



Safer Halton **PARTNERSHIP**

a member of the Halton Strategic Partnership

Action Points From 19th February 2019

Present:

David Parr	HBC (Chief Executive) : Chair
Cllr Dave Cargill	HBC (Community Safety Portfolio Holder)
Chris Patino	HBC (Operational Director)
Gareth Jones	Youth Justice Services
Hayley Dooley	DWP/JCP Partnership Manager
Mike Clark	Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service
Mike Andrews	HBC (Community Safety Manager)
John Davidson	National Probation Service
Michelle Cotgreave	HBC (Principal Emergency Planning Officer)
Deana Perchard	HBC Trading Standards
Patricia Preston	HBC (Housing Solutions)
Richard Rees	Cheshire Constabulary
Lisa Gill	Remedi
Sarah Johnson-Griffiths	HBC (Public Health)
S Morris	Halton Housing Trust
Simon Bell	HBC (Public Health)
Simon Parsonage	Cheshire Constabulary
Shélah Semoff	HBC (Partnership Officer)

1) **Welcome and Introductions**

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2) **Apologies**

J Bucknall, S Holmes, B McCrorie, Rev L McIver,

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

Minutes from 17th October 2018 agreed as a true and accord record.

4) **Presentation : Remedi – Got Your Back**

Lisa Gill gave a presentation about the PCC funded project called “Got Your Back”. The project 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 (presentation attached).

It was important to note that referrals could be supported if affected by crime but not reported it.

It was agreed that DP, with the support of the SHP, would work with LG to engage the PCC about the possibility of funding a video to promote the project, working with young people to make it.

DP

GJ offered YOT support to engage with the project.

LG/GJ

The Board requested a six month update.

LG/SS

5) **Task Group Updates:**

- a) **Alcohol** : report noted – Nationally, there has been a fall in the numbers of people in treatment for alcohol problems in England in the past few years, and Public Health England (PHE) have conducted an enquiry into this matter, and suggest that this fall has occurred in the context of high levels of unmet need, with an estimated 4 in 5 alcohol-dependent adults not accessing alcohol treatment; In November, the Cheshire and Merseyside Health and Care Partnership: Alcohol Prevention Working Group produced a list of 5 measures that it proposed would support the reduction of the harm from alcohol across Cheshire and Merseyside. Work is ongoing to take these forward; Work is still underway through the establishment of the MUP Northern Coalition to consider the role and function of a local policy for the minimum unit price for alcohol,
- b) **Crime, Anti-Social Behaviour and Partnership Tasking** : report noted – still ongoing issues related to data collection – being followed up outside meeting; issues with off road scramblers in Runcorn, with targeted actions including seizing bikes and use of striker cameras; some positive relationship building ongoing with premises – still a few issues with alcohol but it's not the problem it used to be, especially street drinking or amongst young people.
- c) **Domestic Abuse** : report noted – due to system changes, data not available for this meeting; update on Enhanced Complex Accommodation Project (ECAP) - a year into delivery they are just seeing the tip of the iceberg, with key housing agencies, specialist service providers and the police referring over 80 complex cases this year so far; during December 2018, Halton Borough Council supported a local Christmas Domestic Abuse Appeal, requesting Christmas items that could be used as gifts for children and victims currently in receipt of services from our commissioned provider Changing Lives - needless to say, the support from Halton for this appeal was outstanding, far beyond what was envisaged, everyone residing within Refuge benefitted from the campaign as well as a number of children affected by domestic abuse living within our communities.
- d) **Substance Misuse** : report noted – work on going to look at parental support and links to various projects and services, with partnership working making a difference – working together to help clients make more informed choices; There is a need to review criminal justice pathways to ensure accessibility to support for those who are within the criminal justice system requiring substance misuse support – JD/SS to discuss further outside meeting; following the publication of recent statistics, there is a need to review levels of opioid prescribing across Halton and look at what measures can be put in place to support a reduction in opioid use.

6) **AsOne2 – Getting to Know Your Community Project**

The Board received a report outlining a community cohesion project using DNA, and were told that the funding was in place to run the project in Halton. Board Members were asked to support the project and nominate potential delegates.

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7) **Prevent and Channel Panel**

The Northwest is the first area to roll out new arrangements, with statutory responsibilities sitting with local authorities rather than the police. Security checks still sit with Police but then local authority takes the lead. Soft launch ongoing with formal launch next month, which will include training and raising awareness of new processes.

8) **Police and Crime Commissioner**

New Chief Constable appointment – Darren Martland; it was noted that the next PCC elections will be May next year.

9) **Police and Crime Panel**

Panel currently undertaking a Budget review – precept increase of £24 being sought – roughly 40 police officers and 7 PCSOs.

10) **Serious Organised Crime**

Joint working is continuing to target country lines and organised gangs – details won't be shared at SHP – but DP willingly to speak to any partners that feel they may have something to add to the discussions; DP has recently spoken at a Home Office event on these issues, and they are keen to look at potential future funding schemes and a statutory duty to cooperate to combat serious organised crime. The joint working across Halton, Cheshire and Merseyside has been recognised as best practice in working collectively.

11) **Modern Day Slavery and Human Trafficking**

The Board received a report outlining details relating to local activity currently ongoing to raise awareness of the above issues, development of a Cheshire victim pathway and MDS Charter.

12) **Information Items**

All items noted.

13) **AOB**

No issues were raised.

14) **Date and Time of Next SHP Meeting**

1st May 2019 : 10:00 : Ground Floor Boardroom, Municipal Buildings, Widnes