

# Safer Stockton Partnership

A meeting of Safer Stockton Partnership was held on Tuesday, 24th June, 2014.

**Present:** Geoff Lee (Chairman) (Tristar/Vela), Steve Hume (SBC); Councillor Jim Beall, Fred Gook (NHW & SBP), Gilly Marshall (Thirteen), Jeff Evans (Probation Service), Bert Smailes (SBP), Caroline Wood (SBC Housing), John Bentley (Safe in Tees Valley), Steve Rose (Catalyst), , Emma Champley (SBC Public Health), Vicky Hatton (SBC Community Safety), Dr Neville Cameron (Cleveland PCC Office), Tina Williams (Panic).

**Officers:** Claire Sills, Vicky Hatton (DNS), Peter Bell (LD); Kerry Anderson, Jo Heaney (PH).

**Also in attendance:** Christian Ellis (Cleveland Police), Barbara Gill and Bronwen Elphick (DTV Probation CRC), Laura Bush (Tees Valley YMCA), Councillor Bob Cook.

**Apologies:** Peter Kelly, Julie Nixon, Miriam Sigsworth, Steve Rose, Kerry Anderson, Claire Sills.

## **SSP 22/14**      **Declarations of Interest**

There were no interests declared.

## **SSP 23/14**      **Minutes of the meeting held on 6 May 2014.**

The minutes of the meeting held on 6th May 2014 were approved.

## **SSP 24/14**      **Matters Arising (a) HMIC Inspection on Domestic Abuse**

The Community Safety and Security Manager updated Members on the HMIC Inspection on Domestic Abuse. Following the publication of the HMIC report which was discussed at the SSP meeting on the 6th May, Cleveland Police has developed an action plan to implement the recommendations. DCI Helen Eustace is leading on this piece of work. It was agreed that Helen would be invited to the meeting on the 19th August to present the action plan and progress to date.

## **SSP 25/14**      **Locality Forums - reports back**

There were no reports back.

## **SSP 26/14**      **Any Other Business**

The Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board (Councillor Beall) reported that the Health and Wellbeing Board had been reviewed and there would be some suggested changes to the Board that would make the Board have stronger connections. The changes to the Board would be considered by the Health and Wellbeing Board and Cabinet.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

## **SSP 27/14**      **Minutes of the YOS Management Board 14 May 2014**

The Minutes of the YOS Management Board 14 May 2014 were noted.

## **SSP**      **Drug Related Offending**

28/14

Detective Inspector Christian Ellis from the Community Drug Enforcement Unit Drug Related Offending was in attendance at the meeting and gave Members a briefing paper and a presentation. The presentation covered the following key areas:-

- \* Reducing drug related offending
- \* Drug testing results
- \* Percentage of negative test results
- \* Trigger offences for testing
- \* Positive results - Theft
- \* Positive Results - Burglary
- \* Drug use trends
- \* Cannabis Farms
- \* Parcels
- \* New psychoactive substances
- \* Other CDET activity

Members were then given the opportunity to ask questions and make comment on the presentation and report and these could be summarised as follows:-

- \* Everyone that is arrested should be drug tested
- \* Disagreement with the figures that have been presented
- \* Not sure of the purpose of the drug testing
- \* What is the future of drug testing?
- \* There is a lot of drug activity around Stockton town centre
- \* Now that the team is based in Middlesbrough we don't see as many Officers on the ground
- \* A large amount of people are using skunk

Detective Inspector Christian Ellis responded to some of the points that had been raised and these could be summarised as follows:-

- \* An arresting Officer can request a drug test
- \* The same Officers are in the joint team so there should still be the same Officers on the ground
- \* Unsure of the future of drug testing

RESOLVED that the presentation and report be noted.

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29/14

### **Recorded Crime and Disorder**

Consideration was given to a report that set out the recorded crime and anti-social behaviour figures for April 2014 - May 2014 compared to the same time period in 2013/14.

- During the first two months of the financial year, victim based crime in the borough has reduced by 2.4% (-40 crimes) when compared to same time last year.
- Alongside this, total crime has also reduced by 1% (-19 crimes).
- Reductions have also been seen in Middlesbrough (-7.4%) and Hartlepool (-0.2%) however crime has increased by 6.2% in Redcar & Cleveland.
- Comparisons with our peers also show that Stockton remains the safest place

to live in the Tees Valley area based upon crime rates per 1000 population for both publicly and total crime.

- Despite a reduction in overall crime, there are several categories that have increased during the first two months: Violence (15.9%/17 crime), Rape (60%/9 crimes), burglary domestic (35.9%/23 crimes), Bicycle theft (21.1%/12 crimes) theft from person (216%/6 crimes) and criminal damage & arson (1.6%/6 crimes).
- However reductions in total theft (-7.3%/-74 crimes), robbery (-20%/-2 crimes) and non-domestic burglary (-4%/-6 crimes).
- To date, the detection rate is similar to last year – 26.4%(-0.6%).
- Based on current crime levels, this gives a year end projection reduction of 0.9%.
- However incidents of ASB have increased slightly (0.9%) but are the lowest increase when compared to our neighbours.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

**SSP  
30/14**      **DAAT Q4 Performance**

Consideration was given to a report on the DAAT Q4 Performance.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

**SSP  
31/14**      **ASB Act and Community Trigger Update**

Consideration was given to a report on the ASB Act and Community Trigger.

Following the update on a commencement date of 13th May 2014 at the last meeting it was confirmed that they had commenced the provisions to start the administrative process of making arrangements and preparing for the implementation of the new process which had already been working on in Stockton. The provisions covering the publicising and actual implementation of the Community Trigger process had yet to be given a commencement date but it was thought to be sometime in October.

Work on the detailed procedure following agreement from SSP on the proposed threshold and process for Stockton's Community Trigger. The process was taking place of identifying and agreeing representatives and single points of contacts in each of the relevant bodies to provide information and carry out the case reviews when the trigger was activated. At present there was an attempt to identify a contact from the Clinical Commissioning Group and emails had been sent to progress this.

Vicky Hatton from Community Safety and Michelle Stowe from Legal attended an LGA one day workshop on Implementing the Community Trigger on 4th June 2014. The programme included setting the local threshold, establishing processes, approaching case reviews and outcomes. The event was useful in identifying if the right path was being taken with the process in Stockton and representatives from some of the pilot areas were in attendance to share best practice in approaches and key lessons learned from the Trigger pilots already in place.

The report contained some of the key points and useful information taken from the workshop.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

**SSP 32/14      The issue of Sex Workers in Stockton update**

The Head of Community Protection updated Members with regard to the letter that had been sent to the Chair by the Council's CEO that raised concerns of Councillor Rose relating to the link between the sex industry and children at risk and them possibly entering the care system.

A letter had been sent from the Chair responding to the Council's CEO and Councillor Rose. It was also proposed that at the next meeting of the Partnership the matter be discussed further after further discussions with relevant partners.

RESOLVED that the update be noted.

**SSP 33/14      Introduction from new Chief Executive of Durham/Tees Valley CRC**

The new Chief Executive of Durham / Tees Valley CRC was in attendance at the meeting and introduced herself, gave an update on the CRC and outlined the new structure for the CRC.

The Chief Executive also outlined the competition process, how the sharesale will work and the relevant timeline dates. The Chief Executive also reported that she felt the strength of the network around the edges of the CRC would be crucial to the success of the new CRC.

The Partnership felt that the IOM was still of great value to the CRC as it had been a great success.

The Partnership agreed that it would appreciate more updates on the CRC and further detail when the contract is awarded.

RESOLVED that the update be noted.

**SSP 34/14      Tees Valley YMCA**

Laura Bush (Motiv8 Project) was in attendance at the meeting and gave Members a presentation on the work of Motiv8. The presentation covered the following key areas:-

- \* Project information
- \* Project Delivery
- \* Promotional material
- \* ASDAN Award
- \* Peer Educators
- \* Delivery
- \* Examples of some of the workshops
- \* Youth Domestic Violence
- \* ASB

\* Gambling

Members felt that the project was of good value and that it may be worthwhile linking up with Claire Sills (Preventions Manager).

RESOLVED that the presentation be noted.

**SSP Transforming Rehabilitation Strategy update**

**35/14**

Jeff Evans (DTV CRC) had nothing to update.

**SSP Stockton Town Centre update**

**36/14**

The Community Safety Manager reported that there had been an increase of alcohol related issues in Stockton Town Centre. Enforcement Officers had been visiting landlords to help the situation.

There had also been issues at Trinity Gardens and a Dispersal Order was being considered. Signs would also be put up outlining that it was an alcohol free zone.

RESOLVED that the update be noted.

**SSP Reports Back**

**37/14**

**(a) Local Strategic Partnership**

**(b) DAAT Groups - Adults & Young Peoples Commissioning Group -  
Reducing Reoffending and Harm Group**

There were no reports back.

**SSP Date of Next Meeting - Tuesday, 19th August 2014 @ 9.30 am**

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