

SAFER HALTON PARTNERSHIP

At a meeting of the Safer Halton Partnership Tuesday, 15 February 2011 Civic Suite, Town Hall, Runcorn

Present	S. Blackwell	Cheshire Police
	S. Boycott	Cheshire Police
	Cllr D. Cargill	Cheshire Police Authority
	A. Collins	Police Authority
	S. Eastwood	HBC Health and Community
	D. Houghton	HBC Policy and Partnerships
	D. Johnson	HBC Health and Community
	A. Jones	Democratic Services
	R. Lyden	HBC
	C. Myring	Adults & community
	Cllr S Osborne	HBC
	D. Parr	Chief Executive
	N. Sharpe	Halton Housing Trust
	K. Thornden	Cheshire Probation
	C. Walsh	Halton & ST Helens PCT
	L. Weston	Cheshire Immigration Team - UK Border Agency
	L. Lucas	Cheshire Fire & Rescue Service

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SHP38 WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

David Parr welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made around the table.

SHP39 APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Christine Frazer, Richard Gorst, Phil Kilgour, Paul McWade and Richard Strachan.

SHP40 MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting held on 10th November 2010 were agreed as a correct record.

SHP41 PRESENTATION: UPDATE ON THE HALTON SUBSTANCE MISUSE PROJECT

Collette Walsh presented to the Partnership an update on the Halton Substance Misuse Services Project in Halton.

She commented that the purpose of the project was to commission a fully integrated, recovery orientated, substance misuse treatment system in Halton. The system would integrate both alcohol and drugs services for adults (19 years and over) and would bring numerous benefits to some of the most vulnerable members of our community.

The benefits of such a system were outlined:

- A streamlined, integrated recovery service for service users (SU's) and carers;
- Improved access routes for GP's and other stakeholders;
- An improved response to the changing patterns of substance misuse in the Borough;
- A recovery orientated integration system would rely much more on a balance between commissioned services and mutual aid/peer support. Additionally parents would be better able to care for their children; there would be a reduction in health inequalities, crime, social integration (employment and housing); prevention of inter-0generational transmission of addiction and other social problems such as welfare dependency;
- Partnership arrangements would be enhanced;
- Opportunity for 'Payment by Results' – provider income or a proportion of it is linked to outcomes and/or patient experience/satisfaction;
- The combining of services would allow higher contract values, stimulate the market and obtain better value for money; and
- Service would improve including timely access to service in relation to alcohol.

It was noted that the project would have four phases:

1. Define the "As is" and utilise all existing knowledge regarding the effectiveness of existing services complete;
2. To vision a future "To be" state and make recommendations for improvements as part of an options appraisal. One of the options that would be explored was a single entry point into services;
3. Procurement; and
4. Implementation on 1 September 2011.

In summary Collette advised that there were challenges ahead in that the project was a shift from a medical model to a social model; there were time pressures to meet the 1 September implementation; there was

uncertainty in the current climate and a requirement to motivate those involved.

RESOLVED:

- 1) That the presentation and comments made be noted; and
- 2) That Collette Walsh be thanked for her informative update.

SHP42 TASK GROUP UPDATES

The Partnership received the Task Group updates and the following comments were noted:

a) Performance Management

Now that the national indicator set and the LAA would cease on 31 March 2011, partners were asked to consider appropriate indicators that would help monitor progress on delivery of the SHP priorities. A paper was tabled which contained details of suggestions for discussion. Any further relevant data that needed adding should be sent to Mark Riley.

During debate, a query rose with regards to out of Borough 'Looked After Children' and whether there was any significant distortion of anti social behaviour figures resulting from them. David Parr would look into identifying these children and would revert to the Partnership with findings.

The group also noted that figures relating to violent crime and alcohol consumption and sexual abuse amongst 13-16 year olds would be relevant to the SHP priorities.

b) Alcohol Enforcement

The report showed good results. It was noted that the work here tied in with the health agenda.

c) Quarterly Alcohol Update

Also a positive report with good results for Q3 alcohol projects.

d) Anti Social Behaviour (ASB)

The reduction in youth ASB was welcomed. It was noted that ASB was seasonal and it was anticipated that it would peak in the summer months. It was

commented that it was important to make the community aware of the outcomes of crime through marketing and publicity.

e) Crime Action Group

The report included details of recent media campaigns.

f) Domestic Abuse

The reduction in the number of arrests for Q3, compared with this time last year, was welcomed. Councillor Osborne requested that Councillors be given the opportunity to participate in some training. Member services would be made aware of the next courses available.

Rosie Lyden would be leaving her post this month and David Parr thanked her, on behalf of the Partnership, for her work over the past two years raising the profile of Domestic Abuse in the Borough.

g) Drugs

Carers assessment were continuing and the DAAT team attended the Windmill Hill, Norton North & Norton South Area Forum to raise awareness of substance misuse and carer involvement, which was deemed a success.

Since the update report was submitted Steve Eastwood had been advised that Job Centre Plus (JCP) had found employment for six service users and had secured six places for service users with training providers. David Parr suggested a media event around this which Steve would look into. Dwayne commended the newsletter on behalf of the group and requested that a copy go to Lunt's Pharmacy in Runcorn.

h) Partnership Tasking & Coordination

The key achievements over the last quarter included Operation Pistachio 3; operation Facilitate; Dragon's Den; ASB partnership Tasking Vehicle and Operation Stay Safe. The group welcomed the positive feedback from the community.

i) Prolific & Other Prolific Offender Team

It was noted that the team would be increased from 2 to 3 1/2 staff. The Halton PPO/RJ work was now being recognised at National level with the team hosting workshops at an ACPO National RJ

Conference in Feb 2011 and at the annual Community Safety Conference in June 2011. Following an enquiry, Simon would flag up any statistics within the data that referred to 'Looked After Children'.

j) Drugs Enforcement/Prevention

The good work had been ongoing, thanks to be conveyed to the team.

k) Street Watch

This was a community patrol initiative where members of the community patrolled their own area in an attempt to help reduce crime and disorder. A monthly strategy group meeting was planned to look at the results. Councillor Osborne offered assistance with this on behalf of all councillors and requested the Police to advise elected Members when and where the patrols would take place.

RESOLVED: That

- 1) David Parr to liaise with Gerald Meehan and Child Services to produce a paper on issues arising from the placement of looked after children in Halton from outside the Borough;
- 2) Rosie Lyden to contact Member Services with information on next Domestic Abuse awareness training courses;
- 3) Steve Eastwood to investigate possible media event around JCP successes with service users at Ashley House;
- 4) Simon Blackwell would flag up any PPO issues arising from the placement of looked after children in Halton from outside the Borough; and
- 5) Street Watch patrol information to be provided to the relevant elected Members.

SHP43 BLUE LAMP REPORTS - RUNCORN & WIDNES

The Partnership was presented with the Runcorn and Widnes Reassurance and Blue Lamp Project Reports for Q3 (October to December 2010).

It was commented that the reports had always proved popular with Members and other readers; they were

informative and interesting to read and were a good communication tool. They had, over time, shown the transformation of Policing in Halton.

For information, Simon Blackwell announced that Sgt Delooze, who had responsibility for the Runcorn report, was retiring.

RESOLVED: That the information be noted.

SHP44 HATE CRIMES

The Partnership received the Q3 Hate Crimes Report (October to December 2010).

It was reported that out of 26 incidents reported to the Police, 13 had been found to meet the Hate Crime criteria. All crimes were progressed satisfactorily and monitored by the Diversity Team.

SHP45 COALITION DRUGS STRATEGY

Steve Eastwood briefed the Partnership on the new national drug strategy, 'Supporting People to Live a Drug Free Life' which was launched in early December 2010.

He stated that the two overarching aims of the strategy were to reduce illicit and other harmful drug use, and to increase the numbers recovering from their dependence. In order to achieve these aims the strategy would concentrate on three key areas: reducing demand; restricting supply and building recovery in communities.

He commented that the Coalition was keen to incentivise treatment systems to deliver on recovery outcomes (Payment by Results). Partnerships were currently being invited to become involved in a pilot for this although no agency had come forward yet. A suggestion was made that this could be achieved through partnering with another agency. Dwayne Johnson would check where the strategy would be placed structurally within the organisation so that this could then be taken forward.

RESOLVED: That

- 1) The report be noted; and
- 2) The SHP consider the following options:

- i. Agreement with the Children's Trust that there was adequate local provision for children and families affected by parental drug and alcohol misuse;
- ii. Outcome measures for the substance misuse service would focus primarily on health, employment and training and planned exits from treatment;
- iii. A 'Recovery Board' encompassing substance misuse, offenders and mental health be established to strategically support the development of social of community recovery capital with these socially excluded groups;
- iv. A mechanism was established to provide a strategic overview of the illegal drugs and alcohol markets; and
- v. In-patient drugs and alcohol detoxification and residential rehabilitation services are re-commissioned establishing a small, select list of preferred providers.

SHP46 SAFEGUARDING ADULTS AND SERVICE INSPECTION OF ADULT SOCIAL CARE

The Partnership received a report from the Strategic Director – Adults and Community, presenting details of the outcome of the Service Inspection of Adult Social Care, carried out by the Care Quality Commission (CQC). The report also updated the members on the key issues and progression of the agenda for safeguarding 'vulnerable adults' in Halton.

Particular reference was made to the increased training of partners to raise awareness via the e-learning course, the review of the whistle blowing policy within the NHS and the increase in marketing and publicity.

The Partnership was advised that the Halton Safeguarding Adults Board (HSAB) would monitor actions detailed in the Improvement Plan to ensure that satisfactory progress was made.

Councillor Osborne and other members commended the results of the Inspection Report.

RESOLVED: That the Partnership note the report and associated appendices.

SHP47 SAFER HALTON FUNDING

The partnership received a report updating members on the present situation with the funding for the Partnership.

David Parr presented the report which stated that following the request from HSPB, the SHP handed back £368,000 from their 2010/11 funding allocation, which included uncommitted funding from WNF, SSCF and LPSA2. Since then the HSPB had agreed that this amount be returned to the SHP for use in 2011/12, along with an additional £80,000, making a total of £448,000. This would now be used to fund a number of projects put forward from the SHP, namely: anti social behaviour, domestic abuse and sexual violence provision, licensing enforcement and integrated offender management.

It was noted that in addition to this, the HSPB had agreed that the SHP could re profile the £532,000 LPSA2 funding allocated to SHP for Blue Lamp for 2011/12. This would enable some of the funding for the Police sergeants to be re profiled to fund the community safety team, thus saving posts that would otherwise have been at risk.

He also announced that since the report, the SHP had received further funding from the SSCF allocation: £199,000 for 2010/11; £158,000 for 2011/12 and £80,000 for 2012/13. Partners would need to meet in light of this to discuss how the money should be spent, in the meantime all were requested to revert in the next few days with their views on the spend.

RESOLVED: That

- 1) The Partnership note the report; and
- 2) Partners revert to David Parr in the next few days submitting their views on how the SSCF allocation should be spent.

SHP48 LETTER TO LOCAL AUTHORITY CHIEF OFFICERS

A letter received by David Parr, from the Home Secretary, titled 'Cutting Crime Together' was presented to the Partnership for information. It set out Government intentions for community safety and the role of local authorities and Partnerships.

The letter stated that Government recognised that

cutting crime and protecting vulnerable people from harm was best achieved by local agencies collaborating effectively together. They recognised the importance of partnership working in the delivery of the Government's agenda and they saw local authorities playing a key role, as leaders of the local partnerships. The letter went on to outline the Government's reform agenda and future funding.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

SHP49 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

A note of thanks was made to Mark Riley, who had produced the performance reports for Community Safety and was now moving to another post following the cessation of the LAA at the end of March 2011 and the removal of the national indicator set.

SHP50 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

A letter from Cheshire Police Authority received by Chief Executive, titled '*Police Reform and Social Responsibility Bill*' was attached for information. Chief Executive's response to this is attached to the minutes for information.

RESOLVED: That the information be noted.

Meeting ended at 4.15 p.m.