



SAFER HARTLEPOOL PARTNERSHIP AGENDA



Friday 20 October 2017

at 10.00 am

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

MEMBERS: SAFER HARTLEPOOL PARTNERSHIP

Councillor Christopher Akers-Belcher, Elected Member, Hartlepool Borough Council
Councillor Steve Thomas, 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
Paul Edmondson-Jones, Interim Director of Public Health, Hartlepool Borough Council
Chief Superintendent Alastair Simpson, Neighbourhood Partnership and Policing Command, Cleveland Police
Barry Coppinger, Office of Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland
Chief Inspector Nigel Burnell, Chair of Youth Offending Board
Julie Allan, Head of Area, Cleveland National Probation Service
John Graham, Director of Operations, Durham Tees Valley Community Rehabilitation Company
Steve Johnson, District Manager, Cleveland Fire Authority
John Bentley, Voluntary and Community Sector Representative, Chief Executive, Safe in Tees Valley
Chris Joynes, Director of Customer Support, Thirteen Group
Jean Golightly, Representative of Hartlepool and Stockton on Tees Clinical Commissioning Group
Sally Robinson, Director of Children's and Joint Commissioning 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 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 15 September 2017**



4. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 4.1 Domestic Abuse Strategy Group Update including Presentation on Victim Withdrawal Rates – *Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods*
- 4.2 Community Engagement and Cohesion Strategy (Draft) – *Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods*
- 4.3 Hate Crime Update – *Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods*

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT

FOR INFORMATION

Date of next meeting – Friday 8 December 2017 at 10.00 am in Committee Room B, Civic Centre



SAFER HARTLEPOOL PARTNERSHIP MINUTES AND DECISION RECORD

15th September 2017

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

Present:

Chief Superintendent Alastair Simpson, Cleveland Police (In the Chair)

Councillor: Steve Thomas
Denise Ogden, Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods
Chief Inspector Nigel Burnell, Chair of Youth Offending Board

Libby Griffiths was in attendance as substitute for Kay Glew (Thirteen Group),

Trina Holdcroft was in attendance as substitute for Jean Golightly (Hartlepool and Stockton on Tees Clinical Commissioning Group),

Rachelle Kipling was in attendance as substitute for Barry Coppinger (Office of Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland),

Andy Robinson was in attendance as substitute for Steve Johnson (Cleveland Fire Authority),

Danielle Swainston was in attendance as substitute for Sally Robinson (Director of Children's and Joint Commissioning Services)

Officers: Rachel Parker, Community Safety Team Leader
Jo Stubbs, Democratic Services Officer

22. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were submitted by Councillor Christopher Akers-Belcher, John Bentley (Safe in Tees Valley), Barry Coppinger (Police and Crime Commissioner), Clare Clark (Head of Community Safety and Engagement), Kay Glew (Thirteen Group), Jean Golightly (NHS Hartlepool and Stockton on Tees CCG), John Graham (Durham Tees Valley Community Rehabilitation Company), Steve Johnson (Cleveland Fire Authority) and Sally Robinson (Director of Children's Services)

23. Declarations of Interest

None

24. Minutes of the meeting held on 11th August 2017

Minutes approved. The Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods advised members that the performance report presented at the last meeting had resulted in some media interest. She suggested that in the future members and officers should be more prepared to respond to media enquiries following meetings. The Chair asked that a statement be prepared in advance of the reporting of performance statistics to future meetings. The Director also highlighted some misreporting of the statistics specifically that the increase had been annual rather than over a 2 month period. She had also noted that this had included the reporting of hate crime which could be seen as a positive.

25. Youth Justice Strategic Plan 2017-2019 *(Director of Children's and Joint Commissioning Services)*

Purpose of report

To consult with members on the Youth Justice Strategic Plan and provide recommendations to go to Council in October.

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 2017-2019:-

- Re-offending
- Early Intervention and Prevention
- Remand and Custody
- Risk and Safety & Wellbeing (ASSETplus)
- Restorative Justice
- Effective Governance
- Voice of the young people
- Extremism and PREVENT Strategy

Key risks had also been identified including secure remand costs and implementation of ASSETplus. It was also highlighted that the Youth Justice Board Grant had been reduced over the last few years and further cuts would leave the service unsustainable.

Councillor Thomas highlighted problems with anti-social behaviour in the De Bruce Ward caused by a small group of young people. In these

situations home life was often a factor and he stressed the importance of agencies working together to address these issues at the earliest possible opportunity in order to prevent problems escalating in later years. The Assistant Director (Childrens) concurred with this, saying school heads shared these concerns. A pilot scheme aimed at improving locality partnerships was due to start in the North Area with schools keen to become involved as soon as possible. The representative of the Police and Crime Commissioner asked that they be involved as a financial contributor. The Director asked the Community Safety Team Leader to provide information on the various ward issues to the Assistant Director.

The Representative for Hartlepool and Stockton on Tees CCG requested that child sex exploitation figures be broken down into male and female victims saying that a lot of male victims would prefer to be seen as offenders due to embarrassment. The Assistant Director advised that this was covered in ASSETplus.

The Cleveland Fire Authority representative referred to a presentation on car crime and driving dangerously and suggested this could be modified for young people. The Assistant Director agreed that this could be utilised when looking at anti-social car crime.

The Chair was interested in needs assessment specifically an analytical approach looking at causes and attempting to identify children who might be at risk of offending in later years as early as possible. The Assistant Director confirmed that this type of work was already underway and would be discussed with the town's heads in October. The Chair indicated he would be happy to take part in any discussions in terms of identifying the current needs assessment.

The Chair referred to increases in re-offending. The Assistant Director accepted the need to stop young people offending at all in order to break this cycle and suggested a future Youth Justice Board meeting be themed around this issue. The Chair also requested that data on the court system, including first time entrants, re-offenders and court disposals, be separated for ease of reference.

Members recommended the following amendments or additions to the Plan:

- That the level of discussion and interaction between the Young Offending Service, Police and Crime Commissioner and young people be explored
- That the possibility of a joint SNA be explored
- That data be presented in such a way as to increase understanding
- That work be undertaken utilising facebook and other social media

The Chair queried whether agencies were sharing intelligence correctly in

order to intervene as early as possible. The Assistant Director felt this was something which fell under the remit of the Children's Strategic Partnership which was due to consider the Children and Young People's Plan the following week. The Chair suggested that the instances of anti-social behaviour previously raised by Councillor Thomas be used as a case study. The Community Safety Team Leader advised that these specific issues had been raised at a focus meeting the previous week and anti-social behaviour officers were actively seeking to engage with the young people involved. She would speak to the officers involved and provide the chair with an update. Councillor Thomas indicated that a residents meeting was scheduled for the following week, the Assistant Director confirmed that a representative would be happy to attend albeit information on specific young people would not be shared. The Chair acknowledged this and asked the Chair of the Youth Offending Board to liaise with the Assistant Director regarding who should be involved from her perspective. Councillor Thomas indicated residents were more interested in how anti-social behaviour was addressed strategically rather than on an operational level.

Decision

That the concerns around anti-social behaviour in North Hartlepool be the subject of a case study to assess joint working between Children's social care, Youth Offending Service, Community Safety services and local residents (and their representatives).

That the following additions or amendments to the Youth Justice Strategic Plan be presented to Children's Services Committee:

- The level of discussion and interaction between the Young Offending Service, Police and Crime Commissioner and young people be explored
- The possibility of a joint SNA be explored
- Increasing re-offending rates be presented as an area of risk, to be the subject of specific action by the Youth Offending Service Board with feedback to the Children's Strategic Partnership
- Data presentation be amended to increase understanding, specifically by inclusion of pre-CJ disclosure outcomes alongside FTE and Re-offending data.
- Work be undertaken utilising facebook and other social media

26. Community Safety Strategy 2017-2020 (Final Draft) (Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods)

Purpose of report

To present and seek approval of the final draft of the Community Safety Plan 2017-2020.

Issue(s) for consideration

The report set out the background to the statutory responsibility of Community Safety Partnership's to develop and implement a three year Community Safety Strategy setting out how it intended to address crime and disorder, substance misuse and re-offending issues in Hartlepool. In June members had approved the draft strategy for consultation. This had subsequently taken place with over 250 residents as part of the Safer Hartlepool Partnership 'Face the Public' activities held during October/November 2016. Further discussions had also taken place at the recent Safer Hartlepool Partnership development day and the draft plan had also been considered by the Audit and Governance Committee, Finance and Policy Committee and Community Forums.

The Strategic objectives for the 3 years were included as were the annual priorities for 2017-2018. Consultation showed that the public wanted the Partnership to focus on activities to address anti-social behaviour, improvements in community engagement and crime prevention. The Community Forums had also emphasised the need to concentrate on crime prevention, suggesting that community safety events take place as "pop up shops" in high footfall areas such as the Middleton Grange Shopping Centre.

Progress made against the plan would be managed and monitored by the Partnership through monitoring of Sub-Group Actions Plans.

The Assistant Director (Childrens) queried the inclusion of the Youth Justice Board Chair on the membership of the Partnership contained within the Plan. The Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods advised that this was an error and confirmed that the membership details would be re-checked.

Decision

That the final draft of the Community Safety Plan be approved subject to any necessary amendments to the membership of the Safer Hartlepool Partnership contained within it.

27. Your Say, Our Future: Community Safety *(Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods)*

Purpose of report

To consider the Safer Hartlepool Partnership annual Strategic Assessment and 'Face the Public Event' in developing year 2 of the Community Safety Plan (2017-2020)

To consider rebranding the Safer Hartlepool Partnership's 'Face the Public' event under the Council's 'Your Say, Our Future' programme from 2018 onwards.

Issue(s) for consideration

Since their introduction in 1998 by the Crime and Disorder Act Community Safety Partnerships have a statutory responsibility to develop and implement a three year Community Safety Plan setting out how they intend to address crime and disorder, substance misuse and re-offending issues. Community Safety Partnerships are made up of representatives from the six responsible authorities including the Local Authority, Police, Fire Brigade and National Probation Service. One of their statutory duties is to consult with local residents and organisations on community safety priorities including an annual 'Face the Public' event. This had traditionally been held in October or November of each year however as the final draft of the Community Safety Plan was only being considered by the Partnership at this meeting, and given the level of public involvement in the consultation, it was suggested that the annual event be pushed back to February 2018. This would coincide with the launch of the 'Integrated Hartlepool Community Safety Team'. It was also proposed that in future this event become part of the Council's 'Your Say, Our Future' programme thereby enabling a two-way conversation with the local community and better communication.

Decision

1. That the proposed timescale and arrangements for developing the strategic assessment in relation to year 2 of the Community Safety Plan 2017-2020.
2. That the Face the Public Event form part of the Council's Your Say Our Future programme from 2018 onwards.

28. Substance misuse sub-group update (*Interim Director of Public Health*)

The Chair noted that nobody was present from Public Health. He asked that the report be deferred and the Chair be advised as to the reason for non-attendance.

Decision

That the item be deferred and the Chair contacted regarding the reason for non-attendance.

The meeting concluded at 10:55.

CHAIR



SAFER HARTLEPOOL PARTNERSHIP

20th October 2017



Report of: Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods

Subject: DOMESTIC ABUSE STRATEGIC GROUP UPDATE
INCLUDING PRESENTATION ON VICTIM
WITHDRAWAL RATES

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To provide an overview of activity undertaken by the Hartlepool Domestic Abuse Strategy Group during 2017
- 1.2 To receive a presentation on victim withdrawal rates as a key area of work undertaken by the Domestic Abuse Sub-Group.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The main purpose of the Domestic Abuse Group is to reduce domestic abuse and the impact on those affected by it.
- 2.2 The Domestic Abuse Strategy and Action Plan (2016-19) was agreed by the Safer Hartlepool Partnership in 2016 following extensive consultation with stakeholders, the Action Plan outlining progress to date (**attached at Appendix A**) incorporates the following four key strategic objectives:
 - Prevention of Abuse
 - Partnership Working
 - Provision of services
 - Pursuing Perpetrators

3. PROGRESS UPDATE

- 3.1 In general good progress has been made against the Domestic Violence and Abuse Action Plan with the following representing some key areas of work over the last year:

Prevention:

- Continued programme of healthy relationships in schools

- Promoted free on-line training for practitioners re domestic abuse; forced marriage and FGM through HSCB and TSAB website
- Researched requirements of White Ribbon campaign with a view to Hartlepool becoming a White Ribbon town

Partnership working:

- Evaluation of operation encompass has been completed
- Established 'couples therapy' pilot to reduce domestic abuse and parental conflict
- Commenced MARAC review
- Roll out of domestic abuse workforce policy

Provision of services:

- Undertaken a needs analysis and commissioned a new service which went live in April 2017
- Commissioned DASH risk assessment training due to be rolled out from October 2017
- Successful application to DCLG for Navigator and Crash Pad.

Pursuing perpetrators:

- Undertaken analysis on victim withdrawal rates with a view to increasing opportunities of bringing offenders to justice
- Explored options for live video link allowing vulnerable victims and witnesses to give evidence outside of court room setting

3.2 Future work will include:

- Developing a communications plan to raise awareness of domestic abuse across communities
- Progressing work on how we capture the voice of the child to improve service delivery via Harbour; the Police and CCG
- Evaluating 'couples therapy' programme and analysis of Perpetrator Programme to increase understanding of their effectiveness
- Developing a service user consultation programme for domestic abuse commissioned service and ensuring police and local health services are capturing the voice of the child to inform a wider workforce approach

4. IMPACT

- 4.1 As reported to the Safer Hartlepool Partnership through the Strategic Assessment in May the number of incidents of domestic abuse reported to the Police continues to be of concern. Data collated by Cleveland Police does however suggest a reduction in the number of MARAC repeat referrals with an overall reduction of 13% being experienced in 2016/17 when compared to the previous year, and a further reduction of 4% during Q1 of the current financial year when compared to Q 1 in 2016/17.
- 4.2 The increase in the number of referrals to the Outreach element of the specialist domestic abuse service is also indicative of an increased

awareness amongst statutory services such as the Police and Childrens Services of the wider help available for victims and their families, and that these services are now ensuring support for victims at a much earlier stage. Of the 652 referrals into the specialist service during Q 1 of 2017/18 29% came from the Police, 15 % from Childrens services with an increase in referrals of 48% from mental health services.

- 4.3 Performance information provided to the Domestic Abuse sub-group suggests that the majority (80%) of clients feel safer as a result of engaging with support services and 98% of clients report increased self-esteem. During Q1 of 2017/18 275 primary and 455 secondary school pupils benefited from the Healthy Relationships Programme designed to improve understanding of respectful and healthy relationships amongst young people as a key strand of the preventative elements of the strategy.

5. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY CONSIDERATIONS

- 5.1 There are no equality of diversity implications.

6. SECTION 17

- 6.1 The Domestic Violence Strategy and Action plan a key role in reducing crime and disorder.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 7.1 That the Safer Hartlepool Partnership notes and comments on progress made to date against the Domestic Violence and Abuse Action Plan.
- 7.2 That the Safer Hartlepool Partnership notes and comments on the presentation on victim withdrawal rates.
- 7.3 That the Safer Hartlepool Partnership considers any additional actions that should be considered by the Domestic Abuse Sub-Group

9. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 9.1 Reduce repeat incidents of Domestic Abuse is a key priority contained with the Community Safety Plan 2017 – 20.

10. CONTACT OFFICERS

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SAFER HARTLEPOOL PARTNERSHIP - DOMESTIC ABUSE ACTION PLAN 2016-2019

This action plan accompanies the Safer Hartlepool Partnership Domestic Abuse Strategy 2016 - 2019 and underpins its implementation.

The Plan sets out actions under four key areas that we aim to achieve:

- 1. Prevention of Abuse** - Prevent abuse from happening by challenging the attitudes and behaviours which foster it, educating and informing young people about healthy relationships, and intervening early where possible to prevent it.
- 2. Partnership Working** - Make awareness of and improve responses to domestic abuse making it 'everyone's business' across all agencies, professionals and the wider public. Whilst developing new and more integrated approaches to facilitate earlier intervention and co-ordinated action to achieve the best outcome for victims and their families.
- 3. Provision of Services** - Change the way local services are commissioned and delivered, ensuring the provision of accessible and effective support services. Adopting a 'Whole Family' approach we will respond to the needs of victims and their families, addressing the complex issues they face.
- 4. Pursuing Perpetrators** - Improve criminal justice responses, tackle offenders and protect victims; reducing risk and supporting the delivery of interventions that lead to sustainable change in perpetrators behaviour.

Safer Hartlepool Partnership
Domestic Violence & Abuse Action Plan 2017/2018 Overview

Objective 1: Partnership Working	
Action	Progress
Ensure practitioners have access to local resources to help them address the needs of victims and families experiencing domestic abuse	
Understand the impact Operation Encompass has had in relation to addressing Domestic Abuse in Hartlepool	
Ensure that all schools responses via Operation Encompass are consistent and structured	
Improve pathways and information sharing with Health Professional in Hartlepool	
Explore and test innovative approaches to change behaviour	
Ensure that current MARAC arrangements are effective and addressing the needs of high-risk victims	
Work with local employers to respond and support employees who have experienced domestic abuse	
Objective 2: Prevention of Abuse	
Action	Progress
Promote healthy relationships amongst children & young people	
Increase awareness of domestic abuse across communities	
Ensure practitioners are equipped with skills and knowledge to spot the signs of domestic abuse and have the confidence to make safe enquiries	
Hartlepool to become a White Ribbon town	
Learn from domestic homicide reviews	

Objective 3: Provision of Services	
Action	Progress
Learn from domestic homicide reviews	☹️
Ensure that the views of victims of domestic abuse are routinely captured and used to inform/enhance service delivery	☹️
Ensure a structured approach to risk assessment where Domestic Abuse is identified	☹️
Support and maximise opportunities for victims to secure access to justice	☹️
Improve our understanding of domestic abuse issues affecting vulnerable adults, and ensure appropriate referral pathways to specialist domestic abuse support services are in place	☹️
Commissioned services for Domestic Abuse are creative, evidenced based and consider new ways of working and include the feedback from children and families	☹️
Gap analysis to be undertaken with provider organisations following the joint targeted area inspections deep dive on domestic abuse	☹️
Objective 4: Provision of Services	
Maximise take up and completion rates of Perpetrator interventions	☹️
Increase opportunities of bringing perpetrators to justice	☹️
Ensure victims receive effective support and guidance when seeking justice through the Specialist Domestic Violence Court (SDVC)	☹️

SAFER HARTLEPOOL PARTNERSHIP - DOMESTIC ABUSE ACTION PLAN 2016-2019								
NO	PRIORITY THEME	WHAT DO WE NEED TO DO	HOW ARE WE GOING TO DO IT	WHEN WILL WE DO IT BY	WHO WILL DO IT	DESIRED OUTCOME	PROGRESS UPDATE	RAG
1.1	Partnership	Ensure practitioners have access to local resources to help them address the needs of victims and families experiencing domestic abuse	<p>Develop a local on-line Domestic Abuse Toolkit and Service Directory.</p> <p>Promote the 'Find Support in your Area' on the TSAB website via regular newsletters</p>	<p>September 2017</p> <p>September 2017</p>	<p>Kirsty Fletcher , HBC Adult Services TSAB, Lorraine Garbutt</p> <p>Jane Young, HBC Children Services Kate Ainger, HBC Community Safety & Engagement</p>	Practitioners can plan and deliver effective interventions to address the needs of victims and families affected by domestic abuse.	Links now established on TSAB and HSCB website to signpost to Safe Lives Knowledge Hub. E-Learning programmes have featured in recent TSAB and HSCB e-bulletins	
1.2	Partnership	Understand the impact Operation Encompass has had in relation to addressing Domestic Abuse in Hartlepool	Undertake an evaluation of Operation Encompass.	January 2017	Rachelle Kipling, OPCC Teesside University	Operation Encompass will evidence good outcomes for children who experience domestic abuse.	Mar' 17 - Evaluation complete. finding delivered to SHP and HSCB. Action plan developed by Police – progress updates to DASG to be provided.	
1.3	Partnership	Ensure that all schools responses via Operation Encompass are consistent and structured	<p>Develop and implement an Operation Encompass framework to support active intervention with both children and adults</p> <p>Use local learning from Manor Community Academy.</p>	March 2017	<p>Rachelle Kipling, OPCC</p> <p>Rachel Parker, HBC Community Safety</p> <p>Bev Cumming / Ann Malcolm, Manor Community Academy</p>	Schools understand what domestic abuse is and how to respond families affected by this issue.	<p>Mar'17 – Framework developed by Manor College, seen as good practice to extend across schools – LO contacted Ann Malcolm for progress update.</p> <p>Sept 17 presentation delivered by Manor College staff at Designated Teacher meeting promoting Manor College approach.</p>	

APPENDIX A

1.4	Partnership	Improve pathways and information sharing with Health Professional in Hartlepool	<p>Children Safeguarding Lead and identify local Adult Safeguarding Lead.</p> <p>Extend Operation Encompass to ensure information relating to domestic incidents where children are present in the household (including unborn babies) is shared with community practitioners (GP, Health Visitor, Midwife, School Nurse).</p> <p>Investigate how coding is completed in relation to DA in patient's clinical notes and is there a way to export that work so that the accurate scale of the problem can be identified.</p> <p>Working with GP leads around information sharing and ensure cases are discussed regularly in surgery and any issues are shared across Health and Social Care.</p> <p>Promote domestic abuse materials to GPs and include domestic abuse in the peer engagement sessions and GP newsletters</p>	May 2017	<p>Trina Holcroft, H&S CCG</p> <p>Trina Holcroft, H&S CCG Helen Barker, Cleveland Police Jane Young/Chris Rooney, HBC Children Services</p> <p>Trina Holcroft, H&S CCG</p> <p>Trina Holcroft, H&S CCG</p> <p>Trina Holcroft, H&S CCG</p>	The number of referrals into early help and support services from Health Professionals will increase.	<p>Mar'17 – Health Visiting Service transferring into HBC in Jun'17</p> <p>July 17 TH progressing with North Tees Hospital - but further work required re information sharing with primary care re Operation Encompass and MARAC.</p> <p>July 17 bulletins disseminated to GP's explains coding in relation to DV in patient's clinical notes</p> <p>July 2017 Following January 2016 inspection Hartlepool GPs now regularly meeting with Health Visitors and School Nurses to discuss concerns and potential safeguarding issues.</p> <p>July 17 GP engagement session has been held with Harbour and well received – agreed to shorten referral form.</p>	
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1.5	Partnership	Explore and test innovative approaches to change behaviour	Pilot a Couple Therapy programme where situational violence is evident.	January 2017	Chris Rooney, HBC Children Services Nicola Walker, Changing Futures North East	Reduction in domestic abuse and parental conflict. Improved family functioning, relationships and wellbeing	Mar 17' Couples Therapy project established early 2017.	
1.6	Partnership	Ensure that current MARAC arrangements are effective and addressing the needs of high-risk victims	Undertake a review of MARAC arrangements across Tees.	July 2017	Clare Clark, HBC Community Safety Darren Birkett, Cleveland Police	We continue to deliver an effective and well attended MARAC, and reduce the number repeat MARAC cases.	July 17' presentation to Sub-group - MARAC review underway - target to complete Dec 2017.	
1.7	Partnership	Work with local employers to respond and support employees who have experienced domestic abuse	Through the Better Health at Work Award, work with local business representatives to implement domestic abuse workforce policies and procedures Working with Safeguarding leads for GP practices to ensure that they have a DA workplace policy in surgeries	March 2018	Stephen Carter, HBC Public Health Rachelle Kipling, OPCC Trina Holcroft, H&S CCG	Employers understand what domestic abuse is and how to respond.	Jul 17 - HBC Domestic Abuse Policy developed, adopted and shared with schools and partner workplaces. Champion Network established. 28 HBC employees trained as champions. Jul 17 - CCG currently developing policy in relation to supporting employee's of domestic abuse.	
2.1	Prevent	Promote healthy relationships amongst children & young people	Deliver Healthy Relationship Programmes in Primary and Secondary Education settings in Hartlepool Work with young people to develop a network of healthy relationship champions in	March 2017 December 2017	Lesley Gibson, Harbour Leigh Keeble, HBC Children Services Hartlepool Youth Council	Improve understanding of respectful & healthy relationships amongst young people.	Jul 17 - The Healthy Relationships programme delivered to schools - Q1 275 primary and 455 secondary pupils engaged with programme.	

			secondary education settings*		Tara Davison, HBC Community Safety & Engagement			
2.2	Prevent	Increase awareness of domestic abuse across communities	Develop a communication strategy that will underpin the delivery of key messages in line with national and regional campaigns, focusing on key themes, including: Teen to Parent Abuse Clare's Law E-safety FGM Honour Based Violence Abuse in Teenage Relationships Coercive Control	March 2018	Alastair Rae, HBC Kate Ainger, HBC Community Safety & Engagement	Communities understand what domestic abuse is and how to respond	Nov 16' – Community Event held on 18.11.16 in excess of 100 attendees from VCS orgs. Sept 17' Draft communication plan developed to be considered by domestic abuse group in Nov 2017	
2.3	Prevent	Ensure practitioners are equipped with skills and knowledge to spot the signs of domestic abuse and have the confidence to make safe enquiries	Promote the LSCB and TSAB training programme and free on line training general safeguarding awareness and in depth workbooks, topics include Domestic Abuse, Coercive Control, Forced marriage, FGM and Teen to Parent abuse.	April 2018	HSCB – Business Manager TSAB – Lorraine Garbutt	Confident and resilient workforce able to identify and respond to the needs of victims and families affected by domestic abuse. Domestic abuse enquiries become routine of good practice.	Jul 17 - The Teeswide Safeguarding Adults Board (TSAB) partner orgs staff and volunteers have access to e learning via Virtual College. Workbooks, including a module on domestic abuse free of charge and is promoted via bulletins. July'2017HSCB e-learning programme in place and promoted via bulletin most recently in July. Jul 17 - In May 2017 the TSAB held a Domestic Abuse and	

							Adult Safeguarding Conference attended by over 100 delegates.	
2.4	Prevent	Hartlepool to become a White Ribbon town	Research/gain a greater understanding of requirements of White Ribbon campaign.	December 2019	Paul Edmondson- Jones, HBC Public Health	Raise awareness of Domestic Abuse	Sept' 17 Information collated in relation to what is required to become a white ribbon town – to be considered by the domestic abuse sub group Nov.	
3.1	Provision of Service	Learn from domestic homicide reviews	Review local domestic homicide reviews to identify any gaps in service / lessons that can be learnt in Hartlepool	As necessary	All agencies	Through effective learning and review of recent cases the risk of Domestic Homicides is reduced.		
3.2	Provision of Service	Ensure that the views of victims of domestic abuse are routinely captured and used to inform/enhance service delivery.	Develop a service user consultation programme and incorporate into Contract Monitoring arrangement. Police and Health to ensure they capture the voice of the child to inform wider approach to workforce*	September 2017	Lesley Gibson, Harbour Helen Barker, Cleveland Police Trina Holcroft, H & S CCG	Services are responsive and meet the needs of victims and their families.	Jul 17 - Cleveland Police outsourcing monthly DA survey Thematic report re service delivery to be produced after the end of first 6 months. July 17' A Victims Charter around the standards a victim of domestic abuse can expect from Police due to be published. Jul 17 - North Tees Hospital currently auditing maternity records to ensure routine enquiry. July 2017 Harbour currently piloting client feedback text service.	
3.3	Provision of Service	Ensure a structured approach to risk assessment where Domestic Abuse is identified	Develop and roll-out DASH risk assessment training programme for practitioners	April 2018	Lesley Gibson, Harbour Maria Richardson, HBC Children Services Sarah Ward	DASH is embedded and used by frontline practitioners to assess level of risk	Apr'17 – Harbour to deliver DASH Training 15 sessions over the next 12 months. Sept'17 first DASH training	

			Work with GP practice safeguarding lead to consider the DASH tool or the Royal Colleges own tool and for the nurses in practice to consider the tools in the Royal college of Nursing work on domestic abuse		Trina Holcroft, H&S CCG	to domestic abuse victims and their families.	session to take place October – to be extended to nursing partners	
3.4	Provision of Service	Support and maximise opportunities for victims to secure access to justice	Explore options for the installation of a live video-link allowing vulnerable victims/witnesses to give evidence outside of the court room setting.	July 2017	HBC Community Safety Paul Haytack, Cleveland Police	Victims have increased access to justice.	Mar '17 – Technical equipments and building options are being worked up. July 17' – options work complete Sept'17 – PCC exploring funds with MoJ re options for live video link/s in Cleveland.	
3.6	Provision of Service	Improve our understanding of domestic abuse issues affecting vulnerable adults, and ensure appropriate referral pathways to specialist domestic abuse support services are in place.	Undertake a case audit to gain a greater understanding of domestic abuse issues affecting vulnerable adults in Hartlepool and map current referral pathways.	September 2017	Kirsty Fletcher, HBC Adult Services Lorraine Garbutt, TSAB Business Manager	Clear referral pathways are established. Increase in the number of referrals into specialist support services from HBC Adult Services.	July 17' The operational Leads from each Tees Local Authority meeting late July to audit Domestic abuse cases.	
3.7	Provision of Service	Commissioned services for Domestic Abuse are creative, evidenced based and consider new ways of working and include the feedback from children and families	Undertake a needs assessment to inform the development of a domestic abuse service specification	May 2017	Lisa Oldroyd, HBC Community Safety	Commissioned services will provide high quality, effective and accessible services which meet the needs of individuals and families affected by domestic abuse.	Jun '16 - Domestic Abuse Needs Assessment Complete Oct '16 - Domestic Abuse Service Specification developed and service put out to tender Jan'16 - Tender submissions evaluated and contract awarded.	

3.8	Provision of Service	Gap analysis to be undertaken with provider organisations following the joint targeted area inspections deep dive on domestic abuse.	Examine findings of deep dive JTAI's carried out and identify any gaps, develop action plan to address any gaps.	February 2017	Trina Holcroft, H&S CCG Margaret Brett/Lesley Mawson, TEWV			
4.1	Pursue	Maximise take up and completion rates of Perpetrator interventions	Analyse unsuitable referrals to and unplanned exits from the perpetrator programme.	June 2017	Lesley Gibson, Harbour Emma Goding, Harbour	Perpetrators of domestic abuse are supported to change their behaviour	July 2017 – Harbour report slight improvement in referrals	
4.2	Pursue	Increase opportunities of bringing perpetrators to justice.	Analyse victim withdrawal rates/reasons, and monitor the use of victimless prosecutions and use of DVPO's & DVPN's	December 2017	Helen Barker, Cleveland Police	Increase in the number of detected domestic abuse crimes	July 17' presentation to group outlining analysis undertaken by Police – to be delivered to partnership boards autumn.	
4.3	Pursue	Ensure victims receive effective support and guidance when seeking justice through the Specialist Domestic Violence Court (SDVC)	Deliver an effective IDVA service ensuring positive criminal justice outcomes	March 2017	Lesley Gibson, Harbour	Increase in positive criminal justice outcomes Reduction in discontinued cases due to victim/witness issues	The IDVA service has supported 70 victims during Q1 2017/18 and Has participated in the remand court pilot established in early 2017 resulting in a stronger victims voice in court.	

*HSCB Business Plan

OUTCOME	MEASURED BY	DATASOURCE
Reduce domestic abuse in Hartlepool	Number of domestic abuse incidents reported to the Police	Cleveland Police
	Number of domestic abuse related crimes recorded by the Police	Cleveland Police
	% of violent crime that is linked to domestic abuse - year to date	Cleveland Police
	Number of CHUB referrals where domestic abuse is a factor	HBC Children Services
	Number of referrals to Adult Services where domestic abuse is a factor	HBC Adult Services
	Number of MARAC referrals - (Rolling 12 months)	Cleveland Police
	Number of referrals into Specialist Domestic Abuse Support Services	Harbour
Reduce repeat victimisation	Number of repeat domestic abuse incidents with a repeat victim	Cleveland Police
	% of domestic abuse incidents involving a repeat victim	Cleveland Police
	Number of reported domestic abuse incidents witnessed by children within 12 months of a similar incident - year to date*	Cleveland Police
	% of domestic abuse incident witnessed by children within 12 months of a similar incident out all domestic abuse incidents - year to date*	Cleveland Police
	Number of re-presentations into specialist domestic abuse support services	Harbour
	% of MARAC repeat referrals	Cleveland Police
Victims are safer and have improved resources to remain safe	% of victims who feel safer after receiving support from specialist domestic abuse support services	Harbour
	% of children & young people who feel safer as a result of support from specialist domestic abuse children support service	Harbour
Victims report improved health, wellbeing and resilience	% of clients exiting specialist domestic abuse support service who report an improved quality of life	Harbour
	% of clients exiting specialist domestic abuse support service who report increased self esteem	Harbour
	% of clients exiting specialist domestic abuse support service who report improved capacity to be an effective and caring parent	Harbour
	% of clients exiting specialist domestic abuse support service who report improved economic wellbeing	Harbour
Victims have increased access to justice	% of domestic related crime that result in a positive outcome (Rolling 12 months)	Cleveland Police
	% of domestic related crime where the victim withdraws support (Rolling 12 months)	Cleveland Police

	% of cases where there was a successful prosecution	Cleveland Police
Perpetrators of domestic abuse are supported to change their behaviour	Number of referrals into perpetrator service	Harbour
	Number of perpetrators successfully completing perpetrator programme	Harbour
	% of perpetrators that do not commit further domestic abuse offences within 6 months of programme completion	Harbour
Children and young people living with domestic abuse are identified and referred appropriately	Number of children witnessing a domestic abuse incident - year to date*	Cleveland Police
	Number of reported domestic abuse incidents witnessed by children - year to date*	Cleveland Police
	% of domestic abuse related CHUB referrals that result in pathway to Early Help	HBC Children Services
	% of domestic abuse related CHUB referrals that result in social care assessment	HBC Children Services
	% of domestic abuse related CHUB referrals that result in referral to domestic abuse specialist support services	HBC Children Services
	% of domestic related CHUB re-referrals within 12 months	HBC Children Services
Increase the awareness of domestic abuse to improve agency responses to victims and their families.	Number of domestic abuse training sessions provided	HBC Children Services HBC Adult Services
	Number of front-line practitioners attended	HBC Children Services HBC Adult Services
Improve understanding of respectful & healthy relationships amongst young people	Number of young people participating in Healthy Relationships programmes	Harbour
	% of young people who have an increased understanding of healthy relationships	Harbour
	% of young people who know where to seek help about domestic abuse if they needed it	Harbour
	Number of young people participating in Respectful Friendships programmes	Harbour
	% of young people who have an increased understanding of respectful friendships	Harbour

* HSCB Performance Management Framework



SAFER HARTLEPOOL PARTNERSHIP

20th October 2017



Report of: Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods

Subject: COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND COHESION
STRATEGY (DRAFT)

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To consider and comment on the Council's draft Community Engagement and Cohesion Strategy.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 In Hartlepool we have a strong tradition of working with our communities to improve and develop services. As an organisation the Council recognises the importance of engagement in our work and the need for this to be delivered appropriately throughout our Departments through a single, organisational approach. We also recognise the importance of cohesion within our communities and our role in supporting and developing this.
- 2.2 As such a new Community Engagement and Cohesion Strategy is being developed with the first agreed for consultation by the Finance and Policy Committee in September 2017.
- 2.3 As one of the key objectives identified in the Community Safety Plan is to 'create confidence cohesive and safe communities', the Safer Hartlepool Partnership has been identified as a key consultee.

3. PROPOSED DRAFT COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND COHESION STRATEGY

- 3.1 The draft Community Engagement and Cohesion Strategy is set out in **Appendix 1** of this report.
- 3.2 The proposed vision for community engagement and cohesion in Hartlepool is that: Hartlepool has a strong sense of community spirit where people from all backgrounds get along and work together to influence local decisions, respond to local needs and ensure that the town is a welcoming and inclusive place to live.

The proposed priorities for the Council in achieving this vision are:

- We will involve and listen to our communities.
- We support community action.
- We will build strong and inclusive communities.

- 3.3 The strategy has been informed by the views expressed last summer through Your Say, Our Future and the recent Voluntary and Community Sector Survey. It has also been developed to reflect what works well in Hartlepool and elsewhere and to build upon the strong foundations that are already in place in the town.
- 3.4 The strategy has been prepared in the style of a plan on a page. This is intended to ensure that the strategy is simple and easy to understand and can be used as an easy reference document.
- 3.5 An action plan will sit alongside the strategy to set out what specifically we will do to ensure that the vision of the strategy is delivered. Some examples of what might be included are set out within the draft strategy (**Appendix 1**). The action plan will be further developed following the 8 week consultation period with a final draft being presented to the Finance and Policy Committee in January 2018 and final approval by Council expected in March 2018.
- 3.6 The 8 week consultation period will run until 17th November 2017. In addition to the Safer Hartlepool Partnership this consultation will include presentations to the Community Forums, discussion at the Your Say, Our Future roundtable events, and an online survey.

4. RISK IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no risk implications.

5. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

- 5.1 There are no financial considerations – all activity will be undertaken within existing resources.

6. LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

- 6.1 There are no legal considerations.

7. CHILD AND FAMILY POVERTY

- 7.1 There are no child and family poverty implications at this stage.

8. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY CONSIDERATIONS

- 8.1 We recognise the need to take into account the needs of vulnerable groups when engaging with the community. Any activity will consider the equality and diversity needs of all those with protected characteristics.

9. STAFF CONSIDERATIONS

- 9.1 Members of the Safer Hartlepool Partnership are asked to actively encourage their staff to participate in the consultation.

10. ASSET MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

- 10.1 There are no asset management considerations.

11. SECTION 17 CONSIDERATIONS

- 11.1 Delivery of the Councils Community Engagement and Cohesion Strategy will contribute towards the Safer Hartlepool Partnership Strategic Objectives developed from the Partnerships strategic assessment and consultation with the local community.

12. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 12.1 The Safer Hartlepool Partnership are asked to consider and comment on the draft Community Engagement and Cohesion Strategy as set out in **Appendix 1**.

13. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 13.1 The Community Engagement and Cohesion Strategy will contribute towards Safer Hartlepool Partnership objectives and in particular 'Creating confident and cohesive communities'.

14. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 14.1 Community Engagement and Cohesion Strategy – report to Finance and Policy Committee 17th September 2017.

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Community Engagement and Cohesion Strategy 2018-2021

Introduction to consultation draft:

This is the first draft of our new Community Engagement and Cohesion Strategy and we would welcome your views. In developing this Strategy we have aimed to respond to the views expressed last summer through Your Say, Our Future and the recent Voluntary and Community Sector Survey. We have also looked at what works well in Hartlepool and elsewhere and set out to build upon the strong foundations that we already have in place.

An 8 week consultation on this draft will be open until Friday 17th November 2017 and there are a number of ways in which you can get involved:

Complete our online survey:

Attend one of our Your Say, Our Future events: TBC

Attend the North and Coastal or South and Central Community Forum on 18th October 2017.

Please let us know what you think - we look forward to hearing your views.

Cllr Christopher Akers-
Belcher Leader of the
Council

Gill Alexander
Chief Executive

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Introduction

As a Council we appreciate that our society is changing. We live in a time when we have more connected people who are demanding greater participation in shaping the lives of their own communities. We recognise that the Council has a critical role to play in providing strong community leadership which enables our residents to participate in shaping Council priorities, influencing local decisions, designing and transforming services and taking individual or collective action to respond to local priorities.

One of the strengths of Hartlepool is its people and the sense of community that is evident wherever you go in the town. We recognise that one of our key roles as a Council is to harness this community spirit and local pride to improve the Borough and meet local needs. The Council alone cannot do everything that needs to be done to make Hartlepool the best it can be. We recognise that our communities are often better placed to understand what needs to be done in their area and also to put in place their own solutions. We need to join forces with our community and partners to achieve our ambition. As a town we all have a responsibility to look after our community and maximise the limited resources that we have on the right things.

As a Council we want to build upon the success of the Your Say, Our Future programme and roll this approach out across the Council. Our intention is to continue the Council's move towards more collaborative and participatory ways of working where our communities are able to get more involved or lead their own changes. We are keen to ensure that there is an open dialogue between the Council and our communities.

This Community Engagement and Cohesion Strategy sets out how the Council will work to:

- **engage** with our communities so that they can have an active role in shaping the future of our town by influencing local decisions and co-designing services
- **support** our communities to take part and deliver on local priorities by providing them with opportunities to develop their skills, confidence, and local networks
- **strengthen** the bonds between our communities, improve tolerance and understanding and reduce tensions

The following pages summarise what we will do, how we will do it and also how we will know if we have been successful. The final part of the strategy is our action plan which will identify what specific actions we will take in order to ensure the delivery of this strategy.

We will regularly monitor progress against the action plan and the identified measures of success and feed back to both elected members and our communities.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND COHESION STRATEGY 2018 – 2021

OUR VISION	HARTLEPOOL HAS A STRONG SENSE OF COMMUNITY SPIRIT WHERE PEOPLE FROM ALL BACKGROUNDS GET ALONG AND WORK TOGETHER TO INFLUENCE LOCAL DECISIONS, RESPOND TO LOCAL NEEDS AND ENSURE THAT THE TOWN IS A WELCOMING AND INCLUSIVE PLACE TO LIVE.		
OUR PRIORITIES	WE WILL INVOLVE AND LISTEN TO OUR COMMUNITIES	WE WILL SUPPORT COMMUNITY ACTION	WE WILL BUILD STRONG AND INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES
WHAT WILL WE DO?	<p>Working with our communities we will...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build and maintain good relationships and work to rebuild trust in those relationships that might have broken down. • Listen and respond to our communities focussing on developing solutions together. • Involve our communities at an early stage so that they can influence local decisions and help design services that meet local needs. • Work to understand our communities and their needs better. • Promote better communication between us ensuring that we have a two-way conversation. 	<p>Working with our communities we will...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthen individual, organisational and community capacity. • Build and strengthen opportunities for people to come together in their communities. • Build and develop the existing strengths within communities giving them the opportunities and support needed to develop. • Develop the skills, confidence and understanding of our communities so that they can tackle issues on their own or with our advice and support. • Support communities to take part and deliver improvements. 	<p>Working with our communities we will...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthen understanding and relationships to ensure that people from different backgrounds get on well together. • Promote better understanding between communities. • Celebrate and value diversity. • Tackle negative behaviour. • Reduce tensions and promote community confidence and tolerance.
HOW WILL WE DO IT?	<p>Our approach will include...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your Say, Our Future – we will hold a programme of roundtable events across the town and invite our communities to come along and discuss issues of town-wide importance. • Community Forums (North and Coastal and South and Central) – we will continue to develop our two Community Forums as focal points for local consultation on the provision of Council services and neighbourhood issues. • Hartlepool Online Panel – we will work to develop the online panel to promote our consultations to our community and we will improve our online presence through social media and the Council's website. • Community Hubs – these will provide face to face access to the Council across the town and will be the base for key consultation activities and outreach into our most vulnerable communities. • Consultation Groups – we will focus on reaching out to our communities through existing groups and channels and establish and strengthen relationships to ensure that dialogue is two-way. • Training – we will provide our elected members and staff training to improve and develop their communication and engagement skills. 	<p>Our approach will include...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Hubs – One the roles of Community Hubs will be to develop and foster links with local community groups and provide space for communities to come together. • Infrastructure support – we will develop a new model for providing support to the voluntary and community sector. • Building community capacity and promoting social action – supporting and promoting opportunities for local people to contribute to their local community. We will work with local organisations, 'friends of' groups, volunteers and individuals and support them to come together to help improve their lives and their communities through social action. 	<p>Our approach will include...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hartlepool in Unity – a programme of positive activities supported by our Cohesion Officers. This will include events bringing people from different backgrounds together. • Better promotion of our Third Party Reporting Centres – to provide safe spaces for the reporting of hate crime so that negative behaviour can be addressed and tackled. • Victim Services Officer – providing support to those who do come forward to report hate crime. • Hartlepool Community Safety Team – development of a joint team involving the Council, Police and Fire Service who will work together to build safer communities. Focusing on vulnerable communities the team will intervene early to prevent problems from getting worse. • Training – we will develop equality and diversity training. • Promotion – we will promote key events and awareness days for equality and diversity and be a welcoming town for new arrivals.
WHAT WILL SUCCESS LOOK LIKE?	<p>We will know we're succeeding if...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More people feel that they can influence decisions that affect their local area. • More people attend our Your Say, Our Future events. • More people sign up to the Hartlepool Online Panel. • More people are turning out to vote at local elections. 	<p>We will know we're succeeding if...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More people are using the Community Hubs. • We have a strong and active voluntary and community sector. • More people are satisfied with their local area. 	<p>We will know we're succeeding if...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More people agree that people from different ethnic backgrounds get on well together. • More people feel that they belong to their local area. • More people feel part of the local community. • There are more reported incidents of hate crime because people have the confidence to report it. • There are fewer repeat victims of hate crime.

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Action Plan – this will be completed following the 8 week consultation but some examples of what might be included are set out below:

ENGAGE

What?	Who?	When?
Agree the annual programme for Your Say, Our Future roundtable events	Performance & Partnerships Manager	April 2018
Review the Council's approach to public involvement	Performance & Partnerships Manager	July 2018

DEVELOP

What?	Who?	When?
Review the new model for providing support to the voluntary and community sector	Community Safety & Engagement Manager	October 2018

STRENGTHEN

What?	Who?	When?
Agree the annual Hartlepool in Unity programme of activity	Community Safety & Engagement	May 2018
Undertake a promotion campaign against hate crime	PR Manager	June 2018



SAFER HARTLEPOOL PARTNERSHIP

20th October 2017



Report of: Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods

Subject: HATE CRIME UPDATE

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To update the Safer Hartlepool Partnership on the level of reported hate incidents and crimes across Hartlepool.
- 1.2 To inform the Safer Hartlepool Partnership of the publication of new public policy statements by the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) on how it will prosecute hate crime and support victims in England and Wales.

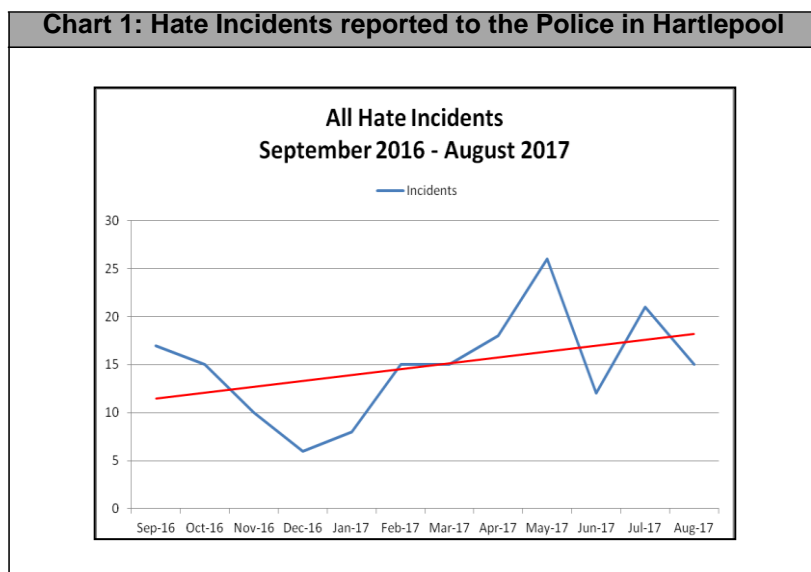
2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Following concerns being reported nationally about rising reports of hate crimes linked to the EU Referendum, in September 2016 the Safer Hartlepool Partnership requested and received a report outlining current trends in relation to Hate crimes and incidents in Hartlepool.
- 2.2 The report highlighted that although numbers remain low, there had been an increase in racially motivated incidents in Hartlepool over the period April 2015-July 2016, with the majority of victims identified as individuals working in hot food takeaway premises or convenience stores.
- 2.3 On a national level these concerns were responded to by the CPS initiating a 13 week consultation with a view to publishing revised policy statements covering the following strands of hate crime:
 - racist and religious
 - disability
 - homophobic, biphobic, and transphobic

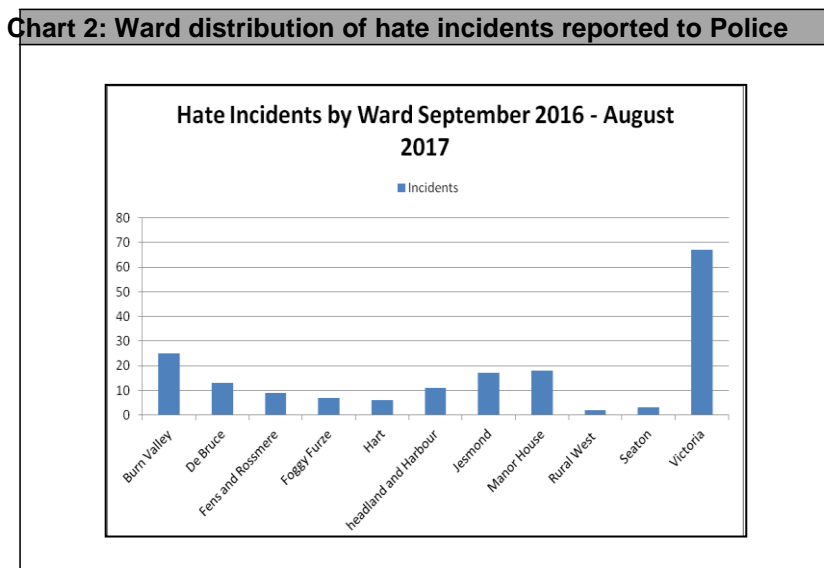
3. OVERVIEW OF HATE CRIME AND INCIDENTS IN HARTLEPOOL

- 3.1 During the period September 2016 to August 2017, 167 hate incidents were recorded by the police in Hartlepool, equating to an average of 13.9 incidents per month. This figure represents an increase of 17 incidents when compared to the same period the previous year (Sep 15 – Aug 16). Incident

levels are following an increasing trend (Chart 1).



- 3.2** Geographical analysis of hate incidents during this time period shows that more than half (52%) of incidents occurred within the Victoria and Burn Valley wards (Chart 2).



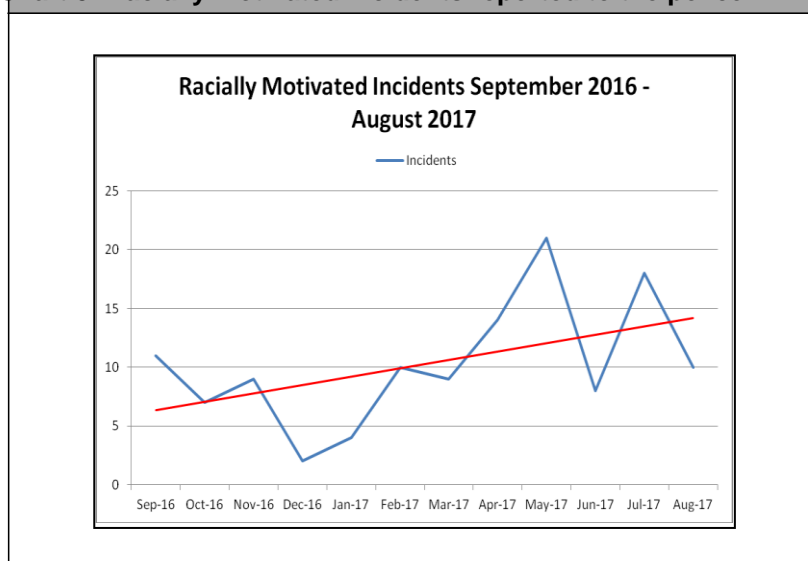
- 3.3** Comparable to the national picture racially motivated incidents account for the largest proportion (69%) of hate incidents recorded by the police in Hartlepool (Table 1).

Table 1

Hate Incident Category	Number of Incidents	% Total
Racial	128	76.6
Transgender	2	1.2
Disability	12	7.2
Religion / Belief	1	1
Sexual Orientation	24	14
Total	167	100

- 3.4 As shown below in Chart 3, racially motivated incidents are following an increasing trend with incidents increasing by 22% (23 incidents) during the period September 2016 to August 2017 when compared to the same period in the previous year.

Chart 3: Racially motivated incidents reported to the police



- 3.6 The Community Safety Team continues to take a proactive approach to tackling hate with third party reporting centres being promoted via Heartbeat and social media, and support for victims being provided by the Victim Services Officer. In recognition of the particular impact on businesses identified in the previous report to the Partnership the Prevent Operational Group has also produced a poster to be used by local businesses to promote the fact that hate will not be tolerated on their premises. This poster (attached at **Appendix A**) will be launched during Hate Crime Week (14th - 21st October).
- 3.7 Following the Councils 'Statement of Unity' in June 2016 condemning racism and religious prejudice, the draft Community Engagement and Cohesion Strategy Action Plan also includes a programme of activities under the banner 'Hartlepool in Unity'. As part of this programme the Councils Community Safety Team are working with local groups and organisations to develop and promote activities taking place during Interfaith Week (12-19 November).

4. CROWN PROSECUTION SERVICE PUBLIC POLICY STATEMENTS

- 4.1 The newly revised Policy Statements in relation to prosecuting hate crime were published in August 2017. Key points contained within the documents include:
- In recognition of the growth of hate crime perpetrated using social media, a commitment has been undertaken to treat online crime as seriously as offline offences, while taking into account the potential impact on the wider community as well as the victim.
 - For the first time, CPS policy will acknowledge that victims of biphobic hate crime have different experiences and needs to victims of homophobic and transphobic offences.

- The CPS recognises it has a responsibility to actively remove barriers to justice for disabled victims and witnesses, ensuring they get the right support to enable them to give their best evidence.

- 4.2 The publication of the public statements was marked with the launch of a social media campaign - #HateCrimeMatters - to encourage people to come forward and report hate crime incidents. It is also publishing an online support guide specifically for disabled victims and witnesses of crime. Further details of this campaign can be found at:
https://www.cps.gov.uk/victims_witnesses/hate_crime/hate_crime_matters/

5. CONCLUSION

- 5.1 Local analysis demonstrates the continuing importance of Partnership work to improve the reporting of hate crime, together with the support provided by the Community Safety Team and the Victim Support Service in supporting victims of hate, and the SHP sub-groups will continue to take a proactive approach towards tackling hate crime in Hartlepool.
- 5.2 As reported previously to the Safer Hartlepool Partnership, and evidenced in the Audit and Governance Committees Scrutiny Investigation into hate crime in 2015, there are many reasons why victims of hate do not report incidents with victims experiencing a number of barriers that stop them from coming forward. Therefore as a key performance indicator of the Partnership is to increase the reporting of incidents and crimes in Hartlepool the revised Policy Statements from the CPS which acknowledge these concerns are a welcome addition to tackling hate crime in Hartlepool.

6. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

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

7 STAFF CONSIDERATIONS

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

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, including hate crime.

9. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY CONSIDERATIONS

- 9.1 There are no legal 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 It is recommended that the Safer Hartlepool Partnership notes and comments on the trends in relation to hate crime and incidents in Hartlepool.
- 11.2 It is recommended that the Safer Hartlepool Partnership considers and discusses the implications of the CPS's Public Statements for Hartlepool, and how the Partnership might raise awareness of the changes to the prosecution of hate crime and encourage more victims of hate to come forward.
- 11.3 In recognition of the severity of hate crime that measures are taken to ensure that the Councils own Policies and Procedures complement the Crown Prosecution Service's new Public Policy Statements.
- 11.4 That the Crown Prosecution Service is invited to attend a future meeting of the Partnership to feedback on the impact of the new policy statements.

12. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 12.1 The Safer Hartlepool Partnership has a statutory duty to develop and implement strategies aimed at reducing crime and disorder, including hate crime.

13. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 13.1 The following background papers were used in the preparation of this report:-

Public Statement on prosecuting racist and religious hate crime –
<http://www.cps.gov.uk/publications/docs/racist-religious-hate-crime-statement-2017.pdf>

Public Statement on prosecuting homophobic, biphobic and transphobic hate crime – <http://www.cps.gov.uk/publications/docs/homophobic-biphobic-transphobic-hate-crime-public-statement-2017.pdf>

Public Statement on prosecuting disability hate crime and other crimes against disabled people - <http://www.cps.gov.uk/publications/docs/disability-hate-crime-public%20statement-2017.pdf>

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HATE DOESN'T BELONG HERE !

**THIS BUSINESS
WILL REPORT
ALL INCIDENTS
OF HATE**

What is Hate?

A hate incident is any incident which is perceived by the victim or any other person as being motivated by prejudice or hate

Report Hate

In an emergency dial 999. In a non-emergency dial 101
Report online at the True Vision website - www.report-it.org.uk
Report by phone to Crime Stoppers - 0800 555 111
Report through a Third Party Reporting Centre - listed at
www.hartlepool.gov.uk/saferhartlepool



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