

Safer North Tyneside Partnership Board

Thursday 2 November 2017

Quadrant East

Present:

- Cllr Carole Burdis, Chair**
- Graeme Hurst, TWFRS**
- Wedny Burke, Public Health**
- George Colquhoun, NTC**
- Paul Hanson, NTC**
- Jim McElderry, NPS**
- Adrian Dracup, CCG**
- Andy Huddleston, Northumbria Police**
- Lindsey Ojomo, NTC**
- Janine Charlton, NTC**

1. Welcome & Introduction
Members of the Board were welcomed and introductions were made.
2. Apologies
Lindsey Blackmore, Catherine Hearne.
3. Notes of Previous Meeting & Matters Arising
The notes of the previous meeting were agreed as a true record.

The Board had delegated Wendy Burke for the Serious Organised Crime Multi Agency Group and responded to the Local Profile analysis and draft plan.

4. Modern Day Slavery
Peter Bent from the Serious Organised Crime Unit presented a report on Modern Day Slavery noting the following:-
 - Work on going to map groups and disrupt activity
 - The Slavery act and how that has given Police a range of tools.
 - Issues with victims not wanting to be involved with the criminal justice system.
 - The Unit work closely with the National Crime Agency and share intelligence .
 - The 4 P approach is used – Prevent, Protect, Prepare and persue.

The Board discussed the importance of staff awareness, what to look for and how to report and what training will be required. As well as staff awareness it was noted that consideration should be given to the wider community. There has been some regional work carried out via Operation Kestrel with a lot of work focusing on ports and coastal areas and work is in progress to look at working protocols.

5. Community Safety Strategy Refresh
The draft version of the 2019 Community Safety Strategy was circulated to members to discuss. It was noted that in general the Board members agreed with the priorities of the strategy but it was suggested that the priorities not be numbered.

With regard to the membership of the Board it was thought that this should stay at a strategic level and it would not be appropriate to widen to membership to include operational issues.

The group agreed that before decisions are made about the historic LPSA funding that the strategy should be implemented first and then look at the implications and funding.

6. Drug Strategy

WB presented a report to the Board noting the development of a drug strategy based on the findings of the National Drug Strategy. This is a 1 year post within public health. Jon has begun the work by liaising with a range of partners to establish the impact and prevalence of the issues within North Tyneside to make some recommendations.

The group agreed with the recommendations but thought that consideration needed to be given as to how the strategy would be implemented and the cross cutting areas of all the, HWBB, LSCB, SAB and the SNT. It was agreed the WB would write to the Chairs of the relevant Boards to identify a way forward.

7. Tyne & Wear Fire & Rescue Presentation

GH gave a presentation of the work that Tyne & Wear Fire & Rescue Service are involved in regionally and the work they are already carrying out with partners such as the Council and CRC. GH noted the importance of partnership working especially with the continuation of austerity cuts.

8. Performance

GC presented the 2nd Quarter performance report. The Board noted the following:-

- A rise in overall crime
- Reduction in ASB
- The new reporting mechanisms are settling and we are now starting to see a new "normal".
- Increase in VWI but this is still lower than other areas.
- SAC measure is now redundant due to recording issues.
- Shoplifting has increased

It was noted that going forward for the new financial year it there may be more benefit of using more problem analysis to drill down further into problems and focus on seasonality issues.

9. Community Safety Update

JC presented the report covering the following items:

- DHRs
- Hate Crime
- Community Trigger
- Domestic Abuse
- Safe Places

The group were asked to consider the future of the Hate Crime Task & Finish Group as engagement from members is diminishing. The Partnership stressed how important this piece of work is to all agencies around the table and would not support disbanding the group. It was noted that further work would look at additional options and how we can engage more.

10. Trouble Shooting

11. Items for Information – Addresses Causing Concern

The latest update from the Addresses Causing Concern Group was circulated to members for their information.

12. Any Other Business

There was no other business to report.

13. Date & Time of Next Meeting

The dates of the meetings for 2018 will be circulated.