

Safer Stockton Partnership

A meeting of Safer Stockton Partnership was held on Tuesday, 9th February, 2010.

Present: Geoff Lee (Chairman - Tristar Homes), Cllr Mrs Ann McCoy, Cllr Steve Nelson, Cllr Jim Beall, Mike Batty, Jane Humphreys, Julie Nixon (Stockton on Tees Borough Council), Steve Young (Police), Norman Wright, Chris Coombs (Police Authority), Ian Garrett (Eastern Area Partnership), Jeff Evans, Lucia Saiger (Probation), Joanne Moore (Cleveland Criminal Justice Board), Matt Spencer (Holme House Prison), Derek Carter (Cleveland Police), Allison Agius (Catalyst), Anne Howard (Neighbourhood Watch), Paul Green (Adult Safeguarding Committee), Emma Champley, Gemma McDonald (DAAT), Ruth Hill (PCT/SBC), Geoff Turner (Western Area Partnership Board).

Officers: Anna Clark, Marilyn Davies (DNS); Fiona Shayler (LD).

Also in attendance: David Dunn (GONE), Sam Gibbons (Junior Neighbourhood Watch Programme).

Apologies: were submitted on behalf of Ian Harrington, Glennis Sanderson, Jacqui Bramley, Shaun McLurg, Richard Poundford, John Bentley.

1 **Draft Minutes - 15th December, 2009**

The minutes of the meeting held 15th December 2009 were agreed as a correct.

2 **Matters Arising (a) CAA Green Flags (No. 16 refers)**

Members were provided with an update on the CAA Green Flags. Members stated that the national system needs to ensure that the figures were robust.

3 **Minutes of YOS Management Board 19 January 2010**

The minutes of the YOS Management Board of 19th January were noted for information.

4 **Minutes of Safeguarding Adults Committee 21 January 2010**

Members discussed the Partnership receiving awareness training, as the Safeguarding Committee were looking at a number of ways to raise awareness.

Melanie Smiles and Marilyn Davies were looking into holding another 'Disability Hate Crime' event as the last one was held over 2 years ago.

The minutes of the Safeguarding Adults Committee of 21st January 2010 were agreed as a correct record.

5 **Any other Business - Identification Only**

Youth Crime Action Plan 2010
National Treatment Agency

6 **Home Office Update**

Members were informed that information would be coming out soon to support the regions on Hate Crime.

More information would be soon released on perceptions of Anti Social Behaviour.

Information would also be coming out on Neighbourhood Pathfinders.

NI42 - Perceptions of drug use and drug dealing and what lessons can be learnt. There were many visible services within Stockton on Tees and the figures were above the national average.

AGREED that the update be noted.

7 Neighbourhood Watch

Neighbourhood Watch (NW) had secured over 500 new members over the last six months and had participated in 6 events throughout the district to raise awareness.

The Junior Neighbourhood Watch (JNW) had added 6 further schools to their scheme and were now running in a total of 8 schools. The schools had had visits from the Traffic Unit and had visited the horse unit. One of the schools had a visit from the police helicopter and were given a presentation on the work that they do.

A full time project leader who was currently a volunteer was in attendance to provide Members with a presentation. It was hoped that funding through extended schools may be sought to make the post a paid position.

NW provided a service of supplying equipment to homes where people felt vulnerable. It was stated that the Safe at Home project also supplied similar items of equipment as well as the fire brigade providing fire alarms/blankets etc. to the elderly.

NW had introduced no cold calling to two areas in the borough.

NW were currently working on a business plan and were hoping to attract more funding.

It was suggested that NW provide a presentation to School Governors to raise awareness of JNW as part of the extended schools project.

NW try to work alongside neighbourhood policing, there were improved relationships between the police and residents including youths who were providing more intelligence to the police. NW try to get as much information as possible out to the public but were always looking at ways to streamline.

Port Clarence would be having their first Neighbourhood Watch meeting on 3rd March 2010.

AGREED that the information received be noted.

8 Recorded Crime & Disorder

Members were provided with the recorded crime figures, anti social behaviour disorder codes and Most Serious Violence figures for April – December 2009 compared with April – December 2008.

The target for most serious violent crime was unlikely to be met by the end of the year, a further report would be produced that would look at where the problems were, ie. drinking at home/domestic violence.

Members were informed that Operation Stockholm had now concluded and sentences totalling 105 years imprisonment had been imposed.

Members were informed that an article would be placed in Stockton News providing a factual breakdown of crime figures.

AGREED that the report be noted.

9 Community Safety Plan Q3

There were a total of 44 targets in the Community Safety Plan for 2008/11. 31 of the targets were on target to achieve (green), four are slightly below expected performance (amber), and four targets were red and five were not due an update in this quarter.

The amber targets were addressed in further detail.

AGREED that the update be noted.

10 YOS Q3

Members were provided with the latest YOS quarter 3.

AGREED that the report be noted.

11 RRAP Q3

There were a total of 30 targets in the Reducing Re-offending Action Plan. 25 of the targets were on target to achieve (green), one red target, two targets that were not due an update, and for the remaining two targets no information was received to update.

The amber, red and no update information received targets were addressed in further detail.

Members discussed 5.2 and 5.3 with regard to support packages for prisoners being released. Officers stated that this matter needed to be investigated further and would like to see what information was being provided to newly released prisoners who were parents of under 8s. There was a need to ensure that prison staff were aware of what support was out there. There was a need to be more proactive with Holme House and SDAIS.

AGREED that the report and comments be noted.

(Councillor Mrs McCoy and Cllr Nelson, declared a personal/non prejudicial interest further to being a Member of SDAIS)

12 DAAT

Members were provided with the DAAT progress on 09/10 strategic priorities quarter 2/3 update.

Members felt that the report was difficult to understand, it was stated that the report would be produced in a different format for future meetings.

It was stated that for Stockton's overall population we had the third highest population of drug users. There was a high number of problematic people in treatment. However, the DAAT was the third highest performing, it was felt that these figures didn't correlate and the DAAT would be taking this matter up with GONE.

It was stated that a support worker had been placed in the Birchtree practice. It was felt that patients who had been through treatment would be better placed in a shared care practice where they would not have to mix with problematic drug users still in the chaotic phase.

AGREED that the report and comments be noted.

13 Partnership Strategic Intelligence Assessment

Members were provided with the Partnership Strategic Assessment for October 2008 to September 2009. The report was in draft at presented and would be printed and distributed once it had been agreed.

AGREED that the report be approved.

14 Face the People Session

Members were informed that the next Face the People session would be held in the Western Local Area Partnership Board area on Monday 29th March from 6-7pm, at the Long Newton Wilson Centre, Darlington Road, Long Newton.

AGREED that the report be noted.

15 Heroin on Prescription - pilot scheme

Members were provided with the Summary National Results of Randomised Injectable Opiate Treatment Trial as reported by clinicians on 10 December 2009. Formal evaluation report had not yet been produced.

AGREED that the update be noted.

16 YOS Inspection

In 2009, HMI Probation (HMIP) introduced a new 3 year independent inspection programme of Youth Offending Services (YOS). In response to national developments relating to public protection, youth crime and the safeguarding agenda, the new inspection regime focused exclusively upon the delivery of case work and how this contributed to: managing risk of harm presented to others from children and young people; reducing the likelihood of offending; and the safeguarding of children and young people.

Stockton on Tees YOS received very positive feedback from inspectors during and following inspection. The inspection report was published 6th January 2010, with minimum recommendations for improvement in relation to all three areas of managing risk of harm; reducing likelihood of offending; and safeguarding. The full inspection report was provided for Members information.

Stockton's results compared very favourably in the North East region and places the YOS as the best performing YOS overall in the region. An improvement action plan has been prepared in response to the inspection's key recommendations to further strengthen service performance.

AGREED that the report be noted.

17 EIT Review of Domestic Violence

Members were provided with an update on the officer EIT Review of Domestic Violence and were provided with draft conclusions and recommendations that would be presented to Cabinet.

AGREED that the update be noted.

18 Inspection of Adult Care Services

Members were provided with the Project Initiation Document (PID) for the inspection of adult care services.

It was stated that the inspection would take about 2 weeks with a focus on safeguarding.

It was suggested that a presentation be provided at the next meeting on safeguarding.

AGREED that the PID be noted and that a presentation be provided on Safeguarding at the next meeting.

19 Needs Assessment and Treatment Planning

Members were provided with the Stockton on Tees Adult Drug Treatment Plan 2010/11. Information had been received from a wide range of partners. Discussion was held on mental health and it was stated that a meeting would be held with Dr Carl Bashford to discuss further partnership working.

AGREED that the report be noted.

20 Stockton Intensive Tenancy Support Service

Stonham (Stockton Intensive Tenancy Support) had been providing support to vulnerable adults who had substance misuse issues within the borough of Stockton for 8 years and had helped to reduce anti social behaviour as well as helping clients to sustain and maintain a tenancy.

As part of the scheme, working in partnership with Probation, CJIT, Housing Options and Tristar to enable clients with a persistent prolific offending history to successfully maintain independent accommodation.

Discussion was held on the Youth Crime Action Plan and how Government funding had been spent to reduce crime. Part of the funding had been spent targeting hot spot areas and youth work

on the streets. An update would be provided at the next meeting. It was also requested that discussion be held on deployment of partnership funds at the next meeting.

AGREED that the report be noted and that an update be provided at the next meeting on the Youth Crime Action Plan and the deployment of partnership funds.

21 Counter Terrorism

The threat had increased nationally and there was a drive for public intelligence.

AGREED that the update be noted.

22 Communications

Members were provided with the list of press releases from SSP for the period of the 1st December 09- 27th January 2010 Copies of the full articles were available from the Community Safety Team.

AGREED that the articles be noted.

23 Reports Back

(a) Renaissance

(b) DAAT Groups - Adults Commissioning

- Young Peoples Commissioning

- Reducing Supply Group

- Offender Management Group

(c) Area Partnership Boards

(d) Children's Fund

(e) Parkfield/Mill Lane Neighbourhood Management Board

None