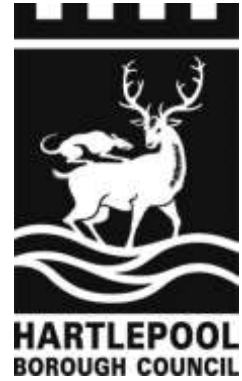




SAFER HARTLEPOOL PARTNERSHIP AGENDA



Monday 20 September 2021

at 10.00 am

**in the Council Chamber,
Civic Centre, Hartlepool**

A limited number of members of the public will be able to attend the meeting with spaces being available on a first come, first served basis. Those wishing to attend the meeting should phone (01429) 523568 or (01429) 523019 by midday on Friday 17th September and name and address details will be taken for NHS Test and Trace purposes.

MEMBERS: SAFER HARTLEPOOL PARTNERSHIP

Responsible Authority Members:

Councillor Moore, Elected Member, Hartlepool Borough Council
Councillor Stokell, Elected Member, Hartlepool Borough Council
Denise McGuckin, Managing Director, Hartlepool Borough Council
Tony Hanson, Director of Neighbourhoods and Regulatory Services
Hartlepool Borough Council
Sylvia Pinkney, Assistant Director, Regulatory Services, Hartlepool Borough Council
Superintendent Emily Harrison, Neighbourhood Partnership and Policing Command, Cleveland Police
Vacancy, Chair of Youth Offending Board
Karen Hawkins, Director of Commissioning, Strategy and Delivery, NHS Hartlepool and Stockton on Tees and Darlington Clinical Commissioning Group
Ann Powell, Stockton and Hartlepool Probation Delivery Unit
Nick Jones, Cleveland Fire Authority

Other Members:

Craig Blundred, Director of Public Health, Hartlepool Borough Council
Steve Turner, Office of Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland
Joanne Hodgkinson, Voluntary and Community Sector Representative, Chief Executive, Safe in Tees Valley
Angela Corner, Head of Community Resilience, 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

3. MINUTES

- 3.1 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 19 July 2021

4. PRESENTATIONS

- 4.1 Stop Loan Sharks – *Representative of the Illegal Money Lending Team*
- 4.2 Domestic Abuse Needs Analysis – *Director, Children’s and Commissioning Services*
- 4.3 Serious Violence Statutory Duty – *Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland*

5. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 5.1 Youth Justice Plan 2021-2023 – *Director, Joint Children’s and Commissioning Services*
- 5.2 Cleveland Divert – Adult Deferred Prosecution Scheme - *Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland, Probation Service, Cleveland Police*
- 5.3 Anti-Social Behaviour Investigation – Monitoring of Scrutiny Recommendations /Action Plan Update – *Audit and Governance Committee*
- 5.4 Hartlepool Community Safety Team – Neighbourhood Policing – *Temporary Chief Inspector Mark Haworth*
- 5.5 Safer Hartlepool Partnership Terms of Reference – Membership Refresh – *Director of Neighbourhood and Regulatory Service*
- 5.6 Safer Hartlepool Partnership Performance – *Director of Neighbourhood and Regulatory Services*

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT

FOR INFORMATION

Date of next meeting – Monday 18th October at 10.00am



SAFER HARTLEPOOL PARTNERSHIP

MINUTES AND DECISION RECORD

19 July 2021

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

Present:

Responsible Authority Members:

Councillor: Councillor Shane Moore (In the Chair)
Councillor Cameron Stokell
Tony Hanson, Director of Neighbourhoods and Regulatory Services
Sylvia Pinkney, Assistant Director, Regulatory Services
Nick Jones, Cleveland Fire Authority

Other Members:

Craig Blundred, Director of Public Health
Sally Robinson, Director of Children's and Joint Commissioning Services

Also Present: Mark Haworth was in attendance as substitute for Sharon Cooney, Cleveland Police

Officers: Phil Hepburn, Community Safety Operations Manager
Rachel Parker, Community Safety Team Leader
Denise Wimpenny, Principal Democratic Services Officer

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Jill Harrison, Director of Adult and Community Based Services, Hartlepool Borough Council, Angela Corner, Thirteen Group and Superintendent Sharon Cooney, Cleveland Police. Retrospective apologies were also submitted on behalf of Christopher Guttridge, Office of Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland.

2. Declarations of Interest

None.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 24 February 2021

Confirmed.

4. **Appointment of Vice-Chair**

In relation to the appointment of Vice-Chair, clarification was sought in terms of expressions of interest in relation to the Vice-Chair position for this ensuing year and whether the current Vice-Chair, Superintendent Sharon Cooney, wished to continue in this role. The Police Representative agreed to confirm following the meeting.

5. **Cleveland Youth Commission – Verbal Update from Leaders Unlocked**

Issue(s) for consideration

The Chair advised that given the representative from Leader's Unlocked was not yet in attendance at the meeting this item would be considered later in the meeting.

Decision

That this item be considered later in the meeting.

6. **Domestic Abuse** *(Director of Children's and Joint Commissioning Services)*

Purpose of report

To provide an update on the developments both nationally and locally in relation to domestic abuse.

Issue(s) for consideration

The Director of Children's and Joint Commissioning Services presented the report which provided background information in relation to the new legislation and provisions within the Domestic Abuse Act which included a duty upon local authorities to review their strategies and undertake an assessment of need. The Partnership was referred to timelines for review of the Strategy, key headlines from the needs assessment in terms of local data and context as well as details of the funding and commissioning arrangements as set out in the report.

The Partnership was advised that the current contract with Harbour ended on 31 March 2022. A commissioning process needed to be undertaken to develop a service specification taking into account the findings from the needs assessment and priorities within the new Strategy.

In the discussion that followed, the Director of Children's and Joint Commissioning Services and the representative from Cleveland Police responded to issues raised arising from the report. Clarification was provided in relation to the challenges around future funding arrangements and the measures in place to reduce domestic abuse. In response to a query raised it was reported that levels of domestic violence in Hartlepool were comparable with neighbouring authorities.

Decision

- (i) That the contents of the report and implications of the Domestic Abuse Act for the local area be noted.
- (ii) That the timetable for the development of the Hartlepool Domestic Abuse Strategy be noted.

7. Draft Community Safety Plan 2021-2024 *(Director of Neighbourhoods and Regulatory Services)*

Purpose of report

To consider and agree a draft Community Safety Plan 2021-24.

Issue(s) for consideration

The draft Community Safety Plan 2021-24, attached at Appendix 1 provided an overview of some of the recent activities undertaken to improve community safety in Hartlepool and key findings from the Partnership's 2020 Strategic Assessment and public consultation. It was proposed that the strategic objective "To make Hartlepool a safe, prosperous and enjoyable place to live, work and visit" and key priorities from the 2020-21 plan, as set out in the report be retained in the 2021-24 plan.

The draft plan would be subject to an eight week consultation, details of which were provided. It was anticipated that the final plan would be presented to the Partnership in December 2021 and, subject to approval by the Partnership, the plan would be considered by the Council's Finance and Policy Committee prior to being adopted by Council in December 2021.

With regard to methods of consultation, the Chair requested that consultation on the draft Community Safety Plan should be included in the next edition of Hartbeat.

In relation to concerns raised by a member of the public around speeding traffic on Park Road and Grange Road, it was suggested that the detail of these concerns be reported direct to the police representative in attendance following the meeting.

Decision

- (i) That the draft Community Safety Plan be agreed prior to the commencement of an eight week consultation period.
- (ii) That consultation on the draft Community Safety Plan be included in the next edition of Hartbeat.

8. Prevent Update *(Director of Neighbourhoods and Regulatory Services)*

Purpose of report

To update the Partnership on the local delivery of Prevent and key changes to the Channel Duty Guidance.

Issue(s) for consideration

The report provided the background to the statutory responsibilities under the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act (2015) to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism by ensuring the Prevent Duty was embedded within partner organisations. A self assessment of Prevent delivery in Hartlepool against the Home Office Peer Review guidance had been undertaken which included an amendment to the Prevent Operational Group Terms of Reference, details of which were appended to the report.

In addition, local authorities were now required to complete an annual assurance statement to enable local Channel implementation to be documented assured and for progress to be recorded. The Council's annual assurance statement had been completed by the Channel Chair and Deputy Chair in April 2021 and was attached at Appendix 3.

Decision

That the contents of the report be noted.

9. Safer Hartlepool Partnership Performance *(Director of Neighbourhoods and Regulatory Services)*

Purpose of report

To provide an overview of the Safer Hartlepool Partnership performance for Quarters 3 and 4 – October 2020 to March 2021 (inclusive) against key indicators linked to the priorities outlined in the Community Safety Plan 2020/21.

Issue(s) for consideration

The report provided an overview of the Partnership's performance during Quarters 3 and 4, 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 Assistant Director, Regulatory Services highlighted salient positive and negative data and responded to queries in relation to crime figures by type.

In response to the Chair's comments in relation to an increase in fly tipping and a request that future reports should separate fly tipping and side waste, the Assistant Director advised that work had already commenced in terms of the reporting criteria on Firm Step, the Council's new reporting platform. An update in relation to Operation Endeavour was also provided in response to a query raised.

The Chair took the opportunity to place on record his thanks to the Public Health Team in terms of successfully supporting individuals involved in drug and alcohol through the treatment process.

Decision

That the contents of the report and comments of Members be noted.

Prior to consideration of the following item of business, the Chair advised that given there was no representation from Leader's Unlocked (Cleveland Youth Commission Update), this item would be deferred to a future meeting of the Partnership (Minute 5 refers).

10. Any Other Items which the Chairman Considers are Urgent

The Chairman ruled that the following item of business should be considered by the Committee as a matter of urgency in accordance with the provisions of Section 100(B) (4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972 in order that the matter could be dealt with without delay.

11. Any Other Business – Verbal Update – Neighbourhood Policing

The Partnership was provided with an update in relation to the positive contributions of the Neighbourhood Policing Team in terms of the work of the Community Safety Team. Inspector Mark Haworth, who was in attendance at the meeting, was pleased to report an increase in Neighbourhood Police Officers which had assisted in delivery of current priorities as well as more targeted work in the community. Progress to date included problem solving being rolled out in every district, establishment of working groups, introduction of digital work, additional training for officers, utilising dedicated drones to assist with tackling anti-social behaviour and deliberate fires. Up to 15 dedicated officers had also been deployed to assist with the night time economy issues, theft from motor vehicles, drug dealing and organised criminality. The benefits and success of Operation Endeavour was also highlighted.

It was noted that a more detailed presentation in this regard would be provided to the next meeting of the Partnership.

Decision

That the information given be noted and a more detailed presentation be provided to the next meeting of the Partnership.

12. Date and Time of Next Meeting

It was reported that the next meeting would be held on Monday 20 September at 10.00 am.

The meeting concluded at 10.45 am.

CHAIR



SAFER HARTLEPOOL PARTNERSHIP

20 September 2021



Report of: Director, Joint Children's and Commissioning Services

Subject: YOUTH JUSTICE PLAN 2021-23

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to consult with members of Safer Hartlepool Partnership on the Youth Justice Strategic Plan for 2021-2023 (**Appendix A**)
- 1.2 Full Council will be asked to adopt the plan on 4 November 2021. Recommendations made by Safer Hartlepool Partnership, Finance and Policy Committee, Children's Services Committee and Audit and Governance will be considered in the final plan presented to Council.
- 1.3 The final version of the Strategic Plan will also be sent to National Youth Justice Board.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The national Youth Justice System primarily exists to ensure that children and young people between the age of 10 and 17 do not engage in offending or re-offending behaviour and to ensure that where a young person is arrested and charged with a criminal offence, they are dealt with differently to adult offenders to reflect their particular welfare needs as children.
- 2.2 Local Youth Offending Services were established under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 to develop, deliver, commission and coordinate the provision of youth justice services within each Local Authority.
- 2.3 Hartlepool Youth Justice Service was established in April 2000 and is responsible for youth justice services locally. It is a multi-agency service and is made up of representatives from the Council's Children's Services, Police, Probation, Health and Education.
- 2.4 The primary objectives of Youth Justice Services are to prevent offending and re-offending by children and young people and reduce the use of custody.

- 2.5 There is a statutory requirement for all Youth Justice Services to annually prepare, a local Youth Justice Plan for submission to the national Youth Justice Board.
- 2.6 The annual Youth Justice Plan provides an overview of how the Youth Justice Service, the Youth Justice Service Strategic Management Board and wider partnership will ensure that the service has sufficient resources and infrastructure to deliver youth justice services in its area in line with the requirements of the *National Standards for Youth Justice Services* to:
- promote performance improvement;
 - shape youth justice system improvement;
 - improve outcomes for young people, victims and the broader community.
- 3.7 The Youth Justice Service were inspected by HM Inspectorate of Probation (HMIP) in October 2020. This inspection is part of a four-year programme of youth offending service (YOS) inspections. HMIP inspected and rated Hartlepool Youth Justice Service (YJS) across three broad areas of its work, referred to as 'domains': the arrangements for organisational delivery of the service, the quality of work done with children sentenced by the courts, and the quality of out-of-court disposal work. HMIP inspect against 12 'standards', shared between the domains. Overall, Hartlepool YJS was rated as 'Good' which is a very positive outcome and provides the authority with a level of assurance, the recommendations for improvement identified in this report have been address in YJS plan 2021/23.

4. PROPOSALS

- 4.1 It is proposed that the Youth Offending Service and broader youth justice Partnership focus on the following key strategic objectives during 2021/23;
- **Early Intervention and Prevention** - sustain the reduction of first time entrants to the youth justice system by ensuring that there remain strategies and services in place locally to prevent children and young people from becoming involved in crime and anti-social behaviour
 - **Re-offending** - Reducing further offending by young people who have committed crime with a particular emphasis on the development of activities to address the offending behaviour of young women
 - **Remand and Custody** – Demonstrate that there are robust alternatives in place to support reductions in the use of remands to custody whilst awaiting trial/sentencing

- **Voice of the Young Person** – ensure that all young people are actively involved in developing their own plans and interventions and have the opportunity to develop and inform current and future service delivery
- **Effective Governance** – ensure that the Youth Offending Strategic Management Board is a well constituted, committed and knowledgeable Board which scrutinises Youth Offending Service performance
- **Risk and Safety & Wellbeing (Asset Plus)** – ensure all children and young people entering or at risk of entering the youth justice system benefit from a structured needs assessment to identify risk of harm, safety and wellbeing concerns and desistance factors, to inform effective intervention and risk management
- **‘Child First’** – *ensure that the Child First principles are embedded within the Youth Justice Service and that every child has the opportunity to live a safe and crime free life, and makes a positive contribution to society.*
- **Education, Training, Employment** – Working in collaboration with partners i.e. Schools, Virtual School, One Stop Shop etc to ensure all Young People open to the YJS are actively engaging in some form of suitable ETE, thus reducing NEET numbers and increasing attendance.
- **Substance Misuse** – Working in collaboration with partners i.e. Horizons/START to improve and sustain the engagement of young people open to the YJS within substance misuse services.

5. RISK IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The strategic plan identifies key risk to future delivery as detailed in Section 8. of the plan these are:

- The unpredictability associate with secure remand episodes and secure remand length has the potential to place significant financial pressure on the Youth Justice Service and the broader Local Authority
- Managing the potential for reduction in YJB grant and partnership financial and ‘in-kind’ contributions for post-2021/23
- Performance on reoffending outcomes and impact to children
- Emerging concerns around Serious Youth Violence, Criminal Exploitation and County Lines.

6. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

- 6.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

7. LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

- 7.1 Crime and Disorder Act 1998 A local authority must submit a youth justice plan annually to the Youth Justice Board setting out (a) how youth justice services are to be provided and funded in their area and (b) how the YOTs established by them are to be composed and funded, how they are to operate and what functions they are to carry out. The plan must be published in such manner and by such date as the Secretary of State may direct.

8. CONSULTATION

- 8.1 This plan has had the approval of the Youth Justice Management Board and consultation will be sought through the committee approval process before providing the Youth Justice Board with a final version.

9. CHILD AND FAMILY POVERTY (IMPACT ASSESSMENT FORM TO BE COMPLETED AS APPROPRIATE.)

- 9.1 Not applicable

10. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY CONSIDERATIONS (IMPACT ASSESSMENT FORM TO BE COMPLETED AS APPROPRIATE.)

- 10.1 Not applicable

11. STAFF CONSIDERATIONS

- 11.1 There are no staffing consideration within this report

12. ASSET MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

- 12.1 There are no asset management consideration within this report

13. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 13.1 Safer Hartlepool Partnership is requested to note the progress made against the local Youth Justice Plan (2019/2021) and ratify the 2021/2023 plan.

14. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 14.1 The development of the Youth Justice plan for 2021/2023 will provide the Youth Justice Service with a clear steer to bring about further reductions in youth offending and contribute to improving outcomes for children, young people and their families alongside the broader community.
- 14.2 The local Youth Justice Strategic Plan for 2021/2023 will establish responsibility across the Youth Justice Service and the Youth Justice Strategic Board for taking each improvement activity forward within agreed timescales.

15. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 15.1 The following background papers were used in the preparation of this report:
- Crime and Disorder Act 1998
 - Standards for children in the youth justice system 2019

16. CONTACT OFFICERS

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1. FOREWORD

Welcome to the 2021 - 2023 Hartlepool Youth Justice Strategic Plan. This plan sets out our ambitions and priorities for Hartlepool Youth Justice Service and the broader local Youth Justice Partnership for the next 2 years.

The Safer Hartlepool Partnership, Community Safety Plan 2020-21 establishes a vision for the town:

“To make Hartlepool a safe, prosperous and enjoyable place to live, work and visit”

The Youth Justice Service and broader partnership has a key role in contributing to this vision, by continuing to deliver a high quality, effective and safe youth justice service that prevents crime and the fear of crime, whilst ensuring that young people who do offend are identified, managed and supported appropriately, without delay.

In recent years Hartlepool has witnessed a significant reduction in youth crime. The local youth justice partnership has been particularly effective in reducing the numbers of young people entering the youth justice system for the first time, but there still remains a need to drive down incidents of re-offending by young people who have previously offended. This will be achieved through a combination of robust interventions designed to manage and reduce risk of harm, support safety & wellbeing, restore interpersonal relationships, promote whole family engagement and achieve positive outcomes. Encouragingly, Hartlepool Youth Justice Service has implemented a strong health offer for all young people and continues to develop its restorative offer whilst ensuring that victims of youth crime also have a voice.

The recent HMIP inspection was a positive experience resulting in a strong GOOD result overall for the service. It highlighted many positives to be maintained and built upon and also areas requiring improvement, the YJS and partners continue to work hard to improve in all in areas. The HMIP inspection framework, ‘Standards for children in the youth justice system 2019’ and the ‘Child First’ ethos will be integral to the way the service builds upon progress to date. However, it must be acknowledged that the ongoing difficulties with the COVID 19 pandemic, current economic climate, and the continuing introduction of new reforms relating to how we respond to children, young people, families and communities, will inevitably present new challenges in the coming year and beyond.

Despite these challenges I am very confident that Hartlepool Youth Justice Service and the broader Youth Justice Partnership will continue to help make Hartlepool a safe, prosperous and enjoyable place to live, work and visit.

In 2021-23 we will strive to continuously improve by:

- Maintaining and building upon the current Health offer and Enhanced Case Management model, with trauma informed practice at its core.
- Continuing to work with partners to develop a clear and consistent approach to all forms of child exploitation.
- Building on the improving YJS offer of a 'whole family approach'
- Ensuring the Service maintains a 'child first' ethos.
- Continuing to develop and embed a creative Early Intervention & Prevention offer

None of the above will be possible without the continued support and close working relationships of our partners and Children's Social Care. In addition, these relationships allow us to mitigate the impact of ever reducing partnership budgets whilst maintaining the quality and effectiveness of the Service.

2020-21 has been a difficult and frustrating year for everyone, especially in light of the COVID 19 pandemic, an initial radical overhaul of service delivery and ever changing Business Continuity and Recovery Plans added to the ongoing pressures. It needs to be highlighted that all staff have coped admirably and very professionally throughout this period ensuring the service continued to reach out and deliver interventions to all young people in very difficult circumstances.

In light of the above, as always, the local authority and Strategic Management Board is extremely grateful for the skill and dedication of our employees in continuing to support young people who offend, or are at risk of becoming involved in offending.

On behalf of Hartlepool Borough Council Children's Services and Youth Justice Service Strategic Management Board I am pleased to pledge my support to and endorse the Youth Justice Strategic Plan 2021-23



Sally Robinson, Director, Children and Joint Commissioning Services

2. INTRODUCTION

Hartlepool Youth Justice Service (YJS) covers the local authority area of Hartlepool which is impacted upon by a range of social, economic and environmental factors. Using the 2019 average score of the Index of Multiple Deprivation Hartlepool is the 10th most deprived Local Authority in the country with high levels of unemployment, the initial impact of Universal Credit, crime and anti-social behaviour, domestic violence and substance misuse. All of these factors provide significant challenges to the young people we work with impacting on their behaviours and influencing outcomes.

Hartlepool is served by 5 Secondary Schools, 1 Pupil Referral Unit and Catcote Academy which caters for secondary and post-16 students with special educational needs. There are 4 Sixth Form providers two of which are located within Secondary Schools.

The current population of Hartlepool is in the region of 93,000 with approx.10,000 being between the ages of 10-17.

Hartlepool also has a low BAME population currently at 2.1%

The National Youth Justice System primarily exists to ensure that children and young people between the age of 10 and 17 (who are arrested and charged with a criminal offence) are dealt with differently to adult offenders, to reflect their particular welfare needs.

In summary, young people who offend are:

- Dealt with by youth courts;
- Given different sentences in comparison to adults and
- When necessary, detained in special secure centres for young people.

It is the responsibility of the Local Authority and statutory partners to secure and coordinate local youth justice services for young people in our area who come into contact with the Youth Justice System as a result of their offending behaviour. This is achieved through the established Youth Justice Service.

The primary functions of Youth Justice Services are to prevent offending and re-offending by children and young people, reduce the use of custody and ensure all of the above are delivered with a “Child First” ethos embedded across the service.

Hartlepool Youth Justice Service was established in April 2000 and is a multi-agency service made up of representatives from Children’s Services, Police, Probation, Public Health, Education and Community Safety. Hartlepool Youth Justice Service seeks to ensure that:

- All young people entering the youth justice system benefit from a structured needs assessment to identify risk and protective factors associated with their offending behaviour in order to inform effective interventions.
- Courts and Referral Order panels are provided with high quality reports that enable them to make informed decisions.
- Orders of the Court are managed in such a way that they support the primary aim of the youth justice system, alongside managing risk of harm and ensuring there is due regard to the welfare of the young person.
- Services provided to courts are of a high quality and ensure that magistrates and the judiciary have confidence in the supervision of young people.
- Comprehensive bail and remand management services are in place locally for young people remanded or committed to custody, or on bail while awaiting trial or sentence.
- The needs and risks of young people sentenced to custodial sentences (including long-term custodial sentences) are assessed to ensure effective resettlement and management of risk.
- Those receiving youth justice services are treated fairly regardless of race, language, gender, religion, sexual orientation, disability or any other factor, and actions are put in place to address discrimination if identified

In addition to the above, the remit of the service has widened significantly in recent years due to both national and local developments relating to prevention, diversion and restorative justice and there is a now requirement to ensure that:

- Creative strategies and services are in place locally to prevent young people from becoming involved in crime or anti-social behaviour;
- Out-of-court disposals deliver targeted and bespoke interventions for those at risk of entering the Youth Justice System
- Assistance is provided to the Police when determining whether Youth Cautions should be issued and
- Restorative approaches are used, where appropriate, with victims of crime and ensures that restorative justice is central to work undertaken with young people who offend.

The Hartlepool Youth Justice Plan for 2021-2023 sets out how youth justice services will be delivered, funded and governed in response to both local need and national policy changes and in line with the Standards for children in the youth justice system 2019, the recent HMIP inspection findings and the ongoing Business Continuity and Recovery plan. It also highlights how Hartlepool Youth Justice Service will work in partnership to prevent offending and re-offending by young people and reduce the use of custody.

3. STRATEGIC VISION AND PRIORITIES

Hartlepool's Children's Strategic Partnership has set out its vision for children and young people within the town as follows:

Vision:

Our ambition as a children's partnership is to enable all children and families in Hartlepool to have opportunities to make the most of their life chances and be supported to be safe in their homes and communities.

Obsessions:

- Children and young people have opportunities to make the most of their life chances and are safe
- Improving family relationships, strengths, skills and ability to cope
- Reducing the impact of domestic violence, mental health, drugs and alcohol misuse on children and families
- Helping parents, carers and young people to gain skills and get jobs

The Youth Justice Service, as part of the wider services for children, seeks to deliver on the vision and obsessions through a number of identified Youth Justice Service Strategic Priorities for 2021 - 2023.

In addition, these priorities align and overlap with the strategic priorities set by the Safer Hartlepool Partnership for 2020-21:

- Reduce Anti-Social Behaviour
- Reduce the harm caused by drug and alcohol misuse

- Reduce Domestic Violence

To enable Hartlepool Youth Justice Service to contribute to the vision above, it will focus on the following strategic objectives and priorities:

Strategic Objectives and Priorities – 2021-2023

Hartlepool Youth Justice Service (and the broader Youth Justice Partnership) will be utilising the YJB grant to help achieve the following key strategic objectives during 2021-23:

Youth Justice Strategic Priorities
<p>Re-offending - reduce further offending by young people who have committed crime with a particular emphasis continuing on the development of Service interventions that are structured, responsive and tailored to meet identified individual need and evaluated. (Both within Youth Justice Services and provided by external agencies).</p> <p>Key Actions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertake quality assessments of young people at risk of re-offending, ensuring risks, desistance factors and needs are identified which inform effective intervention planning • Improve interventions delivered, through innovation and collaboration where appropriate • Improve intelligence and timely information sharing relating to those young people who are at risk of offending, to inform service-wide improvement activity or targeted work • Continue to improve the 'whole family' approach and Health offer within the service and with partners • Continue to undertake scoping activities in relation to retaining both the Speech & Language Therapist, Trauma Informed Care Pathway and Emotional Wellbeing therapists presence within the YJS beyond March 2020

Early Intervention and Prevention – sustain the reduction of first time entrants to the youth justice system by ensuring that creative strategies and services remain in place locally to prevent children and young people from becoming involved in crime and anti-social behaviour.

Key Actions

- Embedding of the YJS Early Intervention and Prevention offer across Children's Services and the partnership
- Operate a targeted approach to supporting individuals and groups of young people at risk of offending - based on intelligence and collaborative working with key partners (Police, ASB, Early Help, Voluntary Community Sector, Schools, etc)
- Work with Partners to reduce and respond to the Child exploitation
- Ongoing trend analysis of past and current FTE's to identify key themes and responses
- Ongoing briefings to key partners (such as Police and Social Care) to emphasise and promote the Prevention and Diversion agenda
- Ensure point of arrest diversion is evident as a distinct and substantially different response to formal out of court disposals

Remand and Custody – demonstrate that there are robust and comprehensive alternatives in place to support reductions in the use of remands and custody.

Key Actions

- Monitor and maintain the use of Compliance Panels to ensure continued effectiveness
- Ensure the Service provides intensive packages of supervision and support to high intensity orders and bail arrangements
- Ensure that the needs of young people in custody and the factors relating to their offending behaviour are addressed in the secure estate to prevent further offending upon release
- Ensure that robust and timely Resettlement Planning is in place for young people upon release to reduce the risk of further reoffending (HMIP Youth Justice inspection framework, standard 4.1 Resettlement, May 2021)
- Review capacity to deliver ISS, and resource appropriately, through a multi-agency approach

Risk and Safety & Wellbeing (Asset Plus) – ensure all children and young people entering or at risk of entering the youth justice system benefit from a structured needs assessment to identify risk of harm, safety and wellbeing concerns and desistance factors, to inform effective intervention and risk management.

Key Actions

- Continued Asset Plus refresher training, ensuring robust assessment of a young person's needs
- Work in partnership with other agencies to ensure there is a co-ordinated assessment and plan relating to a young person's risk and safety & wellbeing
- Implement an audit cycle/performance clinic to ensure assessment and plans are meeting the appropriate quality standards through robust and transparent quality assurance and feedback.
- Ensure that desistance factors are identified and analysed in all assessments of every young person subject to YJS supervision through quality assurance and staff supervision.
- Attendance and contribution to YJB Regional Effective Practice groups and peer collaboration with Tees Valley and North East YOT colleagues
- Ongoing internal staff training and workshops to benchmark quality standards in the management of risk and safety & wellbeing
- Continue to work alongside the partnership to identify suitable interventions and pathways for children and young people criminally exploited and potentially being drawn into County Lines activity
- Undertake 'Practice Week', this consists of a team of independent auditors to carry out case work audits, undertake practice observations and gain feedback from young people and their families. The evaluation of practice week will inform the service development plan.

Restorative Justice – ensure all victims of youth crime have the opportunity to participate in restorative justice approaches and restorative justice is incorporated in to the work undertaken with young people who offend.

Key Actions

- Ensure that victims of youth crime have the opportunity to participate in restorative justice approaches leading to improved outcomes for victims
- Continue to use restorative practice across all aspects of the Youth Justice Service
- Regularly re-visit, review and develop practice and process around Referral Order panels to ensure increased involvement from victims, panel members, young people and their families
- Continue to develop the in-house RJ 'offer' to consolidate and embed current and better integrated working practices – including the victim's evaluation

Effective Governance – ensure that the Youth Justice Strategic Management Board is a well constituted, committed and knowledgeable Board which scrutinises Youth Justice Service performance.

Key Actions

- The Youth Justice Management Board will provide oversight and scrutiny of the service action plan and performance
- Ensure Management Board members attend regular development and shadowing opportunities as provided by the YJS Team Manager.
- Continue to review the Terms of Reference for the YJS board to ensure it is fit for purpose and includes appropriate representation and contribution of all statutory partners.
- Attendance and representation at YJB Regional executive meetings with colleague YOT Managers from the North East – to share learning and Governance issues to improve wider regional service delivery

Voice of the Young People – ensure that all young people are actively involved in developing their own plans having the opportunity to develop and inform current and future service delivery

Key Actions

- Ensure young people's involvement in relation to their assessment and plans is clearly evidenced within the records.
- Young people to be actively involved in developing their own plans and their comments are captured at implementation, review and closure of all plans
- The service will ensure young people are provided with opportunities to influence and shape service delivery – through access to, and completion of, Survey Monkey feedback
- YJS leadership team to hold regular evaluation/feedback meetings to ensure all comments are seen and actioned where required

'Child First' – ensure that the Child First principles are embedded within the Youth Justice Service and that every child has the opportunity to live a safe and crime free life, and make a positive contribution to society.

Key Actions

- Prioritise the best interests of children, recognising their needs, capacities, rights and potential.
- Encourage children's active participation, engagement and wider social inclusion.
- Ensure that all work carried out by the service is a meaningful collaboration with children and their parents/carers.
- The YJS will promote a childhood that is removed from the Justice System, using prevention, diversion and minimal intervention and that all work minimises stigma.

Education, Training, Employment – Working in collaboration with partners i.e. Schools, Virtual School, One Stop Shop etc to ensure all Young People open to the YJS are actively engaging in some form of suitable ETE, thus reducing NEET numbers and increasing attendance.

Key Actions

- Ensure Education is suitably represented on the Strategic Management Board
- Education reports submitted by partners for each Strategic Management Board meeting
- Encourage children's active engagement with their respective education provider
- The YJS leadership team to hold monthly Education meetings with all education partners
- Working in collaboration regarding children with EHCP/SEN

Substance Misuse – Working in collaboration with partners i.e. Horizons/START to improve and sustain the engagement of young people open to the YJS within substance misuse services.

Key Actions

- Ensure Substance Misuse providers are suitably represented on the Strategic Management Board
- Regular reports/updates submitted to the Strategic Management Board by Substance Misuse providers
- Ensure the co-location and continued working arrangements/pathways are embedded between the YJS and Substance Misuse partners
- All children and young people identified as needing support are actively encouraged to engage with appropriate Substance Misuse services

4. STRUCTURE AND GOVERNANCE

Service Structure:

Hartlepool Youth Justice Service employs a staff team of 27 people, which includes three seconded staff, and 5 sessional workers (**see Appendix 1**). The service also benefits from a team of 6 active volunteers who are Referral Order Panel members. All staff and volunteers are subject to Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks which are renewed every three years.

The YJS delivery model has been reconfigured and restructured during the last year to ensure the service remains sufficiently flexible to address future challenges. This will continue to be achieved through a generic case management and intervention delivery model, across pre and post court functions. This will ensure maximum resilience, capacity and flexibility to meet the needs of children and young people and the service as a whole.

The current YJS structure aims to consolidate areas of strong performance and effective practice, whilst also providing a dynamic framework to respond to emerging priorities, recognised both by the Local Authority and key partners.

This model (alongside the YJS strategic plan) allows the organisation and the wider YJS partnership to action the priorities for service delivery and to achieve best outcomes for children and young people across the range of statutory and preventative services.

Governance:

The Youth Justice Service is located within the Children & Joint Commissioning Services Department. The Management Board is chaired by the local Neighbourhood Policing Chief Inspector and is made up of representatives from Children's Social Care, Police, Probation, Public Health, Courts, Education, Youth Support Services and Community Safety.

Effective integrated strategic partnership working and clear oversight by the Management Board are critical to the success and effective delivery of youth justice services in Hartlepool. The board is directly responsible for:

- Determining how appropriate youth justice services are to be provided and funded;
- Overseeing the formulation each year of the youth justice plan;
- Agreeing measurable objectives linked to key performance indicators as part of the youth justice plan;
- Ensuring delivery of the statutory aim to prevent offending by children and young people;
- Giving strategic direction to Youth Justice Service Manager and Youth Justice Service Team;
- Providing performance management of the prevention of youth crime and periodically report this to the Safer Hartlepool Partnership;
- Ensuring that Standards for children in the youth justice system 2019 are embedded across the whole service and audits are completed within required timescales;
- Promoting the key role played by the Youth Justice Service within local integrated offender management arrangements;

- Advocate on behalf of the YJS within their own service areas and beyond, specifically supporting the YJS to overcome barriers to effective multi agency working;
- Oversight of all data submissions to the YJB ensuring timeliness, especially conditions set out in the YJB grant;
- Ensuring the recommendations outlined in the HMIP inspection report are addressed and monitored at board meetings

The Management Board is clear about the priority areas for improvement, and monitors the delivery of the Youth Justice Strategic Plan, performance and prevention work. It is well attended and receives comprehensive reports relating to performance, finance and specific areas of service delivery.

Members of the Board are knowledgeable, participate well in discussions and are members of other related boards, such as the Local Safeguarding Children's Board and the Safer Hartlepool Partnership, which contribute to effective partnership working at a strategic level. Board meetings are well structured and members are held accountable. The current membership of the Board is as follows:

Mark Haworth (Chair)	Chief Inspector – Neighbourhood Policing (Cleveland Police)
Jane Young (Deputy Chair)	Assistant Director – Children and Families' (HBC)
Roni Checksfield	Hartlepool YJS Manager (HBC)
Emma Rutherford	Virtual School Headteacher (HBC)
Ann Powell	Head of Cleveland NPS – National Probation Service (NE)
Rachel Parker	Community Safety Team Leader (HBC)

Zoe McKenna	One Stop Shop Manager (HBC)
Deborah Clark	Public Health Improvement Practitioner (HBC)
Jo Heaney	Clinical Commissioning Group (Tees Valley) (CCG)
Kate Stockdale	Head of Service, Substance Misuse (HBC)
Heather Moreton	Her Majesty's Courts and Tribunals Service (HMCTS)
David Ward	Head of Finance (Children's & adults) (HBC)
Lisa Oldroyd	Office for Police & Crime Commissioner (OPCC)
Helen Marriott	Health & Justice Services (TEWV)
Linda Bush	Head of Innovation and Engagement (North East & Cumbria) Youth Justice Board for England and Wales

5. PARTNERSHIP ARRANGEMENTS

Hartlepool Youth Justice Service is a statutory partnership which includes, but also extends beyond, the direct delivery of youth justice services. In order to deliver youth justice outcomes it must be able to function effectively in both of the two key sectors within which it operates, namely:

- Criminal justice services.
- Services for children, young people and their families.

The Youth Justice Service contributes both to improving community safety and to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and in particular protecting them from significant harm.

Many of the young people involved with the Youth Justice Service are amongst the most vulnerable children in the borough and are at greatest risk of social exclusion. The Youth Justice Service's multi-agency approach ensures that it plays a significant role in meeting the safeguarding needs of these young people. This is achieved through the effective assessment and management of safety & wellbeing and risk, through working in partnership with other services, for example Children's Services, Health, Education, Secure Estate and Police to ensure young people's wellbeing is promoted and they are protected from harm. Regular ongoing communication, meetings, joint training opportunities and speedy information/intelligence sharing ensure ongoing strong links and relationships.

All high risk cases can be escalated to either one or both of the Vulnerable, Exploited, Missing and Trafficked group (VEMT) or the Strategic Risk Management Group, the Youth Justice Service has representation on both groups which meet monthly. Discussions around serious youth violence, criminal exploitation and county lines are conducted within these forums ensuring tight plans are implemented and strategic management oversight is afforded

6. RESOURCES AND SERVICES

The Youth Justice Service budget is mainly funded by a combination of Local Authority funding and Youth Justice Board grant, although historically there have been financial contributions from the Police and Health (CCG and Public Health). The Local Authority's contribution to the service has remained protected; however over time there have been reductions in the other areas of funding.

In April 2021 the YJB announced their grant allocations which is an 8.8% increase for Hartlepool (£411k compared to £378k in 20/21) equating to an additional £33,000. It is unclear whether this increased grant will apply in future years as the grant award letter does state:- *“This one-off uplift is by exception and is not guaranteed for future years. The YJB has sought for this additional funding to support local authorities to address some of the pressures in the system as you move into recovery following the impact of COVID-19 and to support the delivery of our strategic plan.”*

The National Probation Service continue to provide funding (£5k) as well as their staffing contribution which is 0.5 FTE, and the CCG contribution is a non-cash contribution via the commissioning of the Trauma Informed Care Pathway.

Cleveland Police ceased their cash contribution in 2013/14, however still provide the seconded Police Officer. Funding secured from the Police and Crime Commissioner in 2015 towards the delivery of Triage continues, there has however been a slight reduction in the amount of this funding which is secured for the next 12 months.

2021/2022 Youth Justice Service Budget

Agency	Staffing Costs	Payments in kind	Other delegated funds	Total
Police		45,000		45,000
Police and Crime Commissioner			32,000	32,000
Probation		18,500	5,000	23,500
Health				0
Local Authority	150,000	120,000	105,000	375,000
Welsh Government				0
YJB	256,000		130,000	411,000
Other				0
Total	406,000	183,500	272,000	886,500

Planned/Proposed Expenditure 2021/22

Direct Costs	2021/22 Budget
	£'000
Employees	585
Premises	40
Transport	15
Other Non-Pay Costs	141
Indirect Costs – HBC #	42
Indirect Costs - Police	45
Indirect Costs - Probation	19
Total	887

- Inc recharges for premises, management, payroll, HR, finance, legal etc

The minimum staffing requirements set out in the Crime & Disorder Act 1998 requires that the service has a nominated person from each of the following statutory partners; Police Service, Children's Social Services, National Probation Service, Education and Health. Hartlepool YJS does not have an education rep sitting within the team, however there is a designated Education Officer who deals solely with YJS children as well as a designated One Stop Shop (OSS) worker who leads on all YJS post 16 education. Monthly Education meetings, attended by Education representatives, OSS worker and YJS staff are held where each child in the current cohort is discussed in depth, barriers to education, current circumstances and plans moving forward are also agreed. All staff have direct access to the Education Officer, wider Virtual School staff who provide support, advice and guidance and OSS worker to discuss ongoing daily education issues as and when they arise and gather any information/data as required.

7. PERFORMANCE & PRIORITIES

A review of progress made against last year's plan highlights that the service has made progress across the majority of the strategic priorities; but there remains key areas for improvement that will need to be driven forward in the coming year:

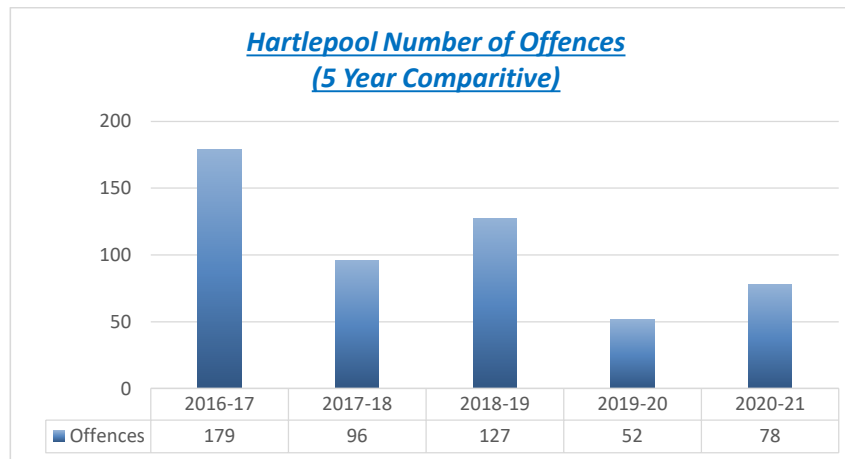
1. HARTLEPOOL YOUTH JUSTICE SERVICE STRATEGIC PRIORITIES	COMMENTS/UPDATES
Re-offending - reduce further offending by young people who have committed crime with a particular emphasis in the development of Service interventions that are structured, responsive and tailored to meet identified individual need and evaluated. (Both within Youth Justice Service and provided by external agencies).	Hartlepool YJS are in the process of embedding a clearer more robust process of identification and intervening much earlier with YP regarding reoffending. This needs to be a multi-agency approach across the LA with regular communication and buy in from all service areas. Recently received updated data from the YDS indicates a reduction in reoffending over the last year, however this remains a key priority as we are all too aware of how these figures can fluctuate very quickly. The YJS and partners continue to work hard in this area, to ensure the reduction is built upon and improved over the next 2 years.
Risk and Safety & Wellbeing (Asset Plus) – ensure all children and young people entering or at risk of entering the youth justice system benefit from a structured needs assessment to identify risk of harm, safety and wellbeing concerns and desistance factors, to inform effective intervention and risk management.	All pre and post court cases within Hartlepool YJS benefit from an AssetPlus assessment. Quality Assurance frameworks have been implemented and aligned with HMIP Best Practice guidance, with all AssetPlus assessments countersigned by YJS managers. Risk management meetings are held for all High and V High and referrals to VEMT/Strategic Risk Management are made as required. The YJS Internal training programme 2021/22 (Attached at Appendix 2) covers the above as well as desistance etc.
Remand and Custody – demonstrate that there are robust and comprehensive alternatives in place to support reductions in the use of remands and custody.	Hartlepool YJS have a clear process for alternatives to custody through the offer of ISS bail packages and utilisation of pre-breach meetings for those at risk of custody via non-compliance. There has been a significant reduction in remands, 1 in 2019/20, 0 in 2020/21 and also 0 to date in 2021/22.

	Custody figures – 1 in 2019/20, 2 in 2020/21 and 0 to date in 2021/22. The YJS and partners continue to work hard in reducing these figures.
Early Intervention and Prevention – <i>sustain the reduction of first time entrants to the youth justice system by ensuring that strategies and services remain in place locally to prevent children and young people from becoming involved in crime and anti-social behaviour.</i>	Hartlepool YJS have a robust embedded diversionary offer and OoCD disposal process. To enhance this offer and widen Early Intervention/Prevention the YJS will be working directly 1:1 with referrals received from the wider Children's Services for those YP at risk of offending. A bigger onus is now being placed on Prevention/early Intervention and the service is working very hard on bespoke creative individual packages of support for all children/YP being identified and referred.
Child First – <i>ensure that the Child First principles are embedded within the Youth Justice Service and that every child has the opportunity to live a safe and crime free life, and makes a positive contribution to society.</i>	We continue to embed the "Child First, Offender second" principles across the service, our aim is to deliver a non-stigmatising approach to interventions where all children/YP have a voice and are active in planning their own pathways and plans. Alongside this there are ongoing discussions/meetings being held with Cleveland Police and partners regarding Criminal exploitation and LAC (the criminalisation of these young people) and the various forums these issues are discussed.
Restorative Justice – <i>ensure all victims of youth crime have the opportunity to participate in restorative justice approaches and restorative justice is incorporated in to the work undertaken with young people who offend.</i>	RJ and victim work continues to be delivered in house. We are now reviewing our own processes/monthly audit etc to improve our practice and the offer/outcomes to victims? This is being carried out at Leadership meetings, we have introduced an RJ database where this info is stored and monitored. We are seeing an increased improvement across the service with all areas of RJ.
Voice of the Young People – <i>ensure that all young people are actively involved in developing their own plans and interventions and have the opportunity to develop and inform current and future service delivery</i>	Hartlepool YJS continue to have an established in-house evaluation tool via 'survey monkey' – which is based on questions asked by HMIPs 'Viewpoint' survey before it was decommissioned in March 2017. We have now implemented Survey Monkey evaluations for young people, Parents/carers and Victims. AssetPlus self-assessments are completed at all initial, review and closure stages (across pre and post court cases). Children, YP and Parents/Carers are actively engaged in the creation of their plans and reviews with comments requested at all stages, as well as in depth Closure Summaries. This information is shared with the Management Board at board meetings for further discussion and to help shape future delivery and services.
Effective Governance – <i>ensure that the Youth Justice Strategic Management Board is a well constituted, committed and knowledgeable Board which scrutinises Youth Justice Service performance.</i>	As a result of various national and local drivers, it is important to emphasise that the YOT partnership should reflect the most appropriate local arrangement for maximum effectiveness. The Board's membership and activity was reviewed in May 2021 and will be reviewed again in 2022, this will be undertaken with all board members. There is a need to ensure development days and shadowing days are prioritised. Board members attended the bite size sessions delivered by the YJB in early 2021 and activity from board members is and continues to improve.

Education, Training, Employment – <i>Working in collaboration with partners i.e. Virtual School, OSS etc ensure all Young People open to the YJS are actively engaging in some form of suitable ETE, thus reducing NEET numbers and increasing attendance.</i>	Identified during the recent HMIP as an area needing improvement. There is a need for the YJS to work closely with all relevant partners and work towards reducing NEET figures and improving engagement/attendance for all YP and their education provision. Up to date education reports are now presented at each board meeting by the relevant representatives, monthly education meetings are held and a database of all YP updated. Support with EHCP, SEN, alternate provision, PEX, PRU and Post 16 education is available via the Education reps. All YJS staff have direct access to the Education reps on a day to day basis.
Substance Misuse – <i>Working with partners i.e. Horizons/START to improve and sustain the engagement of young people open to the YJS with substance misuse services.</i>	Identified during the recent HMIP as an area needing improvement. There is a need for the YJS to work closely with all relevant partners to understand the low engagement and work towards sustaining the engagement of all YJS YP with Substance Misuse services. HOS Substance misuse now sits on the board and will be producing up to data/reports for future board meetings. Co-location of staff, joint working, joint training and daily communication is ongoing.

Young People Who Offend

In spite of the challenges that young people, families and communities contend with in Hartlepool, the local Youth Justice Partnership has had significant success in recent years in terms of preventing and reducing youth offending behaviour.



The number of offences committed by the YJS cohort has reduced from 179 (2016/17) to 78 in 2020/21, there have been slight fluctuations during this period, however this represents a significant reduction of 57% across the last 5 years and a 38% reduction in the last 3 years.

Prevention and Diversion

Hartlepool Youth Justice Service, and the broader youth justice partnership, continue to place a significant emphasis on the prevention of young people's involvement in crime and anti-social behaviour. This continues to positively impact on the reduction of young people entering the Youth Justice System.

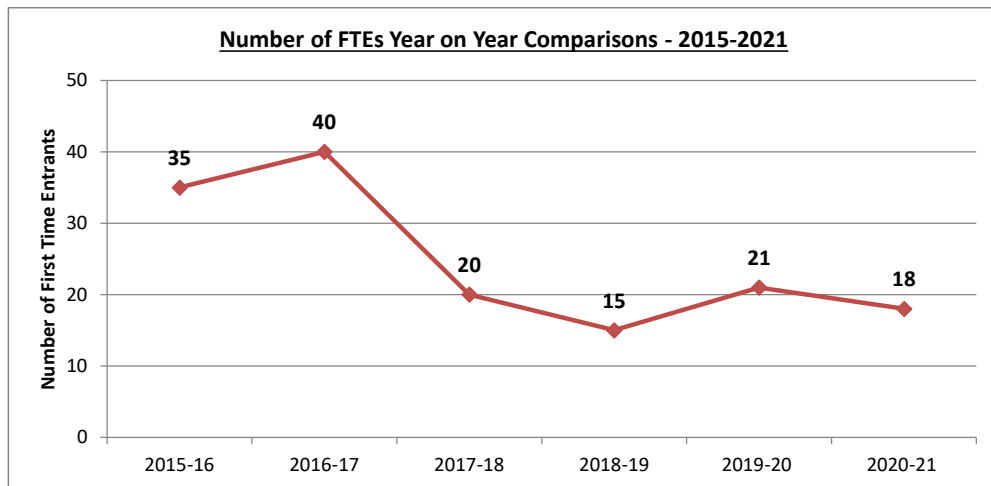
Youth crime prevention and diversion is based on the premise that it is possible to change the direction of young people by reducing risk factors that may lead to offending behaviour and enhancing protective factors that might help prevent offending.

It marks a concerted shift away from reactive spending, towards early action and intervention, through a range of programmes for young people who are at risk of offending, which can result in better outcomes and greater value for money.

For young people whose behaviour has become more problematic, robust out of court interventions have proven to be highly successful in diverting young people away from further involvement in crime and anti-social behaviour. The use of out of court interventions are able to impress upon the young people the seriousness, and potentially damaging effect, of their actions however they do not criminalise the young people in the way that statutory court orders inevitably do.

Hartlepool YJS partnership arrangements with Cleveland Police are established and effective in relation to the diversion of young people from the Youth Justice System. This remains primarily through the delivery of Out Of Court Disposals (OOCd), with longer term data trend evidencing significant success in this area. Indeed, Hartlepool YJS will continue to monitor the number of FTEs and for those young people subject to an OOCd, ensuring interventions are robust and sufficient to address the offence committed, alongside other areas of need identified in the assessment, in order to help prevent any further offending.

Cleveland PCC continues to fund the diversionary Triage programme which has made a considerable contribution to the continuing reduction of FTEs. There was a recorded 40 FTEs in 2016/17 compared to 18 in 2020/21 a reduction of 55%, although figures have fluctuated over the last 3 years we are confident as a partnership that we can continue to reduce these figures.



Discussions are currently ongoing between the 3 Cleveland YOTs, Cleveland Police, CPS and the Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner to discuss implementation of a “Divert from Charge” process, if and when implemented this will add another strand to the Prevention/Early Intervention/Diversion offer

Our Prevention and Early Intervention Offer has been overhauled and redesigned continuing the focus of a Child First Youth Justice Service. This will be delivered by ensuring that we:

- Prioritise the interests and needs of all children/YP
- Promote their individual strengths and capacities
- Build trusting supportive relationships
- Empower Children/YP to make positive contributions
- Encourage participation
- Ensure a non-stigmatised contact with the service

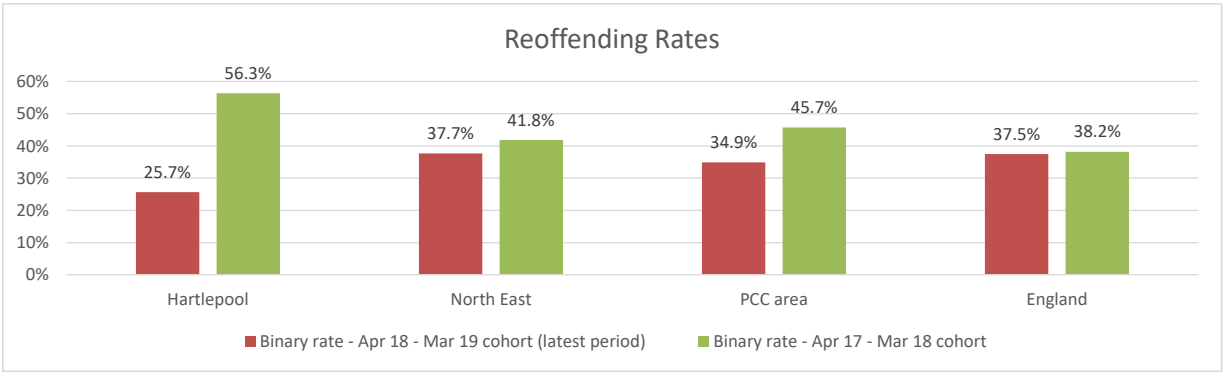
Referrals and numbers via this route will continue to increase into the service, this will be recorded and highlighted within all Management Board reports to indicate the ongoing importance of this work and the effect this is hoped to have on the reduction of children/YP entering the service via statutory means.

Continued multi agency partnership work is ongoing to implement suitable interventions and processes to work intensively with those young people identified as potentially being criminally exploited. Hartlepool YJS will be providing a leading role in this process alongside the Vulnerable, Exploited, Missing and Trafficked (VEMT) local board. Discussions and plans are in the advanced stages within Children's Services with the implementation of a Contextualised Safeguarding Hub which will bring the other forums together under one roof.

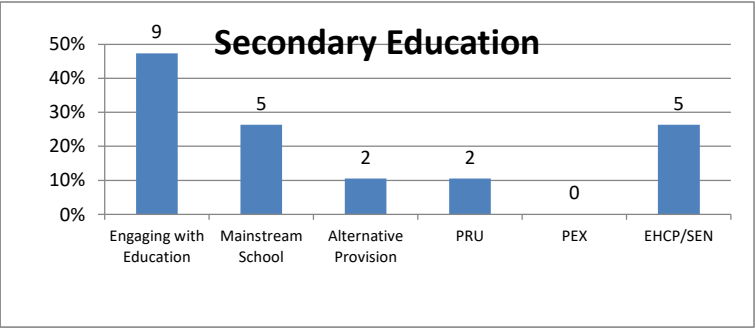
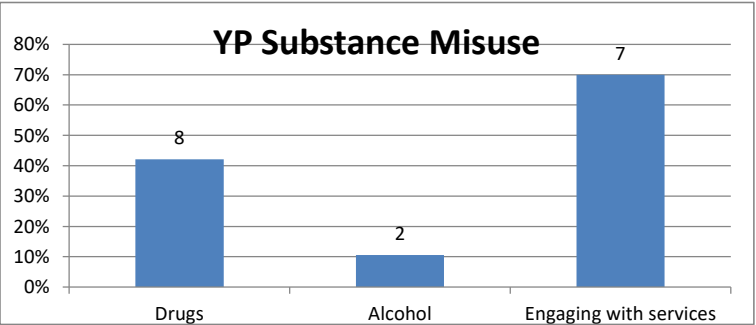
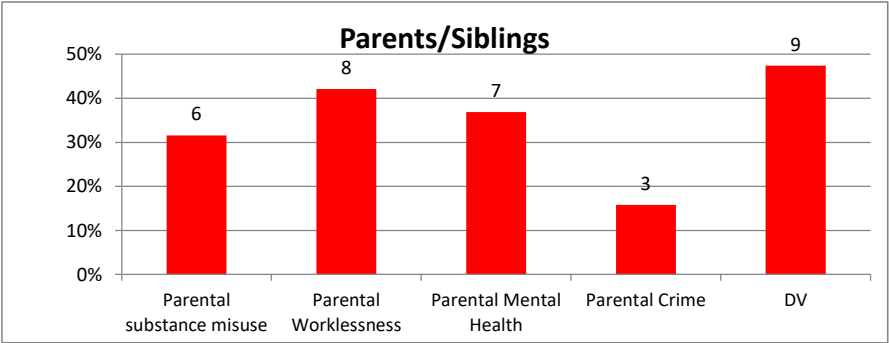
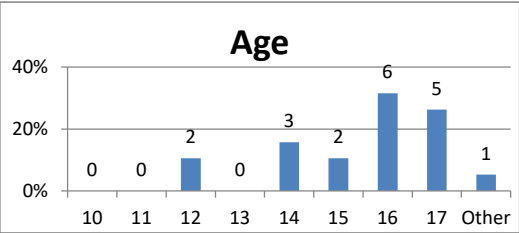
Reoffending

The rate of youth reoffending within Hartlepool has reduced significantly over the last year, it is currently below the national and regional average, however, it will continue to be a key priority in the coming year. Numbers can and will no doubt fluctuate in the future, we need to continue to work together as a service and partnership to aim to drive these figures down.

Each of the cohorts are tracked for a period of 12 months, plus a further waiting period of 6 months to allow for any offences which may not have yet been dealt with by the Criminal Justice System – therefore the most recent reoffending data always has an 18 month time lag.



The service is dealing with smaller caseloads consisting of complex individuals with multiple risks and vulnerabilities. Hartlepool YJS carry out a quarterly Needs Analysis of all YP open to the service and place a big onus on this. The Needs Analysis enables the service and partnership via Management Board meetings to have a good snap shot of the current cohort's complexities and potential gaps within delivery, services and areas of concern. Recent analysis reveals a cohort which display broader lifestyle choices relating to substance misuse and the need to generate income to maintain this. This also reflects the national and regional picture in terms of caseload composition.



**These graphs highlight a small snap shot of the Needs Analysis
**There are numerous graphs created depicting a multitude of up to date data

Furthermore, this cohort of young people who continue to offend are predominantly young males aged between 15 and 17, many of whom reside within Hartlepool's most deprived neighbourhoods. Although not mutually exclusive, the common criminogenic need and welfare issues prevalent amongst this cohort as identified within quarterly Needs Analysis as:

- higher than average mental health/emotional wellbeing needs
- higher levels of drug and alcohol use than for the general population and in particular 'heavy cannabis use'
- low educational attachment, attendance and attainment
- having family members or friends who offend
- higher than average levels of loss, bereavement, abuse and violence experienced within the family
- a history of family disruption
- chaotic and unstructured lifestyles

Alongside this cohort of young males, there is another cohort of young females aged 14 -17 whom, although perhaps not as prolific in terms of reoffending, are of significant concern due to multiple complex issues which are predominately welfare-orientated. These include:

- Substance misuse
- Chaotic lifestyles
- Sexual exploitation
- Missing from home
- Family breakdown

Again, as with the male cohort, young females who are offending are noted to have a higher prevalence of poor emotional well-being. Analysis shows that this arises from loss, bereavement and domestic or sexual abuse.

Working in partnership is key to supporting a greater understanding of these underlying issues, alongside addressing them in a holistic and co-ordinated way to provide "pathways out of offending", with the intention of trying to reduce crime and break the cycle of offending behaviour across generations. This collaborative work is achieved through the following partnerships:



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It is also important to adopt an 'intelligence-led' targeted approach, particularly in relation to prevention, and build on service-wide staff training to respond to Speech, Language, & Communication, alongside the emotional health and wellbeing needs of the young people. An important element to the reduction of reoffending and the number of those entering the youth justice system is the development of the YJS interventions. Interventions are bespoke, based on high quality, integrated assessments and plans, delivered by YJS staff and partner agencies. Progress has been made in this area, however further work is needed in the forthcoming year. Innovative interventions have been developed and a more evident 'Whole Family' approach is being further developed with the recent inclusion of Psychological Therapists and the re commission of the Speech and Language Therapist alongside the Trauma Informed Care Pathway within the service. This will continue to be monitored through established quality assurance and performance measures, such as the monthly YJS performance clinics and the Hartlepool Community Safety Partnership meetings between Police, Social Care, ASBU, YJS, Fire and Rescue Services and Adult Services.

Hartlepool YJS Health Offer is attached at Appendix 3

Victims of Youth Crime

Whilst crime rates in Hartlepool have fallen, the likelihood of being a victim of crime still remains a reality, especially in our most vulnerable and disadvantaged communities. The YJS and broader Youth Justice Partnership are working hard to reduce the numbers of victims of crime, by incorporating the use of restorative justice practices. Restorative Justice (RJ) provides opportunities for those directly affected by an offence (victim, offender and members of the community) to communicate and ensure victims of youth crime have a voice.

In addition victims of youth crime are helped to access appropriate support pathways that enable them to move on from the impact of crime. A personalised approach is taken to ensure that victims of crime in Hartlepool are placed at the centre. This includes ensuring that individual needs and wishes are fully taken into account. As a result we aim to visit all victims of crime so they are able to access pathways to support, including the option to participate in restorative justice. Across 2019/20 and 2020/21 there were **79** contacts with direct victims of crime and where consented a Victim Impact Statement carried out.

RJ is an important underlying principle of all disposals for young people on YJS caseload, from Triage to Detention & Training Orders. Whilst restorative processes typically result in practical reparation, for example participating in a task that benefits the community, the communication between victim and offender, as part of this process, can also produce powerful emotional responses leading to mutual satisfaction and socially inclusive outcomes.

The decision was made to in-source the RJ and Victim provision as of 1/4/17. These statutory duties have been re-aligned within the existing staffing of Hartlepool YJS – all of whom have undertaken service-wide RJ training, many to level 3.

This decision has enabled Hartlepool YJS to have direct control and influence in shaping the direction and quality of RJ work, including the establishment of updated working policies, practices and procedures. In turn, this has already begun to result in better outcomes for both victims and young people and is much more responsive to local need.

There is considerable evidence that RJ practice is much more integrated across all areas of the service. In particular, there is a closer link between those workers with additional RJ responsibility and case managers in relation to the needs and wishes of victims.

During the last year direct and indirect reparative projects were difficult to deliver, as part of the ongoing recovery plan we are now introducing suitably risk assessed 1:1 reparation projects, these are individual bespoke projects and are planned to take place involving furniture restoration, bird boxes for distribution to local groups and Christmas hampers for those in need. This will build over the year and hopefully allow us to get back into the position we were in prior to the COVID 19 pandemic.



Quality of Services

Throughout 2019/20 & 2020/21 the YJS continued preparation for the much anticipated HMIP inspection, considerable time was put in by all staff. All Policies & Procedures were re written and regular case audits were carried out to ensure assessment, planning, intervention and delivery were off a good standard.

The service was inspected in Oct 2020 virtually over a 4 day period, and was rated as GOOD, 4 areas were Outstanding, 6 Good and 2 Requiring Improvement. The service, board and wider partnership were very pleased with the outcome and agreed with the findings of the report. Work hasn't stood still and everyone continues to drive forward to ensure the recommendations are addressed and actioned.

Performance management and data analysis has continued to be a priority with significant work undertaken in conjunction with the Local Authority's Data information and IT teams. This has enabled various processes and documents (including the YJS Board Report) to be aligned with cleansed data, which not only makes performance management data more accessible and understandable, but also allows such data to inform service improvement activity, comparative analysis and the directing of resource to areas of organisational need.

Hartlepool YJS continue to commission South Tees YOS, to provide duty cover of Youth Court work in Teesside. Whilst allowing the service to maintain excellent working relationships within the Court arena, this continues to create some necessary and critical capacity within the team to manage the volume of post-court work and utilise staffing time more effectively. Given the success of this arrangement (strategically, operationally and financially) this was re commissioned in March 2021 for a further 12 month period.

A continued key strength of Hartlepool YJS and identified within the HMIP inspection is the ability of all staff to engage complex and challenging young people, through outstanding assessments and response to individual need. This builds positive relationships and leads to better outcomes – both for the young person as an individual and their families and the community as a whole. There continues to be a considerable service-wide training programme (attached at Appendix 2), which complements staff members' professional development on an individual level and alongside the training from the Local Authority and other statutory and voluntary partners. Alongside internal training around Risk of Harm, Safety & Wellbeing, and Asset Plus refreshers. Hartlepool YJS has received Talking Mats training which is a specialist Speech Language and Communication Need (SLCN) intervention and some staff attended Kids for Law training. Our extensive health offer (attached at Appendix 3) is now embedded within the service which has allowed the implementation of an Enhanced Case Management model, The HMIP Lead Inspector did comment "There is excellent health provision that meets the physical, emotional and mental health needs of Hartlepool children".

Staff development continues throughout and remains a key focus in working towards a quality service. This will be supported by regular supervision and appraisal, alongside reflective supervision sessions which encourage staff to analyse their practice within a supportive learning environment.

Service User Feedback

The voice of the young person continues to be a key strategic objective and completion of Asset Plus self-assessments remains critical in capturing the voice and perceived needs of those young people with whom the YJS work. Hartlepool YJS completed some internal work to develop an evaluative Survey Monkey (based on the original Viewpoint questions) to measure Young People's perceptions of: Quality of Service, Likelihood of Offending, and Fairness of treatment by YJS staff and Quality of interventions.

59 surveys were completed by young people across the last 2 years:

- Just under 90% of YP indicated they know what kind of things make them more likely to offend;
- Just under 90% of YP indicated work with the YJS made them realise change is possible;
- 90% of YP indicated they are a lot less likely to offend;
- Over 90% of YP felt they were treated fairly;
- Over 80% of YP felt the service they were given was 'very good';
- 100% of YP felt listened to by the people who worked with them
- Just under 80% of YP indicated the sessions helped change their behaviour

Alongside this Children/YP and Parents/Carers comments are captured within the assessment SAQ, individual personalised plans and reviews as well as Closure Summaries. All of this information is produced in report format for quarterly management board meetings and used to improve service delivery and identify gaps within the service as well as areas of good practice which can be shared and maintained.

8. RESPONDING TO THE PANDEMIC AND RECOVERY FROM COVID 19

Hartlepool Borough Council responded to the COVID 19 pandemic by ensuring all staff were WFH from 23rd March 2020 – below is a snap shot of the last year and ongoing recovery.

Response and Challenges:

- The first few weeks as with most services were of confusion and frustration, the not knowing. After coming to terms with the situation and starting to receive guidance from the local authority the YJS quickly settled into a process of virtual contact with all YP. All cases were RAG rated in terms of risk levels which identified the volume of calls needed for each YP. This process continued for a considerable period of time, it allowed staff to become creative with methods of virtual contact and delivering interventions.
- It was decided in June 20 after guidance and following the national protocol that the service would start face to face contact again, initially this was via doorstep visits and walks and once again this was prioritised by our RAG rated risk process. The Courts also opened again in June and began to start moving YP through the process. Virtual Court processes were set up and suitable training given, however Cleveland didn't carry out virtual hearings for any YP.
- Prior to any planned face to face visits staff would phone the YP/Parent/Carer to ascertain the situation in the home, i.e. did anyone have the symptoms. This proved problematic at times as we were not in a position initially to confirm responses.
- Following restrictions easing, the service were in a position to quickly implement direct 1:1 interventions from our offices which were suitably cleaned, risk assessed and allowed suitable social distancing. At the same time our Referral Order Panels were reintroduced from a virtual to face to face process and continues as such to date.
- All staff have remained WFH with suitable IT, they were and are in a position to utilise the team offices, off site provision and other suitable local authority buildings for 1:1 face to face interventions. These sessions were centrally booked allowing the monitoring of the footfall into these buildings. PPE was available at all times in all buildings.
- Anxiety has been a challenge throughout the pandemic, the not knowing and at times not understanding, the multitude of differing guidance received from various sources added to the confusion and at times the anxiety.
- Initially there was the considerable challenge of preparing for and delivering the service virtually, positive lines of communication were opened across the local authority and regular updates and discussions via regional YJB HOS meetings eased the pressure and ensured the service and staff had the relevant support and guidance available to move forward. IT was also initially frustrating and a challenge, however with perseverance and regular support the service is now fully functional with all staff having suitable access and support as required.

Recovery:

Recovery was an ongoing process from the outset, below are the salient points and recovery/learning to date.

- In March 2020 the YJB requested Business Continuity Plans from each YOT for analysis and fortnightly YJB virtual meetings were established.
- All open cases were RAG rated in line with order/risk levels and engagement identified.
- Procuring suitable IT to allow staff to WFH
- Ensuring all YJS meetings and business could be delivered virtually and face to face where feasible
- Courts opening in June 2020
- Face to face interventions starting in June 2020
- Local Authority organises lap tops for all vulnerable pupils without one, including YJS cohort.
- Organisation of Referral Order panels and Risk Management Meetings into a hybrid model with face to face and a virtual option
- In July 2020 the YJB published the guidance for COVID recovery plans for all YOTs
- YP back in the majority of schools in Sept 2020
- YJS cohort identified as Vulnerable Pupils and encouraged to attend their education provision
- YP access to suitable IT now implemented within assessment process (Identified in the HMIP COVID 19 Thematic Inspection)

Learning Points:

- The YJS is flexible and dynamic in its response and able to react quickly to situations
- A lot of virtual meetings do work better, attendance has improved at these meetings and they need to continue (Identified in the HMIP COVID 19 Thematic Inspection)
- The service can be delivered virtually as and when required
- Walk and talk interventions have been positive and will remain
- Ensuring all YP have access to suitable IT to ensure engagement is positive with the YJS and Schools, this is now captured and identified as part of the initial AssetPlus assessment (Identified in the HMIP COVID 19 Thematic Inspection)
- The constant discussions locally, regionally and nationally ref the YOT cohort being classed as a “vulnerable pupil” took too long before the right decisions were made (Identified in the HMIP COVID 19 Thematic Inspection)
- Staff, children, young people and families emotional wellbeing needs to be monitored very closely and taken into account with all engagement at all times.

Hartlepool Borough Council will be implementing a Hybrid Model of working, this is due to be revisited and potentially implemented from 19th July 2021 and following Government guidance. Staff will split their working week WFH and being office based. This has been tested over the last 15 months and the YJS are in a strong position to implement and maintain this model without any impact on service delivery.

9. RISKS TO FUTURE DELIVERY

The key risks that have the capacity to have an adverse impact on the Youth Justice Service in the coming twelve months and potentially beyond are detailed below:

Risks	Potential Impact	Control Measures
Secure Remand Costs	The continued unpredictability associated with remand episodes and remand length has the potential to place significant financial pressure on the YJS and broader Local Authority.	It remains essential that the service can demonstrate to magistrates that there are robust and comprehensive alternatives in place to support reductions in the use of remands and custody. Coordinated multi-agency responses to young people at risk of remand where safe and secure accommodation is the precipitating factor to be further developed. Remand budget is incorporated within Wider Children's Services placement costs.
Managing the potential for reduction in YJB grant and partnership financial and 'in-kind' contributions post-2021/22	Consequential negative impact on performance. Reduced capacity to meet strategic and operational obligations and statutory requirements. Reduced capacity to continue to focus on early intervention and identification	Targeted resources to address need. Continue to administer and embed the current structure and practice. Regional collaboration with neighbouring YOS' such as coverage of Teesside Youth Court. Robust financial management and oversight from strategic board.
Continued concerns around Serious Youth Violence, Criminal Exploitation and County Lines	The rise in FTE, reoffending rates and exploitation of vulnerable children. Ultimately leading to criminalisation and wider service	Continued regular communication, intelligence and information sharing across all services. Ensuring a multi-agency approach is adopted with senior strategic oversight.

	involvement having an adverse impact on Looked After Children (LAC) figures	Ongoing joint training and regular updates on the national and local picture enabling timely and relevant interventions. Ensure clear processes and pathways (known to all staff) are implemented to work with identified children.
COVID Risk The risk of further waves and further national/local lockdown imposed	Negative impact on staff/YP/families leading to a rise in anxieties/EWB, adding to engagement/contact difficulties. Disengagement from education and the added problems of reintroduction	Carefully monitoring of the local, regional and national picture regarding further waves and risks of national and local lockdowns. The YJS is in a position to revert to initial "lockdown" delivery of the service as required.
COVID Risk Staff emotional wellbeing/Safety	Negative impact on staff anxieties/EWB Risk of increased staff sickness levels Negative impact on workload and output	The YJS Leadership team continue to carry out face to face and virtual supervisions, Skype/TEAMS team meetings are in place and continued communication across all staff is very good. PPE is readily available to all staff and regular updated LA guidance is shared with everyone regarding HV, Transportation etc etc. **All staff have received 2 Vaccinations**

10. SERVICE BUSINESS & IMPROVEMENT PLAN

As a result of the recent HMIP inspection findings, five recommendations were made that HMIP believe, if implemented, will have a positive impact on the quality of youth offending services in Hartlepool and will improve the lives of the children in contact with youth offending services, and better protect the public.

Hartlepool Youth Justice Service has identified actions already taken and planned to ensure these recommendations are implemented and remain key priorities in the future. This Improvement Plan is added to future quarterly Management Board reports produced by the YJS Manager and discussed/monitored to ensure the relevant senior strategic oversight is in place and direction of travel remains positive.

Added to the Improvement Plan below is the YJS internal training programme (attached at Appendix 2) which targets operational improvements and refreshers throughout the year.

No	Recommendation	Action taken/Planned	Owner	Target Date
1	Ensure that the identified priorities for the service correspond to the needs of the children supervised by the Hartlepool YJS to ensure these needs are met.	Strategic Priorities have been amended following the findings of the inspection. These will continue to be amended and discussed at all future Management Board meetings to correspond with the needs of children supervised by the YJS and in line with the up to date Needs Analysis/Data presented at all board meetings. Individual meetings have also been undertaken with the Virtual School, OSS and Substance Misuse Services to strengthen this process – all are members of the YJS Management Board and will submit updates at board meetings.	YJS Management Team Management Board Chair/Members	Completed and monitored at all future Management Board meetings
2	Work with the relevant partner agencies (virtual school and one-stop shop) to maximise the education, training and employment opportunities for children	Work is underway with the Virtual School Headteacher and OSS Manager. Education Reports with relevant data will be produced at all future Management Board meetings allowing for discussion and more strategic oversight/challenge as required. The YJS Management team are in the process of identifying and forming closer links with the relevant staff at all Academies/Schools to build better communication on a direct level. YJS attendance at Vulnerable Pupils group and Team around the secondary school meetings to build positive links with schools across Hartlepool	YJS Management Team Virtual School Headteacher OSS Manager Management Board Chair/Members	Initial Reports presented at May Management Board meeting and then subsequent board meetings

3	Develop an effective escalation and challenge process with children's social care	Discussions are ongoing between the YJS Manager and the Safeguarding and Assessment/Through Care Teams to ensure any issues/requests are addressed ASAP and recorded appropriately on all systems. All challenges/differences of opinion will be discussed between the YJS Manager and relevant Social Care Head of Service/AD and will be recorded appropriately and discussed at future Management Board meetings. The YJS will follow the "Professional Challenge and Resolution of Professional Disagreement" process which can be found in the Tees Safeguarding Children Partnerships' Procedures at https://www.teescpp.org.uk/	YJS Management Team Management Board Chair/Members	Process in place and any unresolved issues/challenges to be shared and discussed at future Management Board meetings
4	Confirm a start date for the new Chair of the Board	A start date was confirmed and the Chair of the Board took over at the Board meeting 25 Nov 2020 and also chaired the meeting on the 16 Feb 2021. The Chair also signed up and attended the YJB "Bite Size" session for YOS Board Chairs on 23 Feb 2021.	Management Board Chair	Completed and to be continually monitored
5	Use the existing process to get feedback from children and their families to develop services.	The YJS Leadership team have slightly re worded the current Survey Monkey questions which will be implemented and used for YP, Parents/Carers and Victims. Data will be produced at all future board meetings where discussions will be held regarding the development of services. As an addition ongoing quarterly feedback will also be gathered direct from the Children/YP and families by the	YJS Management Team YJS Management Board Chair/Members	Process in place and all feedback/evaluation to be presented at Management Board meetings for discussion

		YJS Management Team and fed back into the system above.		
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11. STRATEGIC SUMMARY

In spite of the ongoing adversities that families and communities contend with in Hartlepool and the added difficulties everyone continues to face with the COVID 19 pandemic the local Youth Justice Partnership has had significant success in recent years in preventing and reducing youth offending behaviour.

A continued emphasis on a creative prevention, early intervention and diversion model needs to be maintained, however this presents significant challenge in light of the continued economic climate and potential impact on staffing and resources. In spite of the continued reductions in offences, FTE and the recent reductions in reoffending, these will all remain areas of priority, the Youth Justice Service will continue to work with partners to identify and support children and young people at risk of offending and ensure all children and families in Hartlepool have opportunities to make the most of their life chances and be supported to be safe in their homes and communities.

Evidence highlights that it is often the complex interplay of multiple deprivation factors and difficulties that makes problems in some households insurmountable and places these vulnerable children at significant risk of criminal exploitation, involvement in anti-social and offending behaviour and in some instances links to County Lines. As a result there is now a greater emphasis on “Contextualised Safeguarding” and the soon to be creation of a Contextualised Safeguarding Hub with all partners should help identify “pathways out of offending” and ultimately help reduce crime and break the cycle of offending behaviour across generations.

Whilst youth crime rates in Hartlepool have fallen, the likelihood of being a victim of crime still remains a reality, especially in our most disadvantaged communities and there remains a need to continue to invest in the delivery of restorative approaches to give victims of crime a voice, choice, control and satisfaction in the criminal justice system.

As identified in the recent HMIP inspection Hartlepool Youth Justice Service is a good service, staff are motivated and engaged, and there is an excellent health provision to meet the requirements of children. Assessments for all cases were outstanding. Staff analysed information well and were skilled at engaging with children and their families. Staff make good use of the outstanding health offer to ensure that the delivery of interventions meets the needs of all children and all staff worked well in sequencing and coordinating these interventions. There are areas to improve and the YJS are fully aware of these with a current improvement plan in place.

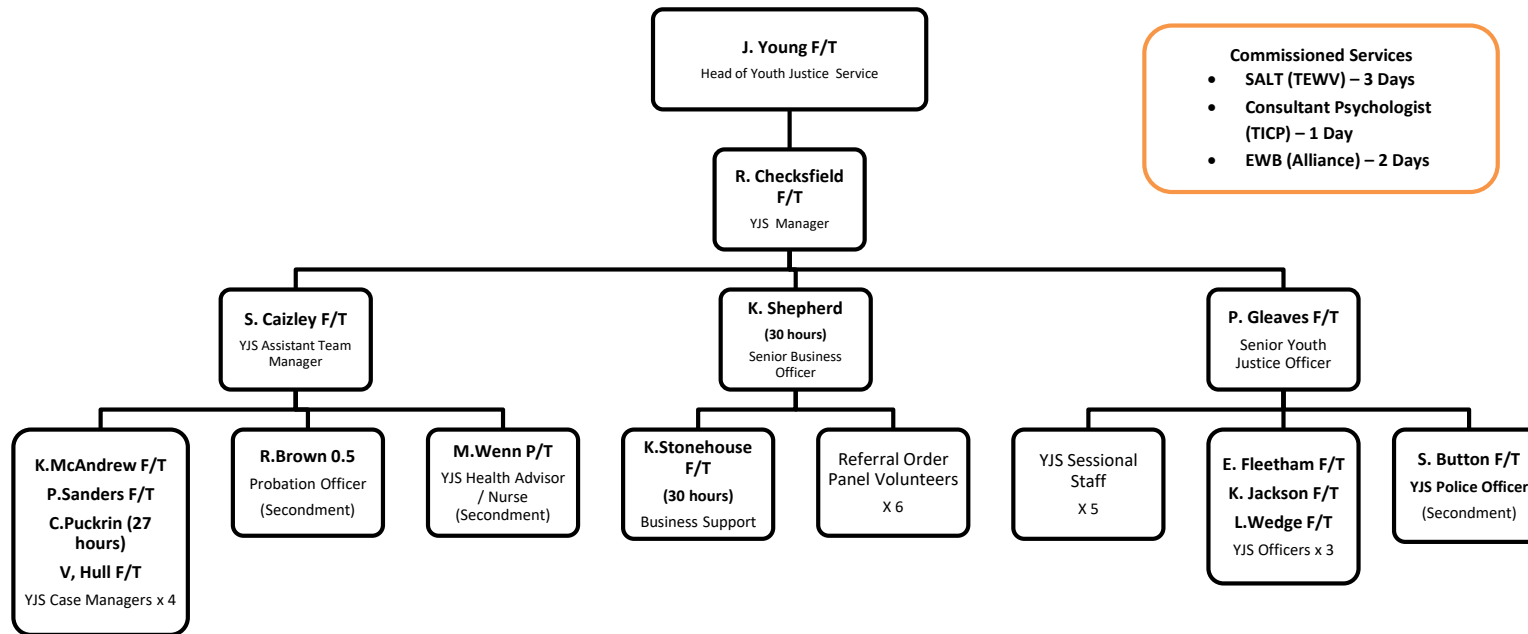
All of the above has the child and the child's voice prioritised and running throughout, as identified in the YJB Business Plan 2021-2022 we will continue to help, support and create a "Child First Youth Justice System" across Hartlepool.

Hartlepool Youth Justice Partnership



Appendix 1

Youth Justice Service Structure



Appendix 2

Youth Justice Service Internal Training Programme

Month	Date	Briefing/Training	Delivery	Comments
	16th & 22nd April 1000-1130 TEAMS dial in	Health Offer Briefings –	Health Team Update on respective areas of the Health Offer	All available staff to dial in to at least one of the sessions
	21st April 1100-1200 TEAMS dial in	Distinction between Mental wellbeing & Mental illness (Screening and Signposting)	Clinical Psychologist	All available staff to dial in
May				
	12th May 1000-1130 TEAMS dial in	Start of an Order – The front end process – getting it right	Leadership Team	All available staff to dial in
	19th May 1100 – 1200 TEAMS dial in	Neurodevelopmental Presentation (ASD & ADHD)	Clinical Psychologist	All available staff to dial in
June				
	9th June 1000-1130 TEAMS dial in	ROSH/Safety & Wellbeing	Leadership Team	All available staff to dial in
	16th June 1000 – 1100 TEAMS dial in	Suicide & Self Harm	Clinical Physiologist	All available staff to dial in
	23rd June 1000 – 1130 TEAMS dial in	SLT and communication needs awareness training (refresher)	SALT	All available staff to dial in
July				
	Date & Time TBC	Education – Role of the YJS and Case Manager/Officer	Virtual School Headteacher	All available staff to dial in
	21st July 1000 - 1130	Accessible Information training	SALT	All available staff to dial in
August				
	4th August 1400 - 1530	Team Choice Topic	Clinical Psychologist	All available staff to dial in

September				
	23rd September 1000-1130	Desistence Refresher	Leadership Team	All available staff to dial in
	15th September 1400-1530	Team Choice Topic	Clinical Psychologist	All available staff to dial in

Appendix 2 Youth Justice Service Health Offer

Alliance Psychological Services

Jemma Westwood-Horner

Jemma can help with **mental health difficulties** such as anxiety, low mood and depression.

- Jemma can **work with you** and **your family**
- Jemma can help you with issues such as bereavement (coping after the death of a loved one), relationship difficulties and behaviour. You can find out more on this website: <https://www.alliancepsychology.com/young-people/>
- You can be seen face to face, at home, at school or online (Skype and Zoom). Whatever works for you!

Speech and Language Therapy

Katie Hughes



Speech and Language Therapy can **look at** and **help** with your **communication skills**.

- Katie's job is to work with you to find out what you are **good at** and what can be **difficult for you**.
- Katie will look at what your **talking** and **understanding** are like in everyday situations, like school or college.
- Katie can help other people to understand your communication and tell them how they can help.



Youth Justice Nurse Specialist

Melanie Wenn

The Nurse can help with your **health needs**. Mel sees every young person who comes into the Youth Justice Service.

- Mel can do a **full health assessment** – this looks at any medical problems, your behaviour, your sexual health, skin problems, issues with your eyes or hearing, dental health, relationships and anything else that might affect your health and wellbeing.
- Mel can do some **work with you** around your health and wellbeing. She can make sure you are working with the right people to meet any health or learning needs you might have
- Mel offers **one to one appointments**, usually face to face.

Trauma Informed Care Pathway / Adolescent Forensic Outpatients Service

Dr Kay Anne Rooney

- **Trauma informed care pathway**→ aims to better understand your needs and behaviours. Kay does this by getting to know you and looking at your life and your experiences as a whole. You can be offered *Direct Work* (where you work with Dr Kay) or *Indirect Work* (where Dr Kay works with the professionals involved in your care).
- **Outpatients Service**→ Dr Kay or someone she works with from the Adolescent Forensic Outpatients Service can help and support you with any mental health difficulties.



SAFER HARTLEPOOL PARTNERSHIP

20th September 2021



Report of: Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland, Probation Service, Cleveland Police

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 originally delivered by the 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 Probation services were unified in June 2021 and the scheme is now delivered by The Probation Service and Cleveland Police.
- 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 qualified and experienced Divert Support Officers who assess and identify need and risk to develop a robust delivery plan based on the Risk, Need and Responsivity (RNR) model
- 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 This report was originally conducted for the Safer Hartlepool Partnership that sat on the 19th July 2021 and acts as an update to the last time Divert was presented to the group, on the 26th July 2019.
- 3.2 The OPCC has extended Divert funding for an additional twelve-month period, ensuring that the programme is operational until the end of March 2022.
- 3.3 Since July 2019 Divert has received a total of 115 referrals for participants that reside in Hartlepool. A contextual analysis of the offence, the participant, and the impact on the victims are assessed against the eligibility criteria and is conducted between The Probation Service and Cleveland Police as part of the joint decision making process. 20 referrals failed to meet Divert's eligibility criteria, or the professional judgement of the team during this period.
- 3.4 Between July 2019 and March 2021, 23% of all referrals that were accepted by Divert from across Cleveland have been for participants that reside in Hartlepool. 55% of offences for Hartlepool participants relate to Drunk and Disorderly, and Possession of Drugs, as detailed in Table 1, below.













Table 1: Divert Referrals, Hartlepool July 2019 – March 2021 by Offence Type

Offence Type	Number of Referrals
Affray	1
Assault	8
Criminal Damage	7
Cultivation of Drugs (Cannabis)	5
Drunk & Disorderly	26
Fraud	1
Malicious Communications	1
Obstructing Police	1
Possession of Drugs	26
Public Order	10
Theft	9
Total	95

- 3.5 Of the total number of accepted referrals for Hartlepool; over half of all females were aged between 26 and 45, with 23% of males being aged 18 – 21, and 25% males being aged between 26 and 35.

- 3.6 Table 2 provides an overview of pathway need for all cases that were closed between April and September 2021 (these have not been broken down to a Hartlepool level) and indicates Divert's effectiveness at reducing pathway need across the spectrum. Primary needs relate to Thinking, Behaviour and Attitudes, Mental Health for male and female participants. Divert continues to receive referrals with for offences that may be considered low, but the complexity of the cases can be high – particularly with female participants.

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

	Start Score	End Score	% of Cohort where need was identified	Start Score	End Score	% of Cohort where need was identified
 Accommodation	2.2	1.2	45%	2.9	2.0	19%
 Education, Training & Employment	2.0	1.3	52%	2.4	1.5	59%
 Financial Management	1.5	1.0	43%	2.1	1.4	59%
 Lifestyle & Associates	2.7	1.5	48%	4.2	3.3	44%
 Relationships	2.1	1.3	48%	2.7	2.3	63%
 Domestic Violence	3.1	2.1	39%	3.7	3.1	70%
 Alcohol	3.1	1.5	52%	4.8	3.0	33%
 Drugs	3.4	2.4	49%	4.8	3.4	37%
 Physical Health	1.9	1.5	45%	1.9	1.1	44%
 Mental Health	4.3	2.8	57%	5.5	3.6	96%
 Thinking, Behaviour & Attitudes	3.0	1.6	72%	2.8	1.8	100%
 Total Average Pathway Score	1.4	0.8	100%	2.0	1.4	100%

Pathway Score Changes at the End of Divert



- 3.7 Of the cases from Hartlepool that were closed between July '19 and March '21, 73% of cases have closed successfully as 'Needs-met', and 26% have been closed as 'Non-engagement' and returned to the Police to deal with the original offence. One of the largest contributors to the non-engagement rate occurs between the referral being made to Divert, and the team being unable to establish contact, and meeting with the participant after repeated attempts. The engagement rate has increased over the 2020/ 21 financial year.
- 3.8 1% of cases were closed as 'Archived'. Divert utilises this closure status when a unique set of circumstances prevents a participant from engaging with the service.

4. CONCLUSION

- 4.1 Colleagues are still working with Cleveland Police to increase awareness and use of the service by the Force, particularly for participants from Hartlepool, and all partners continually work towards increasing the engagement rate for the programme.

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 2020-2021, and contributes to the Safer Hartlepool Partnership Community Safety Plan.

6. RECOMMENDATION

- 6.1 That the Safer Hartlepool Partnership notes and comments on the report.

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SAFER HARTLEPOOL PARTNERSHIP

20TH September 2021



Report of: Audit and Governance Committee

Subject: ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR INVESTIGATION -
MONITORING OF SCRUTINY
RECOMMENDATIONS / ACTION PLAN UPDATE

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To provide the Safer Hartlepool Partnership with an update in relation to the implementation of the recommendations formulated by the Audit and Governance Committee following completion of its investigation in to Anti-Social behaviour in Hartlepool

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 The scrutiny investigation into anti-social behaviour in Hartlepool was undertaken during the 2019/20 municipal year and concluded in March 2020 with publication of a final report.
- 2.2 In accordance with best practice arrangements the Audit and Governance Committee closely monitors the implementation of recommendations / actions made in relation to each of its investigations. On this basis, the Committee at its meeting on the 9th September 2021 received an updated action plan (as attached at **Appendix A**). The Committee also welcomed additional progress input on behalf of the Community Safety Team and Thirteen Housing.
- 2.3 Given the breadth of impact of anti-social behaviour, the provision of responses to the actions contained with the action plan has involve a wide range of partners, many of which are members of the Safer Hartlepool partnership. The Committee welcomed significant progress in responding to its recommendations, with confirmation that the majority are either now completed or are nearing completion with ongoing actions in place.
- 2.4 Going forward, the Committee will continue to monitor the implementation of its recommendations and, in its role as the body responsible of the conduct of Hartlepool Borough Council's Crime and Disorder Committee activates will continue to review / scrutinise the decisions made or actions taken by the Safer Hartlepool Partnership (as the Community Safety Partnership).

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 The Safer Hartlepool Partnership is asked to note the update and seek clarification on any issues, where required.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Audit and Governance Committee's Final Report and Action Plan – Anti-Social Behaviour in Hartlepool – 12 March 2021 (link below)

https://www.hartlepool.gov.uk/downloads/file/6574/audit_and_governance_committee_final_report_-_anti-social_behaviour_in_hartlepool

Audit and Governance Committee Minutes and Decision Record – 12th March 2021 and 9th September 2021

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ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR ACTION PLAN

RECOMMENDATION	RESPONSE / PROPOSED ACTION ⁺	FINANCIAL / OTHER IMPLICATIONS	LEAD OFFICER	COMPLETION DATE*
a) Perception of Anti-Social Behaviour				
<p>i) That in response to concerns regarding under reporting of ASB in Hartlepool:</p> <p>- Work be undertaken with Nottingham Trent University and partner organisations (including Police, Fire Brigade and RSL) to explore the overlaying of data, including Office for National Statistics, risk factors and identified characteristics, to highlight areas of unreported ASB and plan the future focus of resources; and</p> <p>- Based on the area identified following the overlay of data, a focused exercise be undertaken to promote reporting.</p>	<p>An approach has been made to Nottingham Trent University to establish how we can work together.</p> <p>To be carried out as part of the work with Nottingham Trent University.</p>		<p>Sylvia Pinkney</p> <p>Sylvia Pinkney</p>	<p>Discussions with Nottingham Trent university commenced December 2020. Following discussions, the University indicated they were willing to consider working with Hartlepool on the project, their final decision is awaited.</p> <p>Dependant on above discussions</p>
<p>ii) That as part of the overlaying of data referenced in (i) above, the Audit and Governance Committee receive, as part of its 2020/21 Work Programme, a further report on the correlation between areas with significant levels of rented accommodation and ASB.</p>	<p>To be carried out as part of the work with Nottingham Trent University.</p>		Sylvia Pinkney	Dependant on above discussions
<p>iii) That options for the involvement of young people in Hartlepool (potentially through the Youth Council and Children in Care Council) in the development of the below be explored:</p>	<p>The Youth Council/Children in Care Council/Youth Service can be asked if they would like to be involved in this piece of work.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased the number diversionary 		Zoe McKenna	COMPLETE

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A promotional campaign to redress the perception that young people are the primary source of ASB. - A young person focused approach to preventing and responding to ASB. - Improved communication with young people about the impact of ASB and the diversionary activities that are available.' 	<p>activities over the summer holidays (27 additional 4 hour sessions to our usual offer to young people). One day per week over the holidays entered into local parks to offer diversionary activities for young people, high numbers of young people engaged and many have gone on to engage in youth activities offered by the service.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As part of Bright Lights Project ran over the summer holidays, young people decided that ASB and the effects on the environment would be their first chosen topic. • Young people and staff met with staff from Summerhill and given a guided tour of the site and a discussion of the effects of ASB took place. • Met with the local MP to discuss issues pertinent to young people. • Following this meeting, young people have created a script, recorded their voices and alongside the images they took on the visit a short film is currently been put together. This will be shared on social media by HBC Youth Services and Summerhill. • A booklet is also currently been created, this will also show the emotive words of the young people, showcase the posters they created and the images they took. This will be distributed accordingly. • Youth Workers continue to 		<p>Zoe McKenna/ Young People</p> <p>Zoe McKenna/ Young People</p> <p>Zoe McKenna/ Young People</p>	

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	<p>undertake outreach work with young people on a weekly basis on the Summerhill site.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young people also chose sexual harassment as all of the members had experienced or knew someone who had experienced public sexual harassment from males, they explored the #crimenotcompliment campaign which calls for public sexual harassment to be made a crime. Young people created an information board in one of the youth centres. Options will be considered to explore this further with young people. • Undertaken 6 sessions with young people exploring ASB, statistics in terms of who commits ASB, the effects on self and communities and how we can re-dress the balance that young people are the sole undertakers of ASB. Many excellent ideas were forwarded by young people. This is to be explored further. • Created and distributed an updated information leaflet showcasing the opportunities available for young people. • Established an Instagram account to better communicate with young people. • Currently updating information that is on sites so young people and their parents/carers • Worked in partnership with PFC 			

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	<p>Trust, Hartlepower, West View Project and Hartlepool and Stockton Health (HASH) to put together a bid to create a link worker social prescriber post/s to link young people up with their communities. The bid has been successful. The person/s will be employed by the PFC Trust but based within the youth service.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submitted a bid to continue to have musical based activities in 2022 and 2023. 			
b) Partnership Working				
<p>i) That in terms of the Integrated Community Safety Team:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Team be commended on their success in bringing agencies together in a ground-breaking partnership arrangement to deliver enforcement and education activity within the resources available; and - Existing levels of staffing be maintained to ensure the sustainability of current activities and that a review of the current enforcement responsibilities be undertaken to ensure that the Team's enforcement responsibilities are balanced and have no negative impact on its ability to respond to ASB as a priority. 	<p>Email was sent to the Team from the Chair – 15.01.21.</p> <p>The structure is kept under review to ensure it is appropriate to best meet demands on the service.</p>		<p>Chair A&G</p> <p>Sylvia Pinkney</p>	<p>COMPLETE.</p> <p>COMPLETE.</p>
ii) That the Cleveland Fire Brigade be commended on the value of their inter-agency working, in terms of ongoing home visits as a useful tool for the identification of vulnerable individuals.	Email sent to CFB 15.1.21 from the Chair.		Chair A&G	COMPLETE.
iii) That the Audit and Governance	In the current climate, this work cannot		Amanda	COMPLETE.

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Committee receive, as part of its 2020/21 Work Programme, a further report on the development of relationships between both primary and secondary schools and older people/residential homes.	be delivered due to the vulnerability of older people/people in residential care. Schools in Hartlepool link up with care homes within their community to build cross generational links and relationships. This is undertaken by individual schools and there is no one programme delivered across Hartlepool.		Whitehead	
iv) That in terms of the Safer Hartlepool Partnership partners, that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The partners commit and sign a pledge to prioritise anti-social behaviour as a significant crime and record / respond to it accordingly; - An anti-social behaviour update be included as an annual item on SHP agenda to raise the profile of anti-social behaviour and enable all partners to feedback any issues and/or areas of good practice in dealing with anti-social behaviour; - That enforcement action be expanded and the resulting issues of displacement of ASB be monitored and reported to the SHP; and - A Member Champion for anti-social behaviour be appointed and appointed to sit on the Safer Hartlepool Partnership to demonstrate the Council's commitment to dealing with ASB. 	<p>ASB has been identified as one of the three high priority areas for the Safer Hartlepool Partnership for 2020/21.</p> <p>An ASB group is to be established to lead on the delivery of this priority through 2021.</p> <p>Performance against agreed PI's for ASB is reported back to the Safer Hartlepool Partnership on a quarterly basis. Enforcement action is always taken where appropriate. Any emerging issues are monitored and reported as appropriate.</p> <p>To be discussed with Safer Hartlepool Partnership Chair.</p>		<p>SHP</p> <p>SHP</p> <p>Sylvia Pinkney</p> <p>SHP</p>	<p>COMPLETE.</p> <p>COMPLETE.</p> <p>COMPLETE.</p> <p>January 2021</p>

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<p>v) That links between the Police, the Targeted Outreach Team and Youth Offending Team be strengthened along with improved communication between Council departments, schools, voluntary and community sector to provide a more effective and holistic approach to anti-social behaviour.</p>	<p>This will be investigated as part of the work of the new Safer Hartlepool Partnership Anti-Social Behaviour Group.</p> <p>Links already exist between the Police, Targeted Outreach Team and the Youth Offending Team as well as with other Council departments and partners and schools.</p> <p>In response to this recommendation the following is an outline of existing activities, joint working and information sharing currently in place:</p> <p>Anti-Social Behaviour Awareness Day (ASBAD) 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. This is a weeklong event aimed at Year 8 students consisting of interactive scenes covering different aspects of anti-social behaviour that reflect real life issues encountered by young people, agencies and residents in Hartlepool.</p> <p>By targeting Year 8 pupils, the event aims to influence young people at a crucial developmental stage as attitudes and perceptions begin to change. It aims to provide young people with</p>		<p>Sylvia Pinkney</p>	<p>Work commenced January 2021</p>

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	<p>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 of engaging in anti-social or criminal behaviour.</p> <p>Crucial Crew Since the mid-1990's, Crucial Crew is the annual multi-agency initiative that teaches children in Hartlepool how to stay safe. The event is held at EDF Energy's Hartlepool Power Station and over 1,300 Year 6 pupils from 32 local primary schools attend over the course of the two-week event.</p> <p>Crucial Crew uses a series of practical workshops to re-create dangerous situations that children might encounter in their everyday lives, with the issues being covered including fire safety, road safety, home safety and water safety.</p> <p>Organisations involved in the delivery of Crucial Crew include Hartlepool Borough Council, Northern Powergrid, Cleveland Fire Brigade, EDF Energy, Beamish Open Air Museum, the RNLI, and Cleveland Police.</p>			

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	<p>Police Led Sessions in Primary Schools</p> <p>Hartlepool Neighbourhood Policing Teams regularly visit and deliver focussed sessions in local primary schools to engage with pupils around issues including ASB, knife crime and County Lines.</p> <p>Initially approached by a local primary school due to their concern regarding these issues, a number of primary schools have since requested this input which has been delivered by PC Geoff Coggin.</p> <p>Police School Liaison</p> <p>Funded by the PCC, a dedicated PCSO resource links in with schools to deliver educational sessions to primary school pupils on topics such as internet safety, hate crime.</p> <p>Fire Brigade Education Officer</p> <p>Cleveland Fire Brigade employ education officers who work in schools to deliver educational sessions in relation to the dangers of deliberate fires and fire safety.</p> <p>Police Early Intervention Coordinator</p> <p>The Early Intervention Coordinator sits within the integrated Hartlepool</p>			

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	<p>Community Safety Team. The coordinator works with young people in schools who have been identified as being involved / at risk of becoming involved in ASB or hate crime.</p> <p>The coordinator receives referrals directly from schools, the Youth Offending Team and the Council's Anti-social Behaviour Officers and other Council departments.</p> <p>It is now standard practice that a condition of any Acceptable Behaviour Agreement is for the young person to work with the early intervention coordinator over a number of sessions.</p> <p>Police Youth Offending Officer</p> <p>A dedicated police officer works in the Youth Offending Team – this has been standard practice for a number of years.</p> <p>Targeted Youth Outreach Service</p> <p>Funded by the PCC, Hartlepool Community Safety Team commissions a targeted youth assertive outreach service. This service is provided by a VCS organisation, Belle Vue Centre.</p> <p>The targeted youth outreach plan is circulated weekly to HBC Youth Service, Youth Offending Service and the Neighbourhood Policing teams.</p>			

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	<p>Where partners/ departments identify emerging issues, this outreach plan is adjusted accordingly to include locations that would benefit from the team's presence.</p> <p>When engaging with young people, the team will divert them to positive activities delivered by a range of VCS providers as available / appropriate.</p> <p>Operation Staysafe</p> <p>Staysafe is a multi-agency initiative to tackle disorder and protect young people from harm, including drink and drugs.</p> <p>In summary Operation Staysafe:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is based on partnership between the Police and the Local Authority, • Uses police intelligence to sweep ASB 'hotspot' areas late at night, • Removes children and young people from the streets if they are at risk of significant harm, • Takes them to a designated 'safe place' where a multi-agency team assesses risks, • Returns children and young people to care of parents or guardians when possible, • Offers and pursues multi-agency support when necessary. 			

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	<p>Information Sharing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intelligence sharing between services as needed. • Multi-agency meetings / action plans / days of action arranged as needed. For example problems in parks last year. • Children's Services/YOT case officers invited to Acceptable Behaviour Agreement interviews where appropriate. • Fortnightly AS13 report circulated to HBC Children's Service, Youth Offending Service, Special Education Team, Early Interventions Team, and Cleveland Police regarding young people stopped and warned by the police due to their ASB. • Monthly report circulated to Youth Offending Service regarding young people who have signed Acceptable Behaviour Agreements with the ASBU. <p>Neighbourhood Police Team</p> <p>Visits have taken place at primary and secondary schools to deliver sessions on ASB, hate crime, online safety, snapchat, Instagram, bullying, knife crime, Covid implications and laws, sexual consent and laws. Joint visits with VCAS for County Lines as a priority to identify victims of hate crimes.</p>			

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	<p>Further sessions will take place at Youth Centres in the future.</p> <p>Sessions delivered to hard to reach students at various schools and live streamed to over 2000 students when the students were studying from home. Catcote School live streamed Whodunit (forensic day) was streamed to 21 schools in the Tees Valley area.</p> <p>Next Steps / Going Forward:</p> <p>Under 18 ASB/Community Safety Issues</p> <p>Representatives from the Youth Justice Service, HBC Youth Service and Hartlepool Community Safety Team will meet bi-monthly to discuss emerging and ongoing issues relating to young people involved in ASB and other Community Safety matters. Outcomes / actions from these meetings will then be shared in other forums as appropriate, e.g. VEMT.</p> <p>Cross-border working</p> <p>Work is underway to develop a multi-agency Joint Working Agreement across Cleveland to ensure information and intelligence in relation to young people involved / at risk of being involved in ASB is shared effectively and appropriately across Local Authority boundaries</p>			

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vi) That the PCC be lobbied to identify continued funding for the Target Outreach Team.	Funding for the Targeted Youth Outreach service has been extended for a year to cover 2021/22. In line with the Council's commissioning rules, work is ongoing to undertake a commissioning exercise to decide which VCSE provider will undertake the service. Community Safety are leading on this. Email sent to PCC 15.01.21 from the Chair.		Chair A&G	COMPLETE.
vii) That approaches to communication and intelligence sharing between Council departments, schools, VCS and outside organisations (especially retailers across the town) be reviewed to improve help promote confidence and awareness.	This will be investigated as part of the work of the new Safer Hartlepool Partnership Anti-Social Behaviour Group. Strong intelligence sharing is in place within the Integrated Community Safety Team. A series of ASB sub-groups have been set up involving various partners including community groups and information is shared within these groups.		Sylvia Pinkney	Work commenced January 2021
viii) That in relation to Cleveland Police activities: - Concerns regarding the loss of Police satellite units and the subsequent wasted police time attending court be raised with Cleveland Police and the OPCC; and - The Audit and Governance Committee receive, as part of its 2020/21 Work Programme, a further report on the implementation of promised increases in Neighbourhood Police and PCSO numbers in Hartlepool.	Email sent to Insp Reeves 15.01.21 – response awaited. Update – the Neighbourhoods Teams have 12 constables and 15 PCSO's and awaiting the arrival of two further officers. Additionally the teams are supported by a Community Safety Team who work with diverse and hard to reach communities. Each morning the demand on the Neighbourhoods		Chair A&G Cleveland Police	COMPLETE. COMPLETE.

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	<p>Teams is reviewed and a monthly activity report is produced. In addition to the above, each ward now has a PCSO.</p> <p>There is now a T/Sgt and two further Police Officers who have joined NPTs along with a new PCSO.</p>			
c) Reporting and Satisfaction				
i) That the outcome of the Thirteen's pilot scheme to increase the reporting of ASB, and online app, be evaluated and its potential roll out to non-Thirteen customers explored.	The development of the app will be discussed at the Community Safety Team at its next meeting and a representative from Thirteen will present the outcome to the Committee on 9 September 2021.		Angela Corner – Thirteen	
ii) That the development of further options for the reporting of anti-social behaviour be explored alongside more traditional reporting mechanisms, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Online and use of electronic apps (including the Fix-My-Street scheme); - More innovative ways for older people to report anti-social behaviour; and - A potential single point of contact. 	This will be investigated as part of the work of the new Safer Hartlepool Partnership Anti-Social Behaviour Group, specifically an examination of the Council's website and how the issue of ASB can be found by one 'click'. Improvements are ongoing to the ASB web page to provide all information and links on one page to assist with information, advice and reporting.		Sylvia Pinkney	Discussions have commenced. Development of online platform is dependent on capacity of multiple agencies/ departments
iii) That issues relating to the need for multiple reports / contacts before action is taken by partners be explored to ascertain if there is a demonstrable issue and identify ways of addressing potential problems.	This will be investigated as part of the work of the new Safer Hartlepool Anti-Social Behaviour Group.		Sylvia Pinkney	Work commenced January 2021
iv) That a review be undertaken to identify ways to improve:	This will be investigated as part of the work of the new Safer Hartlepool Anti-Social Behaviour Group.		Sylvia Pinkney	Work commenced January 2021

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Satisfaction levels with anti-social behaviour interventions; and - Keep victims (including individual residents, groups of residents and shop owners) informed of progress throughout the process for dealing with any reported incidents. 	Work is ongoing to review procedures to ensure that individuals are regularly informed with the progress of their enquiry/complaint.			
d) Support and Promotion				
i) That a town wide campaign be undertaken advertising prevention / enforcement activities, successes and outcomes, with the aim of promoting and encouraging reporting and improved communication with victims of ASB.	<p>This will be investigated as part of the work of the new Safer Hartlepool Partnership Anti-Social Behaviour Group.</p> <p>A fly-tipping media strategy has been developed and has begun its implementation. This will include social media articles, printed media, social media and radio.</p>		Sylvia Pinkney	December 2021
ii) That the Council number for reporting ASB be promoted more widely within local communities to help reinvigorate Neighbourhood Policing, leading to enhanced problem solving activity within localities to tackle ASB and other community issues.	<p>This will be investigated as part of the work of the new Safer Hartlepool Partnership Anti-Social Behaviour Group.</p> <p>This will be part of work on the publicity campaign and improvements to the web page.</p>		Sylvia Pinkney	December 2021
iii) That in 6 months' time the Audit and Governance Committee receive, as part of its 2020/21 Work Programme, a further report on the continuation/replacement of the Think Family Programme (Troubled Families) and its activities in relation to ASB.	An update on the progress of the Troubled Families Programme was reported to Committee in February 2021.		Jane Young	COMPLETE.
iv) That in light of issues with awareness and take up of support services for victims of ASB, the package of services be	Ongoing		Sylvia Pinkney	April 2021

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evaluated to ascertain if it is fit for purpose and whether alternative support mechanisms need to be identified which better fits the needs of victims.				
<p>v) In relation to the Community Trigger:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Whilst it is referenced on Hartlepool Borough Council's web site, further promotion be undertaken, including the need for it to be referenced on the new Police single point of contact reporting system; - The potential implications of increased promotion of the Community Trigger on the workload of the Integrated Community Safety Team be evaluated and responded to accordingly; and - The outcome of discussions between the Police and Crime Commissioner's Office and the Victims and Witness Group on the implementation of the Community Trigger be reported to a future meeting of the Committee. 	<p>Work will be undertaken to improve ASB reporting on the Council's website, including reference to external partners and how complaints can be made (such as the Community Trigger).</p> <p>Ongoing.</p> <p>Discussions have taken place in relation to Community Trigger at the PCC Working Together Meeting – there has been concerns from Local Authority colleagues in relation to capacity to deliver Community Trigger. In addition to the above in August 2020 the Victims Commissioner wrote an open letter to the Home Secretary in relation to Community Trigger. Following the publishing of the ASB help report – the PCC now publishes information in relation to community trigger on their https://www.cleveland.pcc.police.uk/how-can-we-help/problems/anti-social-behaviour-and-neighbour-disputes/</p>		<p>Sylvia Pinkney</p> <p>OPCC</p>	<p>January 2021</p> <p>April 2021</p> <p>COMPLETE.</p>

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vi) That Elected Members are not being utilised to their full capacity in terms of the value that could add to the work of the Integrated Team and the ASB prevention / intervention process. To facilitate this: - A full training programme to be provided covering the sources of advice and support available, formal routes of reporting through the Contact Centre and criteria / potential use of the Community Trigger; - A publicity campaign need to be undertaken to promote the role of Members as part of the mechanism for reporting of ASB and supporting residents; and - Regular briefings/communications be provided for Ward Councillors on ASB issues in their own Ward.	Member training provided July 2021 re ASB and complaints including the Community Trigger. Members Training was provided in July 2021. Consideration is being given to how this can be achieved. The Neighbourhood Policing Team have produced Information for Members and HBC Team will contribute to this moving forward.		Sylvia Pinkney Sylvia Pinkney Lorraine Bennison Comms/ Lorraine Bennison Sylvia Pinkney/ Lorraine Bennison	COMPLETE. COMPLETE. COMPLETE.
e) Solutions				
i) Mirroring arrangement with schools, the potential to have a named PCSO contact for all residential/care homes be explored.	Police update – each ward now has a PCSO and any issues surrounding a care home would be resolved in partnership with the Community Safety Team. There is a dedicated Officer, PC Jo Lester, who deals with most care homes and issues, however, the ward PCSO will be the named contact and this will be reflected in the ward newsletters that are circulated bi-monthly.		Cleveland Police	COMPLETE.

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ii) That ways of addressing ASB be found by working 'with' communities across all age groups, rather than doing it 'to' them, including the development of a campaign to 'Take Back Neighbourhoods' and promote pride in local community through social responsibility and collaborative working.	This will be investigated as part of the work of the new Safer Hartlepool Partnership Anti-Social Behaviour Group. - A Fly Tipping Working Group has been established that includes Hartlepool Big Town Tidy Up and Plastic Free Hartlepool.		Sylvia Pinkney/ Comms	Commenced Jan 2021
iii) In recognition of the value of organised play activities/facilities in communities across Hartlepool, as an alternative to ASB, a review of activities/facilities be undertaken and their location publicised.			Gemma Ptak	
f) Education and Engagement				
(i) That in terms of the excellent work being undertaken as part of the ASBAD and Crucial Crew programmes: - All schools across the town be encouraged (via Head Teachers, Chairs of Governors and PHSE Lead Officers to participate in the ASBAD / Crucial Crew Education Programme; and - The future funding of ASBAD/Crucial Crew Education Programmes be reviewed to assist in their sustainability going forward.	There is a high uptake of Crucial Crew from schools and this is promoted and encouraged, the Programme is Public Health funded. The funding arrangements are to be reviewed to ascertain if this can be secured within base budget.		Craig Blundred/ Joanne Andrews/ Sylvia Pinkney Craig Blundred/ Joanne Andrews/ Sylvia Pinkney	Due to the involvement of schools and the impact of covid, it is unlikely to progress before 2022. Subject to ongoing corporate budget position
ii) That anti-social behaviour prevention / intervention be promoted as part of existing local authority, and partner provided, engagement and activity programmes (e.g. free swims and holiday hunger).			Gemma Ptak	

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iii) That the identification of role models (such as local celebrities) to take part in ASB education and prevention activities be explored.	Hartlepool Big Town Tidy Up has agreed to take part in the Fly Tipping media strategy to help educate and prevent fly tipping in the town.		Sylvia Pinkney/ Comms	December 2021
iv) That as part of a wider ASB programme of engagement, all primary and secondary schools across Hartlepool be encouraged to commit to an agreed schedule of activities involving the Police, Fire, NEAS and local authority.	PSCHE curriculum – recently been reviewed as new responsibilities came in in September 2020. LA can only agree to encourage a schedule of activities and will require the provision of information to schools from organisations on their offer.		Amanda Whitehead	COMPLETE.
v) That a campaign be undertaken to dispel the myth that young people are the primary instigators of ASB.	Covered in a(iii) above. This will also be investigated as part of the work of the new Safer Hartlepool Partnership Anti-Social Behaviour Group.		Sylvia Pinkney/Zoe McKenna/ Young People	July 2021



SAFER HARTLEPOOL PARTNERSHIP

20th September 2021



Report of: Temp Chief Inspector Mark Haworth

Subject: HARTLEPOOL COMMUNITY SAFETY TEAM -
NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To provide an update on Hartlepool Neighborhood Policing to the Safer Hartlepool Partnership for information.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Neighbourhood Policing Team is positively with the Community Safety Team and over the last few months the team have been fortunate to receive some new officers from Insp Danny Trippett / Sgt Christopher Phelan, PC Martin Ashley, PC Shaun Newton, PCSO Connor Grover.
- 2.2 The Community Safety Team will focus on vulnerability, Victims First, problem solving and reducing risk, and in doing so reduce crime, anti-social behaviour and further engage with the community.

3. POLICE OFFICER NUMBERS

- 3.1 Insp Danny Trippett / Sgt Christopher Phelan, PC Martin Ashley, PC Shaun Newton, PCSO Connor Grover, have all joined the team. The Chief Constable, Richard Lewis, has publically stated his intention to re-establish Neighbourhood Policing and this is evidenced with the additional staff and the future plans to make Neighbourhood Policing a core function.
- 3.2 As of August 2021 the increasing resource has bolstered the 3 teams who cover 7 days a week. The number of officers per team is to increase further over the next year and it is our aim to have 6 x Police Constables on every team. The number of PCSOs is above full establishment.
- 3.3 Temp Chief Insp Haworth now has a dedicated number of Special Constables who provide a bespoke service to Hartlepool local policing led by Insp Phil Brette and Sgt Burmiston

4. CONCLUSION

- 4.1 Neighbourhood Policing continue to support the Integrated Hartlepool Community Safety Team, to help reduce crime and anti-social behaviour and importantly to provide a service to our community to help reinvigorate community engagement.
- 4.2 Hartlepool local neighbourhood teams now carry out problem solving policing (POPs) approach, this is embedded within the 3 teams and to date we have 12 POPs
- 4.3 Hartlepool local neighbourhood teams now produce their bi monthly newsletters to their communities / wards.
- 4.4 Hartlepool local policing teams continue to perform on a monthly basis, this is evident by the arrests, positive action taken within their communities, the media posts released into their communities reaching more than ever before.
- 4.5 Hartlepool local policing team Temp Chief Insp Haworth has met on several occasions with the new Police crime commissioner and Cleveland Police will undertake a new chief constable in the future, so please can I take this time to thank The Chief Constable Richard Lewis for his hard work and determination to make Cleveland police an efficient police service for their community, there has been much work.
- 4.6 Temp C/Insp Haworth has now secured an office within Middleton Grange Shopping Centre and hold monthly meetings for patrols to support the reduction of offences within Hartlepool.
- 4.7 Temp C/Insp Haworth has secured a room within the Belle Vue community centre, this is to ensure PCSOs regularly attend and engage with youth groups and residents.
- 4.8 Hartlepool local Neighbourhood policing are now attending resident meetings and key locations to link in with their communities and wards.

5. CRIME AND DISORDER CONSIDERATIONS

- 5.1 The Safer Hartlepool Partnership has a statutory responsibility to implement strategies to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour.
- 5.2 The Community Safety Team and Police continue to drive various operations by listening to and supporting their community, the operations ran to date have been centered around ASB, Drug organized criminality, Off Road motorcycles, we have seen many arrests, seizures of vehicles and drugs and we continue to listen to our communities and place the resources where the demand requires.
- 5.3 Hartlepool Local policing team have dedicated officers to tackling organized criminality, to date we have seen over 14 Warrants executed, large seizure of cannabis farms and arrests.

- 5.4 Temp Chief Insp Haworth now has a dedicated number of Special Constables who provide a bespoke service to local policing, their time and dedication spent within Hartlepool have seen a significant reduction in motoring offences, many vehicles seized, tickets for various motoring / vehicle offences and especially the quick response to crime trends and provide night time patrols to target those committing crime.

6. RECOMMENDATION

- 6.1 That the Safer Hartlepool Partnership members continue to work with the Police and feedback any improvements on a monthly basis.
- 6.2 That Safer Hartlepool Partnership Members be updated further once Neighbourhood Police Officers are in post.

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SAFER HARTLEPOOL PARTNERSHIP

20th September 2021



Report of: Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods

Subject: **SAFER HARTLEPOOL PARTNERSHIP TERMS OF REFERENCE – MEMBERSHIP REFRESH**

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To consider a refresh of the Safer Hartlepool Partnership Terms of Reference to reflect changes in membership.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Safer Hartlepool Partnership forms part of Hartlepool Borough Council's constitutional arrangements with its Terms of Reference last being considered in 2018. Since that time Members of the Partnership and the posts designated to represent organisations have changed and to reflect these changes the Terms of Reference attached at **Appendix A** has been amended.
- 2.2 As outlined in the Terms of Reference the Leader of the Council is the Chair of the Safer Hartlepool Partnership with the Vice Chair of the Partnership being agreed on an annual basis who must be from one of the responsible authorities other than the Council. The responsible authorities are:
- Council
 - Police
 - Fire Service
 - Clinical Commissioning Group
 - The Probation Service
- 2.4 The current Vice Chair of the Partnership is Cleveland Police Chief Superintendent of Neighbourhoods and Partnerships, however it is proposed that this position will be taken over by the Cleveland Police Superintendent of Community Safety for the year 2021/22.

3. SECTION 17 CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 The Safer Hartlepool Partnership is the local statutory Community Safety Partnership with the responsibility of developing and implementing strategies to reduce crime and disorder, combat substance misuse and reduce

reoffending. Membership of the Partnership should include the responsible authorities outlined in the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 and other Members that the Partnership considers necessary in achieving their objectives.

4. LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

- 4.1 Under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) have a statutory responsibility to develop and implement strategies to reduce crime and disorder, substance misuse and re-offending in their local area. This includes the production of an annual strategic assessment and production of a Community Safety Plan. Membership of the Partnership must also include representation from the responsible authorities outlined in the Crime and Disorder Act 1998.

5. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

Risk Implications	No relevant issues
Financial Considerations	No relevant issues
Equality and Diversity Considerations	No Relevant issues
Child/Family Poverty Considerations	No relevant issues
Staff Considerations	No relevant issues
Asset Management Considerations	No relevant issues

6. RECOMMEDATIONS

- 6.1 That the Partnership agrees the to the refresh of the Terms of Reference in order to reflect changes to the Safer Hartlepool Partnership Membership outlined in **Appendix A**.
- 6.2 That the Partnership agrees to the Superintendent of Community Safety taking over the role of Vice Chair from the Chief Superintendent of Neighbourhoods and Partnerships for the municipal year 2021/22.

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3.0 Membership

Membership of the Partnership reflects the statutory requirements and consists of senior representatives from the five responsible authorities¹ plus additional stakeholders as follows:

Responsible Authorities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hartlepool Borough Council – Two Elected Members including Leader of Council • Hartlepool Borough Council – Chief Executive Managing Director • Hartlepool Borough Council - Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods Director of Neighbourhood and Regulatory Services • Hartlepool Borough Council - Assistant Director (Environment and Neighbourhood Services) Assistant Director (Regulatory Services) • Cleveland Police - Chief Superintendent Neighbourhood Policing and Partnerships Command Superintendent Community Safety • Cleveland Fire and Rescue Authority – District Manager • Cleveland National Probation Service – Head of Area The Probation Service - TBC • Representative of Hartlepool and Stockton on Tees Clinical Commissioning Group Tees Valley CCG – Director of Commissioning, Strategy and Delivery • Youth Offending Board - Chair

¹ Responsible Authorities – Police, Local Authority, Fire and Rescue Authority, Clinical Commissioning Group, The Probation Service

Other Members

- Hartlepool Borough Council – Director of Public Health
- Office of Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland
- Hartlepool Borough Council – Director of Children’s and Joint Commissioning Services
- Representative of Hartlepool Voluntary & Community Sector – Chief Executive, ~~Safe in Tees Valley~~ Safer Communities
- Thirteen Group – ~~Director of Customer Support~~ Head of Community Resilience
- Hartlepool Borough Council - Director of Adult and Community Based Services

This group is the ‘strategy group’ for the purposes of the statutory Regulations. New members may be added to the Partnership by agreement of existing members.

There is also the potential for co-opting members onto the Partnership to undertake specific pieces of work or for specialist knowledge and skills as and when required.

3.1 Chairing of the Safer Hartlepool Partnership

The Chair of the Safer Hartlepool Partnership will be the Leader of the Council. The Vice Chair of the Partnership will be appointed annually from the responsible authorities. The Chair and Vice Chair will not be from the same organisation.

The Chair will provide leadership to the Safer Hartlepool Partnership and act as the responsible officer for the development and progress of the Partnership.

The Chair will:

- Ensure that the views of the Partnership are communicated effectively
- Represent the Partnership on the Strategic Partners Group.
- Ensure the efficient and effective operation of the Partnership.

- Promote effective partnership working between members of the Partnership and if necessary resolve conflict and help foster an environment of mutual interest.
- Approve the formation of working groups to deliver specific items of work on behalf of the Partnership.
- With the support of the Secretariat agree the agenda, associated papers and minutes of previous meetings.

The Vice-Chair will:

- Deputise for the Chair as required.
- Support the Chair to ensure the work of the Partnership is effectively deployed.
- Represent the Safer Hartlepool Partnership on the Strategic Partners Group when required by the Chair.



SAFER HARTLEPOOL PARTNERSHIP

20th September 2021



Report of: Director of Neighbourhood and Regulatory Services

Subject: **SAFER HARTLEPOOL PARTNERSHIP
PERFORMANCE**

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 For information. To provide an overview of Safer Hartlepool Partnership performance for Quarter 1 – April to June 2021 (inclusive) against key indicators linked to the priorities outlined in the draft Community Safety Plan 2021/24. Given the impact that COVID had during Q1 of 2020/21, figures for some of the indicators have been included from Q1 of 2019/20 to provide a more representative comparison.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 In July 2021, a draft Community Safety Plan for 2021/24 was presented to the Partnership with a strategic objective to “make Hartlepool a safe, prosperous and enjoyable place to live, work and visit”. Members agreed that the priority areas of focus to achieve this objective should be Anti-Social Behaviour, Drugs and Alcohol and Domestic Violence and approved the plan for consultation.

3. PERFORMANCE REPORT

- 3.1 The report attached (**Appendix A**) provides an overview of performance against key indicators linked to the agreed priorities during Quarter 1 of 2021, with comparisons made to the same time period in the previous year, where appropriate.

4 OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

Risk Implications	No relevant issues
Financial Considerations	No relevant issues
Legal Considerations	No relevant issues

Consultation	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
Staff Considerations	No relevant issues
Asset Management Considerations	No relevant issues

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 5.1 That members of the Safer Hartlepool Partnership note and comment on the information provided for Quarter 1.
- 5.2 That members consider the inclusion of additional performance indicators for future reports to assist them in monitoring the success of the Community Safety Plan.

6. REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 6.1 The Safer Hartlepool Partnership is responsible for overseeing the successful delivery of the Community Safety Plan.

7. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 7.1 The following background papers were used in the preparation of this report:-
Safer Hartlepool Partnership – Draft Community Safety Plan 2021/24

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Safer Hartlepool Partnership Performance Indicators**Quarter 1 - April to June 2021****Community Safety Plan Priority – Anti-Social Behaviour**

The following indicators have been identified to assist in the monitoring of this priority area.

During this quarter, ASB incidents reported to the Police reduced in all four Local Policing Area across Cleveland yet despite a significant reduction, Hartlepool continues to have the second highest ASB rate per 1,000 population as detailed in the tables below:

Indicator - ASB Incidents reported to the Police	Year to Date April – June 21	April– June 19	April - June 20	April- June 21	Difference	% Difference
Hartlepool	1059	1131	1941	1059	-882	-45
Redcar & Cleveland	1464	1587	2377	1464	-913	-38
Middlesbrough	1979	2606	3539	1979	-1560	-44
Stockton	1772	2410	4128	1772	-2356	-57

Police Anti-Social Behaviour Incident rate per 1,000 population	Hartlepool	Redcar & Cleveland	Middlesbrough	Stockton
	11.4	10.7	14	9

Anti-social behaviour incidents reported to the Police in Hartlepool reduced by 45% when compared to the previous year. This reduction is attributable to a reduction in COVID related complaints as restrictions in place in the previous year are no longer applicable.

Police data has not yet been aggregated to the new ward boundaries that came in to effect in May 2021. It is envisaged that this information will be available by Q2, therefore the following breakdown of ASB incidents by ward is linked to the previous 11 wards in the town.

Recorded ASB Incidents by Ward	Number of Incidents	% Town Total
Burn Valley	96	9
De Bruce	71	7
Fens & Rossmere	68	6
Foggy Furze	118	11
Hart	41	4
Headland & Harbour	185	17
Jesmond	65	6
Manor House	140	13
Rural West	49	5
Seaton	101	10
Victoria	125	12
Grand Total	1059	100

More than 40% of ASB incidents occurred in 3 wards; Headland & Harbour, Manor House and Victoria and as identified in the table above, the highest number of recorded ASB incidents during Q1 occurred in the Headland and Harbour ward, equating to 17% of all incidents in Hartlepool. More than one third, 36% (66 incidents), of ASB in this ward was youth related and a further 18% (933 incidents) linked to off road vehicle nuisance.

More than one quarter (26%) of the youth related ASB was linked to the derelict Admiral Court Nursing Home on Cleveland Road. To address this problem a multi – agency response has been undertaken to fully secure this premise which has removed the opportunity for further incidents to occur.

Vehicle nuisance is linked to off road motorcycles and quad bikes being ridden on the Central Park recreation ground situated at the lower end of West View Road, with almost 40% (13) of incidents reported in this locality.

Number of ASB complaints received by the ASBU	Year to Date April – June 21	April - June 19	April- June 20	April- June 21	Difference	% Difference
	87	133	92	87	-5	-5

Anti-social behaviour complaints received by the Council's Anti-Social Behaviour Unit also reduced slightly in this quarter compared to the same period in the previous year.

ASB complaints have been aligned to the new ward boundaries and whilst 9 of the 12 wards reported less than 10 complaints, analysis identifies that 46% of complaints were received from the Burn Valley, Manor House and Victoria wards as outlined in the following table.

ASB Complaints by Ward	Number of Complaints
Burn Valley	12
De Bruce	<10
Fens & Greatham	<10
Foggy Furze	<10
Hart	<10
Headland & Harbour	<10
Manor House	12
Rossmere	<10
Rural West	<10
Seaton	<10
Throston	<10
Victoria	16
Grand Total	87

More than half of all complaints received in this quarter cited nuisance behaviour (14 complaints), rowdy behaviour (14 complaints) and drug misuse (14 complaints) as the primary issue.

During this quarter, Hartlepool Community Safety Team were successful in obtaining a premise closure order for a property in the Burn Valley ward.

Number of ASB cases opened by Thirteen	Year to Date April – June 21	April- June 20	April - June 21	Difference	% Difference
	Not available yet				

Data not available yet

Indicator	Year to Date April- June 21	April – June 19	April- June 20	April – June 21	Difference	% Difference
Number of noise complaints received by the Council	127	107	175	127	-48	-27

Noise nuisance complaints received by the Council's Public Protection Team reduced by more than one quarter when compared to the previous year. Again this is likely to be attributable to people spending less time at home than they were last year when lockdown restrictions were in place.

Noise nuisance complaints have been aligned to the new ward boundaries and whilst 6 of the 12 wards reported less than 10 complaints, analysis identifies that 46% of complaints were received from the Headland & Harbour, Burn Valley and Victoria wards as outlined in the following table.

Noise Complaints by Ward	Number of Complaints
Burn Valley	16
De Bruce	<10
Fens & Greatham	<10
Foggy Furze	<10
Hart	<10
Headland & Harbour	24
Manor House	12
Rossmere	13
Rural West	<10
Seaton	<10
Throston	10
Victoria	18
Grand Total	127

More than half of all complaints received in this quarter cited music (45 complaints) and barking dogs (34 complaints) as the primary issue.

Indicator	Year to Date April – June 21	April – June 19	April – June 20	April – June 21	Difference	% Difference
Number of fly-tipping reports received by the Council	560	517	848	560	-288	-34

The Council's Contact Centre recorded a 34% reduction in fly-tipping reports during this quarter compared to last year. Despite the reduction, fly-tipping continues to be a significant blight on the local environment, creates potential danger to public health, and is a source of pollution and hazard to wild life.

Based on the ward boundaries prior to May 2021, analysis identifies that more than half (54%; 305 incidents) of all fly-tipping complaints were reported in the Victoria, Headland & Harbour and Manor House wards as outlined in the following table:

Fly-tipping Reports by Ward	Number of Incidents
Burn Valley	53
De Bruce	28
Fens & Rossmere	12
Foggy Furze	29
Hart	32
Headland & Harbour	91
Jesmond	29
Manor House	57
Rural West	36
Seaton	21
Victoria	157
No ward recorded	15
Grand Total	560

Indicator	Year to Date April – June 21	April – June 19	April – June 20	April – June 21	Difference	% Difference
Number of Deliberate Secondary (F3) fires	229	223	148	229	+81	+55
Number of Deliberate Vehicle Fires	11	13	15	11	-4	-27

Deliberate secondary fires (F3) are any non-accidental fires that do not involve property or casualties/rescues or where four or fewer appliances attend. Deliberate F3 fires in Hartlepool are predominantly refuse (rubbish) fires and grassland.

Deliberate F3 fires during Q1 have increased by 55%. More than two thirds (68%, 139 incidents) of deliberate fires in Hartlepool involve rubbish and grassland being set alight.

Fire Brigade data has not yet been aggregated to the new ward boundaries that came in to effect in May 2021.

Based on the ward boundaries prior to May 2021, analysis identifies that almost two thirds (61%; 139 incidents) of deliberate fires occurred in the De Bruce, Headland & Harbour and Manor House wards as outlined in the following table:

Deliberate Fires by Ward	Number of Incidents
Burn Valley	<10
De Bruce	36
Fens & Rossmere	<10
Foggy Furze	<10
Hart	14
Headland & Harbour	46
Jesmond	<10
Manor House	57
Rural West	12
Seaton	25
Victoria	<10
Grand Total	229

Problematic locations for repeat incidents in these wards are identified as Admiral Court Nursing Home (Headland & Harbour), Summerhill Adventure Park (Manor House) and Brus Tunnel (De Bruce).

Community Safety Plan Priority – Drugs and Alcohol

The following indicators have been identified to assist in the monitoring of this priority area.

Indicator	Year to Date April - June 21	April - June 20	April - June 21	Difference	% Difference
Drug Offences - Possession	64	92	64	-28	-30
Drug Offences - Supply	32	32	32	0	0

Responding to community intelligence a number of warrants were carried out during this period with positive results, particularly in respect of the identification and disruption of cannabis farms.

Complete Q1 data for the following indicators is not yet available, therefore the following figures relate to April – May 2021 only

Indicator	Baseline 2020/21	April – May 20	April – May 21	Difference	% Difference
% of opiate drug users that have successfully completed drug treatment	3.6%	2.9%	4.2%	1.3	45%
% of non-opiate drug users that have successfully completed drug treatment	28.3%	24.1%	31.8%	7.7	32%
% of alcohol users that have successfully completed alcohol treatment	33.9%	24.6%	38.4%	13.8	56%
% of young people that have successfully completed treatment	46%	76%	46%	-30	-39%
Number of young people known to substance misuse services	61	81	61	-20	-25%
% of people dependent on alcohol and not in the treatment system	75%	75.6%	75%	-0.6	-1%
% of people dependent on opiates or crack and not in the treatment system	46.8%	50.3%	46.8%	-3.5	-7%

Community Safety Plan Priority – Domestic Violence

The following indicators have been identified to assist in the monitoring of this priority area.

Indicator	Year to Date April – Jun 21	April – June 20	April – June 21	Difference	% Difference
Domestic Abuse incidents reported to the Police	841	945	841	104	-11
Rate of Domestic Abuse incidents per 1,000 population	-	10.1	9	-	-
Repeat Incidents of Domestic Abuse	353	437	353	-84	-19
Rate of repeat Domestic Abuse incidents per 1,000 population	-	4.7	3.8	-	-

In Hartlepool, Domestic Abuse incidents reported to the Police during quarter 1 reduced by 11%, 104 less incidents than in the same period in the previous year and resulted in the rate of domestic abuse incidents per 1,000 population reducing from 10.1 to 9.

In comparison to the other local policing areas, Hartlepool experienced the greatest reduction in incidents, but has the second highest rate of incidents per 1,000 population as identified in the following tables.

Domestic Abuse incidents reported to the Police	Year to Date April – June 21	April - June 20	April – June 21	Difference	% Difference
Hartlepool	841	945	841	-104	-11
Redcar & Cleveland	1047	1048	1047	-1	0
Middlesbrough	1373	1414	1373	-41	-3
Stockton	1445	1351	1445	+94	+7

Rate of Domestic Abuse incidents per 1,000 population April – June 2021	Hartlepool	Redcar & Cleveland	Middlesbrough	Stockton
	9	7.6	9.7	7.3

Repeat domestic abuse incidents reported to the Police during quarter 1 also reduced by 19%, 84 less incidents than in the same period in the previous year and resulted in the rate of repeat domestic abuse incidents per 1,000 population reducing from 4.7 to 3.8.

In comparison to the other local policing areas, Hartlepool experienced the greatest percentage reduction in repeat incidents, but has the second highest rate of repeat incidents per 1,000 population as identified in the following tables.

Repeat Incidents of Domestic Abuse	Year to Date April – June 21	April – June 20	April- Jun 21	Difference	% Difference
Hartlepool	353	437	353	-84	-19
Redcar & Cleveland	447	453	447	-6	-1
Middlesbrough	578	662	578	-84	-13
Stockton	585	569	585	+16	3

Rate of repeat Domestic Abuse incidents per 1,000 population	Hartlepool	Redcar & Cleveland	Middlesbrough	Stockton
	3.8	3.3	4.1	3.0

Harbour data for Q1 is unavailable

Number of Domestic Abuse cases opened by Thirteen	Year to Date April - Jun 21	April - June 20	April - June 21	Difference	% Difference

Data not available yet.