

Production of Partnership Strategic Assessment

Introduction

1. The purpose of this paper is to ask the partnership to consider the change of time frame of the production of the Partnership Strategic Assessment (PSA).
2. This suggested change is to allow for analysis to be drawn from the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment that is currently in process of being prepared and to feed into the Community Safety Plan which will be refreshed in April 2018.

Purpose of the report(s)

3. Community Safety Partnerships have a statutory requirement to produce a PSA, along with a Community Safety Plan and a Joint Strategic Needs Assessment.
4. The aim of the PSA is to provide the partnership with an overview of the current crime and anti-social behaviour issues in the borough, along with the harm caused by the misuse of drugs and alcohol.
5. The assessment draws upon research and analysis from a wide variety of partnership data.
6. The PSA also informs the partnership of any emerging crime areas and trends that need to be included as strategic priorities within the Community Safety Plan.
7. The purpose of the Community Safety Plan is to set out the strategy partners will employ to tackle community safety issues in Stockton which have been identified through via the PSA.
8. The Community Safety Plan for April 2017 to March 2020 has recently been completed, drawing upon the recommendations from the analysis of the PSA report that was finalised in December 2016.
9. Four new priorities have been identified along with several performance targets within each.
10. The Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) identifies the current and future health and care needs of local populations to inform and guide the planning and commissioning of health, well-being and social care services within a local authority area.

Responsibilities

11. The Joint Strategic Needs Assessment is jointly carried out by health, local authorities and community and voluntary organisations to produce a picture of people's needs and to help them work together to find answers to those needs.
12. The production of the JSNA is currently underway within the authority with allocated responsibilities for analysis lying with several service units and partner agencies.

13. The production of the PSA predominantly lies with the Community Safety Analyst. The Community Safety Analyst has also been allocated ownership of sections relating to crime and disorder for the JSNA.
14. Other partner agencies and service units are also in process of completing their sections which will draw upon analysis on a wide variety of data sets.
15. It is been suggested to the partnership that the production of the PSA should follow the completion (or part completion) of the JSNA.
16. The analysis for the JSNA will aid with the intelligence process in producing the PSA.
17. The PSA has previously focused on the time period of October through to September although it has been produced at different time periods in the past.
18. The data parameters suggested are to review 12 month of data of **January 17 to December 17** or **April 17 to March 18**.
19. There is no statutory requirement in relation to which date parameters are used within the PSA.
20. The production of the PSA, for both of the data sets, would also link in with identifying any emerging threats that may have an impact on the priorities and performance measures for year 2 of the CSP (April 18 to March 19) and therefore benefit from the PSA being produced nearer to that date.

Recommendation

21. To change the timescales of the production of the PSA to either the time period of January 17 to December 17 or April 17 to March 18.
22. The Community Safety Plan performance measures continue to be reviewed on a quarterly basis along with the analysis of crime at operational and strategic level. Therefore it is anticipated that a change to timescales of the PSA will have no impact on identification of emerging threats.
23. The change of dates will also assist with refreshing the Community Safety Plan in April 2018.
24. This proposal is supported by Steven Hume, Community Safety and Strategy Manager and submitted to members of the partnership for consideration.

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