



# Safer Halton **PARTNERSHIP**

a member of the Halton Strategic Partnership

## Action Points From 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2018

### Present:

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| David Parr         | HBC (Chief Executive) : Chair               |
| Cllr Dave Cargill  | HBC (Community Safety Portfolio Holder)     |
| Cllr Dave Thompson | HBC (Community Safety PPB Chair)            |
| Chris Patino       | HBC (Operational Director)                  |
| John Bucknall      | HBC (Children's – Commissioning)            |
| John Davidson      | National Probation Service                  |
| Lynsey McVay       | Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service            |
| Mark Harvey        | Halton Housing Trust                        |
| Michelle Cotgreave | HBC (Principal Emergency Planning Officer)  |
| Mike Andrews       | HBC (Community Safety Manager)              |
| Mike Clark         | Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service            |
| Rev Lyn Mclver     | Faith Representative                        |
| Richard Rees       | Cheshire Constabulary                       |
| Sacha Hatchett     | Cheshire Constabulary (for part of meeting) |
| Simon Bell         | HBC (Public Health)                         |
| Simon Parsonage    | Cheshire Constabulary                       |
| Shélah Semoff      | HBC (Partnership Officer)                   |

1) **Welcome and Introductions**

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2) **Apologies**

Danielle Whitwell, Donna Yates, Karen Taylor, Karen McDonough, Lorraine Crane, Deana Perchard, Elspeth Anwar

3) **Minutes of the Last Meeting and Matters Arising**

Minutes of 21<sup>st</sup> February 2018 were agreed. It was noted that a meeting has been arranged with the Office of the PCC to discuss their engagement with the Board who has requested either representation or a paper for future meeting. It was felt this was extremely important as the SHP is the primary vehicle for delivery of safety issues.

**Presentation on Knife Crime**

The Group received a presentation from Acting Assistant Chief Constable Sacha Hatchett. The presentation showed an increase in young people carrying knives and it was agreed that JB would look at a piece of work to explore the reasons behind this; was there potential for a pilot looking at data from various sources already collected; it was mentioned that a Pan-Cheshire service for Missing From Home and CSE was about to be commission and could be included; it was discussed that this was a national issue which needed a national solution whilst Halton could play a part; it was felt that partnership working was crucial to the wrap round solutions needed to address complex issues – it

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was just up to the Police to resolve; it was noted that the Government's Serious Violence Strategy, which sets out the government's response to serious violence and recent increases in knife crime, gun crime and homicide had just been published, and it was felt that a better understanding of the data sitting within the strategy was required; another piece of work just started was looking at how poverty affected crime levels, and how this impacts on those most in need; Prevention work was of huge importance along with the need to raise the profile in other meetings/settings; the need for intelligence was raised and how the different strands of work needed to be brought together (PVP Group currently looking at this – eg when MFH interviews happen, is the question about knife crime asked?); need to bring parents and families who have been involved this issue together to share experiences and learning; where are the links with probation? JD agreed to look at a piece of work with offenders and data collection, working with the Police.

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### **Presentation on Family Gold Thefts**

The Group received a presentation from Chief Inspector Simon Parsonage who explained that in some communities – mainly Asian and Chinese – there was a tradition of keeping large amounts of gold within the home, and due to a recent increase in home burglaries against on these families, Cheshire Police had an ongoing operation called Hydroplane; they were raising awareness of the issues which included looking for evidence of goods sold locally at markets and car boot sales for example; a range of PR materials had been development to raise community awareness, and these have been circulated to schools, community centres and various other Partner agencies/organisations.

### **Data Performance Figures**

There was a general discussion around changes made in data collection which was making it difficult at the moment in accessing figures, although it was agreed that it was only a matter of time until the new system was embedded; it was agreed that the Board would like to see regular data on hate crime and DG would produce the raw figures and share with Constabulary colleagues around the table beforehand, thus allowing them an opportunity to give the context; discussions took place around the importance of support that could be provided to show intelligence data rather than just the numbers to ensure resources are being targeting in the right places.

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#### 4) **Task Group Updates:**

- a) Alcohol : Report noted – no major issues or concerns raised although there had been a slight increase in the numbers of young people being admitted to hospital, however the numbers were small but were influencing the data.
- b) Crime, Anti-Social Behaviour and Partnership Tasking : Report noted – slight reduction in calls and it was felt this should the successful ongoing work across the partnership.
- c) Domestic Abuse : report noted – low figures with males being the victims and this needed to be look at as percentage wise – with national figures in mind, there was an expectation the numbers should be higher; it was also noted that the numbers of BME victims was low, and discussions were on-going with Umbrella Halton to look at a dedicated piece of work to look at the issues and messages to the community to raise awareness;
- d) Substance Misuse : report noted – emerging issues around Hepatitis C, and as part of a wider strategy to address Hep C - CGL Halton have met with Warrington hospital and commissioners with the view to making hepatitis C treatment more accessible to service users; Halton has commissioned Liverpool John Moore University to monitor drug related deaths across the local authority area and part of the new system will be recording the details of any deaths which are labelled as drug related by the coroner any deaths of individuals in treatment with local drug treatment provider;

there is some anecdotal evidence to show a slight increase with young people using heroin not spice.

5) **Prevent and Channel Panel**

New changes as discussed at the previous meeting were being embedded across the region; the work of Prevent (education, training, support) will be coming back to the local authority and resource implications needed to be looked at.

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6) **Police and Crime Commissioner**

See minutes and matters arising.

7) **Police and Crime Panel**

DT shared that the panel moved around the Constabulary footprint and would be in Runcorn Town Hall for it's next meeting; the Chair had recently stepped down with the Vice-Chair taking over; Panel was currently divided about what role it should take on several issues – for example the Chief Constable's suspension and the level of costs involved and which budget these should come from.

8) **Serious Organised Crime**

Main issues covered by two presentations, however Board did discuss further the links between these issues and their links to County Lines; it was mentioned that since the opening of the Mersey Gateway it was felt there was a lower profile of uniformed officers and cars – it was explained that the Police use a host of actions, technology and tools to deal with the issues, and whilst the Mersey Gateway was one access route – it wasn't the only one.

**Review of Community Safety**

The final report has been released into the review that some colleagues around the table were involved in (attached); the PVP Group are reviewing the recommendations and the Chairs of the different Partnerships groups will consider them; one of which is for one CSP for Cheshire but this has not been accepted and Chief Executives all felt that Community Safety means local; Board requested a further paper and to look at how recommendations could impact Halton.

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9) **Information Items**

All information items noted

10) **AOB**

RR raised an ongoing issue related to engagement with services for people in crisis – be that due to substance misuse or mental health – SB and RR to discuss outside the meeting regarding services and signposting; the death of a resident was raised in relation to the refusal of MacDonalds staff to let a defibrillator outside their building, although HBC staff did provide first aid and the use of their defibrillator– this issue is currently being looked at by the CCG; the PCC and Cinnamon Network have announced a pot of funding for faith based community projects.

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12) **Date and Time of Next Meeting**

- 18<sup>th</sup> July 2018 @ 10:00 : Ground Floor Boardroom, Municipal Buildings, Widnes