

Safer Stockton Partnership

A meeting of Safer Stockton Partnership was held on Tuesday, 19 May 2021.

Present: Cllr Steve Nelson (Chair), Cllr Ann McCoy (SBC - Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care), Jamie McCann, Marc Stephenson, Craig Willows (SBC – Community Services), Dave Willingham (SBC – Early Help), CI Chris Smiles, Sgt Gary Cookland, Jo Duffy, Susan White (Cleveland Police), David Preston (Cleveland Fire Service), Gary Knight (SBC – Housing Services), Angela Corner (Thirteen Group), Sarah Wilson (OPCC), Jo Hodgkinson (Safe in Tees Valley), Sarah McManus (A Way Out), Sheila Whitehead (Youth Offending Service), Dave Willingham (SBC), Jon Carling (Catalyst), Sean Ormerod (HMPPS), Ann Powell (Probation Service), Alex Sinclair (NHS).

Officers: Peter Bell (SBC – Democratic Services), Gareth Aungiers (Xentrall).

Also in attendance: Cllr Lynn Hall.

Apologies: Cllr Paul Kirton (CFA), Tanya Evans, Darren Redgwell, Angela Corner, Tanya Evans.

1 Introductions / Apologies

Introductions and apologies for absence were given.

2 Declarations of Interest

There were no interests declared.

3 Minutes

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting held on 2 February 2021.

It was noted that Karen Grundy was not in attendance at the meeting.

AGREED that the minutes be approved.

4 Matters Arising

ECINS

The Partnership was informed that partners had tightened up their information sharing arrangements. ECINS and other information sharing platforms were being looked at by partners as the ECINS contract was up for renewal in September 2021. This issue would be discussed at a future meeting of the Partnership.

Recorded Crime and Disorder

Page 3 of the minutes indicated Sarah McManus would be invited to future meetings around stalking and harassment. This hadn't happened and Cleveland Police would find some clarity around this and report back to the next meeting of the Partnership.

AGREED that the update be noted.

5 Confirmation of Vice Chair

The Partnership was informed that if anyone had an interest in the position of Vice Chair of the Partnership they should email Marc Stephenson with an expression of interest.

6 Community Safety / Partnership Strategic Assessment (PSA)

The Partnership was updated with regard the Community Safety / Partnership Strategic Assessment (PSA).

There was a legal duty for the Partnership to produce a CSP that the Partnership could work towards.

The next steps would be for the PSA to commence on the 27 May 2021. The CSP would then be drafted on the evidence based findings. The timescales for the progression of the CSP was reported to the Partnership.

AGREED that the update be noted.

7 Community Safety – Consultation Report

On behalf of the Partnership, a public consultation was undertaken to help inform and refresh the Community Safety Plan which set out how agencies within the Partnership intend to achieve targets in crime reduction.

The feedback will inform what residents feel that the partnership should be focusing on during the next period. All responses to the survey were completely anonymous.

The consultation involved an on online questionnaire available between 1st February 30th April 2021 and activity resulted in a total sample size of 143 responses.

The Partnership was updated regarding the responses that had received.

The need for better communications had been highlighted in the responses and it was noted that there were two on-going scrutiny reviews looking at the issue of general issue of communications.

The other common theme was that people wanted to see more Police Officers on the streets.

The Partnership was reassured that some specific work had been done with young people including BMBF who represented a large amount of views from young people and additional work had been done with the BAME community.

AGREED that:-

1. The discussion be noted.

2. The comments made from the Partnership be noted.

8 Presentation – Off-road Bike Strategy

The Partnership received a presentation on the Off-road Bike Strategy. The presentation covered the following key areas:-

- Operation Kickstart to tackle the illegal use of motorcycles had been active for 2 years.
- In the first year there had been 2379 calls measured. By the end of the year this had been reduced by 800 calls.
- There had been a large increase in bike seizures with enforcement of offenders.
- Section 59 was one of the tools the Police used.
- The recent activity was detailed to the Partnership.
- There was continued work the partners including community safety officers.

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

- The strategy was proving to be a big success and a lot of the success was down to the information that had been supplied by residents.
- The communications around the success of the strategy had been very good, including the use social media.
- The success was helping with the perception of crime and anti-social behaviour.
- The strategy was a great example of partnership working.

AGREED that:-

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

9 Recorded Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour

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 2020 to the end of March 2021.

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 (04/01/2021). 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 be 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.

Any reference to Population rates per 1,000 had been used in conjunction with the ONS UK Mid-year population estimates for 2019, which was the latest version provided by the ONS.

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

- There were some good areas of improved performance.
- Regarding violence against woman and girls, it would be good to see a further breakdown of these crimes and who the victims were of these crimes.
- The Partnership was updated regarding the definition 'positive outcome'.
- With regard the increase in the hate crime figures it was noted that although it appeared that there was now more hate crime, one of the reasons for this may be due to more people having the confidence to report hate crime. There was also the operational Hate Crime Group that was helping to tackle the issue. CI Chris Smiles also referred to how a 'Problem Solving' would be used to look at specific cases of hate crime.

ACTION - CI Chris Smiles indicated that he would meet Sarah McManus outside of the meeting to discuss the violence against women and girls' figures.

AGREED that the report be noted.

10 YOT Board Performance Report Q1 – Q3 2020-21

The Partnership considered a report on YOT Board Performance Q1 – Q3 2020-21.

Prior to any analysis taking place it was noted that any comparisons to previous years were likely to show a significant and varied difference due to the impact caused by Covid-19 and its restrictions.

From April – December 2020, there were 207 outcomes for 271 offences committed by 118 young people aged 10 - 17 years. This equated to 2.3 offences per young person on average. Modelling this data forward, it was estimated that for the entire year 2020/21, there would be a total of 361 offences committed by 157 young people. In comparison, at the end of Q4 2019/20, 320 offences had been committed by 144 young people aged 10 – 17 years. It may therefore be estimated that in 2020/21 versus 2019/20, there

would be more offences committed and more young people offending. In comparison with 2018/19 and 2017/18 however, the total number of offences (528 and 553 respectively) and young offenders (163 and 180 respectively, aged 10 – 17 years) in 2020/21 is lower.

Violence Against the Person offences continues to be the dominant type of offence committed by offenders aged 10-17, followed by Criminal Damage and Drugs.

The report detailed:-

- Offence Types
- Children Offending by Age and Gender
- Re-offending Rates
- Custody Rates

AGREED that the report be noted.

11 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.

12 Problem Profiling – RESTRICTED

The Partnership considered a restricted item on Problem Profiling.

AGREED that the report be noted.

13 Any Other Business

The Partnership was presented with the Channel Panel Assurance Statement.

The assurance statement captured local authority compliance with the requirements laid out under sections 36 – 41 of the Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015 (CTSA) (as amended by the Counter Terrorism Border Security Act 2019) relating to Channel panels and improving outcomes for those identified individuals who were vulnerable to being drawn into terrorism. This assurance statement formed part of a self-assessment for local authorities capturing Channel practice within each local authority area and levels of compliance against aspects of Channel delivery articulated in the Channel Statutory Duty Guidance 2020. Section 36 (7) of the CTSA states that panels must have regard to this guidance.

The Partnership was informed that an assessment had been done for the

Stockton Borough and had come out as green in most areas. There were 4 ambers that were being addressed as part of on-going governance. There was one area of red and this had been addressed.

AGREED that the Channel Panel Assurance Statement be noted.

The Partnership was informed that there would be data sharing protocol update at the end of the year.

AGREED that the update be noted.

The Partnership was informed that there was a new team in Thirteen called the 'Community Resilience Team'.

AGREED that the update be noted.

14 Date and time of next meeting:

The Partnership would be consulted on whether future meetings would be remote / in-person or hybrid.

The Partnership agreed that the proposed Forward Plan.