



SAFER HARTLEPOOL PARTNERSHIP AGENDA



Friday 23 September 2016

at 1.30pm

**in Committee Room B, Civic Centre
Hartlepool**

MEMBERS: SAFER HARTLEPOOL PARTNERSHIP

Councillor Christopher Akers-Belcher, Elected Member, Hartlepool Borough Council
Councillor Marjorie James, Elected Member, Hartlepool Borough Council
Gill Alexander, Chief Executive, Hartlepool Borough Council
Denise Ogden, Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods, Hartlepool Borough Council
Clare Clark, Head of Community Safety and Engagement, Hartlepool Borough Council
Louise Wallace, Director of Public Health, Hartlepool Borough Council
Chief Superintendent Gordon Lang, Neighbourhood Partnership and Policing Command, Cleveland Police
Barry Coppinger, Office of Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland
Chief Inspector Lynn Beeston, Chair of Youth Offending Board
Julie Allan, Head of Area, Cleveland National Probation Service
Barbara Gill, Head of Offender Services, Tees Valley Community Rehabilitation Co Ltd
Steve Johnson, District Manager, Cleveland Fire Authority
John Bentley, Voluntary and Community Sector Representative, Chief Executive, Safe in Tees Valley
Stewart Tagg, Head of Housing Services, Housing Hartlepool
Karen Hawkins, Representative of Hartlepool and Stockton on Tees Clinical Commissioning Group
Sally Robinson, Director of Child and Adult Services Hartlepool Borough Council
Hartlepool Magistrates Court, Chair of Bench (vacant)

- 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
- 2. TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS**
- 3. MINUTES**
 - 3.1 Minutes of the meeting held on 29 July 2016



4. PRESENTATIONS

- 4.1 Crime Prevention Panel – *Representative from Crime Prevention*

5. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 5.1 Community Safety Grant Funding – *Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods*
- 5.2 Hate Crime in Hartlepool - *Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods*
- 5.3 Safer Hartlepool Partnership Communications Update - *Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods*
- 5.4 Anti-Social Behaviour Awareness Day – *Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods*

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT

Date of next meeting – Friday 18 November 2016 at 10.00 am in Committee Room B, Civic Centre.



SAFER HARTLEPOOL PARTNERSHIP MINUTES AND DECISION RECORD

29 July 2016

The meeting commenced at 10.00 am in the Civic Centre, Hartlepool

Present:

Councillor: Christopher Akers-Belcher (In the Chair)
Denise Ogden, Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods
Clare Clark, Head of Community Safety and Engagement
Chief Superintendent Gordon Lang, Cleveland Police
Barry Copping, Office of Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland
Chief Inspector Lynn Beeston, Chair of Youth Offending Board
Steve Johnson, Cleveland Fire and Rescue Authority
John Bentley, Safe in Tees Valley

Jane Young was in attendance as substitute for Sally Robinson,
Gilly Marshall as substitute for Stuart Tagg, Sharon Robson as
substitute for Louise Wallace, John Bagley as substitute for Julie
Allan

Also present:

Simon Weastell, Cleveland Fire and Rescue Authority
Rachelle Kipling, Office of Police and Crime Commissioner for
Cleveland

Officers: Mike Lane, Youth Offending Service Team Manager
Denise Wimpenny, Principal Democratic Services Officer

10. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor James, Hartlepool Borough Council, Louise Wallace, Director of Public Health, Hartlepool Borough Council, Julie Allan, National Probation Service, Stewart Tagg, Housing Hartlepool, Sally Robinson, Director of Child and Adult Services, Hartlepool Borough Council, Karen Hawkins, Hartlepool and Stockton on Tees Clinical Commissioning Group.

11. Declarations of Interest

None.

12. Minutes of the meeting held on 17 June 2016

Confirmed.

13. Draft Substance Misuse Strategy 2016-2019 *(Director of Public Health)*

Purpose of report

To agree a process for developing the Safer Hartlepool Partnership Substance Misuse Strategy 2016-2019.

Issue(s) for consideration

The report set out the background together with the proposed process and timeline for developing a new Substance Misuse Strategy 2016-19. The development of the Strategy had been overseen by the Safer Hartlepool Partnership Substance Misuse Strategy Group. A local needs assessment had been undertaken to ascertain the extent of substance misuse in Hartlepool. Key findings from the needs assessment would be used to inform the development of the Strategy, including the proposed strategic objectives and priorities. The draft Strategy was attached at Appendix 1.

Subject to Partnership approval, the draft Strategy would be ready to go out for consultation immediately after, details of which were provided. It was anticipated that the finalised Strategy would be presented to the Partnership in October 2016. It was noted that a report had been approved by the Finance and Policy Committee in July which sought approval to secure a Substance Misuse Treatment Service and associated support to be funded through the ring fenced Public Health Grant. Members were referred to the financial considerations as detailed in the report.

The new strategy in line with report that went to Finance and Police about bringing treatment services

It was suggested that the draft Strategy should include current drug and alcohol data.

Decision

Subject to inclusion of current drug and alcohol data within the Strategy, the Partnership approved the proposed schedule for developing and consulting on the Substance Misuse Strategy 2016-2019.

14. **Youth Justice Strategic Plan 2016-2017** (*Director of Child and Adult Services*)

Purpose of report

1. To consult with members of the Safer Hartlepool Partnership on the Youth Justice Strategic Plan for 2016-2017 (**Appendix 1**).
2. Finance and Policy Committee will receive a final draft of the Youth Justice Strategic Plan that will include any recommendations from the Children's Services Committee and Safer Hartlepool Partnership on 5 September 2016. Full Council will be asked to ratify the plan in October 2016.
3. The Strategic Plan will also be submitted to the National Youth Justice Board.

Issue(s) for consideration

The report provided background information regarding the purpose of the Youth Justice System together with details of the role and functions of the Youth Offending Services.

Members were advised of the following key strategic objectives that the Youth Offending Service and broader Youth Justice Partnership would focus on during 2016-17:-

- Early Intervention and Prevention
- Re-offending
- Remand and Custody
- Voice of the Young Person
- Effective Governance

With regard to the financial considerations, as set out in the report, it was reported that there had been a significant reduction in grant from the Youth Justice Board and from partner agencies for 16/17. It was noted that the staffing implications would need to be considered following the publication of the National Review report.

The Chair of the Youth Offending Board was pleased to report that the Youth Offending Board had considered and subsequently confirmed their acceptance of the Plan.

Decision

That the Youth Justice Plan 2016-17, attached at Appendix 1, be agreed for submission to the Finance and Policy Committee in September.

15. Police and Crime Plan *(Police and Crime Commissioner)*

Issue(s) for consideration

The Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland, who was in attendance at the meeting, provided the Partnership with a detailed and comprehensive presentation in relation to the Police and Crime Plan for 2016-2020. The presentation provided an overview of future priorities and focussed on the following:-

- Five Key Objectives
- Investing in Policing
 - Protecting Vulnerable People
 - Strengthening Neighbourhood Policing
 - Enabling Services
 - Community Safety Hub
 - Developing the Culture of Cleveland Police
- A Better Deal for Victims
 - Providing enhanced services for vulnerable victims
 - Promoting and developing the SARC as the hub for sexual violence
 - Review and implement the Violence against Women and Girl's Strategy
- Tackling Re-offending
 - Review and develop Cleveland and Durham Criminal Justice Board
 - Work with prison services
 - Support changes to probation reform
 - Multi-agency prevention strategy for sexual violence
 - Review triage service delivered to young people
 - Ensure offenders have opportunity to participate in restorative justice
- Working Together to make Cleveland Safer/Collaborative Arrangements
- Securing the Future of Communities
 - Over 100 local community safety projects supported
 - Further develop use of the Community Safety Fund
 - PCC commitment to engage with every ward in Cleveland
 - Work with schools to prevent offending and victimisation
 - Protecting the community
 - Dialogue and understanding of communities
- Funding Contributions Locally
 - Integrated Offending Management in Cleveland
 - Domestic Abuse Contribution

- Restorative Cleveland
- Youth Diversionary
- Hartlepool Youth Offending Service
- Hartlepool – Community Safety Initiatives Funding over last 12 months
 - Hartlepool Crime Prevention Panel
 - Hartlepool Asylum Seeker and Refugee Group
 - The Rifty Youth Project
 - Hartlepool Under 17's
 - Haswell Avenue Allotment Association
 - Hartlepool Chinese Association
 - Safer Hartlepool Partnership
 - Welfare Athletic FC
 - Lynnfield Primary
 - Heugh Battery Museum
 - Hartlepool and District Hospice
- Future Commissioning
 - Grants end March 2017
 - Future commissioning based on need
 - OPCC Strategic Needs Assessment
 - Future priorities shared December 2016

The Partnership was advised that consultation on the Police and Crime Plan was currently underway and any input or views from Partnership members would be welcomed.

Following conclusion of the presentation a member of the public, who was in attendance, and invited to speak, raised concerns regarding the 101 police response service in terms of the waiting time to speak to an operator due to a lengthy recorded message resulting in members of the public not reporting incidents. Personal experiences of lengthy response times were shared with the Partnership and disappointment was also expressed that Police and Community Support Officer's were attending incidents as opposed to Police Officers, the disadvantages of which were outlined. In response, the Police and Crime Commissioner highlighted the increasing pressures on the police given the rise in serious incidents reported to the police. Statistics in terms of the number of calls received were provided as well as details of incidents by type and such incidents that took priority. Whilst issues around the control room were acknowledged, the Partnership was advised that feedback from meetings with the public in relation to service provision was generally good. The Police and Crime Commissioner agreed to speak to the resident following the meeting and investigate the issues raised.

The Chair made reference to a meeting that had been scheduled to take place on 10 August with local residents and the Council to discuss related Rossmere Park issues.

The Head of Community Safety and Engagement took the opportunity to thank for PCC for recent funding contributions to assist with community safety initiatives and address Partnership priorities, suggesting that further information on the success of the initiatives funded be presented to a future meeting of the Partnership.

The Chair thanked the Police and Crime Commissioner for an informative presentation.

Decision

- (i) The contents of the presentation and comments of Members were noted.
- (ii) That further details of Community Safety Partnership funding from the PCC be presented to a future meeting of the Partnership.

16. Community Safety (*Head of Community Safety, Cleveland Fire Service*)

Issue(s) for consideration

The Partnership received a comprehensive presentation by Simon Weastell of Cleveland Fire Service. Partnership Members were advised of the Range of Youth Engagement programmes from Cleveland Fire Service aimed at a wide range of age groups from 12 to 29. The presentation included details of the programme in terms of the following:-

- Youth Employment Initiative aimed at NEETS
- Working with organisations to help meet specific needs
- Overview of the team and standard courses delivered
- Survive on repeat bookings
- Help young people become positive and energised about their future
- Feedback from recent course participants
- Programmes delivered:-
 - condensed version of fire fighters training
 - use fire fighters activities to teach key life skills, problem solving etc
- Training programmes extended to families
- Summary of Standard Programmes:-
 - Life
 - Family Life
 - Evolve
 - Safe
- Youth Employment Initiative Programme
- Corporate Team Building
- Safe and Well Visits

In response to a clarification sought as to how participants were recruited for Life and Safe courses, the Partnership was advised that a range of

contacts were utilised including local authorities and forums. With regard to targeted recruitment and early intervention, the Chief Superintendent welcomed the programme and was keen to discuss its promotion following the meeting. The Chair commented on the benefits of the initiatives and was interested to receive feedback on the successes of the new Health Visits to feed into the Health and Wellbeing Strategy from a prevention perspective. Partnership Members commented on the need for further discussion on the links between programmes of this type and crime prevention.

The Chair expressed his appreciation on behalf of the Partnership for the presentation.

Decision

- (i) The contents of the presentation and comments of Members were noted.
- (ii) That feedback on the successes of the new Health Visits be provided to feed into the Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

17. Safer Hartlepool Partnership Performance *(Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods)*

Purpose of report

To provide an overview of Safer Hartlepool Partnership performance for Quarter 1 – April 2016 to June 2016 (inclusive).

Issue(s) for consideration

The Head of Community Safety and Engagement provided the Partnership with an overview of the Partnership's performance during Quarter 1, as set out in an appendix to the report. Information as a comparator with performance in the previous year was also provided. In presenting the report, the Head of Community Safety and Engagement highlighted salient positive and negative data and responded to a number of queries raised in relation to crime figures by type.

A discussion took place in relation to hate crime figures and the potential impact of activities surrounding the European Referendum. The Chair referred to the Partnership's next 'Face the Public' Event which would focus on tackling hate related issues.

The Chief Superintendent referred to information that had recently been received from the Home Office in relation to awareness raising which appeared to have been issued following recent world events. The importance of focusing on hate crime in the same way as domestic violence

was emphasised.

The Chair commented on the benefits of reviewing the recommendations of the Home Office against current arrangements locally to identify any gaps with a view to establishing what the Partnership could do to assist. It was suggested that data in relation to hate crime by type be provided for consideration at a future meeting of the Partnership.

Decision

- (i) That the Quarter 1 performance figures and comments of Members be noted.
- (ii) That data in relation to hate crime by type be provided for consideration at a future meeting of the Partnership.

18. Date and Time of Next Meeting

The Chair reported that the next meeting would be held on 23 September at the re-arranged time of 1.30 pm.

The meeting concluded at 11.00 am.

CHAIR



SAFER HARTLEPOOL PARTNERSHIP

23rd September 2016



Report of: Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods

Subject: COMMUNITY SAFETY GRANT FUNDING

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To provide the Safer Hartlepool Partnership (SHP) with a progress update on community safety initiatives that have been funded by the Cleveland Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) in Hartlepool.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Following the introduction of the Officer of Police and Crime Commissioner in 2012, funding streams previously directed into Community Safety Partnerships such as the Community Safety Grant, and Home Office Drug Intervention Grant, transferred to the PCC.
- 2.2 Schedule 9 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 provides the PCC with powers to award crime and disorder grant to any organisation and projects which will help achieve their priorities.
- 2.3 During the PCC's first year of office (2012/13) funding was passed back to Community Safety Partnerships on a level commensurate with previous years, and as reported to the Partnership in February 2013 the four Cleveland Community Partnerships were invited in subsequent years to put forward a joint bid for funding to address local priorities common to each of the local areas.
- 2.4 In 2013 joint bids were submitted and agreed by the PCC for the following activities to run from April 2013 to March 2015:
- Positive Youth Diversionary Activities – to reduce anti-social behaviour
 - Independent Domestic Violence Advisor (IDVA) – to support victims of domestic abuse.
 - Integrated Offender Management – to reduce re-offending
 - Restorative Justice Co-ordinator – to reduce crime, and anti-social behaviour.

- 2.5 Progress against these initiatives is monitored on a quarterly basis through the PCC Partners and Commissioning Scrutiny meeting where reporting arrangements have evolved into a standard reporting process outlining activities undertaken as part of the initiatives funded, along with outcome and financial monitoring. All reports, including those submitted on behalf of the Safer Hartlepool Partnership are published on the PCC's website.

3. POSITIVE YOUTH DIVERSIONARY ACTIVITIES

- 3.1 Delivered by the Belle Vue Community and Youth Centre in Hartlepool, the Targeted Outreach Project delivers a range of early intervention, diversionary and positive activities centred around assertive youth work, engaging with young people aged 8-19 years who are involved in, or at risk of becoming involved in anti-social behaviour activity.
- 3.2 The service is delivered in an intelligence led and reactive manner, providing short term interventions in anti-social behaviour hotspot locations identified by partnership information and analysis and determined and reviewed at monthly multi-agency town-wide priority meetings.
- 3.3 Between April 2014 and March 2016 the project has made more than 4,500 (4,724) contacts with young people in Hartlepool where outreach staff have directly engaged with young people, signposting them to alternative provision, and encouraging engagement with diversionary and educational activities.
- 3.4 During the last 12 months (April 2015 – March 2016) almost one in four contacts (626) have resulted in a young person being signposted into a local diversionary activity including COOL, Pop-up Sports Sessions, Action UP and the National Citizenship Service (NCS), with almost 10% (48) of these young people accessing the 'Activity Projects' provided by a range of third sector organisations including the West View Project, Changing Futures, and Wharton Trust.
- 3.5 Whilst challenging anti-social behaviour is an essential aspect of the work of the Targeted Outreach Project the health and wellbeing of young people remains of paramount importance. As such the promotion of safety messages in relation to risk taking behaviour, exploitation, substance misuse and sexual health is an integral part of the work undertaken by the targeted outreach team with referrals being made into specialist and safeguarding services where appropriate.
- 3.6 Overall, the Targeted Outreach Project forms part of a broader multi-agency approach to tackling anti-social behaviour that includes diversionary, education and enforcement activity. Accompanied by multi-agency operations including 'stay safe', high visibility police patrols and the use of anti-social behavior tools and powers, the outreach project aims to contribute towards reduction of anti-social behavior and increasing feelings of safety and public confidence across Hartlepool.

- 3.7 As previously reported to the Partnership, over the 12 month period April 2015- March 2016, recorded anti-social behaviour incident levels in Hartlepool reduced by 13.2% in comparison to the previous year. Perceptions of anti-social behaviour and the fear of crime have also reduced slightly, as displayed in Table 1. The table also highlights that there has been a reduction in the percentage of people who think that the police and Council are dealing with crime and anti-social behaviour issues that matter locally, but over the last year, confidence levels in Hartlepool continue to remain higher than the Cleveland average.

Table 1

Local Public Confidence Indicators	2014/15		2015/16	
	Hartlepool	Cleveland	Hartlepool	Cleveland
% of people who agree that the police and local council are dealing with the crime and anti-social behaviour issues that matter in their area	71.4%	70.0%	69.5%	68.4%
% of people who perceive high levels of anti-social behaviour in the local area	6.3%	5.2%	6.0%	5.3%
% of people who perceive high levels of drunk or rowdy behaviour in public places in the local area	14.7%	13.0%	12.2%	13.4%
% of people who's quality of life is affected by fear of crime and anti-social behaviour	17.5%	16.3%	17.0%	16.3%

4. INDEPENDENT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ADVISOR (IDVA)

- 4.1 The IDVA Service is an integral part of the locally commissioned Domestic Violence Support Service that is delivered by Harbour, providing specialist support to high-risk victims of domestic abuse, that are primarily referred from Multi-agency Risk Assessment Conference's (MARAC's) and/or the Specialist Domestic Violence Court (SDVC) that currently operates at Hartlepool Magistrate Court.
- 4.2 Over the last two years the number of referrals into the IDVA service has increased from 240 in 2014/15 to 271 in 2015/16, with more than 90% of referrals received from the MARAC and SDVC. Whilst female victims continue to account for the largest proportion of referrals (98%), referrals for male victims are evident but numbers remain low.
- 4.3 The most recent SafeLives insights data for the 12 month period to October 2015 highlights the complex needs of victims accessing the IDVA service, with the majority (62%) experiencing physical abuse, more than one half (56%) having children and over 20% of victims having substance misuse issues, commonly accompanied by mental health and financial issues.
- 4.4 In terms of service outcomes, the majority (74%) of victims reported that they felt safer and their quality of life had improved, with 86% of victims reporting that they were confident to access support in the future, following intervention from the IDVA service.

- 4.5 During 2015/16 the number of domestic related incidents recorded by the police in Hartlepool has reduced by 9.3% compared to the previous year, representing the largest reduction across the Cleveland force area. However, in line with the national trend, the number of domestic related crimes recorded in Hartlepool have increased by 21.4%, with the MARAC repeat rate increasing from 26% to 45% during the same time period. This increase is largely attributed to improvements in police recording practice as a result of changes to National Crime Recording Standards (NCRS) and recommendations highlighted in the HM Inspectorate of Constabulary (HMIC) report [Everyone's business: Improving the police response to domestic abuse](#) that noted inconsistencies in the identification and recording of domestic abuse.

5. INTEGRATED OFFENDER MANAGEMENT

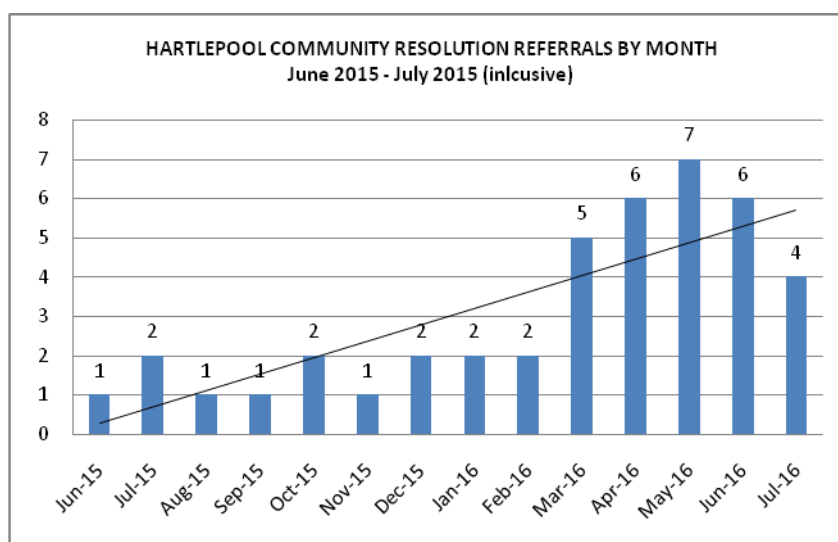
- 5.1 Over the last two years PCC funding has been used to establish a Single Integrated Offender Management (IOM) Scheme across Cleveland. This has involved the creation of a central IOM Hub based at Holme House Prison co-locating a Police Sergeant, a Monitoring and Performance Officer, a Prison Officer and a Restorative Justice Co-ordinator, and the installation of ICT equipment/systems.
- 5.2 Overseen by the Tees Single IOM Group, the IOM Hub has provided a greater level of consistency in relation to the management of Prolific and Priority Offenders (PPO) both in the community and custody setting. The implementation of a standardised selection and de-selection process has enhanced the identification and tracking of PPO cohorts, and the development of a Service Level Agreement (SLA) between the Police, National Probation Service (NPS) and Durham & Tees Valley Community Rehabilitation Company (CRC) formalising IOM roles and responsibilities.
- 5.3 Whilst both adult and youth re-offending rates in Hartlepool remain above the national average, over the last 12 months (2015/16) the re-offending rate of the Hartlepool PPO cohort comprising of 35 offenders has reduced by 32%.

6. RESTORATIVE JUSTICE CO-ORDINATOR

- 6.1 Based within the Council's Community Safety and Engagement Team the Restorative Justice Co-ordinator is driving forward the Cleveland Restorative agenda in Hartlepool through the delivery of the Hartlepool Community Resolution Service. Accessible to residents and organisations in Hartlepool, the Community Resolution Service offers victims of low level crime and anti-social behaviour the opportunity to engage in restorative interventions including, where appropriate and safe to do so:
- Face-to-face group conference, involving a facilitator, the offender and victim.

- Community conference involving a facilitator, the offender and victim.
- Mediation involving contact between the victim and offender through a facilitator to discuss the offence/issue.
- Indirect communication via written correspondence or shuttle mediation through a facilitator.

- 6.2 Through established links with the Cleveland Police Restorative Hub, attendance at multi-agency town-wide priority meetings and working alongside the Councils Anti-social Behaviour Team, the Victim Services Officer and Community Development Workers, the Restorative Justice Co-ordinator ensures that restorative interventions are considered as an appropriate measure to address neighbourhood issues and are delivered in a co-ordinated manner.
- 6.3 During 2105/16 the Restorative Co-ordinator has made significant progress in raising awareness of the Community Resolution Service via the local media and Hartbeat magazine, accompanied by the delivery of a series of awareness sessions to resident and community groups, voluntary organisations, schools and local policing teams. This has been accompanied by the delivery of restorative approaches training to local community organisations including the Belle Vue Community and Youth Centre, Changing Futures and Wharton Trust, and the recruitment of a bank of mediation volunteers.
- 6.4 Since June 2015 there have been 42 referrals into the Community Resolution Service, with demand for the service increasing over recent months, as illustrated in **Chart 1**.



- 6.5 More than 85% of referrals were received from the Police and Council departments predominantly in relation to neighbourhood disputes including; rowdy and inconsiderate behaviour, youth related anti-social behaviour, noise nuisance, parking and boundary issues. Whilst school and self referrals are evident numbers remain low. Of those referrals received, more than one third

(39.4%) have resulted in an agreement, 1 referral progressed to conference and 4 cases are ongoing.

- 6.6 Over the last 12 months valuable experience has been gained from cases that have resulted in a positive outcome, with the Community Resolution Service providing an effective intervention and preventing neighbourhood disputes from escalating into more serious incidents and/or crimes.

7. CONCLUSION

- 7.1 Funding to support the initiatives outlined in sections 3-6 of this report have been successful in engaging whole sections of the community affected by crime, anti-social behaviour, substance misuse and re-offending behavior. Thus assisting the Safer Hartlepool Partnership to address its priorities as set out in the Community Safety Plan 2014-17.
- 7.2 With the exception of the IOM scheme which is run by Cleveland Police, the initiatives are delivered by local organisations and overseen and monitored by the Councils Community Safety Team.
- 7.3 Working together with the PCCs Office has resulted in the ability to maximise resources with all initiatives funded contributing to broader Council services or contracts. But as funding for these initiatives will come to an end in March 2017, following an initial discussion with the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, the four Community Safety Partnership lead officers have met to discuss the development of future applications for funding to address the priorities of all the Community Safety Partnership's across Cleveland and those contained within the PCC's Police and Crime Plan 2016-2020.
- 7.4 These discussions have highlighted that whilst all initiatives remain flexible to suit local circumstance, priorities across the four CSPs have changed little over the last few years, and it is therefore intended to submit a joint application for funding in relation to the following areas to cover a three year period:
- Positive Youth Diversionary Activities
 - Independent Domestic Violence Advisor
 - Restorative Justice Co-ordination
- 7.5 These initiatives will also contribute towards the priorities set out in the Cleveland Police and Crime Plan as follows:
- Investing in our police
 - A better deal for victims
 - Tackling reoffending
 - Working together to make Cleveland safer
 - Securing the future of our communities

8. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

- 8.1 Members of the Partnership should be aware that the Council faces a budget deficit of £12.7 million over the next three years, equating to a reduction from the current budget of 15%. Achieving this level of reduction will be extremely challenging, and this would be further compounded by the loss of PCC funding in relation to the initiatives outlined in this report.

9. STAFF CONSIDERATIONS

- 9.1 The initiatives currently supported by PCC grant funding to Community Safety Partnerships support posts within a number of local organisations. The loss of funding could result in redundancies. TUPE considerations will also apply in relation to newly commissioned services in these areas.

10. SECTION 17 CONSIDERATIONS

- 10.1 The above initiatives are aimed at tackling Safer Hartlepool Partnership priorities set out in the Community Safety Plan 2016/17 which are to reduce crime and repeat victimisation; to tackle the harm caused by substance misuse, to create confident, cohesive and safe communities, and to reduce reoffending behaviour.
- 10.2 As outlined above the success of the initiatives funded by the PCC has assisted the Safer Hartlepool Partnership in the discharge of its section 17 obligations.

11. LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

- 11.1 Under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, Community Safety Partnerships have a statutory responsibility to develop and implement strategies to reduce crime and disorder, substance misuse and re-offending in their local area.

12. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY CONSIDERATIONS

- 12.1 There are no equality and diversity considerations associated with this report.

13. CHILD POVERTY CONSIDERATIONS

- 13.1 There are no child poverty implications associated with this report.

14. RECOMMENDATION

14.1 That the Partnership considers the information provided in the report relating to the success of the initiatives currently funded by the PCC, and notes the intention outlined in section 7 of the report to apply to the PCC for grant funding to support the following:

- Youth Diversionary Activities
- Independent Domestic Advisor Service
- Restorative Justice/Community Resolution Service.

15. REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

15.1 The current funding to support the initiatives outlined in section 2 of this report will come to an end in March 2017,

15.2 The initiatives have contributed towards addressing Safer Hartlepool Partnership priorities outlined in the current Community Safety Plan 2014-17 (Year 3).

15.3 The initiatives outlined will address priorities as set out in the PCCs draft Police and Crime Plan around Working Together to Make Cleveland Safer; ensuring a better deal for victims; securing the future of our communities.

16. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

16.1 There are no back ground papers for this report.

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Report of: Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods

Subject: HATE CRIME IN HARTLEPOOL

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

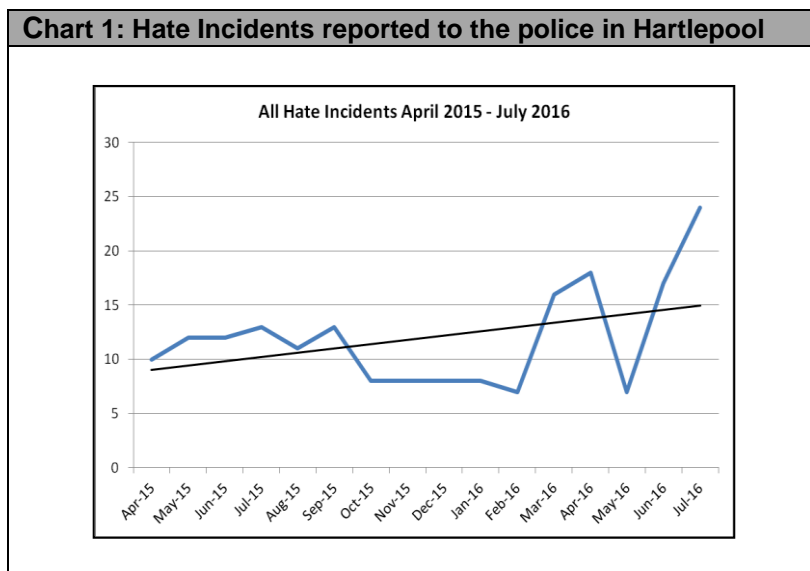
- 1.1 To provide the Partnership with an overview of hate crimes covering the 16 month period April 2015 – July 2016.

2. BACKGROUND

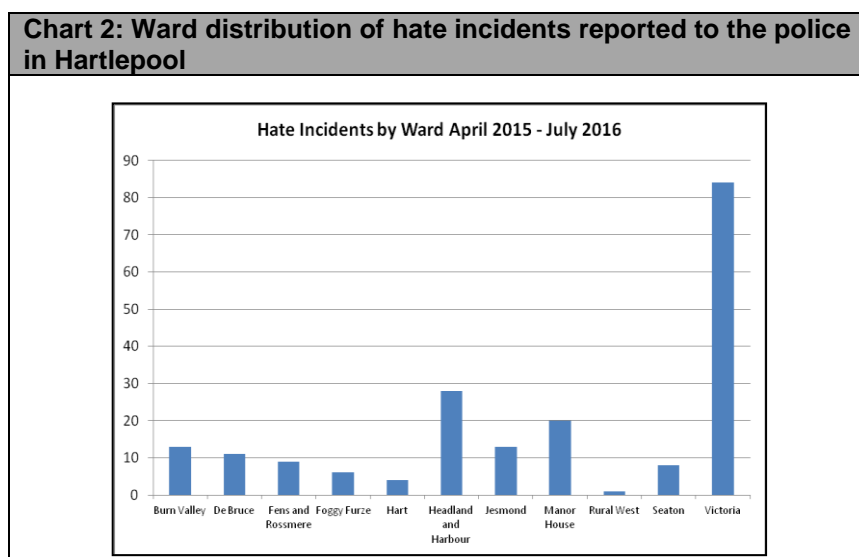
- 2.1 It is generally recognised that Hate Crime is different to other forms of crime as it targets people because of their identity, and creates fear in victims, groups, and communities. It has a particularly harmful effect on its victims, as it seeks to attack an intrinsic part of who they are or who they are perceived to be: their race, religion, sexual orientation, disability or transgender identity.
- 2.2 Covering the above five strands the Government's Hate Crime Action Plan, defines a hate crime or hate incident as: '*Any criminal offence, (or non-crime) incident which is perceived, by the victim or any other person, to be motivated by a hostility or prejudice*'
- 2.3 At the meeting of the Safer Hartlepool Partnership on 29th July 2016 the Partnerships Q1 Performance Report highlighted an increase of 26% in the number of hate incidents reported to the Police (+9 incidents) when compared to the same quarter the previous year.
- 2.4 The aim of the Partnership is to increase the reporting of hate incidents as an indicator of improved Police practice and victim confidence in coming forward to report such crimes. However, against the backdrop of the European Referendum and other recent world events it was agreed that some further analysis should be undertaken to investigate predominant of hate crime reported and trends. This report provides an overview of hate incidents/crimes reported to the Police during the 16 month period April 2015-July 2016, and hate crimes reported to the police during the EU referendum.

3 HATE INCIDENTS IN HARTLEPOOL

- 3.1 During the period April 2015 to July 2016, 192 hate incidents were recorded by the police in Hartlepool, equating to an average of 12 incidents per month, with incident levels following an increasing trend **(Chart 1)**.



- 3.2 Geographical analysis of hate incidents during this time period shows that more than two thirds (68.2%) of incidents occurred within the Victoria, Headland & Harbour and Manor House wards **(Chart 2)**, with analysis identifying links to the night-time economy and youth related anti-social behaviour, and the occurrence of hate incidents.

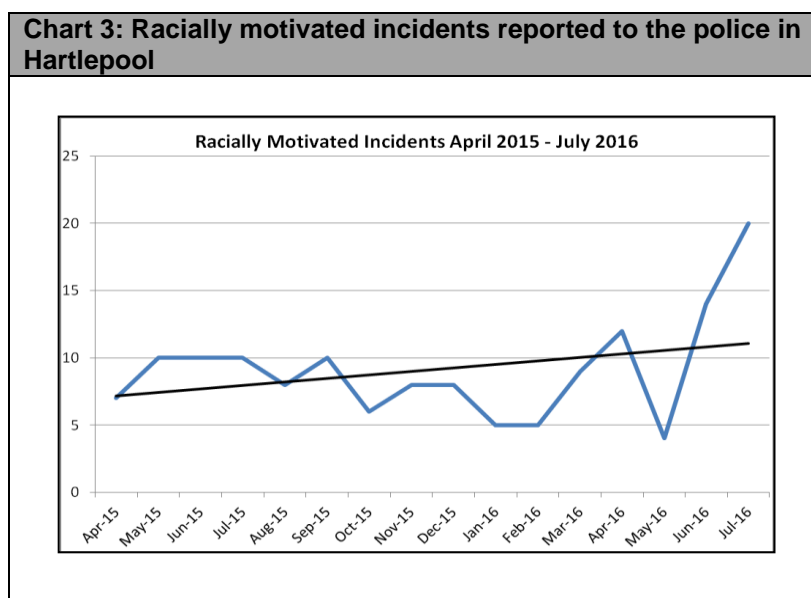


- 3.3 Comparable to the national picture (82%), racially motivated incidents account for the largest proportion (73.4%) of hate incidents recorded by the police in Hartlepool **(Table 1)**.

Table 1: Hate Incident categories reported to the police in Hartlepool

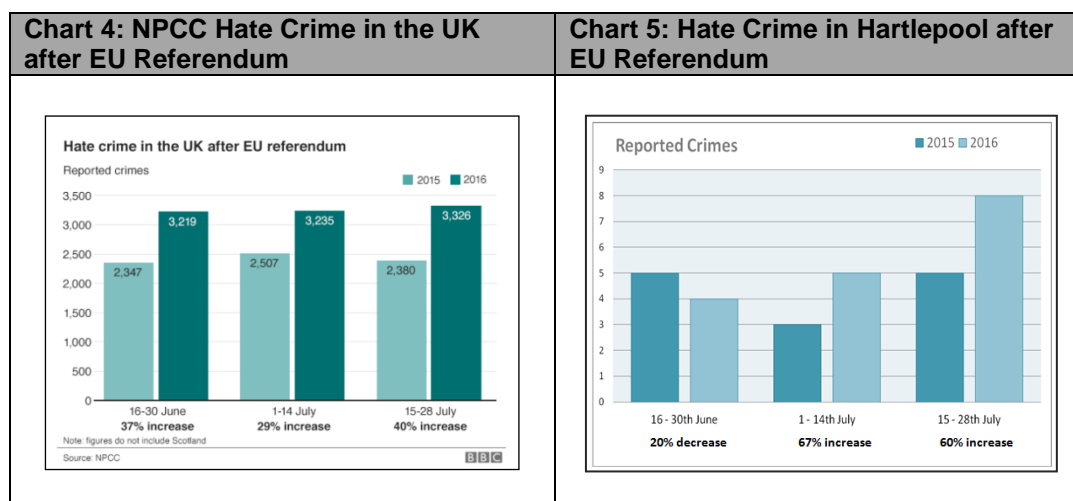
Hate Incident Category	Number of Incidents	% Total
Racial	141	73.4%
Transgender	4	2.1%
Disability	24	12.5%
Religion/Belief	5	2.6%
Sexual Orientation	18	9.4%
TOTAL	192	100%

- 3.4 As shown below in **Chart 3**, racially motivated incidents are following an increasing trend, with incident levels during Quarter 1 (April 2016 – June 2016) increasing by 11% (+3 incidents) in comparison to the same time period in the previous year.



4. HATE CRIME IN HARTLEPOOL AND THE EU REFERENDUM

- 4.1 Nationally, it has been widely reported that Hate Crime reported to Police forces across England, Wales and Northern Ireland rose by more than 35% during the time of the EU referendum, where according to the National Police Chiefs Council (NPCC) there were more than 9,000 reports of hate crime to Police between mid-June and mid-July (**Chart 4**).
- 4.2 In contrast, local analysis shows that during the time of EU referendum the number of hate crimes reported to the police in Hartlepool between 16th June 2016 - 30th June 2016 had reduced by 20% in comparison to the same time period in the previous year, with crime levels, albeit small in number, rising thereafter (**Chart 5**).



- 4.3 Comparable to the previous year, racially motivated crime accounted for more than 90% of the hate crime offences recorded between 16th June 2016 – 28th July 2016 in Hartlepool. Whilst the majority of victims reported being subject to verbal abuse within the workplace environment i.e. convenience stores, take-away restaurants, offences have also occurred in residential areas where victims have been subject to abuse or damage at their home address.
- 4.4 Additionally, Hartlepool Borough Council also removed offensive graffiti and neo-fascist stickers, as displayed in **Table 2**, from street furniture located close to places of worship and public buildings, including schools and libraries.

Table 2: Offensive graffiti and stickers removed from locations in Hartlepool following the EU Referendum		

5. CONCLUSION

- 5.1 Whilst the Partnership target is to increase the reporting of hate incidents and crimes, local analysis shows that although numbers remain low there has been an increase in racially motivated incidents in Hartlepool over the last year.
- 5.2 Whilst it is reasonable to suggest that the EU referendum and other world events including the terror attacks in Orlando, Nice and Munich may have contributed to an increase in hate incidents and crime or inspired right-wing activity, analysis has not found any direct evidence of this in Hartlepool.
- 5.3 Nationally a new four year Hate Crime Action Plan has been published (July 2016) which aims to promote partnership with communities and join up work across 5 key strands to ensure that best practice is understood and implemented. The five strands of the new action plan are as follows:
- Preventing hate crime by challenging the beliefs and attitudes that can underlie such crimes.
 - Reducing the number of hate crime incidents – including a fund for security measures at vulnerable faith institutions, and measures to tackle hate on public transport, in the night-time economy, and on-line.
 - Increasing reporting by improving the reporting process, encouraging the use of third party reporting, working with groups who may under-report, and with the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) to ensure that perpetrators are punished. A high profile will also be given to successful prosecutions through publication to encourage people to have the confidence that when they report hate crime, action will be taken.
 - Improving support for the victims of hate crime including the continued use of Victim Personal Statements, a review of Police and Witness Care Units, and new guidance on community impact statements for hate crime, that will reflect the fact that hate crime can have an impact beyond individual victims and lead to increased feelings of isolation or fear across whole communities.
 - Building an understanding of hate crime through improved data - including the disaggregation of hate crimes records by religion; a review into neo-Nazi networks; and investigating opportunities to learn from academic insights into hate crime and the ways of combating it.
- 5.4 Reflective of the national hate action plan, the SHP Anti-Social Behavior and Communications Task Groups continue to take a proactive approach to tackling hate. This was reinforced by the Council and Police issuing a 'Statement of Unity' through the Hartlepool Mail condemning racism and religious prejudice following the posting of neo-fascist stickers in and around Hartlepool town centre in July.

6. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

- 6.1 There are no financial considerations associated with this report.

7. STAFF CONSIDERATIONS

- 7.1 There are no staffing considerations associated with this report.

8. SECTION 17 CONSIDERATIONS

- 8.1 There are no staffing considerations associated with this report.

9. LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

- 9.1 Under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, Community Safety Partnerships have a statutory responsibility to develop and implement strategies to reduce crime and disorder, substance misuse and re-offending in their local area, including hate crime.

10. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY CONSIDERATIONS

- 10.1 There are no equality and diversity considerations associated with this report.

11. CHILD POVERTY CONSIDERATIONS

- 11.1 There are no child poverty implications associated with this report.

12. RECOMMENDATION

- 12.1 That the Safer Hartlepool Partnership notes the report and comments on the findings of the research undertaken on behalf of the Partnership.

13. REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 13.1 At their meeting on 29 July the Partnership requested further analysis to be undertaken in relation to hate incidents following a rise in reported incidents in during Q 1 compared to the same quarter the previous year.
- 13.2 The report highlights an increasing trend in relation to racially motivated hate incidents over the last year.

14. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

14.1 Safer Hartlepool Partnership Q1 Performance Report July 29 2016.

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SAFER HARTLEPOOL PARTNERSHIP

23rd September 2016



Report of: Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods

Subject: SAFER HARTLEPOOL PARTNERSHIP
COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To provide a progress update on the Safer Hartlepool Partnership's (SHP's) Communications Strategy.
- 1.2 To give consideration to future plans and funding arrangements.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Safer Hartlepool Partnership has an overarching Communications Strategy as the Partnership recognises the need to address the fear of crime, and promote public confidence in the local area.
- 2.2 The importance and need for a higher profile in relation to the SHP brand is recognised, not only as a means of reassuring the community that agencies continue to work in Partnership on their behalf to drive down crime and anti-social behaviour and improve public safety, but to also promote community self-help and involve communities in delivering on the crime reduction and community safety agenda.
- 2.3 The Communications Strategy contains the following objectives:
 - To raise the profile of the Safer Hartlepool Partnership and its activities
 - To engage, consult, and feedback outcomes to the community and partners
 - To make residents feel safer and to reduce the fear of crime
 - To highlight the positive work from all Partnership Theme Groups
- 2.4. The Partnership engages Hartlepool Council's Public Relations Team to assist with the co-ordination and implementation of the Communications Action Plan. An annual request is made to partner organisations to help cover the associated costs of communications/public relations activity.

The coordination of this work is undertaken by the Communications Task Group which includes key officers with a community safety role and is chaired by the Council's Head of Community Safety and Engagement.

3. **PROGRESS TO DATE**

3.1 Great efforts have been made to ensure that work in relation to the Communications Strategy reflects the strategic objectives and priorities of the SHP as identified in the strategic Assessment 2015. These are to:

- Reduce crime and repeat victimisation
- Reduce the harm caused by drug and alcohol misuse
- Create confident, cohesive and safe communities
- Reduce offending and re-offending

Below are examples of work over the last 12 months

3.2 **Press Releases and Campaigns**

3.2.1 A pro-active approach has been continued with a regular drip-feed of press releases to the region's media. Topics covered include anti-social behaviour – including the annual Anti-Social Behaviour Awareness Day (ASBAD), crime prevention, community resolution, allotment, home and bike security, noise nuisance, rogue traders, cold calling, online fraud, domestic abuse and hate crime. All articles carry the SHP brand and emphasise the partnership approach, a good example being 'Operation Scarecrow' which involved the Council, Police, and Fire service coming together to offer crime prevention and arson advice to allotment holders. Attached at **Appendix A** are examples of the articles that have appeared in the Hartlepool Mail and Hartbeat over the last year.

3.2.2 Overall, media coverage has been very positive from a print, broadcast and online perspective. All press releases are published on the SHP website, the Council's website, promoted via the Council's social media channels, and are circulated to all partner organisations.

3.2.3 One campaign which is ongoing centres on Hate Crime. This was identified as a high priority by the Partnership in 2015 and involves a multi-media campaign aimed at eradicating hate by raising its profile in terms of what depicts hate crime, how it can be reported and the support available to victims.

3.2.4 Press releases have been published in the Hartlepool Mail and covered in Hartbeat under the themes 'Putting a Stop to Hate' and 'Don't Suffer in Silence' to promote the existence of the ten local third party hate crime reporting centres, and highlighting how hate could be reported on-line with comments from the Chair of the SHP included. Press releases were Tweeted on several subsequent occasions and also posted on Facebook.

- 3.2.5 Alongside local media coverage, publicity materials have been handed out to our Third Party Hate Crime Reporting Centres. The Community Safety team has also attended events and delivered presentations and talks on hate crime raising awareness of the support available. This has included participation in the PCCs Community Safety Roadshow at Middleton Grange Shopping Centre earlier in the year, and the annual Diversity Event.
- 3.2.6 Whilst the campaign aims to be proactive, it has also responded to issues that have arisen over the year with the Council and Police issuing a 'Statement of Unity' through the Hartlepool Mail condemning racism and religious prejudice following the posting of neo-fascist stickers in and around Hartlepool town centre in July.

3.3 **Face the Public Event and Anti-Social Behaviour Awareness Day**

- 3.3.1 Under the Crime and Disorder Act, Community Safety Partnerships have a statutory duty to consult with the public and take into account their priorities when developing the local annual Community Safety Plan.
- 3.3.2 To showcase the work of the Partnership and encourage public engagement with local residents and businesses, a 'Face the Public' event was staged at the Civic Centre in October 2015. Approximately 60 people attended the event which included a presentation on Operation Encompass – a multi-agency initiative launched to support children in domestic abuse-related incidents.
- 3.3.3 A wide range of questions were asked during public question time ranging from neighbourhood policing and anti-social behaviour, to street lighting and public safety. Immediately after the meeting the Chair of the Safer Hartlepool Partnership along with the Police and Crime Commissioner, engaged with the wider community via an online chat.
- 3.3.4 As part of the publicity leading up to the event, residents were also encouraged to complete a questionnaire to determine their community safety priorities. This survey was completed by over 200 local people and the results were fed into the Partnerships strategic assessment to assist with development of year three of the current Community Safety Plan.
- 3.3.5 To raise awareness of the impact of anti-social behavior and how young people can keep themselves safe the annual anti-social behavior awareness day was held in February 2016. Feedback on this event is the subject of a separate report to the Partnership

3.4 **Hartbeat**

- 3.4.1 Over the last year the Partnership has continued its regular page in Hartbeat – Hartlepool's community magazine that is distributed quarterly to all homes. With readership of 95%, Hartbeat is an important communications vehicle to get across key messages to the local community. Hartbeat has

been used to raise the profile of the work of the Partnership and also includes key contact information should residents need signposting to services for help and support.

- 3.4.2 Issues covered in Heartbeat over the last 12 months include the Face the Public event, the Police and Crime Commissioner's Community Safety Fund, tackling drinking on trains, Community Resolution Service, off-road biking, barbecue dangers and hate crime.

3.5 Social Media

- 3.5.1 A range of Safer Hartlepool Partnership messages are promoted via the corporate Hartlepool Borough Council Facebook and Twitter accounts.
- 3.5.2 5,013 people currently follow [@HpoolCouncil](https://twitter.com/HpoolCouncil) on Twitter and 2,757 people 'like' the Council's Facebook page, which can be found at www.facebook.com/hartlepoolcouncil
- 3.5.3 Messages promoted via both social media networks often reach several thousand people and the Council is increasingly using video as a way to communicate key messages.
- 3.5.4 In the past year three years videos have been produced for the Safer Hartlepool Partnership. These are:
- 1) Partnership working to tackle illegal use of off-road bikes – 2,293 Facebook views
 - 2) Safer Hartlepool video for the Face the Public event – 566 Facebook views
 - 3) Video to promote the Face the Public web chat – 498 Facebook views
- 3.5.5 These videos can be found at www.facebook.com/hartlepoolcouncil/videos

3.6 Respect Your Neighbourhood

- 3.6.1 Post-event publicity has been generated following the monthly Neighbourhood Action Days that rotate around the town ward by ward. Promoted under the banner of the Partnership, they involve a day of action in a particular area of town aimed at improving local neighbourhoods. Activities range from environmental and civil enforcement patrols and graffiti removal to checks on vehicles to home fire safety advice. Media coverage has been widespread with good exposure in print, broadcast and online formats.

3.7 Action Plan and Campaign Calendar

- 3.7.1 Much of the work of the Partnership is planned, coordinated via the Action Plan and Campaign Calendar which are attached at **Appendix B**. These documents are reviewed and updated regularly at the Communications Task Group meetings.

4. NEXT STEPS

4.1 The above-mentioned Action Plan and Campaign Calendar provide the focus for much of the Partnership's communications activity. Much is planned over the coming months but outlined below are some of the key priorities which have been identified.

4.2 Face the Public Event

4.2.1 It is proposed that the 2016 event will take place at the College of Further Education on Wednesday 26 October. The event will commence at 2pm with a drop-in session where members of the public will be encouraged to attend at any point between 2 and 4.30pm to seek advice and support from a range of key agencies and to talk about the priorities they think the partnership should be addressing. A suggestion box in relation to the priorities that the Partnership should be addressing will also be made available.

4.2.2 Between 5pm and 6pm there will be an SHP update from the Chair of the Partnership, followed by a presentation from Hartlepool Youth Council on the key challenges around community safety from a young persons perspective, and a final presentation from the Police and Crime Commissioner.

4.2.3 6pm – 8pm will be dedicated to introducing and showing the film 'Freesia' – a UK film developed to address Islamophobia. It will be the first showing in the North-East of the film shown previously at the Cannes Film Festival. Film Director Conor Ibrahim will attend the event providing background information and the key issues the film explores, taking questions at the end.

4.2.4 Appropriate publicity, including the use of social media and video will be arranged to encourage public participation. Connor Ibrahim has also agreed for snapshots from the film to be used online to help raise awareness of the event.

4.2.5 Similar to last year consideration will be given to a web chat, in advance of the event, again to encourage greater public involvement, and a survey will also be used to help gauge public priorities, this will be available both at the event and on line in an attempt to reach a broader audience.

4.3 Website

4.3.1 After it was identified that the existing Safer Hartlepool Partnership website had become outdated, a new set of SHP web pages has been created to form part of the main Hartlepool Council website. These pages have been viewed by a number of members of the Community Safety and Engagement Team and are currently being finalised, with a view to going live in October. As the pages will form part of the main Council website, they will have a .gov.uk domain, meaning search results are prioritised by Google. The new web pages will be reviewed and updated on a regular basis.

4.4 Social Media

- 4.4.1 Currently, social media messages are channelled via the Council's corporate platforms and those operated by partner organisations. The Safer Hartlepool Partnership could have its own social media channels but these would require managing and updating on a daily basis and would not enjoy the high level of reach and interaction that the main Hartlepool Council accounts receive. It is advised that the Partnership continues to use the current arrangement as the appropriate mechanisms are already in place to ensure that regular updates are made and any messages from the public are responded to promptly.

4.5 Domestic Abuse Community Event

- 4.5.1 This event will be held in November to coincide with national 'Tackling Violence Against Women and Girls Day'. The event will be delivered in conjunction with Harbour, and will aim to raise awareness amongst resident, community and voluntary groups about domestic abuse, how to spot the signs, and the services available. This follows the identification in the needs assessment that in addition to being well placed to identify the signs of domestic abuse, that victims are more likely to disclose to a family member or friend the fact that they are suffering from abuse.

4.6 Anti Social Behaviour Awareness Day

- 4.6.1 The subject matter of a separate report, it is proposed that this event is held during February 2017.

5. RISK IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no risk implications relating to this report.

6. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

- 6.1 There are no financial considerations relating to this report.

7. LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

- 7.1 There are no legal considerations relating to this report.

8. CHILD AND FAMILY POVERTY

- 8.1 There are no child and family poverty implications relating to this report.

9. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY CONSIDERATIONS

- 9.1 There are no equality and diversity considerations associated with this report.

10. SECTION 17 OF THE CRIME AND DISORDER ACT 1998 CONSIDERATIONS

- 10.1 Raising the profile of the Safer Hartlepool Partnership and its activities, along with engaging and consulting with the local community contributes towards the Partnerships Section 17 obligations and Safer Hartlepool Partnership priorities as set out in the Community Safety Plan 2014-17 (Year 3)

11. STAFF CONSIDERATIONS

- 11.1 There are no staff considerations relating to this report.

12. ASSET MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

- 12.1 There are no asset management considerations relating to this report.

13. CONCLUSION

- 13.1 Effective communication is important if the Partnership is to continue raising the profile of the good work it does which includes getting key messages, advice and information to specific targeted groups. The current arrangements are working well and further actions have been identified to further develop communications.

14. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 14.1 The Safer Hartlepool Partnership is asked to note the progress being made to implement the Communications Strategy, and to comment and suggest any further areas for development.
- 14.2 That an approach is made to SHP partners to consider contributing towards the costs of implementing the Strategy with the assistance of the Public Relations Team.

15. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 15.1 The Partnership has previously recognised the need for effective communications to reduce crime and the fear of crime.

- 15.2 The Communications Strategy is an acknowledgment of the importance of SHP communications and its contribution, alongside other measures, to the SHP objective of creating confident, cohesive and safe communities.

16. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 16.1 Safer Hartlepool Communications Strategy.

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EVENT AIMED TO EDUCATE YOUNG PEOPLE THROUGH A SERIES OF INTERACTIVE WORKSHOPS ABOUT HOW UNRULY BEHAVIOUR CAN AFFECT OTHER PEOPLE'S LIVES

About 1,000 Hartlepool teenagers took part in an event focussing on anti-social behaviour.




Awareness day to deter anti-social behaviour



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Hundreds of teenagers took part in an event focussing on anti-social behaviour.

About 1,000 secondary school students in Hartlepool joined together Hartlepool Borough Council, emergency services and other key organisations at an event to raise awareness of anti-social behaviour and its consequences.

The Anti-Social Behaviour Awareness Day (ASBAD), an annual multi-agency event organised under the auspices of the Safer Hartlepool Partnership, took place at the Borough Hall on the Headland.

It was for all Year 8 (13/14 year-olds) pupils from the town's secondary schools and aims to educate

young people through a series of interactive workshops about how unruly behaviour can affect other people's lives.

Issues covered by the workshops included internet safety, healthy relationships, hate crime, alcohol and drug substance misuse, hoax emergency telephone calls, litter and the impact on others of large gatherings of young people.

The event helped young people to:

- Learn about the risks of using alcohol, tobacco and illegal substances;
- Recognise and manage pressure to make safer choices about healthy lifestyle;
- Recognise and manage pressure from others threatening their personal safety and well-being;
- Develop effective ways of resisting pressures, including knowing where to get help and advice;
- Recognise when others need help and how to support them.

Barry Coppinger, Cleveland's Police and Crime Commissioner, who attended the event, said: "I think this is an excellent event as it brings together all of the agencies who are committed to community safety in Hartlepool."

"Most importantly of all, the event provides an opportunity to engage with young people and hopefully deter them from anti-social behaviour."

"Anti-social behaviour is an extremely high priority for me. We do get a significant number of complaints and sometimes people view groups of young people as a threat, but quite often they are just gathering together to be with each other and be safe and secure themselves. "The vast majority of

young people are well behaved and we need to do all we can to support and develop them as our citizens of the future."

Jack Palmer, 13, a student at English Martyrs School and Sixth Form College who lives in the Grange Road area, said: "I'm hoping to learn about the different things that can go wrong as a result of anti-social behaviour."

"It's a good idea to have events like this focussing on Year 8 students because this is an age when anti-social behaviour often starts. Some people think it is cool to be anti-social and this event will help to stop that."

Tegan Thompson, 12, who lives in the Stockton Road area and also attends English Martyrs, added: "I'm hoping to gain more knowledge about anti-social behaviour including how it can affect your life."

"Some people think it is clever to do things which are bad but they don't realise the hurt they are causing for others."



The youngsters took part in a series of interactive workshops.



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CRACKDOWN ON ANTI-SOCIAL OFF-ROAD RIDING



Police Motorcycle Section officers are pictured with Hartlepool Borough Council's Mick Dunn (centre left) and Inspector Mal Suggitt of Cleveland Police.

Putting the brakes on rogue bikers

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Community safety agencies are working together to target off-road bikers who make the lives of residents a misery.

The Safer Hartlepool Partnership is spearheading the campaign, which is targeting those who use motor vehicles or drive off-road bikes illegally and cause nuisance and danger in communities.

The work will predominantly cover the Old Cemetery Road area, but will also offer support and enforcement to other areas of the town.

Extrapatrols by motorcycle section officers will take place along with new signs that have been erected, warning of the consequences of illegal off-road motoring.

The signs will act as a permanent warning that anyone found riding or driv-

ing off-road vehicles or bikes illegally will result in the immediate seizure of the vehicle and potentially a court summons.

If the vehicle is owned by a third party, this person may also be summonsed to court for allowing the vehicle to be used in such a manner.

The same consequences will apply to vehicles being

"We have to take a firm stance against riding off-road bikes illegally"
CHRISTOPHER AKERS-BELCHER

used in a manner which is causing, or likely to cause, alarm, distress, or annoyance to members of the public.

Section 34 of the Road Traffic Act prohibits all motorised vehicles on any common land, moorland, land which is not part of a road,

a footpath, bridle path or restricted byway. There is no common land in Hartlepool where an off-road vehicle may be driven or ridden legally.

Inspector Mal Suggitt, from Hartlepool Integrated Neighbourhood Team, said: "The warning signs such as those erected in the Old Cemetery Road area have been effective in other areas of the force and I am hopeful that they will have the same outcome here."

Councillor Christopher Akers-Belcher, chairman of the Safer Hartlepool Partnership and leader of Hartlepool Borough Council, said: "We have to take a firm stance against anyone riding off-road bikes illegally as they are putting people's lives at risk and damaging the local environment."

To report the illegal or off-road use of vehicles, contact Cleveland Police on 101, Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or www.crimestoppers-uk.org.

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Super cool expansion for growing business

A Peterlee firm has expanded its manufacturing and testing facilities.

The new additions at Alpha Process Controls includes a cryogenic area, which can test coupling systems to minus 196 degrees centigrade.

It comes after the firm secured projects across Europe and South America.

APC is part of the GT Group, and has increased its testing facilities to meet capacity, future needs of

the evolving industry and as liquefied natural gas (LNG) is used more as a marine fuel.

Managing director John Lamb said the expansion would "enable the business to increase its presence in the market and provide a more comprehensive manufacturing, product testing and technician training operation for the marine industry".

The Cryogenic Testing Area will also be used for future innovations and product development.

Chance to try out tennis

Young people are being invited to develop their tennis skills at weekend sessions.

The Feel Good in Hartlepool project, run by Hartlepool Council's Sport and Recreation Service with the aim of getting more local people active, has joined forces with the town's El-

don Grove Tennis Club to launch a Tennis for Beginners initiative.

Weekly sessions for young people aged 11-16 take place at the club from noon-1pm on Saturdays. Each session costs £2.

Participants receive coaching in a range of basic tennis skills.

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VICTIMS URGED NOT TO SUFFER IN SILENCE BUT TO CONTACT ONE OF 11 LOCAL CENTRES WITH DETAILS

Appeal to report hate crimes

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Victims of hate crime are being urged not to suffer in silence by reporting it as part of an ongoing campaign.

The Safer Hartlepool Partnership says the issue often goes unreported and is appealing to anyone affected by hate crime tell officials at one of 11 local reporting centres.

It is part of an on-going campaign to raise awareness of hate crime and the help available to victims.

Hate crimes are those that are committed against people because of disability, gender, identity, race, religion or sexual orientation.

Councillor Christopher Akers-Belcher, chair of the Safer Hartlepool Partnership and Leader of Hartlepool Borough Council, said: "Hate crimes are often under-reported and that is something we are very keen to change.

"By raising awareness of the support that is available to victims we hope they will be more confident about coming forward.

"Everyone in the town should be able to get on with their lives without fear of abuse."

Crimes can include threatening behaviour, verbal abuse, assault, robbery, damage to property, including offensive graffiti, inciting others to commit hate crimes and harassment.

Councillor Akers-Belcher added: "Hate crime can have a devastating impact on its victims and it is important that we provide them with a way of reporting incidents.

"Hopefully, by providing this network of reporting centres victims will be more confident about coming forward, knowing that they will be taken seriously."

The Safer Hartlepool Partnership, whose members include the council, Cleveland Police and a range of other public sector and voluntary agencies, is calling on victims to report cases online or by visiting one of a series of local reporting centres in the town.

Hate crimes can be reported online at www.report-it.org.uk/home or at any of the following local reporting centres:

Cleveland Police 999 in an emergency or 101 non-emergency, Hartlepool council (01429) 523100, Hart Gables (01429) 236790, Salsam Community Centre (01429) 284297, Hartlepool Blind Welfare Association (01429) 272494, Hartlepool Citizens Advice Bureau (01429) 408401, Centre for Independent Living (01429) 851350, Hartlepool Central Library (01429) 272905, Seaton Carew Library (01429) 269808, Owton Manor Library (01429) 272835 and West View Advice and Resource Centre (01429) 271294.

"Hate crimes can have a devastating impact"
COUNCILLOR CHRISTOPHER AKERS-BELCHER

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HARBEAT – December 2015



Sue Briggs from HART at Hartlepool Railway Station.

On track to tackle drinking

THE Safer Hartlepool Partnership (SHP) recently joined forces with British Transport Police (BTP) and Northern Rail to tackle problems around drinking on trains.

The issue of alcohol consumption by rail travellers was the main focus of Substance Misuse Week which ran from November 16-21.

Staff from HART (Hartlepool Action Recovery Team) questioned passengers at Hartlepool Railway Station on Friday November 20 and the next day joined BTP officers on a return journey to Newcastle.

Action was taken after concerns were raised at a number of Safer Hartlepool Partnership meetings.

Questionnaires completed by a sample group of 36 people at Hartlepool Railway Station found:

- Ten people had had a negative experience of

dealing with other people's alcohol-fuelled behaviour

- Nine people identified drinking as a problem.
- One person had witnessed a fight on the train and two said trouble was more likely on football match days.
- Twenty three people felt there needed to be more awareness on trains about alcohol consumption and the associated risks.
- Seventeen people said they'd had no negative experiences due to other people's alcohol consumption.

During the journey to Newcastle, HART staff and BTP officers targeted groups of passengers consuming alcohol en route to a Newcastle United match.

Sharon Robson, Health Improvement Practitioner (Drugs and Alcohol) in Hartlepool Council's Public Health Department, said: "Due

to the number of people on the train, it wasn't easy for staff to engage with the groups in a meaningful way.

"However, we will hopefully have planted a seed that prompts them to make healthier choices in relation to alcohol and seek advice where needed.

"The return journey also enabled staff to speak with people to reassure them that the SHP is working closely with BTP. They were able to explain how people can report incidents to BTP in confidence.

"We will be aiming to do further work with the BTP on future journeys to address these issues and raise awareness of substance misuse."

A similar day of action will take place on Saturday 12 December on trains between Hartlepool and York.

Free service for residents

A FREE service is available to Hartlepool residents to help them deal with low level crime and anti-social behaviour. The Community Resolution Service is provided by the Council's Community Safety team and is part of Cleveland Police's Restorative Cleveland Initiative.

Part of the service includes Restorative Justice which gives victims the opportunity to meet or communicate with offenders. This empowers victims by giving them a voice and ensures offenders take responsibility for their actions.

National research shows that restorative justice provides an 85% victim satisfaction rate and reduces re-offending by 14%.

The other element of the free advice available is a mediation service to help residents to find an amicable solution to things such as neighbourhood disputes.

Ken Bennett is the Coordinator of Hartlepool's Community Resolution Service and wants people to come forward if they think the service will benefit them.

He said: "Restorative Justice is a tried and tested process which can result in life-changing benefits for both the victims and the perpetrators.

"Clearly, it has to be handled very carefully and we have trained facilitators to ensure that the process is managed effectively.

"In terms of the mediation service, our aim is to provide assistance and resolve disputes between residents before they escalate and get out of hand."

Anyone seeking help or further information, should call 01429 523100.



Ken Bennett

Community safety chiefs face the public

HARTLEPOOL residents turned out in force recently to put questions to the town's community safety bosses at a special event in the town.

The Safer Hartlepool Partnership staged a 'Face the Public' event in the Civic Centre which was attended by around 60 people.

Residents also received a presentation on Operation Encompass – a multi-agency initiative launched earlier this year to support children in domestic abuse-related incidents.

Partnership chair, Councillor Christopher Akers-Belcher, the Leader of Hartlepool Council, said: "It was good to see so many people there and this demonstrates that local residents are passionate about the area in which they live and want to make a difference.

"We had lots of questions, comments and observations ranging from neighbourhood policing and anti-social behaviour to street lighting and public safety."

Immediately after the meeting community safety bosses engaged with the wider community via an online chat whilst other residents completed a survey.

Councillor Akers-Belcher added: "All of the views of the local community are so important to us and will help shape the way services are provided in the future."



Community safety bosses face the public at the Civic Centre

HARTBEAT - March 2016



Putting a stop to hate in Hartlepool

CRIMES committed against someone because of their disability, gender-identity, race, religion, or sexual orientation are hate crimes and should be reported to Cleveland Police.

The Safer Hartlepool Partnership - consisting of Hartlepool Borough Council, Cleveland Police and a range of other public and voluntary agencies – doesn't tolerate hate crime.

Councillor Christopher Akers-Belcher, Chair of the Safer Hartlepool Partnership said: "Everyone in the town should be able to go about their daily business without fear of being abused.

"Hate crimes are often under-reported but nobody should be victimised because of who they are and no victim should suffer in silence.

"Every hate-related incident is devastating to that victim and they have the right to report it.

"There are a number of reporting centres across Hartlepool and we hope this creates an environment that gives victims more confidence to report these crimes, knowing they will be taken seriously and acted on."



Hate crimes can include:

- Threatening behaviour
- Verbal abuse
- Assault
- Robbery
- Damage to property, including offensive graffiti
- Inciting others to commit hate crimes
- Harassment

The Safer Hartlepool Partnership doesn't tolerate hate crime - why should you?

Don't suffer in silence...report it!

YOU can report hate crime online at www.report-it.org.uk/home, or by contacting one of the local reporting centres listed below.

Reporting centre	Contact information
Cleveland Police	999 (emergency) / 101 (non emergency)
Hartlepool Borough Council	(01429) 523100
Hart Gables	(01429) 236790
Salaam Community Centre	(01429) 284297
Hartlepool Blind Welfare Association	(01429) 272494
Citizens Advice Bureau	(01429) 408401
Centre for Independent Living	(01429) 851350
Central Library	(01429) 272905
Seaton Library	(01429) 269808
Owton Manor Library	(01429) 272835
West View Advice & Resource Centre	(01429) 271294

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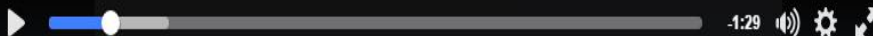
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Partnership working to tackle illegal use of off-road bikes

Community safety agencies are working together to target the off-road bikers who make the lives of local residents a misery in [#Hartlepool](#).

The Safer Hartlepool Partnership is spearheading the campaign which is targeting those who use motor vehicles or drive off-road bikes illegally and cause nuisance and danger in communities.

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Safer Hartlepool Partnership Communication Task Group

Action Plan 2016-2017

23rd June 2016








This action plan accompanies the Safer Hartlepool Partnership Communication Strategy and underpins its implementation. The actions contained within this plan contribute to the overarching aim of the strategy which, is to 'Ensure effective communication and engagement with the residents of Hartlepool, partner organisations and others'.

AIM: Raise the profile of the Safer Hartlepool Partnership and its activities, highlighting and promoting the positive work done by all Partnership theme groups				
Actions	Lead Officer/ Organisation	Timescale	Planned Activity/Progress	Status
Publish SHP article's in Heartbeat, and promote Partnership performance and good news stories,	Alistair Rae	Ongoing	DOMESTIC ABUSE DVA Champions - 12/05/16 Progress update with regards to the DV Champion, work force policy been adopted and training session was held in May 2016, further training session scheduled for July 2016 and Champion network to be developed. LO to liaise with AR - re future publicity opportunities. (Update 23.06.16) Another training session is scheduled, AR to attend for photographs. ACTION: LO to contact AR with the dates. Holding a Champions Network in September, possibility of a follow up article.	😊
			Euro 2016 – 12/05/16 AR to liaise with OPCC with regards to materials that could be used locally to deliver key messages re domestic abuse, alcohol misuse etc, and publicise Harbour Support Services ahead of Euro's 2016. AR has been trying to contact Harbour since January, LO to liaise with Harbour and secure contact details. (Update 23.06.16) AR spoke to Karen regarding publicity at the mid-way stage of the Euros. Police have put some posters out. This will be done ahead of the England Game on Monday 27 th June 2016.	😊
			Domestic Abuse Strategy – (Update 23.06.16) To go out for consultation from next Wednesday 29 th June 2016, this will be on the website and go to the relevant committees and Safeguarding Boards. The consultation is for 8 weeks.	😊

		<p>CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION</p> <p>CSE E-Learning Training Package – Work has been undertaken by Licensing and Barnado’s to develop a national on-line training package for Taxi Drivers. 12/05/16 IH advised that Tees Valley will be piloting the training, once complete publicity will be considered. (Update 23.06.16) Pilot scheme still underway and will continue.</p> <p>ACQUISTIVE CRIME</p> <p>Operation Scarecrow - To take place at Chester Road Allotments on 13/05/16 with Police Cadets. (Update 23.06.16) This took place, very good turnout, good coverage. ACTION: AR to do a follow up on safety tips, summertime messages on locking doors.</p> <p>Allotment Watch – (Update 23.06.16) NS updated that the ASBU team will be helping Thornhill and Haswell Allotments set up an Allotment Watch, crime prevention and surveys to be done. There is the potential for one of the sites to pay for security.</p> <p>ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR</p> <p>Off Road Motorcycles – SHB has asked for publicity around Off Road Bikes, message to parents, enforcement in the June edition of Heartbeat. Launch in Easter, video and article produced. (Update 23.06.16) Video uploaded to You Tube and coverage in Heartbeat Magazine. AR said there has been no feedback from the Police but the reach of the video got several thousand hits. Also being pushed on social media sites via the Police.</p> <p>Arson Campaign – 12/05/16 RC updated that the Arson Campaign is finished for Easter however will be carrying out another campaign in the summer towards the end of term. RC to inform LO of this. RC to work with AR to put something together in regards to Fire Setting publicity (Update 23.06.16) The current campaign has now finished, there will be another campaign in the summer around vehicle fires and wheelie bin fires. ACTION: AR to link with Ronald Clark regarding the contents of their campaign.</p>	    
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HARTLEPOOL BOROUGH COUNCIL

Deliver an Anti-social Behaviour Awareness Day to all Year 8 pupils in Hartlepool	Community Safety and Engagement Team	February 2017	ASBAD - held on 22 nd – 26 th February at the Borough Hall. Publicity carried out on the Wednesday 24 th February 2016. 24/3/16 ASBAD survey feedback now complete. 12/05/2016 - AR to put something together about the ASBAD Event and send it CC and CAB. (Update 23.06.16) ACTION: NS to provide LO with information for LO to write a report on last year's ASBAD for the Partnership. There will be an event next year, after the report has gone then it can be organised.	😊
AIM: Improve residents' feelings of safety and reduce the fear of crime				
Actions	Lead Officer/ Organisation	Timescale	Planned Activity/Progress	Status
Deliver key Community Safety messages in response to seasonal, emerging and national issues	Community safety & Engagement Team / Steve Hilton	Ongoing	<p>SUMMER SEASON</p> <p>Fresher's Week – 12/05/16 SR update contact has been made with the College however there is no confirmed date. It will be within first 2 weeks of September. (Update 23.06.16) SR said she hasn't got the actual date of Fresher's Week, but knows it is just one day, the collage hasn't replied. ACTION: KB to chase for date and update next meeting. ACTION: NS to speak to LH regarding which things went down well at last year's event and more.</p> <p>Carbon Monoxide Poisoning - 12/05/16 Fire/Carbon Monoxide poisoning publicity ready for BBQ season – IH/RC will work together on this and liaise with AR to publicise. (Update 23.06.16) Publicity has gone out in Heartbeat. AR suggested this be revisited again with the summer coming up using social media.</p> <p>Train Station Publicity – (Update 23.06.16) The British Transport Police Text 6106 Poster's and cards to put up in Railway Station and give out at events.</p> <p>OTHER</p> <p>Neighbourhood Action Days - 12/05/16 KA updated a Neighbourhood Action day will take place at the end of May in the Victoria Ward, calendar invites are going out this afternoon 12/05/16. (Update 23.06.16) PH confirmed that Burn Valley is the next Neighbourhood Action Day. CC reported that the team have been asked to do two a month, a report is to go to Neighbourhood Services Committee.</p>	<p>😊</p> <p>😊</p> <p>😊</p> <p>😊</p>

			<p>No Cold Calling Zone - 24/03/16 There are now 6/7 No cold caller zones running. AR – publicity to be carried out after the elections. 12/05/16 IH will be publishing Cold Caller Signs and will send an email to the Councillors and publicise. (Update 23.06.16) There is 7 so far with 10 more applications. These applications are currently being assessed to see if they are appropriate. 10 of the applications have come via Councillors. Once the schemes have been approved and implemented AR to do some publicity. Once the stock of signs run out IH to order some more.</p> <p>Drinking on Trains –Contact has been made with BTP there is no organised operations planned for the next month or so. SR to provide an update at the next meeting. (Update 23.06.16) SR keen to do some work around drinking on trains. IH said that when he does presentations about drinking on trains it used to be Football fans, now it seems to be shifting towards Race Days. ACTION: LO to pull together a list of dates for the Races for York and Newcastle.</p> <p>Substance Misuse Week - Planning for Substance Misuse Week this year won't take place for a couple of months. 12/05/16 Action AR to email SR in regards to Substance Misuse Week. (Update 23.06.16) SR reported that this will be in November and there is things planned, once they are organised SR will update the group.</p> <p>Seagulls – (Update 23.06.16) PH has had a request regarding signs to stop people feeding seagulls and leaving litter. PH did have signs in stock and placed them up. PH to have a conversation with members about purchasing more signs and a possible awareness campaign on the website, and publicity around the signs.</p> <p>Parking – (Update 23.06.16) PH has asked if there could be some publicity around what enforcement officers do and why, a little bit of education awareness.</p> <p>Legal Highs – (Update 23.06.16) LO reported that with the change in the legislation around Legal Highs could something be publicised. SR has done some promotions within their services, Young Peoples Services are doing some work in drop ins and schools.</p>	     
Develop a calendar of local events and consultations	Kate Ainger	Ongoing	<p>Calendar of events – updated on an ongoing basis. 24/03/16 – AR to liaise with KA to use the information as a tool to publicise the key messages. (Update 23.06.16) The group discussed events on the calendar. Summer Stay safe 20th July, need a</p>	

			<p>new venue as the Belle View has an event on, all services are aware. National Allotment week, 8th -14th August 2016, to tie publicity in with the Allotment Watch Scheme. Sexual Health Week, SR to send LO the dates so update the calendar.</p> <p>Communications Task Group – (Update 23.06.16) CC said there is a report to be taken to September Safer Hartlepool Partnership ACTION: AR to write report on what the group has achieved.</p>	😊
Deliver a local Hate Crime campaign promoting the third party reporting centres.	Kate Ainger / Nicholas Stone	Ongoing	<p>Hate Crime Campaign – Local Hate Crime campaign to be developed. 24/03/16 KA/NS held meeting, publicity will commence after Easter and will focus on key themes. (Update 23.06.16) Regular campaigns to go out.</p>	😊

Month	Safer Hartlepool Partnership Priorities 2016-17					
	Re-offending	Domestic violence & abuse	Acquisitive crime	Substance Misuse	Anti-social Behaviour	Hate Crime
Apr-16			Garden security campaign			
May-16					Operation Stay Safe - School Leavers (TBC)	International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia 17th May 2016
Jun-16		Euro 2016 10th June - 10th July 2016	Neighbourhood & Home Watch Week (TBC)			World Refugee Day 20th June 2016 Learning Disability Week (date to be confirmed)
Jul-16		Euro 2016 10th June - 10th July 2016			Summer Stay Safe in conjunction with school holidays	
Aug-16		Rio Olympics 5th-21st Aug 2016	National Allotment Week 8-14th August 2016			
Sep-16			Freshers Week secure your bike/mobile phone campaign	Sexual Health Week 12th-18th Sept 2016		
Oct-16		National Personal Safety Day (TBC)	Light the night against crime National Home Security Month Oct 2016		Halloween & Bonfire awareness	National Hate Crime Awareness Week 8th-15th Oct 2016
Nov-16	International Restorative Justice Week 14th -20th November 2016	International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women 25th November 2016			Road Safety Week 21st-27th November 2016	Anti Bullying Week 14th - 18th Nov 2016
Dec-16			Christmas Campaign-property marking & 12 days of Christmas safety messages			
Jan-17			Secure your bike/new mobile phones campaign	Dry January		National Holocaust Memorial Day 27th Jan 2017
Feb-17				Sexual Health Campaign (13th February 2016)	ASBAD Event	
Mar-17		International Womens Day 8th March 2017				
Apr-17		National Stalking Awareness Week (TBC) National Stalking Day (TBC)				



SAFER HARTLEPOOL PARTNERSHIP

23rd September 2016



Report of: Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods

Subject: ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR AWARENESS DAY

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To update the Safer Hartlepool Partnership on the Anti-social Behaviour Awareness Day (ASBAD) held in February 2016.
- 1.2 To consider the future of the event and potential support from SHP Partners.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 As part of its broader responsibilities around reducing crime and disorder, since 2005 Hartlepool's Community Safety Team has organised and co-ordinated an Anti-social Behaviour Awareness Day on behalf of the Safer Hartlepool Partnership.
- 2.2 ASBAD is a week long event aimed at Year 8 students held at the Borough Hall and consists of a number of interactive scenes covering different aspects of anti-social behaviour that reflect real life issues encountered by young people, agencies and residents in Hartlepool.
- 2.3 The event was developed by the Councils Community Safety Team in conjunction with Children Services Youth Offending Team who were keen to address the many challenges, choices, and decisions young people face, each with increasing responsibility. The event is therefore based on an understanding that young people need to learn the importance of thinking before acting, taking responsibility for their decisions and actions, that some decisions made affect not only one future, but many, and that developing this understanding can take both time and experience.
- 2.4 By targeting Year 8 pupils, the event aims to influence young people at a crucial developmental stage as attitudes and perceptions begin to change, and aims provide young people with knowledge and understanding of:
 - The roles of various support and Community Safety focused agencies working in Hartlepool;

- The help, advice and support that is available to them;
- The impact that anti-social behaviour can have on the lives of individuals; and
- The repercussions and consequences for engaging in anti-social or criminal behaviour.

2.5 The event aims to teach young people to:

- Take different views into account and modify their views accordingly;
- Recognise how others see them;
- Be able to give and receive constructive feedback and praise;
- Respect the differences between people as they develop their own sense of identity;
- Empathise with people different from themselves;
- Understand the risks of using alcohol, tobacco and illegal substances;
- Recognise and manage pressure to make safer choices about healthy lifestyles;
- Recognise and manage pressure from others threatening their personal safety and well-being;
- Develop effective ways of resisting pressures, including knowing where to get help and advice; and
- Recognise when others need help and how to support them.

2.6 A range of organisations are involved in the event and participate in delivering the interactive sessions. The event is repeated each morning with a different secondary school attending over 5 days in February each year. This year the event took place between 22nd to 26th February 2016 with event co-ordination and chaperones on the day being provided by members of the Community Safety and Engagement Team who were also supported by a number of Police Community Support Officers.

2.7 In developing the programme for ASBAD 2016 consideration was given to the emerging issues highlighted through the Safer Hartlepool Partnership Strategic Assessment, and the feedback from both teachers and students attending the previous ASBAD event. The following table gives an overview of the scenes and the organisations involved.

Table 1: ASBAD Scenes 2016

Scene Name	Delivery Organisation/Individual
'Life Choices' scene	Paul King
Youth Court scene	Hartlepool Youth Offending Team
Alcohol and Substance misuse scene	Hartlepool Action Recovery Team (HART) - Young People's Service
Healthy Relationships scene	Harbour
Deliberate Fire Setting scene	Cleveland Fire Brigade
Dispelling the Myth - Asylum Seekers and Refugees in Hartlepool scene	Hartlepool Asylum Seekers and Refugee Group

3. ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR AWARENESS DAY FEEDBACK

3.1 In total there were 1,030 Year 8 pupils from across the secondary schools of Hartlepool that attended the ASBAD event. One in four pupils from each school and 36 teachers were asked to complete an evaluation questionnaire to provide feedback about the event.

3.2 Teacher Feedback

3.2.1 Analysis of questionnaires completed by teachers reveals that 100% of those teachers participating in the event enjoyed it, with the majority selecting the Life Choices and Youth Court scenes as their favourite.

3.2.2 Almost one third of teachers stated that they believed that anti-social behaviour was a very, or a fairly big problem in Hartlepool, and when asked about ideas to tackle anti-social behaviour the majority suggested the delivery of more targeted work and projects in schools.

3.2.3 Whilst teachers praised the organisation and delivery of the ASBAD event, when asked how it could be improved the majority suggested increasing the length of scenes and reducing group sizes.

3.3. Student Feedback

3.3.1 Analysis of the 239 questionnaires completed by young people reveals that 94% of students enjoyed the event with comments such as 'Fun', 'Cool', and 'Awesome' being used to describe the event. More than one half selected the Alcohol and Substance Misuse and Youth Court scenes as their favourite scenes.

3.3.2 When asked how much of a problem anti-social behaviour is in their local area, almost one half (49%) thought it was a very, or a fairly big problem, with the majority of young people suggesting the increased provision of youth activities, more work in schools and events like ASBAD as good ways of tackling anti-social behaviour in Hartlepool.

3.3.3. When asked to consider how the event could be improved more than one quarter of young people completing the questionnaire stated that they would like more scenes to be interactive and activity based.

3.3.4 In terms of event outcomes, more than 95% of young people stated that they had a greater understanding of anti-social behaviour and its impact, and this was also accompanied by a greater understanding of where they could access help if they were affected by substance misuse or domestic abuse issues.

4. PROPOSALS

- 4.1 Tackling anti-social behavior is an important element of the SHPs priority of 'creating confident, cohesive and safe communities, and a multi-agency approach is fundamental to identifying and helping young people to avoid crime and anti-social behaviour at an early stage.
- 4.2 Given the continued success of ASBAD it is proposed that the event is delivered in February 2017, and that emerging issues highlighted in the Safer Hartlepool Strategic Assessment, along with feedback from teachers and students attending the event in 2016 is used to inform how the event will be delivered.

5. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

- 5.1 The 2016 ASBAD event cost £3,650 to deliver and contributions from Partners towards the Communication Strategy were used to support the event.

6. STAFF CONSIDERATIONS

- 6.1 There are no staffing considerations associated with this report.

7. SECTION 17 CONSIDERATIONS

- 7.1 The ASBAD event aims to contribute towards the reduction of crime and disorder, substance misuse and re-offending issues in Hartlepool, and assists the Safer Hartlepool Partnerships in discharging its statutory obligations under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998.

8. LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

- 8.1 Under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, Community Safety Partnerships have a statutory responsibility to develop and implement strategies to reduce crime and disorder, substance misuse and re-offending in their local area.

9. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY CONSIDERATIONS

- 9.1 There are no equality and diversity considerations associated with this report.

10. CHILD POVERTY CONSIDERATIONS

- 10.1 There are no child poverty implications associated with this report.

11. RECOMMENDATION

- 11.1 That the Safer Hartlepool Partnership notes and comment on the contents of the report.
- 11.2 That members of the Safer Hartlepool Partnership consider how they may support the delivery of the event in February 2017, along with any suggestions they may have in relation to the development of ASBAD.
- 11.3 That the final format of the ASBAD event is agreed by the Chair of the Safer Hartlepool Partnership.

12. REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 12.1 The Safer Hartlepool Partnership has prioritised reducing the levels of crime and anti-social behaviour experienced in Hartlepool as a means of creating confident, safe and cohesive communities.
- 12.2 The Anti-social Behaviour Awareness Day is a multi-agency approach that is aimed at young people at an early stage in an attempt to increase their knowledge and safety in relation to crime and anti-social behaviour.

13. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

- 13.1 There are no back ground papers for this report.

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