

Safer Stockton Partnership

A meeting of Safer Stockton Partnership was held on Tuesday, 21st December, 2010.

Present: Geoff Lee (Chairman), Jane Humphreys, Mike Batty, Cllr Jim Beall, Cllr Steve Nelson (SBC), Joanne Hodgkinson (Cleveland Police Authority), Bert Smailes (Northern Area Partnership), Andy Smith (Holme House), Paul Kirton (Cleveland Fire Authority), Emma Champley (Stockton DAAT), Jeff Evans (Probation), Sam Gibbons (Junior Neighbourhood Watch).

Officers: Fiona McKie (LD)

Also in attendance: Cllr Jean O'Donnell, Lynne Massam (SBC), Catherine Wilburn (NWA Social Research), Ian Hayton (Chief Fire Officer)

Apologies: were submitted on behalf of Jim Willoughby, Miriam Robertson, Jane Humphreys, Glenis Sanderson, Chris Coombs, Marilyn Davies.

1 Presentation of Cleveland Fire Brigade Community Award

Ian Hayton, Chief Fire Officer and Councillor Mrs O'Donnell, Chairman of the Cleveland Fire Authority were in attendance to provide an award to Dave King and Margaret Hutchinson. The award was for the significant achievement of the promotion of Health and Wellbeing by producing a presentation to give to children on drugs and alcohol.

2 Minutes of the Meeting held on 9th November, 2010

The minutes of the meeting held on 9th November 2010 were agreed as a correct record.

3 Matters Arising

- (a) DV Awayday (No.2(b) refers)
- (b) Reporting of self-harm incidents at A&E (No.6 refers)
- (c) Understanding ASB concerns (No.8 refers)
- (d) Police Authority Survey (No.13 refers)
- (e) Police Authority Precept (No.14 refers)
- (f) IOM Work (No.16 refers)

(a) The Domestic Violence workshop had been arranged for Friday 14th January 2011. There would be 8 workshops and the attendance list was now full.

(b) There were 250 admissions in the last three years, mainly due to medication poisoning (195), there were clear protocols and children that were admitted would be followed up by CAMHS.

(c) An update would be provided at the next meeting. Marilyn Davies was awaiting a response from Steria about their feedback systems.

(d) The Survey has been circulated to all Members.

(e) The CSR had indicated cuts in real terms of 20% over 4 years (equal to 12% in cash terms). The settlement for the authority for the next 2 years equated to £12m in terms of cash or £17m in real terms. Further cuts would then follow in the next two years but the specific impact on CPA was not yet known.

HMIC would be doing an inspection in January to see what measures were in place to make the savings.

Members would like to be updated on where the savings were being made. It was agreed that a presentation would be arranged for the next meeting of the partnership.

(f) Members were provided with a letter for information - Cutting Crime Together dated 17 December 2010 and signed by 5 Secretary's of State expressing support for community safety partnership work and promising a home office contribution to local government funding "in addition to the provisional local government settlement announced earlier this week" reflecting the important role local authorities play in community safety and crime reduction to be announced in

January.

4 Minutes of YOS Management Board 12 October 2010

Members were provided with the minutes of the YOS Management Board of 12 October 2010.

5 Minutes of Safeguarding Adults Committee 18 November 2010

Members were provided with the minutes of the Safeguarding Adults Committee of 18 November 2010.

6 Any other Business

7 Social Norms Campaign

Members were provided with a presentation on Social Norms in Stockton. The project was required to delay/prevent the onset of risk taking behaviours, without having a negative impact on anyone who may already be engaging in risky behaviour.

The project was commissioned 2 years ago to undertake social norms research. Mainstream schools in the borough were targeted with 8 schools out of 14 agreeing to taking part. A survey was carried out in the school to determine current levels of risk taking behaviour in peer groups and then perceived levels. A marketing campaign was then designed to feed the results back to the pupils.

The focus of the marketing was to feed back what the pupils have fed back through the questionnaire. Therefore the marketing for each school was slightly different. A website and twitter page was also running throughout the process.

Results to identify the success of the project would be released in January 2011.

CONCLUDED that the presentation be noted.

8 Recorded Crime & Disorder

Members were provided with a report that sets out the recorded crime figures, anti social behaviour disorder codes and Most Serious Violence figures for April – November 2010 compared with the same period the previous financial year.

CONCLUDED that the report be noted.

9 DAAT Q2 Performance

Members were provided with the DAAT quarter 2 performance. Members were informed that the service had been actively trying to find drug users that were not in treatment. It was reported that there were a very small minority that weren't in treatment. It was stated that additional work was required around young people aged 18/19 in adult treatment.

CONCLUDED that the update be noted.

10 Integrated Offender Management Performance

The Integrated Offender Management (IOM) team were responsible for the delivery of the PPO scheme. A total of 117 offenders were now closely supervised and managed in an effort to reduce their offending behaviour.

The team consisted of multi agency workers, from probation, police, prison service, housing, CRI team and the Community Safety Team.

During 2009/10 the PPO cohort had reduced their convictions by 44%. During 2010/11 the PPO cohort had reduced their convictions to 37 (against a baseline of 84 convictions in the twelve months prior to their selection as a PPO).

There was no data available at the current time for those subject to a DRR but the figures indicated that they were on target.

HCC's had reduced their convictions and this cohort had also reduced their positive drug tests by 21.6%.

The reduction in re-offending by the cohorts demonstrated the success of the IOM. The IOM Manager recommended that resourcing and funding this aspect of multi agency work should continue with other potential options of increasing the resources to enable more offenders to be managed in this way.

AGREED that the report and comments be noted.

11 Minimum Unit Pricing for Alcohol

The Safer Stockton Partnership was asked to consider the content of a Discussion Paper on the Minimum Price per Unit of Alcohol and, following discussion, give a view as to whether a Minimum Price Per Unit of Alcohol was a policy that the Partnership would support either nationally or locally.

To aid discussion it would be beneficial for partners to consider the following questions:

- Does your organisation currently have a stance on minimum pricing?
- Are there any issues not addressed in this paper that need to be considered?
- Where else does consultation discussion need to take place?

Members had a full discussion on the paper and felt that they would support a minimum price per unit provided that this was done with other local authorities or as a national policy. Councillor Kirton wished for it to be noted that he did not support a minimum price on a local level but would support a national policy.

AGREED that members of the partnership support a local policy providing that all other local authorities in the area were in agreement and would also support a national policy.

12 Community Safety Plan 2011-2014

Members were provided with the first draft of the Partnership's Community Safety Plan for 2011 - 2014. It was proposed that the key priorities identified through our consultation programme would be retained throughout the life time of the plan. A further draft would be brought to the next meeting of the partnership.

AGREED that the report be noted.

13 Analysis of Responses to the Audit Consultation

Members were provided with a report that provided full analysis of responses to our consultation. A summary report was brought to the meeting of 9th November 2010.

Of note in the full report:

- Dwelling burglary was a key priority in four wards all of which have significant levels of affluence.
- Diverting Young People from Offending was a key priority for seven wards and for the Billingham Area Partnership area.
- Robbery was in the top six for five wards, the Western Area Partnership area and to those who do not live in the borough.
- Prostitution was a priority for three wards, for those under 16 and BME residents
- The priorities varied slightly for those who had read the magazine (33%) and those who had not (51%). The top five were the same as the overall priorities for those who had read the magazine but dwelling burglary was their sixth priority. The top four were the same for those who had not read the magazine but they ranked Domestic Violence as fifth and criminal damage as sixth. 33% did not answer this question.
- For those who felt more safe (38%) after reading the magazine their top five priorities mirrored the overall pattern but they chose Diverting Young People as their sixth priority. For those feeling

less safe (4%) after reading the magazine Drug related offending was their top priority, they did not choose criminal damage but did choose dwelling burglary as the sixth priority. Of note 55% felt no different after reading the magazine.

AGREED that Members note the report and forward any questions or queries they may have to Anna Clark, anna.clark@stockton.gov.uk or 01642 528436.

14 Meeting Dates for 2011/12

The following meeting dates were proposed for 2011/12, all starting at 9.30am at the Education Centre:-

10 May 2011 – to include fourth quarter monitoring reports 2010/11

5 July 2011

16 August 2011 – to include first quarter monitoring reports 2011/12

27 September 2011

8 November 2011 – to include second quarter monitoring reports 2011/12

20 December 2011

14 February 2012– to include third quarter monitoring reports 2011/12

27 March 2012

8 May 2012 - include fourth quarter monitoring reports 2011/12

AGREED that the meeting dates for 2011/12 be endorsed.

15 Sex Work Research

Members of the Safer Stockton Partnership were asked to deliberate whether they support a proposed study into the extent and characteristics of the sex market and sexual exploitation in Teesside. The study would encompass both adults and young people and was likely to take place mid-2011.

In 2007 the Northern Rock Foundation launched a new grants programme, Safety and Justice for Victims of Abuse. Following this, Barefoot Research & Evaluation have conducted studies into sexual exploitation within County Durham & Darlington and Northumberland and Tyne & Wear. The Foundation had offered to fund Barefoot Research & Evaluation to conduct a similar study across Teesside. The four Tees Community Safety Partnerships were being approached to support the research.

Members were informed that Durham DAAT had undertaken a similar piece of research, however there had been issues with the accuracy of their final report.

Members requested that feedback from Durham DAAT be sought.

AGREED that the research be agreed in principle subject to views being sought from Durham DAAT.

16 Stonham Annual Report

Stonham (Stockton Intensive Tenancy Support) had been providing support to vulnerable adults who had substance misuse issues within the borough of Stockton for 9 years and had helped to reduce crime, anti social behaviour as well as helping clients to maintain their tenancies in the community.

Stonham worked in partnership with Probation, CRI, Housing Options and Tristar to enable clients with a persistent prolific offending history (PPO) and High Crime Causers (HCC) to successfully

maintain independent accommodation. Clients were accommodated in 'licensed' furnished flats (temporary accommodation provided by housing options) and had co-ordinated weekly support from Probation, CRI and ourselves. Weekly reports were provided to housing options and client's progress was carefully monitored.

Members felt that Stonham was a valued service and would like to receive some additional information on the supporting people process.

AGREED that the report be noted.

17 NST Alcohol Visit

The Department of Health Alcohol Harm Reduction National Support Team visited Stockton, Hartlepool and Redcar & Cleveland in October 2010. The Support Team reviewed information submitted to them prior to the visit to inform questioning during the visit. A wide range of information was submitted from Stockton covering young people and adults, relating to prevention, treatment and control. Approximately 30 people from Stockton were interviewed from statutory and non-statutory organisations.

Stockton had been commended on their input.

AGREED that the report be noted.

18 Intensive Support for Families with Multiple Problems - Business Case

Members were provided with the Business Case for Intensive Support for Families with Multiple Problems.

It was reported that a family with multiple problems may be lacking the resilience to overcome the problems facing them, or the motivation or capacity to get the support they need. A large proportion of these families would have four or more members, often where the father was absent and the mother struggling to cope and set boundaries. Substance misuse and/or mental health problems were common and often a factor leading to family violence and increased risk of children being taken into care. A lack of capacity to cope and poor family functioning would often result in a lack of engagement in learning, leading to low school attendance and attainment as well as consequences from poor behaviour in the classroom. Positive parenting that can help achieve success for parents and for children are often missing in these families.

These families were often known to many agencies and their chaotic lifestyle could cause misery for local communities. These high cost/high demand families may be worked with over a long period of time by a multiple of different agencies. Work has been done where some authorities have highlighted High Contact Families as a 'deep dive' priority and identified huge costs associated with these families.

Through the Local Strategic Partnership and Children's Trust partners, work can be carried out to identify these families in each local authority area. This can be done by sharing information and data on families known to many partners in order to consider which families would benefit from a whole family and intensive support service.

Whilst central funding would continue in 2010/11 through a separate, but un-ring-fenced Think Family grant, no decision has been taken about whether these monies will continue from 2011/12 or how they will be paid. But whatever happens it will be increasingly up to local authorities to decide how they allocate resources.

The funding arrangements were due out soon and an update would be provided to Members.

AGREED that the update be noted and that further updates on the funding arrangements be provided.

19 Review of Bonfire Night / Operation Trojan

This item be deferred to a future meeting.

20 Counter Terrorism

No further update.

21 Communications

Members were provided with the list of press releases from SSP for the period of 22nd of October – 8th December 2010. Copies of the full articles were available from the Community Safety Team.

22 Reports Back

a) Renaissance

b) DAAT Groups

- Adults Commissioning
- Young Peoples Commissioning
- Reducing Supply Group
- Offender Management Group

c) Area Partnership Boards

d) Parkfield/Mill Lane Neighbourhood Management Board

(b) DAAT - The new drug strategy had been received. Holme House was piloting a new drugs recovery.

23 Date of next meeting - Tuesday 15 February 2011 at 9.30 a.m.