



Safer Halton **PARTNERSHIP**

a member of the Halton Strategic Partnership

Action Points From 17th July 2019

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 Police and Crime Commissioner
Chris Patino	HBC (Operational Director)
Deana Perchard	HBC Trading Standards
Mike Andrews	HBC (Community Safety Manager)
Mike Clarke	Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service
Patricia Preston	HBC (Housing Solutions)
Samantha Atkinson	Halton CCG
Simon Bell	HBC (Public Health)
Simon Parsonage	Cheshire Constabulary
Shélah Semoff	HBC (Partnership Officer)

1) **Welcome and Introductions**

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2) **Apologies**

M Cotgreave, J Bucknall, J Davidson, S Johnson-Griffiths, L Mauler, S Holmes

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

Minutes from 1st May 2019 agreed with no changes.

4) **Task Group Updates:**

a) **Alcohol** : report noted – a discussion took place around OBA asking Addaction for additional sessions at the school on alcohol, this will be linked to a piece of work with Headteachers across the Borough, supported by coordinated partnership working, to look at trends; bid for capital funding to Public Health England (PHE) has been successful. The bid was a partnership across Cheshire and Merseyside led by CHAMPS to purchase five Fibroscan machines which will be used across the community to identify individuals with problematic drinking; more detailed report to be brought back to future meeting about minimum unit pricing.

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b) **Crime, Anti-Social Behaviour and Partnership Tasking** : report noted – partners discussed ASB activity around Upton Rocks and how due to targeted activities there had been some displacement to other others, however partners were working closely with Merseyside Police to reduce the “ping pong” effect – it was noted that whilst there were a lot of activities for young people – this needed to be communicated in a better way and taken to those who weren’t engaging with services; recent problems in Runcorn with scramblers was highlighted – along with the Police running a publicity

campaign that included a crushed bike in the Shopping City; SP gave a short update on the work of Everton in the Community – awaiting the final outcomes and report.

- c) **Domestic Abuse** : report noted – it was noted that whilst there has been an increase in the figures, it was felt this was because of better reporting and record keeping around these reports; there is a new definition of domestic violence and abuse which states:
Any incident or pattern of incidents of controlling, coercive or threatening behaviour, violence or abuse between those aged 16 or over who are or have been intimate partners or family members regardless of gender or sexuality.
- d) **Substance Misuse** : report noted – Halton Borough Council has commissioned John Moore's University to convene an oversight panel to look into all drug related deaths in Halton. The panel utilises information from the specialist substance misuse service (CGL) and data from the Coroner's office and considers case studies, trends and identifies learning opportunities; Implementation of the Medically Assisted Treatment toolkit to support individuals in titrating to the appropriate dose of medication to support their recovery goals. This will be a collaborative approach between operational and clinical teams at CGL, ensuring a holistic approach to treatment is adopted; 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.

5) **Prevent, Contest and Channel Panel**

Four individuals have been referred to the Panel in the last quarter; currently work is ongoing to look at a larger local panel due to the low numbers – perhaps combining with Warrington or/and Cheshire East and West; new guidance has been published which now sees an element of safeguarding coming under Counter Terrorism, with Police leading on wider Partnership involvement. SA shared information regarding training received by health care professionals.

6) **Police and Crime Commissioner**

BMcC reported that the recruitment to the PCC's Youth Commission has just closed and dependant on time scales will bring a further report back to the SHP re: numbers of Halton young people involved and their work plan which its hoped will be influenced and supported by the SHP. It was noted that there is to be a conference on 5th March 2020. Information was also shared regarding the PCC's funding, following which it was agreed to arrange a task and finish group to look at wider opportunities for Community Safety funding. Board Members were asked to share any suggestions with SS.

BMcM

CP/MA/SS

ALL

7) **Police and Crime Panel**

DT shared information related to the statutory functions carried out by the Panel. There was a discussion around a current issue involving the wearing of an LGBT+ lanyard, which has resulted in an identified training need for Police and the sentiment that they should be seen to be impartial.

8) **Serious Organised Crime**

Information was shared regarding the Joint Targeted Area Inspection (JTAI) on Safeguarding Children in Cheshire. Final report isn't available yet but key messages so seem to be positive.

9) **Information Items**

All items were noted.

10) **AOB**

DP informed the group that she was still looking to engage with the RSLs and other partners about a doorstep scam centered on cowboy roofers who were targeting vulnerable residents. It was suggested that via the Task and Finish Group and Beat Managers – the message could be given to PCSOs who would then be able to share the warning with people in their wards.

MA/DP

DP also informed the group that an ICAN warning had gone out over a fake website looking to take tolls for the Mersey Gateway.

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

16th October 2019 : 10:00 : Ground Floor Boardroom, Municipal Buildings, Widnes

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