

Safer Stockton Partnership

A meeting of Safer Stockton Partnership was held on Wednesday 18th March 2026.

Present: Cllr Norma Stephenson OBE (Chair), Alan O'Donoghue (Vice-Chair), Adam Bateman, Jamie Bell, Cllr Pauline Beall, Cllr Clare Besford, Marc Besford (sub for Lucy Owens), Sarah Bowman-Abouna, Graeme Fuller, Darran Hope, Vicky Japes, John Lathan, Leanne Maloney-Kelly, Errol Parks, Madie Rowlands, Claire Spencer, Marc Stephenson, Joy Switherbank, Anthony Trattles, Dawn Tyreman, Barry Whitton.

Officers: John Devine, Junita Agyapong

Also in attendance:

Apologies: Louise Brown, Steven Harris, Karen Hawkins, Molly Larkin, Majella McCarthy, Kay Nicolson, Lucy Owens, Ann Powel, Kevin Tyerman, Anna Waddington, Kelly Wigley.

SSP/67/25 Evacuation Procedure

The Evacuation Procedure was noted by Members.

SSP/68/25 Recorded Crime & Disorder Report

Members were presented with the Recorded Crime & Disorder report, the report focused on the recorded crime in the Stockton on Tees Borough over a 12-month period starting in February 2025 to February 2026.

Officers highlighted the following sections of the report to Members:

- Overall Theft Offences was up 5.9%
- Vehicle Offences showed a reduction of -13.8% and Death or serious injury caused by illegal driving had also seen a reduction.
- Stalking and Harassment had also shown a reduction, but Officers noted that Sexual Offences had increased over the same period.
- Arson had decreased by -3.7%
- Robbery overall had increased by 50.9% during the 12 month period.
- Criminal Damage had decreased by 4.8%

Officers noted that ASB was a big concern across all communities and it was discussed every morning at Police briefings. Members noted the update and stated that they hoped the joint work being done would prove to be a solution for Sex Offences.

Members AGREED to note the update.

SSP/69/25 HOTH

Members were presented with a report on the Harm Outside the Home (HOTH) Strategy 2024/27. The strategy is aimed at ensuring a consistent approach to harm outside the home, to improve understanding, prevent harm as early as possible and protect children. This was underpinned by a child centred decision-making trauma informed practice, with the partnership of families and transitional safeguarding into adult services when necessary.

The HOTH team attend the daily Police Partners District meeting in which incidents are reviewed, information and intelligence from the previous 24 hours to identify emerging risks. HOTH also chairs a daily multi-agency triage, considering intelligence from PPDM, missing-from-home episodes, screening tools, CHUB dashboard requests and partner information.

HOTH works closely with CHUB, making referrals where required, contributing to decision-making, sharing intelligence on persons and locations of concern, and attending CHUB Strategy Meetings.

Officers highlighted the Adolescent team which comprised of one team manager and five social workers who work directly with young people, and their families. They work to deliver interventions addressing healthy relationships, online safety, exploitation awareness, and emotional support using trauma-informed practice.

Officers informed members that over 2025 they had 209 referrals into HOTH, workforce pressures were noted, with the team supporting approximately 60 children at significant risk while maintaining regular reviews.

Members AGREED to note the update.

SSP/70/25 Trailblazer

Members were presented with a report on the Trailblazer Project, in September 2025 the Government announced that the Central Stockton and Portrack areas had been chosen as part of a nationwide initiative called Pride in Place.

Over the next ten years a funding pot of £19.6m would be available for those areas, the project is aimed at putting power into the hands of local people so they can decide how to regenerate their local area.

A Neighbourhood Board would require the local areas MP and Ward Councillors to sit on it, with other members being made up of engaged people of the local area e.g. Business owners.

The three overarching aims of the Neighbourhood Board would be:

- Stronger Communities
- Thriving Communities
- Taking back control

Officers were keen to engage with Partners on any work that had been undertaken or was currently being done that could inform the Board approach. They didn't want to waste any resources duplicating work.

Members were pleased with the project and looked forward to seeing it develop, but some discussion was had that Officers would need to be clear with the public on what the funding can be used for. Partners didn't want the public to build up their hopes on an idea only to find out it wouldn't be covered by the fund.

Members AGREED to note the report.

SSP/71/25 Prevent (CT) Update (Nothing by Exception)

Members were informed that referrals to had remained static since the last meetings update. Stockton Council had recently finished its inspection from the Home Office and Officers were pleased to report that they had passed or exceed in all areas.

A more detailed report would be available at a later date for Partners.

Members AGREED to note the update.

SSP/72/25 Any Other Business

Officers from Cleveland Fire Brigade gave a brief update to members regarding an increased number of house fires. Officers wanted to link with all partners to target areas of high risk. Officers would circulate a list of the data with partners to coordinate on prevention.

Members noted the report.

SSP/73/25 PSPO

This report was restricted due to the links to Information relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime.

AGREED that the report be noted.

SSP/74/25 IQuanta Report

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.

SSP/75/25 DARDR

This item was restricted due to the sensitive victim information and multi-agency intelligence contained within Domestic Abuse Related Death Reviews.

AGREED that the report be noted.

SSP/76/25 CSP Action Plan

Due to the connection to an ongoing Police investigation this Agenda Item was restricted.

AGREED that the report be noted.

Chair: