

COMMUNITIES PARTNERSHIP BOARD
18th September 2023 at 1.00pm
Hybrid – CC1 1A & Microsoft Teams

Board Members:

Cllr Gwen Lowe	Labour, Batley West Councillor, and member of the PCC Panel
Cllr Mussarat Pervaiz	Labour, Dewsbury West Councillor and Portfolio Holder of Communities
Cllr Susan Lee-Richards	Green Party, Newsome Councillor, and member of the PCC Panel
Jacqui Stansfield	Service Manager, Kirklees Safeguarding Adults Board
James Griffiths	Kirklees District Commander, WYP (Chair)
Jill Greenfield	Service Director CAS, Kirklees Council
Joanne Atkin	Probation Service Kirklees
Val Johnson	Third Sector Leaders

Also, in Attendance:

Chris Bell	WYFRS
Chris Walsh	Safer Kirklees Manager, Kirklees Council
Daniel Ellis	Probation Service
Gill Skelton	Business Support, Kirklees Council
Gwen Clyde-Evans	NHS WY, ICB?
Jacqueline Theaker	Data & Insight Enablement lead, Kirklees Council
Katherine Bates	WYCA
Lee Hamilton	Safer Kirklees Manager, Kirklees Council
Lucy Wearmouth	Public Health
Mary Wishart	Locala
Owen Richardson	Public Health
Rebecca Gilmour	Youth Justice Service
Sarah Mitchell	Migration and Refugee Resettlement Manager Kirklees Council

Apologies:

Amanda Evans	Service Director for Adult Social Care Operations
Dale Gardiner	WYFRS
Emily Parry-Harries	Head of Public Health Kirklees Council
Neil Flenley	Research and Policy Team, WYCA
Cllr Mark Thompson	Conservative, Birstall and Birkenshaw Councillor, and member of the PCC Panel
Cllr Mohan Sokhal	Labour, Greenhead Councillor
Cllr Naheed Mather	Portfolio Holder of Environment. Kirklees Council
Tom Brailsford	Strategic Director Children and Families, Kirklees Council

Item 1: Welcome & Introductions – James Griffiths

- JGriff – Welcomed all to the Communities Partnership Board meeting and apologies were noted. Confidentiality declarations were requested, and none were declared.

Item 2: Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Minutes were agreed

CW to produce a forward plan for substantive items for future Communities Partnership Board Meetings and share at the next meeting.

Complete

December 23 - Asylum and Refugee Resettlement

March 24 - ASB and Neighbourhood Crime

June 24 - Road Safety

September 24 – Domestic Abuse and links to Drugs and Alcohol

December 24- Serious Violence

GS to share the survey link regarding Immediate Justice with the minutes

Complete

[Anti-Social Behaviour \(ASB\) – Immediate Justice Pilot Survey \(smartsurvey.co.uk\)](https://smartsurvey.co.uk)

CW to add to the forward planner for meetings that the Drug and Alcohol strategy comes back to the Communities Partnership board for review in 12 months' time

Complete

GS to circulate the link to the Ted Talk video that was shared in the meeting

Complete – Circulated after the meeting and below

<https://www.bing.com/videos/riverview/relatedvideo?&q=violence+against+women+and+girls&mid=6B7BE1EB1ECDD833B3946B7BE1EB1ECDD833B394&&FORM=VRDGAR>

JR – To inform the VAWG Working Group that Partnership Board would like to see the development of a pledge and for them to begin drafting it.

Complete – Work is on-going by the working group

Item 3: Communities Partnership Plan –

Partnership Plan KPI Update / Strategic Intelligence Assessment refresh – Jacqui Theaker
JT gave an overview of the performance update document shared with the papers of the meeting. There are still some gaps in data, and she is working with partners to get data feeds in place. There has been year on year reductions in violent offences, repeat DA, and overall DA and hate crime incidents. There have however been increases in nuisance ASB most likely due to the hot weather in June as well as theft of motor vehicles which has doubled in some areas of Kirklees. There has also been an increase in serious and fatal road casualties as a result of a number of incidents in Kirkburton and Holme Valley South.

JG – We need to liaise with partners as to why there has been an increase in road casualties as we need to understand the root causes and how we are addressing them. All agreed we need to focus on this.

Cllr GL – Asked if the incidents were occurring on the same stretch of roads

JT – Will look further into this and liaise with CW

CB – The road safety group has a matrix of actions and work in Kirkburton is one of these. Speed enforcement is planned for the last quarter of the year.

JG – We need to be clear on what is happening and what our response is.

JT advised that in regard to the SIA refresh by mid-October there should be a draft ready and then an executive summary produced along with an examination of any place-based issues arising from this. It will then come back to the board in December 23 and Scrutiny early 2024.

JGriff – Asked all to provide updates as quickly as possible to JT so we can achieve these timescales.

Partnership Plan Theme Group Exception Report – Chris Walsh

Document was circulated with the papers of the meeting and CW highlighted the exceptions within the report including:

Ongoing work in the night time economy.

Serious Violence Hub set up and working on issues with USG's

ASB week had multi agency patrolling with a focus on off-road motorcycles

Hate Crime awareness conference planned at the University for October.

Working with GP's supporting recovery projects.

Water Safety risk assessments undertaken and action plans in place.

Cllr GL – Asked in view of Neighbourhood crime and ASB increasing have we got an increase in drug related crime and ASB as she has observed more cannabis in use on a daily basis in her ward.
JGriff – Added that data would not tell us if a crime was drug related or not and he advised Cllr Lowe to report such incidents of seeing people using cannabis so the areas can be targeted.

Update of Asylum Seeker Accommodation – Sarah Mitchell

Item to be deferred until December, there has been press coverage regarding a 450-bed site, but we do not have clarity from the Home Office as to whether this is going ahead

Action:

JT to look further into the number of serious and fatal road traffic accidents in Kirkburton and Holme Valley South to identify if the accidents are occurring on the same stretch of roads in the 2 areas.

Item 4: Director of Public Health Report – Poverty Matters - Owen Richardson/ Lucy Wearmouth

OR and LW gave a presentation on the Director of Public Health report for 2023 called Poverty Matters. The DPH produces a report every year and the themes are chosen by DPH. This year they chose poverty due to the increase in cost of living and the impact this has on the health, social and emotional wellbeing of people.

In the report they have spoken to 12 residents from different backgrounds, living in a variety of different situations and examined the common themes that emerged from these conversations. They also spoke to partners and community anchor organisations. The report provided a number of recommendations.

OR played an animation that summarises the report

<https://youtu.be/5o-1puibk5Q>

The report is available in full on line at [www.kirklees.gov.uk/poverty matters](http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/poverty-matters)

Questions and Comments

The group discussed the linkages between poverty and some of the data that we report on including links to acquisitive crime and retail theft and potential links to Hate Crime and violence. JGriff advised theft has now become a priority for the Police as it is on the increase. The difficulty is identifying people who are committing thefts that need support.

JG – Suggested we raise the profile of the support the Council can provide with Police and Probation

VJ – Added that locally based neighbourhood services can support people who are not receiving the money they are entitled to.

RG & JGriff agreed that there is an absolute link between poverty and children's offending which increases the risk of criminal exploitation

JGriff – Asked where does this get monitored and is there a follow up report?

LW – Advised we will go back to the Health and Wellbeing board in 12 months' time and can also bring it back to this board.

OR – Also have an email address where we are looking for examples of action as a result of the report.

LW – Also have a Tackling Poverty Partnership Meeting which meets every 8 weeks

All agreed that an update in 12 months' time on the Poverty Matters report should be brought to the board.

Cllr GL – Asked what support Job Centres provide to people who are struggling financially.

LW – Advised she believes they have specialist advisors who can provide wellbeing support, but will clarify and come back to Cllr Lowe

JA – Probation service are conscious of the challenges for people on probation and have a foodbank running from Dewsbury have also have a furniture upcycling project running.

JGriff – All need to think about how we all feed into this in order to help people.

CB – The findings from the report are impactful on the FRS nationally. As people are using alternative methods of fuel for heating cooking and lighting so this can have an effect on incidents. The service can provide support by doing Safe and Well checks on households and signposting them to different agencies that can support them.

JGriff – Requested a guidance document that can be shared across partners which lists all the different agencies who people can contact if they are having problems as a result of poverty.

MW – Locala have made investments into food banks and helped fund Warm Spaces. This kind of joint partnership approach is going to be needed again with winter approaching.

JG – We all need to keep in mind the support that will continue to be needed in view of the efficiencies that also need to be made.

Action:

GS to share the DPH Report presentation with the minutes of the meeting

LW to look into what well being support is provided by Job Centres to people struggling financially and feed back to Cllr GL

LW to share an advice leaflet with the group that contains details of agencies who can provide support to people struggling financially.

Item 5: Focus Item Reducing Re-Offending Adult and Youth – Joanne Atkin/ Dan Ellis/Rebecca Gilmour

RG – Shared a presentation on Children in the Justice System. The presentation will be shared with the minutes of the meeting. The report highlighted the number of children in the court and out of court system, the wards they lived in, ages, crime types committed, and the intervention types being used to deal with them. She also explained the prevention and diversion and positive strengths-based work that is being done. She also explained the child first principle which involves treating children as children, promote their strengths, meaningful collaboration and using pre-emptive prevention diversion and minimal intervention.

JA - Shared the presentation which was circulated with the meeting papers.

The presentation covered areas such as the current challenges to the service, an overview of the services provided, the number of staff, teams, and service users, and their priority cohorts.

DE – Provided an overview of headlines in relation to rehabilitation including the work of the CIT (Community Integration Team)

JA – Explained the work they do in relation to public protection

DE – Provided examples of when different forms of Electronic Monitoring is used, and also shared some good news stories.

Questions and Comments

JG – It would be helpful to have some data around causal factors and what you want partners to do to assist as well as information around efficacy of what you are doing as well as services. This would help us understand what is working what is not and why this is. Also mindful of commissioned services and what we are commissioning across Safer Kirklees as we do have some of the same organisations delivering across communities and in your service. She also asked about Immediate Justice and how this is developing.

KB – Commented that both reports mentioned neurodiversity and there is the new Criminal Justice Mental Health Forum, and she will link in with partners about this

Cllr GL - Agreed with the importance with speedier police and court decisions.

JGriff – Has a meeting with TR who is the manager for the Youth Justice Board and before this meeting he is going to find out what the blockages are for police investigations into young people.

JGriff – Asked in regard to the high caseloads of probation officers what is recommended number, and was advised that officers have around 40% more than they should have.

JGriff – In relation to unpaid work, how is it decided which project is supported?

DE – Have a stockpile of tasks but have asked the local authority for more.

Action:

JGriff to provide an update on how to improve the timeliness of Police Decision making for young people who are under investigation for criminal matters.

Item 6: AOB - All

None

Item 7: Date of the Next Meeting and Close of Meeting

6 December 2023 (10am– 12:00Noon)

Civic Centre Room 1B