

Safer Stockton Partnership

A meeting of Safer Stockton Partnership was held on Tuesday, 13th February, 2018.

Present: Cllr Steve Nelson (Chair), Cllr Jim Beall (Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Health), Steve Hume (SBC - Children's Services), Jamie McCann, Marc Stephenson, Claire Sills (SBC – Community Services), Lisa Oldroyd (Office of the PCC), John Bentley (Safe in Teesside), James Hadman (Catalyst), Marc Anderson (Cleveland Police), David Morton (SBC – Adult Strategy), Sharon Barnett (NPS), Chris Joynes (Thirteen), Steve Johnson, Cllr Mick Stoker (CFA), Andrea Clement (NPS), David Willingham (SBC - Children and Young Peoples Operational Services) Angela Connor (SBC - Adults Operational Services).

Officers: Kirsty Wannop (SBC – Democratic Services)

Also in attendance: None.

Apologies: Sarah Wilson, Julie Almont, Alastair Simpson, Sharon Barnette, Kevin Parry, Craig Willows, Miriam Sigsworth, Sarah Bowman-Abouna.

SSP 1/17 Introductions/Apologies

Introductions and apologies for absence were given.

SSP 2/17 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Steve Nelson declared a personal non prejudicial interest in respect of agenda item 13 - Catalyst and the Third Sector Role in Reducing Crime and ASB as he was a Director of Catalyst.

SSP 3/17 Minutes of last meeting 12 December 2017

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting held on 12 December 2017.

It was agreed that for future meeting the minutes would include an attendance matrix.

AGREED that the minutes be approved.

SSP 4/17 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

SSP 5/17 Any Other Business - identification only

None.

SSP 6/17 Minutes of Adult's Safeguarding Board 18th October 2017

Members were presented with the minutes of the Adult Safeguarding Board Management Board held on 18 October 2017.

AGREED that the minutes be noted.

**SSP
7/17**

YOT Q3 Monitoring

Members were presented with the YOT Q3 Monitoring report.

AGREED that the report be noted.

**SSP
8/17**

The role of the Local Criminal Justice Partnership and link to Safer Stockton Partnership

Consideration was given to a report on the role of the Local Criminal Justice Partnership and the link to Safer Stockton Partnership.

There were two elements to consider, one was the work that was being carried out by the sub groups, the other was the progress monitoring of the LCJB strategic objectives as identified within the Local Criminal Justice Plan (LCJP) which was attached to the report.

The existing Victim and Witness and Reducing Reoffending sub groups had direct representation from the Safer Stockton Partnership. The Effectiveness and Efficiency group which looked at performance around offending and victims as well as measuring how effective the courts were at progressing cases through the process had representation covered through the PCC office.

Future engagement and communication between these groups was being developed. As a result of this the Victim and Witness group and Reducing Reoffending group would have direct links with the Effectiveness group. Reports would be shared under the new way of working between these groups.

Throughout the year there would be various task and finish groups that would be established as and when required. It was the responsibility of the representatives in attendance to identify the most appropriate representative or volunteer to attend these time defined groups. Information arising from these groups would be shared within the proposed annual report to the Safer Stockton Partnership.

Through the completion of this briefing there was a clear appetite to improve and to strengthen the sharing of information with the Safer Stockton Partnership. There was SSP representation on the Victims and Witness and Reducing Reoffending and Harm groups as well as PCC representation on the Effectiveness and Efficiency group. The four Tees Community Safety Partnerships were also represented on the quarterly PCC Working Together group. It was proposed that emerging issues and requests for support were fed back to the SSP as and when required. The quarterly Local Criminal Justice Board meeting minutes could also be shared with members of SSP for information. In addition to this it was proposed that an annual report be produced outlining the progress made by the LCJB.

AGREED that:-

1. Representation be maintained from Safer Stockton Partnership on the Victims and Witness Group and the Reducing Reoffending Group, with main

representation from PCC on the Efficiency and Effectiveness group.

2. Agree the following process for feedback reports from LCJB to SSP:-

- LCJB Annual Report
- LCJB meeting minutes shared for information
- Emerging issues agenda items agreed as and when required

3. SSP representation on the Tees Working Together Group be continued.

**SSP
9/17**

Tees Reducing Re-offending Group Presentation

Members received a presentation on Tees Reducing Re-Offending.

The presentation covered the following key areas:-

- Local Criminal Justice Partnership
- Group Partnership
- Re-offending in Cleveland
- Re-offending in Stockton
- Key Areas of Work

Members discussed the issue of the outcomes for young people and the effectiveness of the treatment and the re-referral back into system. It was reported that at the last Reducing Re-offending meeting the Joint Needs Assessment that Public Health was leading on drug related offending and the wider issues was nearing completion. Once this was complete it would be brought to a future meeting of the Partnership. This would give a detailed analysis of the challenges that lay ahead.

With regard to Universal Credit rollout, the Borough would have full rollout by July 2018. The Infinity Partnership and Thirteen would be holding a conference and the Chair agreed that he would send an invite to Cleveland Reducing Re-offending Group.

AGREED that the presentation be received.

**SSP
10/17**

Catalyst and the Third Sector Role in Reducing Crime and ASB

Consideration was given to a report on Catalyst and the Third Sector Role in Reducing Crime and ASB.

At a recent Safer Stockton Partnership the Chief Executive of Catalyst asked the meeting whether there was mileage in discussing "Safer Stockton" not in the context of crime figures and services to address them directly but rather from a Community Cohesion perspective.

It had always been an interest of Chief Executive of Catalyst as to why certain communities seem more resilient than others in terms of their cohesion and strong community relations compared to others despite often being in areas of most deprivation and the challenges this might imply.

By making the suggestion the Chief Executive of Catalyst was challenged to produce a paper which asked general questions to consider as well as giving an outline of what the voluntary, community and social enterprise sector (VCSE) in the borough contributes to the agenda. It was intended first and foremost as a discussion piece and did not attempt to be a full audit of all VCSE agencies working in the borough. Although that was not to downplay the contribution made by the VCSE, often only with volunteers, which ensured that there was a sense of community and communal wellbeing in our disparate communities.

The report was not written to make any great claims about specific services neither was it a commentary on the need for additional resources. It was rather an attempt to introduce the notion that many communities in different geographical areas or based on communities of interest just “get on with their lives” and do not become as much of a burden on public services as others.

The report proposed that:

1. Instead of starting with a deficit model of discussion whereby the Partnership looks at “what is going wrong” the Partnership start by examining those communities where things are “going right” and understand why that might be;
2. In particular, the Partnership needs to appreciate better the contributions made by VCSE and volunteers who help to create a sense of communal wellbeing;
3. Analyse if there are replicable models whereby community assets and public services can get the best from each other.

The report further highlighted the following areas:

- The scope of the VCSE in Stockton-on-Tees
- What does this mean in terms of community safety
- Examples of projects commissioned to contribute to community cohesion
- Public sector funded projects which directly address community safety issues
- Other projects which indirectly address community safety issues
- Networks and building communities in the Borough

The struggle at Catalyst was to better understand what impact the VCSE had both through commissioned services as well as the effect of the multitude of other organisations, clubs and societies. It was proposed to put resources into looking at an area of the borough that appeared to have better than expected outcomes in terms of community cohesion, crime and safety and try to establish reasons why that was, be it from extended voluntary action, inspirational community leaders or excellent public services. If such an area can be found and analysed the Partnership might be able to understand better what the Partnership needed to be doing and encouraging elsewhere in the Borough.

Members felt that a case study of a successful community project would be useful for the Partnership to study at a future meeting.

Stockton town centre was identified as an area of possible future development

for VCSE.

AGREED that the report be noted.

**SSP
11/17** **Update on ECINS**

Members received a report that gave an update on E-CINS.

E-CINS was a cloud based multi-agency information sharing system, which allowed multiple agencies to access data regarding individual cases. The system was developed by Empowering Communities who were a not for profit social enterprise whose aim was to facilitate positive social change.

The system was built for practitioners to give them one place to securely share, case manage and collaborate on victims, offenders, vulnerable people, families, premises and places. It was developed in response to high profile cases, such as the Fiona Pilkington case, where multiple agencies were working with the same victim without effectively sharing information and therefore establishing a complete picture regarding the extent of victimisation and the range of interventions being undertaken.

Within Cleveland the following organisations had completed the necessary information sharing protocols to use the E-CINS system:

- Cleveland Police
- Hartlepool Local Authority
- Stockton Local Authority
- Middlesbrough Local Authority
- Redcar and Cleveland Local Authority
- Thirteen Housing
- Coast and Country Housing
- Accent Housing
- North Star Housing
- Cleveland Fire and Rescue
- Tees Esk & Wear Valley NHS Trust

The above organisations utilise the system to differing degrees.

Within Cleveland the licence and software costs associated with the system were initially funded for a two year period by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC), at a cost of £40,000 per year. Following this initial two year period participating partners were asked for a voluntary contribution towards the running costs of the system. Funding was agreed for £29,800, with the remaining balance funded by the OPCC.

Funding was not compulsory for any new organisations wishing to sign up to use the system, and it had been agreed that funding would not be requested from any VCSE organisations who may utilise the system in the future. The report highlighted the governance and the security arrangements for E-CINS.

With regard to the use and future use of E-CINS it was highlighted that within

Cleveland the system was used for complex cases of antisocial behaviour, Victims First and Top 10 Troubled Families. Consideration was given to utilising the system for domestic abuse cases managed through IOM, and domestic abuse agencies had received training on the use of the system.

Within Stockton ECINS was used with the Civic Enforcement section of the Community Services directorate. The use of the system allowed for the live sharing of intelligence and information regarding open cases. The information can be more specifically used to target areas and record information such as patrols, sharing of actions taken, names of people stopped and any perpetrator details.

It was anticipated that there would be a full roll out of the system to all Civic Enforcement Staff by end of March 2018.

Within Stockton a pilot project was being undertaken to utilise the system for Vulnerable, Exploited, Missing and Trafficked cases (VEMT), and for the Children's Services Performance Management Framework.

Engagement was ongoing with offender management agencies to establish protocols for use of the system by National Probation Service and Community Rehabilitation Company. Initially NPS had agreed to run a pilot project in one area. Work was being undertaken to establish the preferred area of focus for this pilot. CRC had indicated that they would be in a position to use the system when their new case management system was fully embedded.

Within Local Authorities E-CINS was predominantly used within the Community Safety function. Work was required to establish its usage across other areas, including Adult and Children's Services.

AGREED that report be noted.

SSP 12/17 Reports Back
a) Adults Health and Wellbeing Partnership
b) Children and Young People's Partnership

There were no reports back.

SSP 13/17 Date of next meeting - Tuesday 27 March 2018

AGREED that the date of the next meeting be noted

SSP 14/17 ASB Overview

AGREED that in depth discussion be noted.

SSP 15/17 Recorded Crime & Disorder

Members were presented with a restricted report on recorded crime and disorder.

The report provided an overview on a variety of data sets regarding crime and

disorder that had been recorded by Cleveland Police relating to the period between April 2017 and October 2017.

AGREED that the report be noted.