

Safer Stockton Partnership

A meeting of Safer Stockton Partnership was held on Tuesday, 27th September, 2011.

Present: Geoff Lee (Chairman - Tristar), Cllr Steve Nelson, Jane Humphreys, Mike Batty, Caroline Wood, Roland Todd (Stockton on Tees Borough Council), John Bentley, Christine Davidson (Safe in Tees Valley), Bert Smailes (Northern Area Partnership Board), Geoff Turner (Western Area Partnership Board), Jim Willoughby (Holme House), Tina Williams (Central Area Partnership Board), David Hughes, Lynne Massam (Stockton DAAT), Chris Coombs (Cleveland Police Authority), Clive Penngilley (Steria), Steve McCarton (Fire Brigade), Christine Goodman (Victim Support), Sam Gibbons (Junior Neighbourhood Watch), Ruth Hill (SBC/PCT), Lucia Saiger (Probation Trust), Paul Green (Adult Safeguarding Board), Ted Allen, Steve Young, Emily Harrison (Police).

Officers: Fiona McKie, Marilyn Davies, Steven Hume, (Stockton Borough Council)

Also in attendance:

Apologies: were submitted on behalf of Cllr Jim Beall, Miriam Robertson, Allison Agius, Dave Pickard, Richard Poundford, Emma Champley, Darren Best, Rob Donaghy.

1 **AGM/Register of Interests**

The following appointments were made for the Annual Year from 1st September 2011:-

Appointment of Chair - Geoff Lee
Appointment of Vice Chair - Jane Humphreys

Representatives on Stockton Renaissance - Superintendent Darren Best
and Lucia Saiger

Representative on Parkfield/Mill Lane Neighbourhood Management Board - Chief Inspector Mick Williams

AGREED that the above appointments be made.

2 **Minutes of the Meeting held on 16th August 2011**

The minutes of the meeting held on 16th August were agreed as a correct record.

3 **Matters Arising**

- (a) Progress report on Drugs Recovery Wing added to work programme for 27 March 2012**
- (b) Letter to MPs on payment by results (PBR) for drug treatment**
- (c) PSA/ offending by drug users**

(a) As detailed.

(b) Letter provided for information purposes.

(c) It was reported that previous research among prolific offenders had indicated that there was a 50/50 split for offenders (Drug Use First/Offending First). Further research to be undertaken and reported back.

4 **Area Partnership Boards - reports back**

No reports back.

5 **Any Other Business-identification only**

Quality in Human Rights Report - Will be going to the next Safeguarding Meeting. Jane Humphreys will provide an addendum to the next Safeguarding Minutes.

Life Programme - A launch event would be held on 3rd October. Members felt that Anti Social Behaviour would be an appropriate theme.

6 **Violent Crime**

Members were provided with a presentation from Chief Inspector Ted Allen on Violent Crime. Members of the Partnership had been provided with two reports:-

Domestic Violence Performance Report Quarter 1 2011-12
Stockton Intelligence Unit - Violence Overview April 11-August 11

Violent crime comes under four headings:-

Serious Violence
Assault with Injury
Assault without Injury
Other Violence

Domestic violence figures have remained relatively static. There were targets in place to reduce violent crime and reduce most serious violence. The five worst wards were Stockton Town Centre, Parkfield and Oxbridge, Mandale and Victoria, Newtown and Hardwick.

There was a lack of mediation services for couples for incidents of domestic violence. Stockton no longer had a dedicated IDVA (Independent Domestic Violence Adviser) due to Home Office cuts but Harbour were providing a limited service to support victims going through the courts. A mediation service was provided by Harbour but only for women.

Victim Support provided a service to assist vulnerable people when attending court.

Lots of work was ongoing with partners but resources were limited.

Holme House provided a Healthy Relationships Course for perpetrators of Domestic Violence. Marilyn Davies was working on a pilot scheme for support for victims of repeated incidents of Domestic Violence.

AGREED that the presentation and comments be noted.

7 National Citizenship Service Pilot

The National Citizenship Service (NCS) Pilot was a 'Big Society' initiative. Safe in Tees Valley had successfully secured a 2 year Pilot for 2011 and 2012.

NCS Key points:-

- aimed at year 11 school leavers and young people up to the age of 25 with disabilities
- a 3 week full time programme including 2 away from home residential weeks followed by 30 hrs part time volunteering over Summer (July - September)
- promotion of a more cohesive society by mixing young people from different backgrounds
- support for transition into adulthood
- creation of a more engaged society enabling young people to work together to create social action projects in their local communities

NCS Partnership

- Safe in Tees Valley lead organisation /accountable body
- Uniformed services approach using partnership with Cleveland, Police, Cleveland Fire,
- Other key partners include local authorities, local volunteering infrastructure organisations; young people's frontline services (includes schools, colleges, statutory and voluntary sector) Zenith Leisure, Tall Ships Youth Trust, TFM Radio, Coast and Country Housing, Tristar Housing, Housing Hartlepool, Fabrick Housing, ASDA Foundation.
- 2011 - 1000 places across Cleveland – proposed 1300 places across Tees Valley for 2012

NCS Core Programme

NCS has 5 phases of activity that all pilots must deliver in the set order

Phase 1 - Introductory Activities to build relationships with key staff and ensure key consents and information provided

Phase 2 - 1 week residential / physical and personal challenges. This element will be delivered in two ways – Outdoor residential of both land and water based activity or sailing residential with Tall

Ships Youth Trust /Ocean Youth Trust fleet of ships

Phase 3 - 1 week full time community based residential. Young people stay in community based accommodation. Aim of the week is to develop team skills, project management skills, identify local businesses, community resources and understand community issues and meet members of the community. This week will begin to link in to Police & Fire Service in the community (Neighbourhood Policing Teams; Community Fire education teams)

Phase 4 – 1 week full time community based non residential. Using skills and knowledge from phase 2 & 3 to design a social action project that will have tangible benefit to their community and plan to deliver it in phase 5

Phase 5 onwards

- 30 hrs part time over 3/4 weeks evenings and weekends
- A fair / event to encourage young people to continue with social actions/volunteering
- A celebration event inviting partner agencies, parents
- Alumni activities (ongoing volunteering, alumni newsletters, opportunities for graduates to support future NCS programmes)

Discussion was held on the recruitment process and reasons for drop outs. It was hoped that there would be a larger intake in the second year of the pilot as there would be a longer lead in for advertising etc.

AGREED that the presentation be noted.

8 Recorded Crime & Disorder

Members were provided with a report that sets out the recorded crime figures for April - August 2011/12 compared to the same period in 2010/11. A comparison of anti social behaviour incidents was not possible this financial year due to a change in recording practices as of 01/04/11.

AGREED that the update be noted.

9 YOS Q1

Members were provided with Quarter 1 for the Youth Offending Service performance monitoring.

AGREED that the performance for Quarter 1 be noted.

10 DAAT Q1

Members were provided with the Performance Report for the DAAT for Quarter 1. The target for retention of clients in treatment had been deleted. The figures for entering treatment remained the same. Clients being assessed on entry to treatment were questioned on their housing arrangements and were also questioned at the end of their treatment.

AGREED that the performance for the DAAT for Quarter 1 be noted.

11 Worklessness/Employability

Members were provided with a presentation by Roland Todd on Worklessness/Employability.

Discussion was held on the 'Get Britain Working' measures which included attending job clubs, voluntary work etc.

Changes to Incapacity Benefits were being introduced and everyone claiming would be reassessed. Anyone not eligible under new criteria will then go onto Job Seekers Allowance.

It was felt that it would be useful to look at numbers of children from secondary school and where they go on to and whether those that go to University stay at home now due to costs.

New Skills had produced a consultation document on the Communities Fund. Roland Todd could email the Executive Summary to Members if required.

Mike Batty to forward a copy of the presentation to Members of the Partnership.

AGREED that:-

1. The presentation and comments be noted.
2. The presentation be emailed to Members.

12 Cleveland Police Call Backs Performance Monitoring

On 1st October 2010 Cleveland Police Authority entered into a shared services contract with a private sector partner, Steria, for delivery of the Force's Control Room, Community Justice and back-office functions.

A key part of the outsourcing partnership with Steria concerns their contractual responsibility to re-contact members of the community who have recently received a service from Cleveland Police.

Clive Pengilly was in attendance at the meeting to provide an update on how the service was operating. 284 calls back per day to customers were being carried out but this has now been reduced to around 120 to provide an improved service by avoiding multiple callbacks to some individuals.

A suggestion was made from Neighbourhood Watch to request feedback from customers to identify whether they were a member of Neighbourhood Watch.

AGREED that the information and comments be noted.

13 Domestic Homicide Reviews

The purpose of this report was to present a procedure for conducting DHR's in Stockton. This procedure had been developed in consultation with DCI Peter McPhillips, Cleveland Police Vulnerability Unit and aims to incorporate the key elements of the Home Office guidance which was released in April 2011.

Members held discussion on setting up a small sub group to determine whether the incident met the criteria set by the Home Office. It was felt that the Chair of SSP should not be part of the sub group but should formalise the decision made by the sub group. It was suggested that the sub group be made up of senior strategic partners of the Partnership and a lay member.

It was requested that the membership of the Domestic Violence Strategy Group be circulated.

Resources would need to be identified.

AGREED that the comments be noted and that a further report be brought back to the Partnership.

14 Joint Strategic Needs Assessment

Members were provided with the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment.

AGREED that a further report be brought back in February 2012.

15 Impact of Social Norms

The 'Impact of Social Norms' programme was to positively promote the reality of under aged sex, use of drugs etc. in young people. NWA had been commissioned to undertake work in Further Education and Colleges etc. next year. NWA also wanted to train up key practitioners to continue the work in Schools and further education establishments.

AGREED that the update be noted.

16 Youth Justice Grant Funding Formula

Members were provided with a letter of 9 August from the Chief Executive of the Youth Justice Board (YJB) setting out the conclusions of a consultation exercise in relation to future distribution of YJB funding to Youth Offending Teams, together with a supporting document which shows the position for Stockton YOS in relation to each of the four options.

Members were also provided with a response letter of 22 August from the Chair of Stockton YOS Management Board detailing a number of concerns about the YJB proposals, first and foremost of which was the proposed timescale of bringing in the changes by April 2012.

The Chief Executive of YJB has now noted the content of the letter particularly in relation to the timing issues raised.

AGREED that the update be noted.

17 Counter Terrorism

The DVD as mentioned in previous meetings would be shown at the next meeting.

AGREED that the DVD be shown at the next meeting.

18 Communications

Members were provided with the list of press releases from SSP for the period of 27th July – 12th September. Copies of the full articles were available from the Community Safety Team.

AGREED that the press releases be noted.

19 Response to the Age Restricted Products and Services Consultation

Members were provided with a copy of the response to the Age Restricted Products and Services Consultation.

AGREED that the response be noted.

20 Response to the Future of the Local Better Regulation Office and Extending the benefits of the Primary Authority Scheme Consultation

Members were provided with the future of the Local Better Regulation Office and Extending the benefits of the Primary Authority Scheme - Consultation Response form.

AGREED that the response form be noted.

21 Reports Back
(a) Renaissance
(b) DAAT Groups
- Adults Commissioning
- Young Peoples Commissioning
- Reducing Supply Group
- Offender Management Group

None

22 Date of next meeting - Tuesday 8 November 2011 at 9.30 a.m.