

Safer Stockton Partnership

A meeting of Safer Stockton Partnership was held on Tuesday, 8th May, 2012.

Present: Darren Best (Cleveland Police - In the Chair), Cllr Jim Beall, Cllr Steve Nelson, Mike Batty, Ruth Hill (Stockton on Tees Borough Council); Chris Coombs (Cleveland Police Authority); Bert Smailes (Northern Area Partnership Board); Dave Pickard (VELA); David Toor (Cleveland Police); Miriam Roberston (YOS); Tony Churchill (Cleveland Fire Brigade); Paul Green (Adult Safeguarding Committee); Emma Champley (DAAT); Christine Goodman (Victim Support); John Bentley (Safe in Tees Valley); Julie Lathan (Housing); John Graham (Probation); Jim Willoughby (Holme House).

Officers: Peter Bell (LD); Steven Hume, Heather Hutchings, Katie Smith (DNS).

Also in attendance:

Apologies: were submitted by Geoff Lee, Jane Humphreys, Sam Millward-Gibbons, Caroline Wood, Tracey Stott, Julie Nixon, Allison Agius, Lucia Saiger.

1 Previous Minutes of Meeting - 27th March 2012

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a correct record.

2 Matters Arising

(a) Repeat callers to ASB Team (item 17 below refers)

(b) Response to ANEC on DHRs (no. 10 refers)

(a) It was reported that repeat callers would be continuously monitored. It was noted that it was important to monitor any vulnerable people that could be repeat calling.

(b) Members were provided with a copy of the response regarding the regional pooling option for Domestic Homicide Reviews.

3 Area Partnership Boards - reports back

It was reported that the Northern Area Partnership Board was developing a new constitution to enable them to be more pro-active. They would report back once the new constitution was finalised.

AGREED that the report back be noted.

4 Minutes of YOS Management Board 24 April 2012

The minutes of the YOS Management Board of 24th April were provided for Members information.

AGREED that the minutes be noted.

5 Minutes of Safeguarding Adults Committee 23 February 2012

Members were provided with the minutes of the Safeguarding Adults Committee of 23rd April 2012. It was noted that there could be an increase in reporting as awareness leaflets had been delivered. A workshop for people with learning disabilities would be held at the Education Centre on 16th May, 2012.

AGREED that the minutes be noted.

6 Action Notes from Scanning & Challenge Group 25 April 2012

Members were provided with the notes from the Scanning and Challenge Group of 25th April 2012.

AGREED that the notes be noted.

7 Any other business

None

8 Criminal Damage

Members were provided with a presentation on Criminal Damage. The main areas highlighted were:-

- Public Confidence
- Performance Measures
- Criminal damage figures as a proportion of overall crime
- Repeat Victims
- Top Five Wards with 30 or more offences Jan- Mar 2012
- National Intelligence Model
- Safer Stockton Partnership Response
- Partnership Challenges 2012/13

Members of the partnership were asked to consider three questions:-

- What can the partnership do/and who is going to do what and by when?
- Public: What can they do or should the partnership do/ who is going to do what by when
- Third dimension is the police response to victims, offender and location

A number of suggestions were made:-

- Disseminate information more widely
- Consider what is happening on what nights and in what areas
- Encourage more reporting of criminal damage/graffiti etc.
- Work with YOS and in Schools

It was requested that the presentation be circulated round all Members of the Council.

AGREED that the presentation be noted and be circulated around all Members.

9 Community Safety Plan Q4 Performance

Members were provided with the Community Safety Plan Quarter 4 Performance report.

AGREED that the report be noted.

10 YOS Q4 Performance

Members were provided with the Youth Offending Service Quarter 4 performance report.

AGREED that the report be noted.

11 Recorded Crime & Disorder

This report sets out the recorded crime figures for the full financial year 2011/12 compared to the same period in 2010/11.

AGREED that the update be noted.

12 Alcohol Strategy Action Plan

The Stockton-on-Tees Alcohol Strategy was implemented in April 2010. The Strategy was a 3 year Strategy with a 2 year Action Plan within it. The 1 year plan for 2012-2013 had been developed to ensure that the strategic aims of the Stockton-on-Tees Alcohol Strategy were continuously achieved. This plan had the needs of young people threaded throughout it but also took into account the responsibilities across both adults and children's services.

Discussion was held on the number of people admitted to hospital as a result of alcohol intake. An alcohol specialist nurse was now in post and screening was taking place. Other schemes were also being considered.

It was felt that there could be further changes when the Health and Wellbeing Board was fully operating.

AGREED that the report be noted.

13 Planned Reports for 2012/13

Members were provided with a revised schedule of planned reports for 2012/13 which had been populated with reports and other items which were already evident, plus items arising from discussions at the last meeting of the Partnership on 27 March, 2012.

AGREED that the programme for the year be endorsed.

14 TB4UD Evaluation

The Think B4U Drink Campaign had been active in the area since 2005, and employs a range of activities, themes and resources to promote the awareness of alcohol consumption and alcohol-related harm issues across the Borough of Stockton.

Members were provided with the key findings from the evaluation following an in-street survey of Stockton residents, focus group discussions. Stockton's Multi Agency Alcohol Crime and Disorder group met Friday 9th March 2012 and discussed the next steps for TB4UD. The TB4UD current budget stands at £12K. A number of suggestions were put forward for the progression of the

Think B4U Drink campaign as highlighted within the report. Feedback from Alcohol Crime and Disorder group was also provided.

An opportunity for funding from Baroness Newlove had been submitted in order to increase the budget to enable further advertising and work as suggested within the report and to increase the promotion of the TB4UD campaign message. It was anticipated that a decision on the funding would be announced by 14th May, 2012.

AGREED that the report be noted.

15 New National Alcohol Strategy

The Government on 23rd March 2012 launched its much anticipated Alcohol Strategy. Balance had looked behind the headlines and drawn out the key points into this summary.

The Government will:

- Introduce a minimum unit price for alcohol.
- Consult on introducing a ban on multi-buy promotions.
- Give stronger powers to control the density of licensed premises and make health a licensing objective for this purpose.
- Give areas the powers to restrict alcohol sales if late opening is causing problems through extended powers to make Early Morning Restriction Orders.
- Introduce a new late night levy so that those businesses that trade into the late night contribute towards the cost of policing.
- Pilot sobriety schemes for those people whose offending is linked to excessive alcohol consumption.
- Support hospitals to tackle unacceptable drunken behaviour at A&E.

Building on its Responsibility Deal, the Government would:

- Give consumers a wider choice of lower strength products in both the on-trade and off-trade, taking one billion units out of the market by 2015.
- Extend a challenge to all of industry to make more progress, more quickly on the responsible production, sale and promotion of alcohol.

Further detail was provided within the full summary document provided to Members.

AGREED that the summary report be noted.

16 Analysis of Repeat Callers to ASB Hotline (reponses and outcomes)

Members were provided with a report that detailed statistics on callers to the ASB Hotline for the financial year 2011/2012.

AGREED that the report be noted.

17 Ministry of Justice Consultations on Community Sentences and Probation

Members were provided with a report on the two consultations relating to sentences in the community and the operation of the Probation Service that had just been launched.

Members were requested to submit any questions or comments to Steven Hume and a further report/update would be submitted at the next meeting.

AGREED that a further report be submitted at the next meeting.

18 Counter Terrorism

It was reported that more caution was required especially around the local Olympic sites.

AGREED that the update be noted.

19 DTV Probation Trust/Interserve

Members were provided with for information a news release regarding Interserve joining forces with Durham Tees Valley to reduce reoffending.

20 Reports Back

a) Renaissance

b) DAAT Groups

- Adults Commissioning

- Young Peoples Commissioning

- Reducing Supply Group

- Offender Management Group

None

21 Date of next meeting - Tuesday 26 June 2012 at 9.30 a.m.