

Safer Stockton Partnership

A meeting of Safer Stockton Partnership was held on Tuesday, 17th November, 2015.

Present: Dave Pickard (Chair), Ian Coates, Shane Sellers (Cleveland Police), Joshua Le Darcy (Victim Support), John Bagley (National Probation Service - Cleveland), Miriam Sigsworth (Youth Offending Team), John Bentley, (Safe in Tees Valley), Cllr Steve Nelson, Cllr Jim Beall, Jane Humphreys, Emma Champley, Kerry Anderson, Julie Nixon, Caroline Wood (Stockton Council), Steve Rose (Catalyst), David Egglestone (DTV CRC Probation Services), Kerry Anderson (SBC - Public Health), Steve Johnson (Cleveland Fire Brigade).

Officers: Claire Sills, Peter Bell, Vicky Hatton, Jenny Cowell (SBC).

Also in attendance: None

Apologies: Gilly Marshall, Richard Poundford, Christine Goodman, Steve Hume, Paul Beattie, Barry Coppinger (PCC Office)

SSP 53/15 Introductions/Apologies

Introductions and apologies were given.

SSP 54/15 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Steve Nelson declared a person non prejudicial interest as his son worked in security in Stockton Town Centre.

SSP 55/15 Minutes

The minutes were agreed as true with an error noted for attendance by Jane Humphreys.

SSP 56/15 Matters Arising - Engagement with retailers re: shoplifting

Chief Inspector Marc Anderson had reported on the Stockton Town Centre retail crime figures in relation to Shoplifting and it was agreed a further update could be shared at the next meeting.

He provided the following overview that Cleveland Police were actively engaged with local retailers to try and get them to take greater responsibility. This is not just in Stockton, but right across Cleveland because the force will not have the resources to put into retail crime in the future.

It was requested that the partnership take no action at the moment with regard to the engagement with retailers re: shoplifting until Cleveland Police complete their meetings with local retailers.

ACTION

4.1 A further update be brought to a future meeting.

SSP 57/15 Any Other Business - identification only

The following items of business were identified:-

1. Membership of SSP
2. Hartington Road / New Walk

SSP **Minutes of Safeguarding Adults Board**

58/15

Consideration was given to the minutes of the Teeswide Safeguarding Adults Board held on 7 October 2015.

AGREED that the minutes of the Teeswide Safeguarding Adults Board held on 7 October 2015 be noted.

SSP **Domestic Abuse update, including:**

59/15

- a. Domestic Abuse Action Plan update**
- c. Work with repeat victims of domestic abuse**
- d. Operation Encompass**

a. The Partnership was presented with the Domestic Abuse Action Plan update.

The Domestic Abuse Action Plan had a revised layout, there were now fewer actions and less progress details.

Members discussed the joined-up working of the different Boards involved in domestic abuse. Members also discussed the issue of domestic abuse and queried best practice at other local authorities that had brought down their figures and it was felt that this should be further investigated.

The Partnership was also provided with a copy of a report that had been prepared to assist with the newly created Domestic Abuse Tactical / Operational Group.

b. The group were provided with a copy of minutes and given a verbal overview of the last operational meeting.

c. The Partnership was also provided with a copy of a report on the Domestic Abuse Medium Repeats Group.

The group was set up in 17th December 2012 and reformed in November 2013 and existed as a specialist group that provided an opportunity for the exchange of information, ideas and experiences, in order to monitor the on-going actions for all agreed cases. These cases were a specific list of vulnerable people who had been identified as medium repeats for domestic abuse, that were not referred to MARAC in Stockton.

This group provided an opportunity for a multi-agency group to meet, who were committed to working towards early intervention for those living with domestic abuse. This approach enabled the development of a response which would maximise the sharing of information and promotion of collaborative working to promote engagement of support services and to identify and utilise any funding resources available.

The report further highlighted:-

General Aims
Membership
The Duties of the Group
Actions Taken
Success
Challenges

Supplementary details were provided about Operation Encompass. Is due to be launched on 14th January 2016 in Stockton. Once it launched in Stockton it would become force wide. A brief overview on the current of the number children that were getting support were given. Local schools will receive poster and booklets.

ACTIONS:-

- 7.1 A meeting to be arranged between the Chairs of the Health and Wellbeing Board, LSCB, Children and Young People's Partnership and SSP to help understand the different roles of the Boards with regard to domestic abuse.
- 7.2 Jim Beall to circulate a copy of a paper on DA that through the Health and Wellbeing Report that is relevant to SSP.
- 7.3 IS CAF data reviewed for the Operational Report, can it be included in further reports?
- 7.4 Check with Community Safety Analyst where the figures were obtained in relation to the number of children who have been referred through to Social Care due to domestic abuse – comments referred to the numbers in the report being surprisingly low.
- 7.5 The report of the evaluation Operation Recidivism be shared at the next meeting of Safer Stockton Partnership.
- 7.6 Evaluation conducted by Teesside University for Hartlepool Operation Recidivism be shared with the Partnership after completion (due March 2016).
- 7.7 To gain further information on how the police select the Medium Repeat threshold.

AGREED that:-

1. The domestic abuse update be noted.
2. The actions as identified above be carried out.

**SSP
60/15 Community Safety Plan Q2**

The Partnership was presented with the targets from the Community Safety Plan 2014 - 2017.

AGREED that the targets from the Community Safety Plan 2014 - 2017 be noted.

**SSP
61/15** **YOT Q2**

The Partnership was presented with the Stockton-On-Tees YOT Data Summary April 2015 - March 2016.

The Partnership felt that it was good to note the reductions in the figures.

AGREED that the Stockton-On-Tees YOT Data Summary April 2015 - March 2016 be noted.

**SSP
62/15** **Deliberate fires in Stockton**

The Partnership was presented with a report on deliberate fires in Stockton.

The profile had been prepared to provide a concise report of F3 fires in Stockton district for time period 1st January to 21st October 2015. The report also looked specifically at fires in Stockton Town Centre, Newtown, Norton North and Norton South wards for time period March to April 2015.

The figures highlighted a large increase in the number of secondary fires occurring within Stockton this calendar year. The month on month comparison had shown that each month January to July had shown an increase when compared to the same month in 2014.

The CLO had initiated a multi-agency meeting to attempt to combat the issue, identify culprits and take action as necessary. Partners were keen to assist in resolving the issue and included SBC Enforcement, SBC ASB team, Thirteen group, Police, SBC Youth Services and British Transport police.

The evidence suggested the success of this multi-agency approach to problem solving with the demonstration of both dramatic and efficient results. While the whole episode lasted approximately six weeks it was felt that this time period would have been longer without the collaborative work of all agencies.

Appreciation of this approach and successful resolution was extended to all agencies involved in the exercise.

Partners had established a successful working practice model for future use should it ever be needed again. Arson awareness needs to continue to be increased and this must be provided from all agencies. This was commencing with the establishment of joint initiatives with social landlords. The biggest factor however in reducing levels of arson would be ultimately down to funding.

ACTIONS

12.1 A check be made that people are contacting SBC to dismantle fuel and that this service is offered all year round.

AGREED that:-

1. The report be noted.
2. The actions as identified above be carried out.

**SSP
63/15** **Mischief Night update**

The Partnership was given an update on the crime figures from Mischief Night.

The Partnership discussed the effectiveness of the communication strategy from Cleveland Police. The use of Dispersal Orders and the overall plan for Mischief Night was also discussed.

ACTION

- 13.1. There should be a multi-agency debriefing from Mischief Night and results should be brought back to the next Partnership Meeting. This would include further information on Dispersal Orders.

AGREED that:-

1. The update be noted.
2. The actions as identified above be carried out.

**SSP
64/15** **Stockton Borough Council response to Government consultation
'Enabling closer working between Emergency Services'**

The Partnership was presented with a report on the Consultation – Enabling closer working between the Emergency Services.

The general comments from Stockton-On-Tees Borough Council in response to the Governments consultation document “Enabling closer working between the Emergency Services” were detailed within the report.

AGREED that the report be noted.

**SSP
65/15** **Reports Back**
a) Local Strategic Partnership
b) Adult Wellbeing Partnership

There were no reports back but it was felt that the minutes of the Children's and Young People's Partnership should be reported back to the Partnership.

ACTION

- 15.1 The minutes of the Children and Young People's Partnership be included on the agenda in future for information.

**SSP
66/15** **Any Other Business**

Membership of SSP

It was reported that Steve Johnson had taken over as Stockton District Commander and would be attending future meetings of SSP.

Review of Senior Management in SBC.

ACTION

16.1 It was reported that following a review of senior management the Partnership should write to the Director of Public Health (Peter Kell) to highlight the need for a representative from Adult Services to attend in light of the wider changes to directorates within SBC.

Hartington Road / New Walk

It was reported that there were concerns regarding the chaotic lifestyle of some women in the Hartington Road / New Walk area.

SSP 67/15 **Date of next meeting - Tuesday 15 December 2015 at 9.30 am**

The date of next meeting was noted as Tuesday, 15 December 2015 at 9.30 am.

SSP 68/15 **Recorded Crime & Disorder**

The Partnership was provided with a report that gave an overview on crime and ASB in the borough of Stockton between April 2015 and September 2015.

These details had been taken from Cleveland Police Performance statistics and were restricted due to crime and ASB details not being released to the general public at the time of writing.

In relation to crime statistic for Darlington, who formed part of the Tees Valley area, they were not available at time of writing. Therefore the research would provide comparisons to Middlesbrough, Hartlepool and Redcar & Cleveland local authority areas based upon figures obtained from Cleveland Police.

The Partnership discussed the figures and the fact that the figures for Stockton had now gone up and not down as predicted.

ACTION

8.1 To review the restrictions on this paper so it can be shared more widely than members of the Partnership.

8.2 Consideration to be given to why Hartlepool is the only area to see a reduction in ASB.

AGREED

The report be noted, and the actions as identified above be carried out.