

Safer Stockton Partnership

A meeting of Safer Stockton Partnership was held on Tuesday, 26th June, 2012.

Present: Geoff Lee (Chairman - Tristar), Cllr Steve Nelson, Mike Batty, Caroline Wood (SBC), Allison Agius (Catalyst), Evaline Cunningham (Cleveland Fire Authority), Sam Gibbons (Junior Neighbourhood Watch), Christine Goodman (Victim Support), Jeff Evans, Lucia Saiger (Probation), Miriam Robertson (YOS), Paul Noddings (VELA Group), Emma Champley (DAAT), Christine Davidson (SITV), Joanne Hodgkinson (Cleveland Police Authority), Steve McCarten (Cleveland Fire Brigade), Paul Green (Stockton Adult Safeguarding Committee), Jim Willoughby (Holme House Prison), Geoff Turner (Western Area Partnership Board), Bert Smailes (Northern Area Partnership Board), Darren Best (Cleveland Police).

Officers: Anna Clark, Steven Hume (DNS); Fiona McKie (LD).

Also in attendance:

Apologies: were submitted on behalf of Cllr Jim Beall, Ruth Hill, David Toor, John Bentley, Richard Poundford, Dave Pickard.

1 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting were agreed as a correct record subject to the addition of Evaline Cunningham to the present list.

2 Matters Arising

None

3 Area Partnership Boards - reports back

It was reported that there had been an event to launch the Voice Project at Holme House Prison. This project was a partnership with the Prison and Victim Support working with perpetrators of domestic violence. It was requested that the Voice project be invited to provide a presentation to the partnership at a future meeting.

AGREED that the Voice be invited to provide a presentation at a future meeting.

4 Minutes of Safeguarding Adults Committee 15 May 2012

Members considered the minutes of the Safeguarding Adults Committee of 15th May 2012.

It was reported that £10k was remaining from PCT advocacy monies and it was proposed that an advocacy scheme for vulnerable people with learning difficulties be set up similar to a scheme that was currently operating in Liverpool. This proposal was currently being discussed with other Cleveland Authorities.

A Keep Safe Event had been held on 16th May, the DAAT wish to pass on their thanks to the Police for their input.

AGREED that the minutes be noted.

5 Any other business

Hospital Radio Station

There had been a request to support the proposal for a hospital radio station to widen its area to across Teesside. The station did a lot of good work promoting community safety issues.

AGREED that the Chair write a letter of support.

Sex Workers

Lucia Saiger reported that Barefoot Research wanted to carry out a piece of research into Sex Workers in Teesside. It was suggested that a steering group be established to consider the information that would be valuable to analyse. Barefoot have reassured us that we would retain editorial control over publication of any results.

6 Junior Neighbourhood Watch

Members were provided with a detailed presentation from Sam Gibbons of Junior Neighbourhood Watch (JNHW).

It was reported that funding was provided through YCAP and Tristar for trips etc. A number of schools pay a contribution of £796 per year for the service. There were 17 out of 60 Primary Schools currently paying for the service. However, it was felt that capacity was becoming an issue. There were a further two volunteers that worked for the service. Victim Support and Tristar also provided help by working alongside JNHW which was appreciated.

Community Safety offered their assistance to the scheme.

It was suggested that a presentation be taken to the Schools Forum to request possible funding. It was also suggested that a presentation to all of the Primary Heads may lead to further take up.

The Partnership supported the work of the JNHW.

AGREED that the presentation be noted and that the work of the JNHW be endorsed by the Partnership and that a presentation to Primary Heads be arranged.

7 Emerging Issues

Discussion was held on Shop Theft and what can be done to stop prolific offenders. There were already a range of good services available but a small group of five individuals were still re-offending. Many who were charged were not serving a sentence or the sentence was too short to have any effect.

It was reported that the Magistrates were very limited with the sentences that could give. It was stated that it needed to be made clear when writing reports to the Magistrate about utilising the Drug Recovery Wing in Prison.

It was requested that further detail be provided on the prolific offenders or if one

of them would attend a meeting to provide information on reasons why they continue to shoplift.

It was noted that a pilot shopwatch scheme had been identified for Stockton.

It was also requested that David Toor attend a meeting to provide his views on the shoplifting issues in Stockton.

AGREED that:-

1. the update be noted.
2. case studies/profile on the five persistent offenders be provided.
3. David Toor be invited to a future meeting.

8 Recorded Crime & Disorder

Members were provided with the recorded crime and anti-social behaviour figures for April - May 2012/13 compared to the same period in 2011/12. Overall crime was currently down by 6% and ASB incidents were down by 27.6%. A full breakdown by categories was detailed within the report.

Members requested to see a breakdown of the figures for shop theft.

AGREED that the report be noted and the figures for shop theft be included in the next report.

9 DAAT Q4 Performance

Members were provided with the DAAT performance figures for Quarter 4.

It was reported that many of the clients coming into treatment have housing problems.

Emma Champley stated that she could provide further data to Members and would report on Successful Completions from the next meeting. Information would also be supplied on Drugs of Choice, Arrest Referrals for adults and young persons, figures for psycho social work, young people coming into the service, and planned/unplanned exits.

Members requested that they receive a presentation on the services provided by the three drugs services providers (CRi, ABS and Counted4). It was reported that a presentation had recently been provided to the Commissioning Board so that presentation could be adapted for this partnership.

It was also requested that some work be done to identify if there were any linkages with people in treatment and crime. Mike Batty stated that a sample of arrests could be undertaken to identify how many were in drugs treatment.

AGREED that:-

1. The DAAT Performance report for Quarter 4 be noted.
2. The additional information as detailed above be provided at future meetings.

10 Parkfield & Oxbridge Analysis

Members would recall that the fourth Partnership Strategic Assessment highlighted increases in crime and deprivation in Parkfield and Oxbridge ward. It was recommended that these issues be explored further in a separate piece of analysis.

The attached report provided an in-depth analysis of crime and ASB in Parkfield and Oxbridge for the last financial year 2011/12. The report forms one of the four analysis documents to be produced this year under target 6.2 of the Emerging Issues priority.

The analysis found that two particular crime series in the last six months of 2010/11 were the main reason for the increase in crime within the last Partnership Strategic Assessment. The main themes of deprivation within the Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) related to health and education, which lowered the ranking overall.

Both crime and ASB have reduced in the ward in 2011/12 compared to 2010/11, at rates exceeding the overall Stockton performance.

Further information was requested on the nature of the crimes in Ropner Park. Details would be circulated to Members of the Partnership.

AGREED that the report be noted.

11 Evaluation of Pilot Work with Sex Workers

Members were provided with a report that aimed to provide an overview of a pilot multi-agency approach to working with sexworkers who were substance misusers. It described the aims, objectives and outcomes for a cohort of 12 identified women residing in the Borough of Stockton-on-Tees, including health & social outcomes, offending behaviour and substance misuse. The report also provided a conclusion in relation to the effectiveness of working within a targeted, multi-agency model and outlined recommendations for the future.

Members discussed the evaluation and understood the need for a permanent resource to be available for these women but there were resource issues and many partners that would need to commit to their involvement.

It was suggested that a seminar with Key Partners be organised to see what could be done.

AGREED that the evaluation be noted and that a seminar with key partners be organised.

12 National Interim Evaluation of National Citizens Service

Members were provided with a presentation and update on the National interim Evaluation of National Citizens Service.

It was report that nationally 92% of young people that took part in National

Citizens Service (NCS) would recommend it to others to take part. Satisfaction wasn't measured locally but this would be done in subsequent years.

It was felt that NCS had not been championed enough nationally and there wasn't enough awareness about it.

NCS was done as a pilot in 2011/12 but it was reported that this would also be rolled out in 2013 and it was hoped that it would continue in future years.

Many of the volunteers had now become paid mentors.

AGREED that the update be noted.

13 Proposals for 'Hustings' for PCC Candidates

Safe in Tees Valley had now arranged a hustings event for PCC candidates to take place at Teesside University on the early evening of Wednesday 7 November. Two halls had been provisionally reserved, one with capacity for 200 and the other with capacity for 400. The event would be chaired by Jim Knight, the BBC presenter.

It was reported that noon on 19th October was the deadline for nominations.

AGREED that the update be noted.

14 'Troubled Families' Programme

Members were provided with a report that provided details of the Government's 'Troubled Families' programme and how it would operate in Stockton.

It was reported that an email had been received from Tony Churchill stating that the Fire Authority would like to take part.

AGREED that the report be noted.

15 DTV Probation Trust Work on Restorative Justice

A presentation had recently been presented at a Seminar regarding DTV Probation Trust Work on Restorative Justice, Lucia Saiger would circulate this to Members.

AGREED that the presentation be circulated.

16 MoJ Consultations on Community Sentences & Probation Trusts - Response

Members were provided with a copy of a detailed response to the Ministry of Justice in relation to the two consultations on Community Sentences and Probation Services.

AGREED that the report be noted.

17 Counter Terrorism

There was no further update.

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

There were no reports back.

- 19** **Date of next meeting - Tuesday 14 August 2012 at 9.30 a.m.**