

Safer Stockton Partnership

A meeting of Safer Stockton Partnership was held on Tuesday, 9th July, 2013.

Present: Jane Humphreys (Chairman), Geoff Turner (Western Area Partnership Board), John Bentley (Safe in Tees Valley), Gordon Lang (Cleveland Police), Jeff Evans (Probation), Kerry Anderson (Public Health), Miriam Sigsworth (Youth Offending Service), Caroline Wood, Mike Batty, Cllr Steve Nelson, Paul Dobson, Richard Poundford (SBC), Paul Noddings (Tristar Homes), Rachelle Kipling (Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner), Steve McCarten (Fire), Paul Green (Adult Safeguarding), Christine Goodman (Victim Support), Sam Gibbons (Junior Neighbourhood Watch), Evaline Cunningham (CFA), Peter Kelly (Public Health), Barry Coppinger (Police and Crime Commissioner).

Officers: Steve Hume (DNS); Jo Heaney (Public Health); Fiona McKie (LD).

Also in attendance:

Apologies: Geoff Lee, Lucia Saiger, Cllr Jim Beall.

1 Draft Minutes - 7th May 2013

Consideration was given to the draft minutes of the meeting held on 7th May 2013.

AGREED that the draft minutes be approved.

2 Matters Arising

- (a) Troubled Families - outcome of Cabinet report (item 9 refers)**
- (b) Alcohol Action Plan - end of year summary (item 13 refers)**
- (c) ANEC/NOMS Project on Reducing Reoffending (item 19 refers)**

(a) The report was approved by Cabinet.

(b) Additional funding had been secured to enable additional work to be done for young people in treatment programmes. The monies would enable activities to begin earlier in their treatment programmes.

There would be an update report at the November meeting for ATR's/ASR's.

(c) There would be a full report to a future meeting.

3 Area Partnership Boards - reports back

There were no reports back.

4 Minutes of Safeguarding Adults Committee 14 May 2013

The minutes of Safeguarding Adults Committee held on 14th May 2013 were provided to Members for information.

The Government were requesting further information on how we manage self neglect.

It was noted that Housing were working closely with Adult Safeguarding as sometimes they were able to identify people that may self neglect from the state of their properties.

AGREED that the minutes of the Safeguarding Adults Committee held on 14th May be approved.

5 Any other business

There was no other business identified.

**6 (a) Recorded Crime & Disorder
(b) Consultation Magazine**

Members were provided with the recorded crime and anti social behaviour figures for end of May 2013. There had been a slight increase in crime but have seen a decrease in violence and sex offences.

Discussion was held on shoplifting and the impact of the current financial climate.

Discussion was held on the consultation magazine and any comments were requested to be sent to Steve Hume.

AGREED that the recorded Crime and Disorder figures be noted and any comments on the consultation magazine be sent to Steve Hume.

7 DAAT Q4 Performance

Members were provided with the DAAT Quarter 4 Performance figures.

Members were informed that there had been good performance for successful completions and the Service was working with providers to help people remain drug free.

Discussion was held on the increase in people presenting with cannabis issues. It was felt that further work with young people should be undertaken in Schools etc. as a preventative measure.

AGREED that the DAAT Quarter 4 Performance be noted.

8 The Future of Community Safety Partnership Working

(a) Role of PCC

(b) NHS changes

(c) New structures in Cleveland Police and how SSP can best relate to them

(d) Public Sector cuts etc

(e) Impact of cuts on the third sector

NHS Changes

Peter Kelly provided an overview of the NHS changes and the current structure.

Role of PCC

Barry Coppinger was in attendance to provide an overview of the Police and Crime Commissioners role.

Discussion was held on the disbandment of the Cleveland Police Mounted Section. Members expressed their disappointment but understood the pressures and reasons for the decision.

New Structures in Cleveland Police

Gordon Lang provided Members with an update on the new structures within Cleveland Police. It was proposed that there would be a single BCU with four Commands:- Task and Co-ordinating, Operations, Crime, Neighbourhood Policing.

There would be a pilot scheme running in Hartlepool and Middlesbrough to integrate Neighbourhood Policing and officers working on volume crime. The Drugs Teams across the Force would also be brought together. Community Safety Departments were currently considering what statutory duties needed to be delivered.

Probation Service

Jeff Evans provided an update on the changes to the Probation Service. There were currently 35 trusts that had been re-organised into 21 packaged areas. There was a lot of concern as to where some areas would feature such as IOM and Youth Justice.

Fire

Steve McCarten provided an update on the current financial position facing Cleveland Fire Service.

Stockton Council

Mike Batty presented a written report on budget reductions recently agreed by the Council, focussing on those of most relevance to the Partnership, and touching on the Government's announcement of a five year extension to the 'Troubled Families' programme.

Third Sector

A presentation was provided by John Bentley on the Third Sector. Detail was provided on the competition to secure funding, payment by results, unrealistic expectations of volunteers and opportunities.

Discussion was held on 'service contracts', public sector organisations could use these contracts to continue providing services in the third sector.

Future of Community Safety Partnership Working

Mike Batty had submitted a detailed report highlighting possible options for future partnership working.

Members discussed the issues raised and it was reported that Geoff Lee supported the approach outlined at paragraph 12. Barry Coppinger confirmed that he was also in agreement, and the Partnership AGREED to support the retention of Borough based Community Safety Partnerships for the time being, but also to support the firming up of Cleveland-wide governance arrangements for a selection of issues (such as SARC and Hate Crime), while retaining 'sovereignty' at the Borough level, and reviewing these arrangements in the medium term (three to five years).

- 9 Reports Back**
(a) Renaissance
(b) DAAT Groups
- Adults & Young Peoples Commissioning Group
- Reducing Reoffending and Harm Group

There were no reports back.

- 10 Date of Next Meeting - Tuesday 27 August 2013 at 9.30 a.m.**