

# Safer Stockton Partnership

A meeting of Safer Stockton Partnership was held on Tuesday, 9th February, 2016.

**Present:** Dave Pickard (Chair), Superintendent John Lyons, Jim Allen (Cleveland Police), John Bagley (National Probation Service - Cleveland), Miriam Sigsworth (Youth Offending Team), John Bentley, (Safe in Tees Valley), Cllr Steve Nelson, Jane Humphreys, Kerry Anderson, Julie Nixon, Caroline Wood, Richard Poundford, Jamie McCann, Angela Connor, Steve Hume, Claire Sills (Stockton Council), Steve Rose (Catalyst), David Egglestone (DTV CRC Probation Services), Gilly Marshall (Thirteen), Sarah Wilson (PCC Office).

**Officers:** Peter Bell (SBC).

**Also in attendance:** None.

**Apologies:** Cllr Jim Beall and Neville Cameron (PCC Office).

## **SSP 1/16 Introductions/Apologies**

Introductions and apologies were given.

## **SSP 2/16 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

## **SSP 3/16 Minutes of Meeting of 15 December 2015**

The minutes were agreed as true record.

## **SSP 4/16 Matters arising**

With regard to Action 7.1 Sarah Wilson (PCC Office) outlined that the Commissioner would be happy for the Chair of the Partnership to come in and discuss the concerns of the Partnership with him and the temporary Chief Constable.

With regard to Action 8.1 a meeting had taken place and all the parties were happy with the outcome. The only issue to be resolved was the issue of drug testing for and the frequency of those tests. Steps were in place to resolve the issue and the item would be brought back to a future meeting of the Partnership.

With regard to Action 17.2 the Community Safety Manager read out an email he had received from Kate ????. The email highlighted that the Police were only comfortable to publish figures on their website as the Partnership reports contained some detailed commentary and the police had concerns that some of the issues could be lost in translation. The issue of any potential FOI request was discussed and it was felt that a meeting should take place between Superintendent Lyons and the Community Safety Manager to try and resolve the issue.

## **SSP 5/16 Any Other Business - identification only**

There was no further business identified.

## **SSP Community Safety Q3**

**6/16**

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

It was reported that under 3.2 of the Plan there needed to be reference that the National Probation Service manages 5 out of the 35 PPOs in Stockton so they needed to be involved in any further discussions.

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

**SSP  
7/16**

### **YOT Q3**

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

The report highlighted the good news that there was a 36% reduction in first time entrants from the same period last year. The performance of the YOT is better than the regional and national average. There were also fewer people re-offending than previous years.

It was also reported that there had been an endorsement from the Youth Justice Board Officer for the Youth Offending Service Manager and her team.

The Chair wished the Partnerships congratulations be given to the Youth Offending Service Manager and her team.

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

**SSP  
8/16**

### **Update on IOM/Arrest Referral**

Members were presented with a report on Transforming Rehabilitation: A Strategy for Reform (published May 2013). The report highlighted that:

- 1) offenders need to be supported 'through the prison gate',
- 2) those released from short-sentences, who currently do not get support, need rehabilitation if we are to bring their prolific reoffending under control;
- 3) public protection is paramount, and the public sector must take the key role in keeping people safe;
- 4) the voluntary sector has an important contribution to make in mentoring and turning offenders' lives around; •nothing we do will work unless it is rooted in local partnerships and brings together the full range of support, be it in housing, employment advice, drug treatment or mental health services.

The report highlighted:

- Community Rehabilitation Companies
- DTV CRC
- DTV CRC in Stockton
- Integrated Offender Management
- PPO Arrests, Charges and Proven Convictions August and September 2015
- Estates
- Agile Working
- New Technology
- Performance Management

There were discussions around the situation that when some offenders were being released from Holme House Prison they were staying in Stockton and then causing issues in the town centre. It was felt that once these individuals were being worked with they were achieving some positive outcomes. It was also felt that this issue could be discussed at a Partnership problem solving group.

8.1 ACTION the issue be discussed at a Partnership problem solving group.

AGREED that the report be noted.

**SSP  
9/16**

### **VCSE Contribution to Community Safety**

The Partnership received a presentation on VCSE Contribution to Community Safety. The presentation covered the following key areas:-

- The VCSE in Stockton-On-Tees
- What should the VCSE Offer
- Catalyst Stockton-On-Tees
- Some Current Catalyst Projects
- VCSE Contribution to Community Safety
- Social Impact Funding

Members were then given the opportunity to ask questions and make comment on the presentation.

The Chair reported that the key issue of the presentation was to plant some seeds with Members and help raise the profile of Catalyst. It was felt that Catalyst could add significantly to the Partnership agenda more than it realised at the moment.

AGREED that the presentation be received.

**SSP  
10/16**

### **CMT Discursive Report on SSP Emerging Issues**

The Partnership was provided with a report that had been presented to CMT. The purpose of this report was to provide CMT with an overview of the emerging issues of the Safer Stockton partnership for 2016.

The report highlighted the following key areas:-

- Introduction to SSP
- Changes to Crime Recording
- 2015 Partnership Strategic Assessment

With regard to the challenge ahead the forthcoming period would see many challenges for the partnership if targets were to be met. Government funding continued to be cut for the majority of public services resulting in reductions in staff within many of the essential organisations that form part of the partnership. The landscape of the borough was also changing with 1.6% rise in population over the past three years which was the largest increase in the Tees Valley area. This equated to around a further 2300 residents. The population was also ageing whilst the birth rate had reduced. The demand for more housing had also been seen with the development of several new housing estates around the borough attracting families and people from outside the area. This results in increase demand on schools, roads and local authority services. There was also opportunity for crime and ASB to displace to these areas.

The partnership had maintained a successful working relationship which had been well-established over the life of SSP. This included an intelligence led approach to service planning and delivery, along with collaborative working, community engagement and development. This would continue through the regular review of action plans that formed part of the Community Safety plan which was in place until March 2017. Targets set for reduction of violence may need reviewing in light of the increase in crime believed to be linked to changes in recorded practices.

In order to aide with moving forward towards the forthcoming strategic period and to maintain the success of SSP the partnership considered the findings from the PSA report and identified the following points for consideration:

- As identified last year, a clear theme throughout should be towards delivering sustainable improvements in community safety. This would require the strategic priorities to be based around identifying those partners and resources that were best placed to respond and deliver improvements to community safety.
- Priorities and responses should consider short, medium and long term means for addressing the identified problems.
- The strategic priorities should include variety of responses focusing on enforcement, prevention, risk reduction and reassurance methods.
- Continue with effective partnership working, developing approaches to problem solving and enable local communities to be involved through the use of restorative practices.
- Scope the needs of hate crime victims and plan future services appropriately.
- Allocation of resources to the most problematic areas through regular analysis of crime and disorder.

AGREED that the report be noted.

**SSP**      **Reports back**  
**11/16**    **a) Local Strategic Partnership**  
              **b) Adults Wellbeing Partnership**  
              **c) Children and Young People's Partnership**

The Partnership was presented with the minutes from the Adults' Health and Wellbeing Partnership held on 5 January 2016 and the minutes from the Children and Young People's Partnership held on 18 November 2015.

AGREED that the minutes be noted.

**SSP  
12/16**      **Date of next meeting - Tuesday 22 March 2016 at 9.30 am**

AGREED that the date of next meeting as Tuesday 22 March 2016 at 9.30am be noted.

**SSP  
13/16**      **Minutes of Adult Safeguarding Board**

The Partnership was presented with the minutes of Teeswide Safeguarding Adults Board held on 10 November 2015.

It was felt that the minutes from LSC Board be reported to the Partnership.

ACTION 14.1 the minutes from LSC Board be reported to the Partnership.

AGREED that:-

1. The minutes be noted.
2. The minutes from LSC Board be reported to the Partnership.

**SSP  
14/16**      **Anti-Social Behaviour inc. Mischief Night debrief**

The Partnership was provided with a report that had been prepared to provide an overview on anti-social behaviour in the borough of Stockton. It was not intended to provide detailed analysis rather a tool to identify performance.

The Partnership was also provided with a briefing note that had been prepared to evaluate the key problems identified with anti-social behaviour and damage on mischief night in 2015 compared to 2014.

Attached to the report was a table that contained the ASB and damage that took place in Stockton on mischief night.

There was a review taking place of mischief night and the findings would be presented to the next meeting of the Partnership.

AGREED that the information be noted.

**SSP  
15/16**      **Recorded Crime & Disorder**

The Partnership was presented with a report that provided an overview on crime and anti-social behaviour between April 2015 and December 2015 in the borough of Stockton.

It was felt that there was a complex message with regard to the crime statistics which needed to be kept in perspective and that the focus of the Partnership

should remain on the JAGS, problem solving and engagement with the community.

AGREED that the information be noted.

**SSP      Operation Recidivism briefing paper**

**16/16**

The Partnership was presented with a briefing paper on Operation Recidivism.

The aim of the proposal was to ensure all victims of domestic abuse had access to specialist support services, and that all interventions used in Cleveland to reduce repeat calls to the Police were evidence based, effective and efficient.

The key issue for the Partnership was the impact for Stockton and the Partnership. It was felt that the Marac worked well but the mini Maracs needed to be looked at to make them worthwhile.

A further meeting would take place between the Community Safety Manager, Jim Allen and the Chair of the HWB.

**ACTION 17.1** A meeting take place between the Community Safety Manager, Jim Allen and the Chair of the HWB.

AGREED that the briefing paper be noted.