

Safer Stockton Partnership

A meeting of Safer Stockton Partnership was held on Tuesday, 5th February, 2013.

Present: Geoff Lee (Chairman - Tristar Homes), Cllr Jim Beall, Cllr Steve Nelson, Peter Kelly, Kerry Anderson, Mike Batty, Jane Humphreys, Caroline Wood, Emma Champley (SBC); John Bentley (Safe in Tees Valley); Jeff Evans (Probation); Miriam Robertson (YOS); Christine Goodman (Victim Support); Barry Coppinger, Sarah Wilson (Police & Crime Commissioner Office); Evaline Cunningham (Fire Authority); Anne - Marie Salwey (Stockton Police); Tracey Stott (Eastern Area Partnership Board); Tina Williams (Central Area Partnership Board).

Officers: Claire Sills, Lisa Lyas, Steven Hume (DNS), Fiona McKie (LD).

Also in attendance: Georgina Fletcher (Regional Refugee Forum).

Apologies: were submitted by Dave Pickard, Lucia Saiger, Superintendent Simpson, Richard Poundford, Sam Millward-Gibbons.

1 Draft Minutes - 18th December 2012

The draft minutes were agreed as a correct record subject to adding Jeff Evans to the attendance list.

AGREED that the minutes be approved.

2 Matters Arising

- (a) 16-17 year olds in hostels and B&Bs (item 13 refers)
- (b) Information on IYSS for Councillors' newsletters (item 13 refers)
- (c) Further work on costs and benefits of ATRs/ASARs (item 14 refers)
- (d) Policy on under 10s to March meeting (item 16 refers)
- (e) Restorative Solutions RJ training (item 19 refers)

- (a) Further information would be presented at the next meeting.
- (b) Dave Willingham would provide a list of key points for Councillor's newsletters.
- (c) Currently looking at costings/data to calculate if there were any savings to be included in next scheduled report.
- (d) The action plan was currently being revised and would be brought back to the next meeting.
- (e) SLA has been put together and awaiting feedback. Need to identify 10 practitioners for intensive training in March 2013.

3 Area Partnership Boards - reports back

Eastern Area Partnership Board - Police Inspector Nassar Hussain had met with the Board to discuss crime figures in Thornaby which were positive.

Central Area Partnership Board - Police Inspector Marc Anderson had provided a presentation to the Board which Members found useful.

4 Minutes of YOS Management Board 22 January 2013

Members were provided with the minutes of the YOS Management Board for 22nd January 2013.

An update was provided on the HMIP Inspection which nationally was a critical report but locally in Stockton processes were more robust. It was reported that YOS would be included within child protection inspections from now on.

AGREED that the minutes be noted.

5 Action Notes from Scanning & Challenge Group 9 January 2013

Members were provided with the action notes from the Scanning and Challenge Group for 9th January 2013.

AGREED that the action notes be noted.

6 Any other business

Hate Crime

Members were informed that an Audit was taking place across Tees on Hate Crime, the results of which would go to the Tees Safeguarding Board then to the Partnership.

7 ASB

Steven Hume provided a presentation on Anti Social Behaviour.

Information was provided on Acceptable Behaviour Contracts (ABC's) which had been introduced to deter anti social behaviour and to hopefully prevent getting to the stage of receiving an ASBO.

Detail was requested on the structure for the ASB Team, this would be emailed to Members.

Discussion was held on funding and whether any funding could be sought from the Landlord Liaison Scheme or Jomast etc.

AGREED that the presentation be noted.

8 YOS Reoffending Analysis

Members were provided with a report that considered reoffending data from the 2011 cohort in Stockton on Tees. It focused primarily on the local measurement of reoffending (previously adopted by the Youth Justice Board (YJB) until 2011).

It was reported that fewer young people were coming through the courts system but the young people that were seemed to have very complex needs. Of a cohort of 127 young people, 58% became crime free. There were currently 7 young people who were prolific offenders.

Intervention planning meetings had been introduced to try to promote positive engagement. It was felt that in many cases there was a lack of parental guidance. Where there had been positive parental influences many had become crime free and went out to gain opportunities in employment/training.

The Service was looking at linking in with the troubled families agenda. There were also linkages between special educational needs and youth crime.

It was stated that the Police were providing training to their front line staff to provide advice and information on the Restorative Justice Programme.

AGREED that the information be noted.

9 Recorded Crime & Disorder

Members were provided with the recorded crime and anti-social behaviour figures for April –December 2012 compared to the same period in 2011/12. Overall, total recorded crime had reduced by 4.8% and ASB incidents have reduced by 22.7%.

AGREED that the report be noted.

10 Community Safety Q3 Performance

Members were provided with the Community Safety Quarter 3 performance.

AGREED that the report be noted.

11 YOS Q3 Performance

Members were provided with the Youth Offending Service Quarter 3 performance.

AGREED that the report be noted.

12 LSCB Protocol

The LSCB had requested that other key Partnerships operating within the Borough develop protocols of understanding with them.

Members were provided with a draft for this purpose which had been developed in conjunction with Pauline Beall, the LSCB Business Manager.

AGREED that the draft be approved, for sign-off by the Chair, on behalf of the Partnership.

13 Partnership Strategic Assessment

Members were provided with a copy of the fifth Partnership Strategic Assessment. The assessment had been prepared by the Community Safety team in conjunction with the Police analysts. As mentioned at the previous meeting the production of this document had been delayed following the departure of the Community Safety Partnership Analyst.

The report provided members with a brief summary of the key findings as well as an update of the progress made following last year's recommendations.

The report also provided a number of recommendations for the forthcoming strategic period for members to consider.

Members requested that 'hate crime' be featured within the PSA.

Discussion was also held on how this strategy linked in with other strategies.

AGREED that the Safer Stockton Partnership approve the recommendations for this strategic period and provide a list of updated recommendations at the next meeting.

14 Transforming Rehabilitation

The Ministry of Justice issued a consultation paper on Transforming Rehabilitation on 9th January, the deadline for responses was 22nd February. Members were provided with the key themes.

Mike Batty would be meeting with Lucia Saiger to produce a draft response to be signed off by the Chairman and a copy would be reported to the next meeting.

AGREED that the Partnership endorses the proposal to respond to the Consultation Paper reflecting the comments set out within the report and in the Appendices, and that the approval of the full response be delegated to the Chair of the Partnership, in order to meet the 22 February closing date, with the final response to be reported to the next meeting of the Partnership on 19 March.

15 ANEC/NOMS Project Update

This would be provided at the next meeting.

16 ASB Bill

Members of the Safer Stockton Partnership would recall that a report was discussed at the meeting on 14th August 2012 which provided the key points of the Government's White Paper 'Putting Victims First' which was published in May 2012. Following on from the White Paper the Government had published a draft bill on the future of anti-social behaviour (ASB) which will apply in both England and Wales. The bill looks to take forward measures to:

1. Focus the response to ASB on the needs of victims
2. Empower communities to get involved in tackling ASB
3. Ensure professionals can protect the public through quicker and more effective
4. Powers and proposals to speed up the eviction of the most anti-social tenants
5. Focus on long term solutions

The draft bill consisted of 98 clauses and of these there were two new measures aimed at ensuring the response to ASB focused on the needs of the victims.

AGREED that the report be noted.

17 Cleveland Police - new structure and roles

Members were provided with information on the new structures and roles for Cleveland Police.

AGREED that the information be noted.

18 Action Plan for Keep Safe Project

Members were provided with a report by Inclusion North on the project 'Safe Places' which were being set up across the country. It was reported that there was growing evidence of their effective contribution to safeguarding the citizenship of people with learning disabilities and their families.

Safe Places were designated venues in the community (identified by a Symbol) that people with learning disabilities (or other members of the community) can go to if they were feeling unsafe or need some support. These venues can be local businesses, libraries, community centres and much more.

Inclusion North wanted to support organisations and groups across Tees to work together to develop a unified sustainable safe place scheme across all 4 Local Authority areas.

AGREED that the report be noted.

19 Arrests/Drug Treatment Analysis

Members were provided with a paper that took 100 selected arrests from a specific period in time covering a range of offences that include a mixture of violence, acquisitive and other crime categories.

The sample of Arrests provided for analysis had revealed a very complex picture. The Arrests were made for a wide range of offences and not just those acquisitive crimes that result in a drug test. Of the one hundred examined, 66% were known to the Drug interventions programme (DIP). Full detail of the findings were provided within the report.

It was noted that methods to identify reasons for their offending behaviour whilst in treatment were being considered. Whilst in custody the offender was still innocent until proved guilty and therefore did not have to have a drugs test and it was identified that the drugs test did not reveal all drugs and alcohol was not included.

It was felt that further work could be done with a cohort of offenders to identify what drives them to offend. A process would be presented back to a future meeting.

AGREED that the findings be noted and that further information be presented back in due course.

20 Residents Survey

In 2012 a postal survey of residents in seven of the 12 North East Local Authorities (Durham, Gateshead, Newcastle, North Tyneside, Northumberland, Sunderland and Stockton-on-Tees) was undertaken. This method was closely comparable with the last national 'Place Survey' organised by CLG in 2008. Results on key community safety issues were summarised within the report.

AGREED that the results be noted.

21 Regional Refugee Forum

Georgina Fletcher from the Regional Refugee Forum was in attendance following a matter raised at the previous meeting raised under the item entitled - Criminal Damage.

It was reported that the UK Border Agency (UKBA) has a Public Harassment Team and thought that the matter could be raised with them. Group 4 Security (G4S)/Jomast were the contracted housing provider for asylum seekers and discussions would need to be held with them. Concerns were expressed that the public sector was having to pick up the cost regarding community safety and felt that Jomast could be helping to alleviate some of the problems.

Members provided information on any dealings that they had had with the UKBA, no one had heard of the Public Harassment Team. It was suggested that the contract with G4S/Jomast be clarified and further information on the Public Harassment Team be sought.

AGREED that the information be noted and that the additional information as detailed above be sought.

22 Reports Back

(a) Renaissance

(b) DAAT Groups

- Adults and Young Peoples Commissioning Group

- Reducing Reoffending and Harm Group

None

23 Date of next meeting - Tuesday 19 March at 9.30 a.m.