

## Safer Stockton Partnership

**A meeting of Safer Stockton Partnership was held on Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> May, 2016.**

**Present:** Cllr Steve Nelson (Chair), Marc Anderson, Joanna Duffy (Cleveland Police), Sarah Wilson (OPCC), Miriam Sigsworth (Youth Offending Team), John Bentley, (Safe in Tees Valley), Gilly Marshall (Thirteen), Cllr Steve Nelson, Cllr Jim Beall, Neil Schneider, Emma Champley, David Morton, Kerry Anderson, Caroline Wood, Steve Hume (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 (SBC).

**Also in attendance:** None

**Apologies:** Kerry Anderson, Jane Humphreys, Jamie McCann, John Lyons.

### ACTION

#### 1 **Introductions/Apologies**

Introductions and apologies were given.

#### 2 **Declarations of Interest**

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

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#### 3 **Minutes of Meeting 22 March 2016**

The minutes were agreed as true record.

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#### 4 **Matters Arising**

##### **Domestic Abuse**

At the previous meeting it was agreed to produce national comparative figures for a future meeting. Lisa Lyons was producing the figures and they would be ready to present to the next meeting of the Partnership.

It was also reported that a new forum was being set up to consider the issue of Domestic Abuse. This issue would be considered later on the agenda.

##### **Shoplifting Update**

An update was given that there was some specialist work being done on shoplifting.

##### **Early Help Peer Review**

This action was in the process of being undertaken with Martin Grey. The item would be put on the Partnership Forward Plan.

## **Stockton Town Centre - Castlegate**

The update was that the meeting between senior Castlegate official and SBC Officers hadn't yet taken place and there would be a further update at the next meeting.

## **Integrated Neighbourhood Teams Review**

Steve Rose had been asked to raise the issue of concern from Voluntary Sector Voice Forum that Neighbourhood Teams Offices would be closing down. Marc Anderson reported that there were no plans of closing the Neighbourhood Teams Offices. The Chair asked if the Police could do a quick press release to clarify the situation and to re-assure people.

## **5 Any Other Business - identification only**

There wasn't any other business identified.

## **6 Minutes of Safeguarding Adults Board and SLSCB**

Consideration was given to the minutes of the Teeswide Safeguarding Adults Board held on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2016 and the minutes of the SLSCB held on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2016.

**AGREED** that the minutes of the Teeswide Safeguarding Adults Board held on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2016 and the minutes of the SLSCB held on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2016 be noted.

## **7 Prevent in Stockton**

The Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015 placed a requirement on local authorities, in the exercise of their functions to have due regard to the need to prevent people being drawn into terrorism (Chapter 1, Section 26).

While the responsibilities of local government bodies would not fundamentally change with the commencement of the Prevent Duty. By placing a statutory duty on local authorities the Government intends to ensure that there was consistency across all local authorities and increased opportunities to share best practice.

The Prevent Duty came into effect on the 1st July 2015; local authorities were required to fulfil a range of responsibilities as articulated in the Prevent guidance. Broadly this work falls into the following categories:

- Partnership
- Risk Assessment
- Action Plan
- Staff Training
- Use of local authority resources
- Other agencies and organisations supporting children
- Out of school settings supporting children

The delivery of Prevent training to front line officers had started in Stockton Borough Council. All officers from the Community Safety and Security Service, including Neighbourhood Enforcement and Anti-Social Behaviour Officers, received the training in December 2015. Follow up training had also been completed with front line Care Call and Security Staff during a number of scheduled training days in April 2016.

A number of lunch time drop-in sessions had been held for Social Workers and these were set to continue throughout the year. Social Workers had been provided with further referral details should any issues come to light.

A session on Prevent was also held with Elected Members in September 2015 outline the key elements as well as highlighting the issues and their potential impact at a local level. Further information sessions were planned at forthcoming senior management meetings to outline the process and update on progress.

A comprehensive programme was well established across schools in Stockton: Workshop to Raise Awareness of Prevent (WRAP) Training for Schools  
53 Schools had accessed WRAP Train the Trainer for Schools.

The Cleveland Prevent Silver Group also continued to make progress on the 'rolling action plan' which covered all aspects of the duty. As part of the action plan work was progressing on the development of the Prevent web page for Stockton which would include information on emerging issues, guided reading materials and examples of best practice as well as resources for use in schools as well as details of the referral process for individuals of concern. This was at an early stage and would assist in further raising the profile of Prevent as well as providing consistent messages for officers and practitioners.

From a Stockton Borough Council perspective we an operational group had been established tasked with supporting the roll out of Prevent activities ensuring that all areas of the authority had sufficient awareness and support. This group was in its infancy and would continue to develop over the coming months.

At a national level concerns had been raised about the Prevent process and the feeling of some individuals and communities that it focuses in the main on the Muslim community with limited focus on far right and other forms of extremism. As a result of this the overall message of Prevent was not resonating with all groups. The Home Office was in the process of reviewing local authority arrangements for Prevent as well as the success of wider roll out of information and awareness raising. From a Stockton perspective there was a need to revisit community links as well as overall cultural awareness.

There was a greater focus on community / local intelligence that was putting more responsibility on local partners and in particular the local authorities. There was now a more sophisticated risk assessment process at a local plan level that would be more organic and change with emerging threats.

There would be a higher level action plan at Cleveland level. What was being developed at a Stockton level was a more operational level that would be used by officers. This would provide an additional safety net to ensure that nothing

was being missed. It would also give the opportunity to identify any issues and challenges that could be raised further in the Cleveland wide structure.

It was felt that there wasn't an overt problem in Stockton however the risk still remained. The biggest issue was that engagement was managed and the strong positive links remained in place. Proactive assurance was the key to cohesion in Stockton to mitigate against the risks.

It was felt that Stockton was in good position and the connections should be strengthened to get the right people round the table.

It was reported that Alex Cunningham MP had been in contact with Jia ?? Rashid (Muslim Welfare Trust) who shared the concerns that he had. It was felt that it would be helpful for discussions to take place with voluntary and community sector to give reassurance to the Muslim community of the work that was on-going that was perhaps not as visible in the voluntary and community sectors.

An item would be put on the next agenda of the Partnership to update Members.

**AGREED** that the discussion be noted.

## **8 Recorded Crime and Disorder**

Consideration was given to a report that provided an overview and anti-social behaviour for the financial year of April 2015 to March 2016 in the borough of Stockton.

The report was restricted and not for the public domain.

It was reported that at a future meeting of the Partnership an item would be considered that would detail future reporting of crime and disorder.

**AGREED** that the report be noted.

## **9 Community Safety Plan Q4**

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.

## **10 DAAT Q4**

The Partnership was provided with a report that gave an overview of the performance DAAT Q4.

**AGREED** that the report be noted.

## **10 YOT Q4**

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

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

## **11 Domestic Abuse Strategy Action Plan 2016/17**

The Partnership was presented with Domestic Abuse Strategy Action Plan 2016/17. The Action Plan had been put into the following 3 key strands:-

- Awareness and Education
- Early Intervention
- Support and Protection

There were a number of actions for specific organisations and the actions that were relevant to the Partnership were highlighted. Members of the Partnership noted the actions that were relevant their organisations and the Partnership.

A discussion took place regarding the actions and if they were smart enough to be measured and for the actions to be monitored. It was hoped that the actions would be put back to the agencies as so they can consider what they are doing as the co-ordinations of the Action Plan did not know what information the agencies were holding on domestic abuse. It was outlined that there was a hope that all the agencies would have a Domestic Abuse Work Place Policy.

**AGREED** that:-

1. The Domestic Abuse Strategy Action Plan 2016/17 be noted.
2. The Partnership and the relevant agencies note the specific actions that apply to their agency.

## **12 Health and Wellbeing Board Domestic Abuse Steering Group**

Consideration was given to a report that advised the Partnership of the arrangements regarding strategic co-ordination of activities to prevent and respond to domestic abuse and sought the Partnership's approval for a Domestic Abuse Steering Group to be established.

It was acknowledged that whilst there was a considerable amount of work being carried out by a range of partnerships, organisations and individuals, there needed to be a single partnership in place to bring this work together. This partnership would ensure that the aims and objectives of the strategy were being addressed and provided additional scrutiny to ongoing work as well as assist in the identification and resolution of any emerging issues. For this purpose, it was proposed that a Domestic Abuse Steering Group be established reporting to the Health and Wellbeing Board. For this proposal to be effective it was agreed that:

- a. Consistent attendance at the Partnership must be maintained
- b. Member organisations of the Partnership must ensure representation of a level sufficiently senior to be able to make decisions on behalf of the organisation
- c. Organisations must commit to contributing to the Action Plans to prevent and respond to domestic abuse and ensure actions are taken forward and completed
- d. Other Partnerships and Boards where domestic abuse is discussed agree to the strategic drive and oversight of domestic abuse taking place within the Domestic Abuse Steering Group overseen by the Health & Wellbeing Board as

system leader.

e. A wider working protocol be developed between the Safer Stockton Partnership, Local Safeguarding Children Board, the Teeswide Safeguarding Adults Board, the Adults Health & Wellbeing Partnership and the Children & Young People's Partnership and the Health & Wellbeing Board to provide clarity regarding decision making and reporting mechanisms, based on the existing protocols between both Safeguarding Boards and the Health & Wellbeing Board.

It was proposed that the following organisations and Local Authority departments are represented on the Domestic Abuse Steering Group:

Cleveland Police  
Police & Crime Commissioner  
Tees Esk & Wear Valley Mental Health Trust  
North Tees & Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust  
Hartlepool & Stockton on Tees Clinical Commissioning Group  
Harbour Domestic Abuse Support Services  
Catalyst  
Durham Tees Valley Community Rehabilitation Company  
National Probation Service Cleveland

Local Authority departments:

Public Health  
Children's Services  
Adult Social Care  
Community Safety

Cabinet Member Representation:

Adult Services & Health  
Children & Young People  
Access, Communities & Community Safety

A structural diagram was attached to the report.

Discussions took place around the membership of the Domestic Abuse Steering Group and it was felt that there was a housing perspective that needed to be brought into the Group but it was felt that this issue could be discussed at one of the first meetings of the Group.

AGREED that:-

1. The establishment of a Domestic Abuse Steering Group be approved.
2. The possibility of a representative from the housing sector be considered at one of the first meetings of the Domestic Abuse Steering Group.

### **13 Serious Organised Crime Profile**

The Partnership was given a presentation on Serious Organised Crime. The presentation covered the following key areas:-

1. Identifying and assessing organised crime activity
2. Where is organised crime occurring in Cleveland
3. Who is committing organised crime
4. Drug supply and distribution

**5. Commodity importation, counterfeiting and supply of illegal goods**

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

**AGREED** that the presentation be received.

**14 Draft Updated Information Sharing Agreement**

**AGREED** that the Safer Stockton Partnership Information Sharing Protocol 2016 be deferred.

**15 Planned Reports**

Any suggested items for future meetings should be submitted to the Community Safety Manager.

**16 Restorative Justice Annual Review**

This item was deferred to the next meeting

**15 Reports Back**

- a) Local Strategic Partnership**
- b) Adult Wellbeing Partnership**

There were no reports back.

**16 School Holidays and Bonfire Period**

The Partnership briefly discussed the upcoming school holidays and bonfire period.

**AGREED** that the seasonal Action Group follow this up.

**17 Date of next meeting – changed to Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June at 9.30 am at Stockton Town Hall**