



## Safer Halton **PARTNERSHIP**

a member of the Halton Strategic Partnership

### Action Points From 17<sup>th</sup> October 2018

#### Present:

David Parr	HBC (Chief Executive) : Chair
Cllr Dave Cargill	HBC (Community Safety Portfolio Holder)
Cllr Dave Thompson	HBC (Community Safety PPB Chair)
Ben McCrorie	Office of the PCC
Chris Patino	HBC (Operational Director)
Donna Wells	Addaction
Gareth Jones	Youth Justice Services
Helen Clegg	Cheshire Constabulary
John Bucknall	HBC (Childrens Commissioning)
Mike Andrews	HBC (Community Safety Manager)
Patricia Preston	HBC (Housing Solutions)
Richard Rees	Cheshire Constabulary
Sarah Holmes	Cheshire Community Rehabilitation Company (Probation)
Sarah Johnson-Griffiths	HBC (Public Health)
Shirley Corcoran	Halton Housing Trust
Simon Bell	HBC (Public Health)
Simon Parsonage	Cheshire Constabulary
Shélah Semoff	HBC (Partnership Officer)

#### 1) **Welcome and Introductions** **Action**

2) **Apologies**  
E Anwar, M Cotgreave, Rev L McIver, D Perchard, J Davidson, M Clark, G Jones

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

Minutes from 18<sup>th</sup> July 2018 agreed as a true and accord record.

#### 4) **Presentation on Pan-Cheshire Missing From Home and Care, and Exploitation Service**

The group received a presentation (attached) from Donna Well, Addaction Service Manager, regarding the above service which:-

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- Works across all of the four local authority areas;
- Governance Arrangements/Clear pathways and clear links with Cheshire Constabulary;
- Offers a coordinated response including return interviews and information sharing;
- A specialist service to children and young people experiencing or at risk of exploitation; and
- Builds upon the learning and knowledge.

There was a brief discussion regarding ongoing work, still in it's infancy in Halton, with Everton in the Community. Further information will be brought back to the group at a later date.

MA/SP

DP and Cllr Cargill agreed that other elected members needed to be briefed regarding these areas of work and would look to do this at some point in the future.

DP

The group also requested a further report on the Complex Safeguarding Model being delivered.

JB

The group discussed wider vulnerability criteria and the work ongoing across to Cheshire to develop victim pathways.

5) **Task Group Updates:**

- a) **Alcohol** : report noted – still the drug of choice for young people with an increase showing, however it's lower than in previous years - continuing work on a minimum price per unit across the Liverpool City Region, led by M Carney from Sefton – overall data shows a downward trend.
- b) **Crime, Anti-Social Behaviour and Partnership Tasking** : report noted – there is a data lag, but generally there is a downward trend although there has been serious knife crime incidents, with activity ongoing to look at hot spots – Cheshire Police have a new public contact system, the first in the Country but it will take time to embed and the issue of data is as challengingly internally as it is for external Partners – it was noted that at the last Safer Halton PPB there was a presentation from the Border Agency showing the vast amounts of cuts they are facing, and in the Northwest, they've now picked up North Wales.
- c) **Domestic Abuse** : report noted – data has highlighted some areas of concern, such as low reporting levels for BME and disabled victims – funding has been sourced to continue project Enhanced until March 2019 which will ensure it fits with pan Cheshire timescales – Enhanced evaluation sheet to be recirculated (attached) – comment was passed regarding low numbers in Halton can make data look worse than it is and it would be helpful to have data presented in such a way as to make informed decisions.
- d) **Substance Misuse** : report noted – admissions to hospital for young people aged between 15 and 24 is still higher for Halton than the averages for the North West and England although there does seem to be a general reduction in the number of admissions - prison in-reach links are established with a number of the local prisons in the North West area - during the quarter there were a total of 244 parents/guardians within structured treatment - 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 and also any deaths of individuals in treatment with local drug treatment provider (so the cause may not be drug related but we will be still interested to know what it is).

6) **Prevent and Channel Panel**

Information regarding the implementation of the new Dovetail arrangements was shared, including details about recruitment, governance, future training and soft

launch early 2019. Cheshire is further along in redesigning existing services to fit the new arrangements. Discussions centred on whether any additional resources would be needed if responsibilities were being transferred from the Police to local authorities. It was felt current provision would be sufficient if managed appropriately.

7) **Police and Crime Commissioner**

Information was shared with the group about the Victim Grant Fund which had seen four projects funded :-

1. **NSPCC - Hear and Now Project** - early help service for children aged 4 to 18 who have not made a disclosure of sexual abuse, but meet defined eligibility criteria which indicate that abuse may have taken place;
2. **Addaction - Stay safe (Pan Cheshire)** - support for young people in Cheshire to stay safe and reduce their risk of becoming victims of criminal and/or sexual exploitation;
3. **Remedi – Got Your Back** - works with young people who have been victimised, regardless of whether they have reported it to the police or not and aims to encourage young people to come forward and access young person friendly support, which responds to their individual needs; and
4. **Warrington Youth Club - Positive Life Skills** – dedicated support for disabled young people aged 13-19 who have been victims of disability hate crime.

8) **Police and Crime Panel**

Cllr Thompson reported back that a confirmation appointment hearing was held for the new Finance Manager. The Panel also dealt with eight complaints during the period of 01-01-17 to 31-08-18, with a pattern often showing of certain types of complaints. The Panel was looking to review the process.

9) **Serious Organised Crime**

New arrangements were being put in place for this task group to pick up issues relating to County Lines and Criminal Exploitation with some focus on high risk young people. A small pilot project of activities was in place working on engagement and distraction, with a multi-agency partnership approach, feeding into a sub-group. Partners were requested to share any information they might have from other networks or forums. If any Partner wished to attend the sub-group, they should speak to DP. There was ongoing monitoring of a number of SOG activity which was confidential and not shared at the SHP meeting.

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10) **Information Items**

All information items noted

11) **AOB**

No issues were raised.

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

- 20<sup>th</sup> February 2019 : 10:00 : Ground Floor Boardroom, Municipal Buildings, Widnes