

Safer Stockton Partnership

A meeting of Safer Stockton Partnership was held on Wednesday, 27 October 2021.

Present: Cllr Steve Nelson (Chair), Cllr Ann McCoy (Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care), Jamie McCann, Marc Stephenson (SBC – Community Services), Dave Willingham (SBC – Children’s Services), CI Mark Reeves (Cleveland Police), Sam Dixon (SBC – Housing Services), Cllr Paul Kirton (CFA), David Barkley (CFB), Sarah Wilson (OPCC), Dave Willingham (SBC), Jon Carling (Catalyst), Jamie Stephenson (Community Services and Transport), Sarah McManus (A Way Out).

Officers: Peter Bell (SBC – Democratic Services).

Also in attendance: Simon Smart (OPCC), Susan White, Rachel Bell (Cleveland Police).

Apologies: Ann Powell, Angela Corner, Mandie Rowlands, Calum Titley, Craig Willows, John Willoughby, Karen Grundy, Tanya Evans and Alex Sinclair.

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 1 September 2021.

AGREED that the minutes be approved.

4 Matters Arising

Regarding the vacant position of Vice Chair of the Partnership it was reported that the Director of Public Health would attend future meetings of the Partnership and would be approached to be Vice Chair.

5 RESTRICTED - Presentation – Serious Violence Problem Profile

The Partnership received a restricted presentation on the Serious Violence Profile.

The Partnership was given the opportunity to ask questions and make comments on the presentation and these were noted by the presenter.

AGREED that:-

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

6 Presentation – Sexual Exploitation Toolkit

The Partnership received a presentation from Sarah McManus (A Way Out) on the Sexual Exploitation Toolkit. The presentation covered the following key areas:-

- Sexual Exploitation – The Context
- Identifying Women and Getting the Right Information
- The STAGE Method of Support
- Multi Agency Working

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

- The workshops are a really good idea.
- The scale of the problem was difficult to quantify as a lot of the data wasn't being recorded. It was noted that the case loads of 3 frontline staff were currently full and there were many more cases.
- Regarding the transition it was noted that the issue was a priority in the new Adult Strategy.

AGREED that:-

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

7 Discussion – Community Safety Plan Development

The Partnership received an update on the Community Safety Plan. The Partnership noted the apologies from Chris Williamson who was the consultant who had been commissioned to produce the draft Community Safety Plan. Chris Williamson would attend the next meeting of the Partnership to present the Community Safety Plan in more detail. In the mean-time Marc Stephenson presented the key points of the Community Safety Plan. The update covered the following key areas:-

- Introduction and Explanation of Process
- Statutory Obligations
- What Do We Know About Crime and Disorder in Stockton-on-Tees
- Choosing Priorities
- Agreeing A Way Ahead

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

- It is an excellent document and the outcomes will require a lot of bravery from the local authority. There will be an element of challenge to the young people's aspect of the document.
- The next consultation will start in March 2022 and will encompass the new Community Safety Plan. The draft Community Safety Plan will however come out to all partners for comments.

- Regarding the complementarity with other plans and reference to supporting victims and community resilience it was noted that these issues were contained within other plans that overlay the Community Safety Plan but it was felt there was more to be done around community resilience and community engagement.

AGREED that:-

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

8 Recorded Crime and Disorder Report

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

The report provided an overview on recorded crime, anti-social behaviour incidents, domestic abuse and hate crime in the Borough of Stockton-on-Tees for the 12-month period of October 2020 to the end of September 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 data extraction (19/10/2021). 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.

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.

Any reference to Population rates per 1,000 had been used in conjunction with the ONS UK Mid-year population estimates for 2020.

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

- There had been an increase in crime figures in one particular month that could be down to the end of restrictions around covid.
- Regarding increase in sexual offenses it was felt it would be useful to see who the victims are and also if there are any trends or patterns that the Partnership needs to be aware of. In response it was noted that further detail of the offenses would be provided. It may also be timely to do a deep dive into the sexual offense's figures.

AGREED that the report be noted.

9 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.

10 Any Other Business

PCP Annual Report

The PCP Annual Report was noted.

Hotspot Policing Funding

It was noted that the OPCC had secured £390k funding for the Hotspot Policing. Stockton-on-Tees would receive its fair share of the funding.

AGREED that the updates be noted.

11 Date and time of next meeting:

11 January 2022.