

Safer Halton Partnership

At a meeting of the Safer Halton Partnership, Monday 18th May 2015 in the Boardroom, Municipal Building, Widnes from 10am.

Present:

C Patino	Community & Environment
Cllr D Thompson	PPB Chair Police Crime Panel Representative
D Parr	Chief Executive
D Perchard	HBC Trading Standards
E Anwar	Public Health
J Horsfall	Halton Housing Trust
J Williams	Commissioning – Communities
M Andrews	Community Safety
N Hallmark	Policy & Performance – Communities
P Hughes	Community Safety – Cheshire Police
R Langdale-Smith	Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cheshire
B Dutton	Cheshire Police
S Henshaw	Cheshire Fire & Rescue
A MacDonald	Immigration Enforcement
C Eccleshall	Immigration Enforcement

Apologies:

G Jones	Youth Offending Team
D Yates	Probation

AGENDA ITEM	ACTION
<p>1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS</p> <p>David Parr welcomed all to the meeting and introductions were made.</p>	
<p>2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING</p> <p>Minutes of last meeting agreed as a true record.</p> <p>Legal Highs – confirmation given that there is to be a move towards a ban across Council premises. Case study was cited of an ‘addict’ in Preston who spends over £60 a week on legal highs purchase in the market. Discussion held that the market is a council-premise and ban should be applied here too. Support was given for the need for a robust PR campaign regarding Halton’s position, with Council, Councillor and Police all to reinforce messages of zero tolerance.</p>	

<p>Late Night Levy – report not ready to bring at this time.</p> <p>Licencing Policy – progress being made on new policy which is to include messages to reinforce health issues.</p> <p>Street Pastors – report now included in papers.</p> <p>Track My Crime – an addendum was circulate following on from the minutes.</p> <p>Domestic Violence Protection Notice/Orders – statistics to be included in reports from next quarter.</p> <p>IDVA – position clarified in relation to appointment having been made and the gap is now closed.</p> <p>Legal High and Trading Standards – no additional intelligence emerging at present. Trading Standards visited TJ Hughes regarding the sale of nitrous oxide. They were aware of stocking the item but would be keen to be part of any voluntary age restrictions.</p> <p>Child Sexual Exploitation – DP confirmed that a number of reports are coming through various channels and that he has been asked to Chair a Pan-Cheshire multi-agency working group. First meeting has been held and representation thorough. Group also to cover trafficking and missing from home. Actions to be taken include peer reviews, identification of best practice and alignment of data sets.</p> <p>Joint Strategic Needs Assessment – this piece of work is progressing and feedback will come to the next meeting.</p>	<p>DP to keep SHP updated of actions taken by Pan-Cheshire group.</p>
<p>3. TASK GROUP UPDATES</p> <p>a.) Alcohol Harm Reduction</p> <p>Licencing community and DPSs – good ongoing relationships were highlighted.</p> <p>Red Admiral/Railway – reports issues have now been resolved.</p> <p>Passive Drugs Dogs – An operation did take place at the end of Q4 but was not included in the report due to reporting timescales. Operations are to take place monthly going forward.</p> <p>Runcorn Pubwatch – Membership/representation is proving to be really successful.</p> <p>Alcohol Enquiry – good input has been made.</p>	

Legal Highs - messages have been shared regarding legal highs and The Establishment have produced particularly effective messages which are to be shared as good practice.

CCTV black-spots – comment was raised regarding a couple of establishments and persistent issues regarding door staff and incidents off camera. Agreement given that CCTV should cover both sides of the doors and further investigation to be made of this.

Good news - No major incidents for the period and the quarter represents a “good news” period.

b.) Quarterly Alcohol Update

LAAA – the final report has now been submitted and will be shared. Work undertaken leaves a legacy.

Alcohol Enquiry – feedback session planned for 4th June for the community group to share their recommendations.

Licencing Policy – work ongoing to align with best practice.

Pregnancy campaign – February to July – to be evaluated and outcomes to be shared.

Education work - ongoing work being undertaken with schools and colleges.

‘Are you different?’ – Discrepancy found between what is going on and what is perceived – interventions are now to take place to shift mindsets.

Challenge 25 – Trading Standards conducted test purchases with one ‘near miss’.

Hospital Admissions – under-18s continue to fall.

Emerging issues - feedback given that there is a lot of positive impact being made but that the situation needs to be monitored to ensure that alcohol is not replaced with another substance. Agencies to remain mindful and vigilant of any changes.

c.) Crime, Anti-Social Behaviour and Partnership Tasking

ASB – It was reported that Q4 is traditionally the quietest quarter but in addition there has been another reduction. MA suggested that 12% equates to 600-700 cases.

Navigate Team – Visit made to London to give a presentation on restorative justice work. This was a good opportunity to showcase work

DT/PH to discuss further.

EA

Anyone requiring an invite to contact EA via NH

and gain publicity.

Hate Crime – figures up for the quarter – however nine was reported as the ‘true’ figure. The others are recorded for reporting purposes but do not reflect actionable incidence.

IOM Team – 16 arrests made.

Gypsy/Traveller Sites - one unauthorised encampment in Q4 – DP stressed that a very firm and positive approach has been taken in Halton in relation to this.

Partnership Tasking – this is on the decline for the 5th consecutive year. It was reported that good profiling and prediction is taking place which negates the need for this. Patrol plans are being based on profiles and potential for incidence is being intercepted at an early stage.

Dispersal orders – co-ordination taking place to flag repeat offenders. Once flagged referrals taking place.

‘Stay Safe’ – partners thanked for their commitment to this approach.

Ridgeway/Palacefields – work is taking place to look at a Public Protection Order. 900+ consultation letters have gone out today to the community. It was reported that this will be the first one in Cheshire on this scale. It is hoped that it will be in place by 1st June and it is anticipated that publicity will be generated. The next stage will be to police the situation and enforce the Order to retain public confidence.

PCC Rape figures- Figures from a PCC report were raised in relation to rape, and the substantial increase in reported incident. Feedback was given that there has been a notable increase in historical reporting following the high profile ‘celebrity’ cases, but figures are in-line with national statistics

d.) Domestic Abuse

MARAC – down to 24% - meets guidelines and reflects the shift in process to assessing cases meet requirements to be referred to MARAC.

Incidence reporting - has gone up. This is seen as positive, particularly in light of campaigns over the period. January/February is a usual peak time for incidents.

Refuse – currently fully utilised.

Young Person’s Perpetrator Programme – currently dealing with 23 referrals.

RASAC – Confirmation was given that this service is now taking all age

referrals.

Training programme – this has been revamped and is being well received.

e.) Substance Misuse

Ashley House - The move from Ashley House is going well. Some delays incurred and some negative media coverage which is being addressed.

Hep B vaccination programme – dramatic impact is being seen for a low investment.

SHE - A women only group has been formed. This is well-received as seen as an important issue to gain their input regarding service direction.

Halton Brew – Public Health England investment has been gained. Further applications for additional grants are being made. It is hoped that the establishment will open in the next couple of months.

Legal Highs – CRI have conducted a workshop which has resulted in materials being produced which can be shared with partners. It is hoped that the workshop format can be replicated further. PH confirmed CRI are working with Community Safety at present.

CP/JW to further discuss Halton Brew benefitting from Council's procurement opportunities and de-commissioned equipment.

4. POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER (PCC)

Participatory Budget Scheme - This year, 4 new participatory budgeting schemes to be set up to run across the 4 local authority areas, with budgets of £20,000 each. This is additional to the scheme was funded last year in Halton which is still running.

The Crime Prevention Fund is again available for community groups to bid into – terms and conditions will be listed on the Commissioners Website when it is launched: <http://www.cheshire-pcc.gov.uk/Crime-Prevention-Fund/Crime-Prevention-Fund.aspx>.

Community Safety Funding has been allocated at the same level as in 2014/15.

The Victims Funding for 2015/16 from the Ministry of Justice has been allocated to the Commissioner and brings greater responsibility in the commissioning of local services that have moved from being nationally commissioned.

RASASC trainer contact details (as supplied by RLS:

Jill - jill@rapecentre.org.uk, Training and Communications Officer, Rape and Sexual Abuse Support Centre – Cheshire & Merseyside, Direct Dial

Number 01925 807973.

Hate Crime Support Providers – as supplied by RLS:

Victims of Race & Faith Hate Crime or incidents should be referred to the Victim Support specialist service;

Email: alison.armstrong@victimsupport.org.uk

Telephone: 0151 353 4041

In relation to disability hate crime, victims can be referred/signposted into Dial West Cheshire, DIB Macclesfield or Congleton;

Website: <http://www.dialhousechester.org.uk/>

Email: contactus@dialwestcheshire.org.uk

Telephone: 01244 345655

Congleton Disability Information Bureau
Municipal Offices, Market Square, Congleton, CW12 1EX.

Telephone: 01260 295725

Opening hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9.30am - 4pm. Closed Wed / Sat / Sun / Bank Holidays

Macclesfield Disability Information Bureau
Pierce Street, Macclesfield, Cheshire, SK11 6ER.

Telephone: 01625 501759

Email: info@dibservices.org.uk

Fax: 01625 869685

Opening hours:

Monday to Friday 9.30am - 5pm. Closed Sat / Sun / Bank Holidays

For any LGBT hate crime victim, or individuals looking for any level of specialist support including counselling, The Lesbian and Gay Foundation can be contacted on;

Email: info@lgf.org.uk

Telephone: 0845 3303030

Visit: Number 5, Richmond Street, Manchester. M1 3HF.

Monday-Friday between 10am and 8pm.

Any young victims of any hate related crime can be referred to the Canal Boat Project;

Contact: Andy Vint / Brett Gilligan

Email: boatproject.76@btconnect.com

Telephone: 01928 718100

Future of PCC – it was proposed that the elected government aim to continue with the current PCC arrangements. It was noted however that proposals being considered in relation potential devolutions of powers to City Mayors may change the landscape. Progress is to be monitored.

<p>5. POLICE AND CRIME PANEL (PCP)</p> <p>Election changes - It was advised that a shift in regional politics may change representation on the PCP. There will be no change for Halton, which remains a Labour stronghold.</p>	
<p>6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p>Immigration – Chris Eccleshall and Gus MacDonald</p> <p>New colleagues to the group were introduced and gave an overview of their work. In particular their focus – as part of operation NEXUS - is on foreign nationals associated with criminality and immigration feel this is a key area to link with the partnership.</p> <p>A request was made for future meetings to include an update on NEXUS activity, and other emerging immigration issues.</p> <p>Questions were asked of immigration colleagues around current issues. Confirmation was given that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The current largest group of foreign nationals in Cheshire are from European. • Illegal immigrant reporting is fed in to the regional team. • Asylum seekers’ placement is currently managed by Serco. <p>Cheshire Constabulary Restructure BD fed back that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Halton will retain a Chief Inspector for Widnes and Runcorn. • Chief Inspectors will be supported by Neighbourhood Inspectors and Community Inspectors. • Specialist resources will be more centralised across the region. • Halton Inspector – posts to change and PH will move on. To be replaced by Gareth Woods. • Constables and PCSOs – no changes to these posts and more dedicated beat managers. • Layers of management above the policing units to change more significantly. BD confirmed there will be little impact on community policing. • Superintendent for Partnerships post to be more relevant to this group – Luke McDonald to take on that role. • Change to take place from early July. <p>Special Thanks - David Parr stated that, in addition to Constabulary colleagues, he is aware of other colleagues moving on. He made special thanks to those moving on for their input into the Partnership.</p>	<p>NH to gain contact details and share meeting/report submission dates.</p> <p>New colleague details to be passed to NH for inclusion in Partnership.</p>

7. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Items for information were highlighted for partners to absorb:

- a.) Widnes Blue Lamp Report
- b.) Runcorn Blue Lamp Report
- c.) Street Pastors – January
- d.) Street Pastors – February
- e.) Street Pastors – March
- f.) Cheshire Constabulary – Infograph
- g.) We're Here – Press Release
- h.) Impact on Scam Victims Project Report

Meeting ended at 11.27am

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