

Safer Stockton Partnership

A meeting of Safer Stockton Partnership was held on Tuesday, 16 July, 2019.

Present: Cllr Steve Nelson (Chair), Cllr Ann McCoy (SBC - Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care), Claire Sills (SBC – Early Help), Marc Stephenson, Craig Willows, Dawn Tyteman (SBC – Community Services), Marc Anderson (Cleveland Police), Alan Brown, Cllr Andrew Stephenson (Cleveland Fire Service), Gary Knight (SBC – Housing Services), Tanya Evans (SBC - YOT), Angela Corner (Thirteen Group), Steve Rose (Catalyst), Barry Coppinger, Sarah Wilson (PCC), Angela Connell (SBC – Adult Social Care), Richard Phelan (HMP Holme House Prison), Michael Houghton (HAST CCG), Jane Smith (SBC – Public Health).

Officers: Peter Bell (SBC – Democratic Services).

Also in attendance: Cllr Luke Frost.

Apologies: Jamie McCann.

1 Appointment of Chair

AGREED that Councillor Steve Nelson be appointed Chair of the Partnership for the Municipal Year 2019/20.

2 Introductions / Apologies

Introductions and apologies for absence were given.

3 John Bentley

The Partnership was informed that John Bentley was no longer working for Safe in Tees Valley. The Partnership agreed that the Chair should write to John to thank him for all of his hard work over many years for the Partnership and wish him well for the future.

4 Declarations of Interest

There were no interests declared.

5 Minutes

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting held on 12 February 2019.

AGREED that the minutes be approved.

6 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

7 Invited Speaker Chief Constable Richard Lewis

The Partnership was informed that unfortunately Chief Constable Richard Lewis would not be able to attend the meeting and would speak at the next meeting of the Partnership.

8 Invited Speaker PCC Barry Coppinger – Police and Crime Plan

The PCC was in attendance at the meeting and gave the Partnership a presentation on his Police and Crime Plan. The presentation covered the following key areas:-

- Five Key Priorities:-
 1. Investing in Our Police
 2. A Better Deal for Victims and Witnesses
 3. Tackling Offending and Re-Offending
 4. Working Together to Make Cleveland Safer
 5. Securing the Future of our Communities
- Scrutiny Programme

The Partnership was given the opportunity to ask questions and make comments on the presentation and these could be summarised as follows:-

- The use of Special Constables
- Reporting crime on-line and the possible effects on the service. The Partnership agreed that the new system on reporting crime on-line should be demonstrated at a future meeting of the Partnership
- The use of technology/IT/Laptops for Police Officers
- The report of retail crime
- Operation Endurance and the split of time Police Officers spend between Durham and Cleveland
- The Partnership working that is needed to tackle off-road motorbikes
- Potential drone use within Cleveland
- Increased work around county lines and working with partners
- Domestic abuse and the whole system approach around repeat offending and operation Phoenix

AGREED that:-

1. The discussion be noted.
2. The comments made from the Partnership be noted.

9 Minutes of the Adult Safeguarding Board

Members were presented with the minutes of the Adult Safeguarding Board held on 3 April 2019.

AGREED that the minutes be noted.

10 Any Other Business Reports Back

i) Migration MS

The Partnership was informed that there was a transition period in relation to asylum housing contract. The new contract had been won by Mears Group. The transition start date would be 1 September 2019. The Partnership was reassured that the transition would be managed effectively.

AGREED that the update be noted.

11 Recorded Crime and Disorder

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

The report provided an overview on recorded crime and anti-social behaviour incidents in the borough of Stockton for the time period April 2018 to the end of March 2019.

The bulk of the statistics utilised for the report had been obtained from Cleveland Police crime statistic database with the figures correct at the time of writing (03.07.19). The data was extracted from 'live' systems and therefore remained the subject of on-going operational activity, audit and scrutiny, and therefore may result in slight amendments to some of the statistical information in future publications.

Crime details for Darlington, who form part of the Tees Valley area, were not available at the time of writing.

The report would not provide any detailed analysis unless there were any significant changes to patterns or trends.

A comparison against other similar Community Safety Partnerships utilising iQuanta was noted within a separate report. This report was a restricted document due to the statistical information only made available as an intelligence tool until released by the Home Office.

AGREED that the report be noted.

12 CSP Q4

Members were presented with an update on CSP Q4.

The following areas were highlighted to the partnership:-

- Reduce Re-Offending by the Most Prolific Offenders
- Protecting Vulnerable People and Communities
- Reduce Crime Linked to Alcohol and Drug Misuse

AGREED that the update on CSP Q4 be noted.

13 YOT Partnership Performance 2018/19

The Partnership was presented with a report on YOT Partnership Performance

2018/19.

In 2018/19, there had been outcomes for 550 offences committed by 212 10-17-year olds; 2.6 offences per child.

The majority of offences were Violence (22.5%), Criminal Damage (22%), Public Order (14%) and Theft & Handling (14%). This had been the trend for several years, although there had been some reductions in Violence offences and a reduction in motoring, sexual and drugs offences.

Of the 212 children committing an offence, in 2018/19, 172 were male and 40 female (81% and 19%). 6% of offences were committed by BME children and those with an Unknown Category. The peak age for offending for males was 13-17 years old and for females, 14 and 17 years old.

YOT throughput had reduced slightly. There had been a small increase of out of court disposals, especially in the number of triage cases. There had been a decrease in the number of Referral Orders imposed and an increase in Youth Rehabilitation Orders; with the number of intensive ISS Orders doubling. The number of Police interviews attended as an Appropriate Adult had slightly reduced, as had the number of remand court hearings attended. There had been a substantial decrease in the number of Youth Courts covered and an increase in Crown Court hearings covered.

Overall, there had been strong partnership performance relating to reducing first time entrants to the youth justice system and minimising the inappropriate use of custody.

However, reoffending remained as a mixed area of performance; whilst reoffending rates were on a downward trajectory and below all the benchmarks, the reoffender rate remained higher than comparator benchmarks, although this was coming down.

As can be seen, local FTE performance was very strong. The numbers and rates of FTEs were lower than most of the benchmarks.

Stockton had higher levels of reoffenders amongst the overall cohort, although this was decreasing. A likely explanation for this was the introduction of triage and other out of court disposals in 2013 which significantly increased the numbers of children diverted away from the youth justice system, meaning that those children who couldn't be diverted and were therefore left 'in the system' were those most likely to reoffend; the thickening of the soup analogy. This was a phenomenon that was experienced by many areas.

When exploring the reoffending rate, which was the re-offences per re-offender, the local picture was more positive. Even though Stockton had a higher proportion of reoffenders, the number of re-offences being committed by them was lower than all the other comparators.

Custody rates in Stockton had substantially decreased over the last few years. Local tracking shows that 4 young people had been sentenced to custody

during 2018/19 and there had been 1 custodial remands. This was the lowest on record for Stockton.

Where young people were in custody, their safety was a key priority. To this end, it was essential that relevant information was shared. Of the 5 entries into custody, information was securely transferred by the YOT on the same day for 4 out of 5 children.

YOT was close to achieving the local target of 85% of children and young people participating in education and learning, and had worked hard particularly in improving participation of young people at 16+.

AGREED that the YOT Partnership Performance 2018/19 be noted.

14 Community Safety Partnership Comparative Data – iQuanta - RESTRICTED

Members were presented with a restricted report that provided an overview on crime comparisons against other similar CSPs utilising iQuanta.

This report was a restricted document due to the statistical information only made available as an intelligence tool for partnerships until released by the Home Office.

AGREED that the report be noted.

15 Date and time of next meeting: Tuesday, 3 September 2019

AGREED that the date of the next meeting be noted.