8.1 Cleveland Police and my office were involved in the development of a successful home office funding bid to the Early Intervention Youth Fund to address risk factors associated with serious violent crime. This resulted in £546k across four key themes including Early Intervention, Prevention, Targeted Intervention and those at risk of entering the CJS.
- 8.2 An overall Teeswide strategy with outcomes, measures and a delivery plan is currently being researched with partners.
- 8.3 An element of this funding is being used to enhance the youth offending offer by providing a targeted approach to deliver coaching, counselling and restorative services to young people / families with the aim of restoring relationships and empowering participants to take control of their lives.
- 8.4 This consistent whole family approach across Cleveland will help form trust and provide a reference point for each individual young person, building that trusted relationship at a key point in time.
- 8.5 In addition to the Serious Violence Bid the PCC in partnership with the Mayor Of Middlesbrough and The Chris Cave Foundation have been successful in securing the National Monument Against Violence and Aggression, the 'Knife Angel' to come to Middlesbrough during August.
- 8.6 The monument is a sculpture made from over 100,000 knives which have been surrendered across all 43 Police forces. The names of victims of knife crime have been engraved on the knives and in some cases the bereaved families have engraved the names themselves.
- 8.7 Work is ongoing to maximise the opportunity of bringing the Knife Angel raising awareness across Cleveland around knife crime and prevention. Theresa Cave established the Chris Cave Foundation to support victims of knife crime and their families and to raise awareness of knife crime following the murder of her son Chris Cave.
- 8.8 The Foundation will be running their nationally recognised Point 7 knife awareness programme for young people throughout the time the Knife Angel is in place.

- 8.9 Cleveland Police, my office and Middlesbrough Council are currently identifying local groups and youth organisations to develop a wider programme of youth engagement activities, education, remembrance and awareness for the period the monument is in place.



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