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SAFER HARTLEPOOL PARTNERSHIP AGENDA



Friday 26 July 2019

at 1.00 pm

in Committee Room B,
Civic Centre, Hartlepool

MEMBERS: SAFER HARTLEPOOL PARTNERSHIP

Responsible Authority Members:

Councillor Moore, Elected Member, Hartlepool Borough Council
Councillor Tennant, Elected Member, Hartlepool Borough Council
Gill Alexander, Chief Executive, Hartlepool Borough Council
Denise McGuckin, Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods, Hartlepool Borough Council
Tony Hanson, Assistant Director, Environment and Neighbourhood Services, Hartlepool Borough Council
Superintendent Alison Jackson, Neighbourhood Partnership and Policing Command, Cleveland Police
Chief Inspector Nigel Burnell, Chair of Youth Offending Board
Michael Houghton, Director of Commissioning, Strategy and Delivery, NHS Hartlepool and Stockton on Tees and Darlington Clinical Commissioning Group
Ann Powell, Head of Area, Cleveland National Probation Service
John Graham, Director of Operations, Durham Tees Valley Community Rehabilitation Company
Alan Brown, Group Manager, Cleveland Fire Authority

Other Members:

Pat Riordan, Director of Public Health, Hartlepool Borough Council
Barry Coppinger, Office of Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland
Joanne Hodgkinson, Voluntary and Community Sector Representative, Chief Executive, Safe in Tees Valley
Chris Joynes, Director of Customer Support, Thirteen Group
Sally Robinson, Director of Children's and Joint Commissioning Services, Hartlepool Borough Council
Jill Harrison, Director of Adult and Community Based Services, Hartlepool Borough Council

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

2. **TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS**



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3. MINUTES

- 3.1 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 21 June 2019

4. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 4.1 Cleveland Divert – Adult Deferred Prosecution Scheme – *Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland*
- 4.2 Safer Hartlepool Partnership Information Sharing Protocol – *Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods*
- 4.3 Safer Hartlepool Partnership Communications Strategy – *Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods*

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT

6. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) (VARIATION) ORDER 2006

EXEMPT ITEMS

Under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the paragraph referred to below of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006

7. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 7.1 Domestic Homicide Review – *Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods* (Para 2)

FOR INFORMATION

Date of next meeting – Friday 11 October 2019 at 10.00 am in the Civic Centre, Hartlepool.



SAFER HARTLEPOOL PARTNERSHIP

MINUTES AND DECISION RECORD

21 JUNE 2019

The meeting commenced at 2.00 pm in the Civic Centre, Hartlepool

Present:

Councillor Shane Moore (In the Chair)

Councillor John Tennant, Chair of Neighbourhood Services Committee
Tony Hanson, Assistant Director, Environment and Neighbourhood Services
Jill Harrison, Director of Adult and Community Based Services
Sally Robinson, Director of Children's and Joint Commissioning Services
Joanne Hodgkinson, Safe in Tees Valley (Voluntary and Community Sector representative)
Chris Joynes, Thirteen Group
Michael Houghton, NHS Hartlepool and Stockton-on-Tees Clinical Commissioning Group

Also present:

Councillor Gerard Hall, Chair of Audit and Governance Committee (Observer)
Lisa Oldroyd, Police and Crime Commissioners Office (as substitute for Barry Copping, PCC)
Kevin Harrison, Cleveland Fire and Rescue Authority (as substitute for Alan Brown)

Councillors Lee Cartwright and Tony Richardson.
Julie Rudge, Hartlepool Crime Prevention Panel

Officers: Rachel Parker, Community Safety Team Leader
David Cosgrove, Democratic Services Team

1. Appointment of Vice-Chair

It was agreed that Superintendent Alison Jackson, Cleveland Police be re-appointed as Vice-Chair for the ensuing year.

2. Apologies for Absence

Barry Copping, Police and Crime Commissioner
Alan Brown, Cleveland Fire and Rescue Authority
Gill Alexander, Chief Executive

Denise McGuckin, Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods
Superintendent Alison Jackson, Cleveland Police
Chief Inspector Nigel Burnell, Chair of Youth Offending Board

3. Declarations of Interest

None.

4. Minutes of the meeting held on 18 March 2019

Confirmed.

5. Presentation – Role of Safer Hartlepool Partnership *(Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods)*

The Community Safety Team Leader gave a presentation to the meeting outlining the roles and responsibilities, the statutory obligations, the Partnerships priorities, and the delivery structure and sub groups.

Decision

That the presentation be noted.

6. Community Safety Plan 2017-20 (Year 3) *(Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods)*

Purpose of report

To consider the annual refresh (Year 3) of the 2017-20 Safer Hartlepool Partnership Community Safety Plan.

Issue(s) for consideration

The current Community Safety Plan, published in 2017 outlines the Safer Hartlepool Partnership's strategic objectives for a three year period, with a requirement to refresh the plan on an annual basis following completion of the annual strategic assessment. Following presentation and discussion of the key findings within the annual strategic assessment to the Safer Hartlepool Partnership in March 2019 a draft version of the refreshed Community Safety Plan (Year 3) was attached at Appendix A to the report, and subject to approval by the Partnership, would be considered by the Council's Finance and Policy Committee in July prior to being adopted by Council in September 2019.

The report set out the new proposed annual priorities for 2019-20 and the performance monitoring regime. This would include quarterly performance

reports and the review of Safer Hartlepool Partnership Task Group/Sub Group Action Plans. It was highlighted that there may need to be some changes to the reporting dates from the Task Groups due to the calendar of Partnership meetings in 2019/20.

The meeting briefly discussed some of the schemes around offenders released from prison and the Thirteen representative outlined a wrap-around services scheme for female prisoners that effectively met them at the prison gate and took them to pre-arranged housing with appropriate wrap-around services that would ensure that in the early days after release their 'need' to reoffend was minimised. The Chair also referred to a Community Payback scheme based on a successful scheme in Scotland where offenders were paired with past offenders who had successfully served their sentence and had not reoffended.

Decision

1. That the draft Community Safety Plan 2017-20 (Year 3) be approved.
2. That the delivery structure and Task Group reporting timetable be approved subject to appropriate amendment to fit into the schedule of Partnership meetings for 2019/20.

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

Purpose of report

To provide an overview of Safer Hartlepool Partnership performance for Quarter 4 – January to March 2019 (inclusive).

Issue(s) for consideration

The report provided an overview of Safer Hartlepool Partnership performance during Quarter 4, comparing current performance to the same time period in the previous year, where appropriate. The Community Safety Team Leader highlighted that all recorded crime in the Borough was up 9%. Anti-social behaviour incidents reported to the Police were down 21% though there were specific issues with rises in deliberately set fires (up 51%) and criminal damage to dwellings (up 17%).

In relation to victim based publically recorded crime there had been a reduction in hate crime reported but then numbers were low. The concern was around the violence without injury statistics which were up by 85 incidents (up 33%) and the stalking and harassment statistics up by 239 incidents (up 163%). The Chair noted that the statistics in relation to domestic violence had not been included in the report and asked that those statistics be circulated to Members.

The meeting briefly discussed vehicular crime particularly around vehicles left unlocked on driveways and also crime associated with empty properties in the town which were proving to be a particular problem for local residents.

Decision

That the Quarter 4 performance statistics be noted.

8. Hartlepool Community Safety Team Update *(Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods)*

Purpose of report

To provide the Safer Hartlepool Partnership with an overview of the key activities of Hartlepool Community Safety Team (HCST) during its first year of operation.

Issue(s) for consideration

The Assistant Director, Environment and Neighbourhood Services reminded the Partnership that Hartlepool Community Safety Team had been launched in February 2018 bringing together community safety staff from Hartlepool Borough Council, Cleveland Police, Cleveland Fire Brigade, and Cleveland Victim Care and Advice Service who were co-located at Hartlepool Police Station. The team aimed to improve information sharing and joint working, and ensures that Hartlepool communities benefit from a co-ordinated approach to tackling community safety issues.

The report updated the Partnership on some of the key activities undertaken by the team during the year together with some statistical information on the enforcement activities of the team. The Assistant Director also highlighted that in May 2019, Hartlepool Community Safety Team was awarded a ROSE (Recognition of Outstanding Service and Excellence) Gold level award for Continuous Improvement by the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland, and the Cleveland Police Chief Officer Team. The Team received this award due to its pro-active and innovative use of Community Protection Notices to tackle problems facing Hartlepool.

The Chair welcomed the report and added his thanks to the team for their excellent performance and the positive effect they were having in the community. The meeting discussed what proactive measures the team were undertaking to prevent crime and antisocial behaviour. The Community Safety Team Leader indicated that the team responded to both public and police intelligence and reports, so actively encouraged the public

to report any instances of crime or antisocial behaviour so that a clear picture of any issues in a community could be established so the right resources and actions could be targeted.

Decision

That the report be noted.

9. Any Other Items which the Chairman Considers are Urgent

None.

It was noted that the next meeting would be held on 26 July 2019 commencement time to be confirmed.

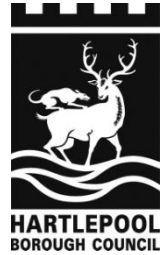
The meeting concluded at 2.55 pm.

CHAIR



SAFER HARTLEPOOL PARTNERSHIP

26th July 2019



Report of: Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland

Subject: CLEVELAND DIVERT – ADULT DEFERRED PROSECUTION SCHEME

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To provide the Safer Hartlepool Partnership with a progress update in relation to Cleveland Divert, an adult deferred prosecution scheme.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Implemented in January 2019, Cleveland Divert aims to reduce the number of victims of crime by reducing re-offending and make communities safer. Funded by the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland, and delivered by Durham Tees Valley Community Rehabilitation Company and Cleveland Police, Cleveland Divert deferred prosecution scheme proactively identifies and engages with adults at risk of entering the Criminal Justice System for low-level offences.
- 2.2 The scheme offers eligible offenders the opportunity to engage with services as an alternative to prosecution and requires them to participate in interventions to address the underlying causes of their offending behavior in an aim to prevent them from doing it again.
- 2.3. The offender is supported through the scheme by skilled Divert Support Officers who assess and identify their needs and develop a needs-based personal agreement.
- 2.4 The Divert Support Officer works with the offender for a period of up to four months to address identified needs and improve desistance from crime. The personal agreement has mandatory conditions these include:
- Not to re-offend over the period of the agreement
 - Participate in victim awareness work which may include Restorative Justice interventions
 - Attend appointments as agreed with the Divert Support Officer (DSO)

Should the offender successfully abide by and complete the agreement, no further action will be taken against them for the original offence. However, if they fail to comply with the agreement the Police will invoke a criminal prosecution.

3. PROGRESS SO FAR

- 3.1 Since its phased implementation from January 2019 onwards Divert has received 117 referrals from across Cleveland. Of this total 12% relate to offences that occurred in Hartlepool and primarily relate to shoplifting and possession of drugs offences, as detailed in Table 1.

Table 1: Divert Referrals, Hartlepool January 2019 – June 2019 by Offence Type

Offence Type	Number of Referrals
Drunk & Disorderly	1
Possession of Drugs	3
Public Order	1
Shoplifting	4
Theft	1
Assault	1
Other offences	3
Total	14

- 3.2 Of the total number of referrals received from Hartlepool, more than one third relate to male offenders aged between 18-25 years, with a further 20% of referrals relating to females aged between 26-35 years. Analysis of offender needs, as identified in Table 2, shows that drug misuse is a primary need for both males and females, with accommodation and financial management being specific areas of concern for female offenders.

Table 2: Divert Assessment of Needs, Hartlepool, January 2019-June 2019 by Gender

Pathways	Male Pathways Score	Female Pathways Score
Accommodation	1.9	4.1
Education, Training & Employment	1.4	3.1
Financial Management	2.7	4.3
Lifestyle & Associates	3.3	1.6
Relationships	1.8	1.1
Alcohol	2.9	0
Drugs	5.3	8.6
Emotional & Physical Wellbeing	2.3	2.5
Thinking, Behaviour & Attitudes	1.6	0

- 3.3 Over the short lifetime of the scheme it has become evident that although the level of offence may be considered low, the complexity of needs can be high, particularly concerning female offenders.

- 3.4 As at the end of June 2019, 12 Divert cases remain open in Hartlepool, with two cases closed due to successful completion and full compliance.

4. CONCLUSION

- 4.1 It is acknowledged that Divert is still in the early stages of delivery. As the scheme becomes embedded and referral pathways are further refined it is expected that referrals numbers will increase and the breadth of outcome data will expand, including tracking re-offending behavior post completion.

5. CRIME AND DISORDER CONSIDERATIONS

- 5.1 Cleveland Divert supports the Police and Crime Commissioner's objective of Tackling Offending and Re-offending as set out in the Police and Crime Plan 2019-2020, and contributes to the Safer Hartlepool Partnership Community Safety Plan 2017 – 2020.

6. RECOMMENDATION

- 6.1 That the Safer Hartlepool Partnership note and comment on the early progress of Cleveland Divert.

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SAFER HARTLEPOOL PARTNERSHIP

26th July 2019



Report of: Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods

Subject: SAFER HARTLEPOOL PARTNERSHIP
INFORMATION SHARING PROTOCOL

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To update SHP Members on the proposal to update the Safer Hartlepool Partnership Information Sharing Protocol (ISP).

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Sharing information is fundamental to the success of the Partnership plan to reduce crime and disorder, to promote community safety, tackle substance misuse and re-offending.
- 2.2 The Safer Hartlepool Partnership currently has in place an information sharing protocol, however, due to changes in legislation, particularly the General Data Protection regulations (GDPR) 2016 and the Data Protection Act (DPA) 2018, it has been necessary to review this protocol to ensure compliance with legislation and take into account changes to Partnership arrangement since the protocol was first agreed.

3. SAFER HARTLEPOOL INFORMATION SHARING PROTOCOL

- 3.1 Introduced by the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, Community Safety Partnerships have a statutory obligation to set up protocols and system for sharing information, taking into account relevant legislation.
- 3.2 A revised ISP has been developed taking into account recent changes in legislation and the introduction of new regulations and will be tabled at the meeting.
- 3.3 Accompanying the ISP, also to be tabled, is a detailed guidance document for partners to refer to in the use and implementation of the protocol.

4. CONCLUSION

- 4.1 Changes in legislation have necessitated a review of the current ISP to ensure continued compliance with all legislation and assist the SHP to fulfil its statutory obligation under the Crime and Disorder Act.

5. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

Equality and Diversity Considerations	No relevant issues
Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998	An ISP is required to facilitate the continued sharing of information between partners of the Safer Hartlepool Partnership.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 6.1 Members of the Safer Hartlepool Partnership are requested to take the revised ISP and associated guidance back to their respective organisations and seek approval from an appropriately appointed person who can sign this protocol using the signatory form contained within the document.

7. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 7.1 The Safer Hartlepool Partnership has a statutory obligation to set up protocols and system for sharing information.

8. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 8.1 There are no background papers for this report.

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SAFER HARTLEPOOL PARTNERSHIP

26th July 2019



Report of: Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods

Subject: SAFER HARTLEPOOL PARTNERSHIP
COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To update SHP Members on the proposals to improve communications in relation to the work undertaken by the Safer Hartlepool Partnership.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Safer Hartlepool Partnership last considered a refresh of its Communications Strategy in 2013 and whilst there is a Task Group dedicated to communications, attendance and participation from members of this group has been sporadic.
- 2.2 In 2018, feedback from the online Community Safety Survey, Face the Public event and findings from the Annual Strategic Assessment identified that there was scope for improvement in the communication of the Partnership's work and the promotion of key messages. In March 2019, the Partnership agreed that Improved Communication should be a priority for 2019/20.

3. PROPOSALS

- 3.1 The successful delivery of improved communications is reliant upon the buy-in from all partners with responsibility to address the priorities of the SHP. To secure this, it is proposed that the Council's Senior Public Relations Officer approach all SHP member organisations to request that they nominate an appropriate individual to become a permanent member of the SHP Communications Task Group.
- 3.2 Nominated individuals will be invited to attend a Communications Workshop with the aim of establishing a refreshed Communications Strategy and Protocol for the SHP. In order to maximise attendance, by avoiding the summer holiday period, it is proposed that this workshop will be held in mid-September.
- 3.3 A refreshed Communications Strategy and Protocol be presented to a future meeting of the SHP.

4. CONCLUSION

- 4.1 It is apparent that some impetus has been lost in delivering the existing Communications Strategy and given that the Partnership has agreed “Improved Communication” as a priority, it is timely to revise the current arrangements.

5. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

Risk Implications	No relevant issues
Legal Considerations	No relevant issues
Child/Family Poverty Considerations	No relevant issues
Equality and Diversity Considerations	No relevant issues
Section 17 of The Crime And Disorder Act 1998 Considerations	No relevant issues

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 6.1 The Safer Hartlepool Partnership note and comment on the proposals to improve communications in relation to the work undertaken by the SHP.

7. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 7.1 The Safer Hartlepool Partnership is responsible for overseeing the successful delivery of the Community Safety Plan 2017-20 which includes improved communication as a priority.

8. BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

Safer Hartlepool Partnership Annual Strategic Assessment 2018
Safer Hartlepool Partnership Community Safety Plan 2017-2020 (Year 3)

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