

## Crime and Disorder Select Committee

A meeting of Crime and Disorder Select Committee was held on Thursday, 26th September, 2019.

**Present:** Cllr Pauline Beall, Cllr Kevin Faulks, Cllr Barbara Inman, Cllr Stephen Richardson, Cllr Andrew Sherris, Cllr Mrs Sylvia Walmsley, Cllr Paul Weston, Cllr Alan Watson (Sub for Cllr Tony Riordan)

**Officers:** Marc Stephenson, Gary Woods, Marianne Sleeman (DCE)

**Also in attendance:** Steve Johnson (CFB), Rachelle Kipling, Deborah Fenny (CP), Jean Kirby (Stockton Voice – Over 50's Forum), Steve Rose (Catalyst), Louise Wheatley (Age UK)

**Apologies:** Cllr Clare Gamble, Cllr Tony Riordan

### **CD 7/19 Evacuation Procedure**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and the evacuation procedure was noted.

### **CD 8/19 Declarations of Interest**

There were no interests declared.

### **CD 9/19 Minutes from the meeting held on 25th July 2019 for approval / signature**

Consideration was given to the minutes from the meeting held on 25th July 2019.

AGREED

That the minutes of the meeting held on 25th July 2019 be confirmed and signed as a correct record subject to a minor amendment to attendees at the meeting.

### **CD 10/19 Scrutiny Review of Protection of Vulnerable Older Residents Living at Home**

Members received the following information from the OPCC, Cleveland Fire Brigade and Cleveland Police.

Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (Commissioners Officer for Victims)

- Members were informed the PCC (Police and Crime Commissioner) was working with local groups to support victims of crime.
- PCC co-commissions VCAS (Victim Care and Advice Service) which supported 92 victims of crime aged 80 years and over between June 2018 and May 2019. VCAS do a lot of low-level prevention work to make people safe in their own homes.
- Victims would be offered tailored one-to-one support to make sure they were getting the best support needed.

- VCAS can provide call blocking systems to prevent telephone fraud; this has proven popular with residents. The system is put on the phone for one month and numbers are monitored and passed to the Cyber Unit; often calls are from abroad so difficult to track.
- National Trading Standard have introduced Friends Against Scams which educates people around protecting themselves from becoming victims of fraud.
- Members were informed the OPCC (Officer of the Police and Crime Commissioner) was dementia friendly, and that the Police Cadets carry out work with the elderly in the community (i.e. gardening services and assisting dementia patients on trips to Beamish).
- The Management System (E-CINs) is in place which shares information in real time. There was an initial concern around information sharing but the system has proved that intelligence can be pooled and prevents double entry for those who have signed up to it. Members were informed Social Services have not signed up to E-CINs.
- The Criminal Justice Process had been reviewed, with the following practices put in place:
  - ABE (Achieving Best Evidence) interviewing suite to record interviews.
  - Support at Court; special measures can be put in place (i.e. screen used at court and use of remote evidence link).

A presentation was given by the Area Manager - Prevention and Protection, Cleveland Fire Brigade which included:

- The Community Safety Strategy focuses on the high risks within local communities and uses an integrated targeted approach to focus on vulnerability.
- Cleveland Fire Brigade continuously refine the risk assessment programme.
- Reasons for targeted engagement to reduce accidental fires in homes of the elderly are:
  - Deprivation
  - Smokers
  - Drinkers
  - Rented accommodation
  - Emerging areas of isolation
  - Mental health and drugs
- Fix My Street is an app used across all 4 Boroughs to enable residents to make referrals regarding issues that need addressing.
- Discussion took place around local Tradesmen registering with the Fire Service to carry out odd jobs for the elderly in a safe manner.

A presentation was given by the Detective Inspector, Child Abuse Investigation Unit/Vulnerable Adults (CAVA), Cleveland Police which included:

- Every service call is subject to THRIVE in assisting and identifying vulnerable victims:

T – Threat

H – Harm

R – Risk

I – Investigation

V – Vulnerability

E – Engagement

- The Herbert Protocol is a national scheme introduced by the Police in partnership with other agencies which encourages carers of elderly and dementia patients to compile useful information which could be used in the event of a vulnerable person going missing and has proven beneficial.

- It was confirmed there were a number of Officers who were dementia champions as it was recognised when dealing with the elderly Police have to take into account their complex needs.

- Public protection notices and safer referrals were used to highlight the concerns of vulnerable adults; if required a multi-agency meeting would take place to ensure all needs were met.

- Training is mainly supported by TSAB (Teeswide Safeguarding Adult Board).

- Members were informed discussions were in place to create an Adult Hub following the example of the Children's Hub.

AGREED that

- 1) The information be noted
- 2) VCAS information would be shared amongst members

**CD**  
**11/19**      **Work Programme 2019-2020**

Consideration was given to the Crime & Disorder Select Committee Work Programme for 2019–2020.

Members were reminded 2 meetings would be held in October.

AGREED

That the Crime & Disorder Select Committee Work Programme be noted.

**CD**  
**12/19**      **Chairs Update**

The Chair acknowledged members were pleased with the End-of-Term Scrutiny Report (2015-2019) that was considered at Council last night (Wednesday 25th September 2019).

