











### **Progress report on the Partnership Strategic Assessment**

1. Members will recall that the third Partnership Strategic Assessment was presented to the Safer Stockton Partnership in February and a further report outlining the main recommendations from the assessment was presented on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2010.
2. The attached report details the progress made against the data requirements and recommendations which form the action plan for the Partnership Strategic Assessment
3. Some good progress has been made in respect of A&E data and MSV, and tighter recording procedures on Flare have been adopted and will be evaluated shortly.
4. There continue to be issues around sourcing ethnicity data. No up to date source of BME populations by ward has been identified and problems persist in the identification of crime victims by ethnicity.
5. Recommendations relating to suggested priorities will be considered alongside the results of public consultation via the Audit this summer.
6. Members are asked to review the progress report and where possible assist with the process of completing the action required for the recommendations. Where data issues persist representatives from the Police, Council, Health and LCJB/ Courts are asked to raise these concerns with data controllers in their respective agency and instigate staff training where it is needed.

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The following data requirements were highlighted in the main document.

Ref	Data gap	Lead	Action	Update	Status
3.2.1	More accurate recording of the ethnicity of crime victims and vulnerable people is essential to try and gain a greater understanding of why BME residents are over represented as victims of certain crime types	Police	Police to ensure that the importance of recording victim ethnicity is reiterated to all staff.	A major problem persists in that analysts cannot access the ethnicity of victims on the computer programmes used. This issue needs to be raised with the Principal Analyst at Cleveland Police to see if the templates can be altered so that ethnicity is included. Monitoring of data quality in relation to ethnicity is not possible until this data is available.	
3.2.2	A more precise population figure of BME residents, broken down by ward would also be very useful to ascertain whether or not the proportion of BME victims is in line with the BME population as a whole and whether their address rather than their ethnicity is a contributing factor of victimisation.	SBC	Work with JSU and other agencies to try and source a more up to date population figure for BME residents since the 2001 Census.	No source of BME populations has been identified to date.	
3.2.3	There were a number of MSV offences where the victim details were missing from the record. This impeded analysis and as we are likely to miss our target in relation to MSV a greater understanding of these crime types is essential.	Police	MSV offences to be researched throughout the year and any reports with missing details to be flagged up to relevant officers who are dealing with the incident to update.	MSV offences are now reviewed quarterly for in the scanning document for the VRG. Any crimes with missing details will be flagged up to the Police via the Senior Intelligence Analyst.	
3.2.4	A major data requirement is in relation to the data received from A&E via the Cardiff Model. The data recording practices need to be tightened up to ensure that all information is captured when a person presents to A&E. This will then provide a fuller picture of violence in the Borough.	A&E	The data collection process at A&E has already dramatically improved. Work will continue throughout the year to ensure robust recording and to set up a new process for recording the location of the incidents.	The new process for recording assault location is still in its infancy. This will be continually monitored to ensure more valuable data that can be analysed is being captured.	
3.2.5	A greater emphasis to record the age and ethnicity of people contacting the ASB team is also required.	SBC	Process to include 'unknown / not given' field has been discussed at the Flare Steering Group. Ongoing checks throughout the year to ensure details are updated when known.	Procedure agreed at Flare Steering Group. First audit of data to be completed by September 2010.	


4.2.1	Repeat suspects could not be assessed due to the data provided. It would be useful to have some anonymous indicator included within the data to be able to analyse this in future assessments.	JSU	To be raised at the TV Information Steering Group to see if JSU can persuade Cleveland Police to include an anonymous indicator	Raised at the TV Information Steering Group – Cleveland Police reluctant to provide this data but we will continue to pursue this issue.	
4.2.2	Outcome data from the Courts should be sourced for the next Partnership Strategic Assessment.	Court	Work throughout the year to try and secure a source of data	Court data is still proving very difficult to source. Some data has now been received from the LCJB but it is not fit for purpose.	
4.2.3	Analysis into re-offending should be considered in the coming year.	SBC Police Probation	Research into High Crime Causers and other repeat offenders to continue through the year.	HCC continue to be monitored by the Police and Probation. Other repeat offenders should be identified throughout the year.	
5.2.1	Further analysis into the most vulnerable localities is required to try and gain a fuller picture of the issues in each neighbourhood. Lifestyle data should be overlaid to identify which groups of people live in these areas.	SBC	Further analysis to be completed when MOSAIC lifestyle data becomes available	MOSAIC data has now been secured. Analysis is due to commence shortly and will be shared with all partners once completed.	
5.2.2	Research needs to be completed into why visitors to Stockton are committing ASB, as well as the purpose of them travelling into the Borough.	SBC	ASB team to follow up on reports of perpetrators from outside of the Borough for further details.	Research has not yet been carried out. To be completed by September 2010.	

In addition to the data requirements a number of recommendations were put forward for consideration by the Partnership:

- The Partnership could look at how key priorities are chosen and consider using a more problem solving approach concentrating on the victim, offender, location triangle rather than specific crime types which are the consequences of these problems. For example key priorities could include reducing re-offending or protecting the most vulnerable people from harm.

 **UPDATE- This will be taken into consideration alongside the results analysis of the Audit 2010 to identify the best priorities for 2011/12.**

- ASB including ‘youths congregating’, youth offending, and drugs and alcohol misuse continue to feature as problems when looking at a range of different data sources, including public consultation via the Neighbourhood Policing Priorities. It is recommended that SSP continue to focus on these three issues as key priorities, perhaps placing more emphasis on the role of alcohol misuse and the associated problems of this such as Violent Crime including domestic violence.

 **UPDATE- Key priorities have remained constant over the last three years based upon the results of the 2007 Audit. Alcohol misuse has not been adopted as a priority, but continues to feature in ASB and violence.**

- Given that the same five wards continually feature for all problems, one consideration could be to choose a location based target. This could be at ward level or specific neighbourhoods.

 **UPDATE- It was agreed by SSP to look at adopting a location based priority. This will be taken into consideration alongside the results analysis of the Audit 2010.**

- Extensive consultation via the Audit process is planned for the coming strategic period. SSP may want to consider more face-to-face consultation methods to gather more qualitative data over the more limited postal surveys. The structure of the survey is vital to gaining quality information and to avoid being given a list of crime types as priorities.

 **UPDATE- Officers have completed training on focus group facilitation in order to set up face-to-face consultation sessions to run over the summer months.**

- The Partnership should look to commission more problem profiles throughout the year, which will provide a more in-depth understanding of the issues that in turn provides a richer picture for the next Partnership Strategic Assessment.

 **UPDATE- An ASB profile was completed in May 2010. Partners should identify further analysis to be commissioned this year.**