

COMMUNITIES PARTNERSHIP BOARD
22nd March 2023 at 1.30pm
Hybrid – Huddersfield Town Meeting Room 1 & Microsoft Teams

Board Members:

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| Cllr Carole Pattison (Chair) | Portfolio Holder of Learning Aspirations and Communities, Kirklees Council |
| Amanda Evans | Service Director for Adult Social Care Operations |
| Chris Rodgers-Thomas | Victim Support |
| Cllr Andrew Cooper | Green Party – Newsom, Member of PCC Panel |
| Cllr Naheed Mather | Portfolio Holder of Environment, Kirklees Council |
| Dale Gardiner | Kirklees District Commander WYFRS |
| Jacqui Stansfield | Service Manager, Kirklees Safeguarding Adults Board |
| James Griffiths | Kirklees District Commander, WYP |
| Jill Greenfield | Service Director CAS, Kirklees Council |
| Jo Richmond | Head of Communities, Kirklees Council |
| Louise Fletcher | Head of Nursing and Safeguarding K&C CCG's |
| Val Johnson | Third Sector Leaders |

Also, in Attendance:

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| Caroline Henderson | Partnerships Officer |
| Chris Walsh | Safer Kirklees Manager, Kirklees Council |
| Emily Parry-Harries | Head of Public Health Kirklees Council |
| Gill Skelton | Business Support, Kirklees Council |
| Jacqueline Theaker | Data & Insight Enablement lead, Kirklees Council |
| Karol Thornton | Yorkshire Mentoring |
| Marie Bulmer | WYP |
| Mary Wishart | Locala |
| Neil Flenley | Research and Policy Team Mayors Office |
| Richard | Yorkshire Mentoring |

Apologies:

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| Mel Meggs | Director of Children's Services, Kirklees Council |
| Joanne Atkin | Probation Service Kirklees |

Item 1: Welcome & Introductions - Councillor Pattison

- Cllr Pattison – 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

- **JT & PM to ensure full range of indicators are incorporated into dashboard by sourcing appropriate data and undertaken necessary analysis – to update at the next board meeting.**
Complete – It was agreed that once the board have agreed this is complete, work will begin on the theme dashboards, these will be presented to the Strategic Delivery Group for challenge and then exceptions will be reported back to the board.
- **SIA refresh to be shared with Board / SIA members to enable them to provide additional depth and insight.**
Complete - On today's agenda - Document was shared with Board Members and SDG group for additional comment / insight which was incorporated into the document.
- **JT to explore how perception data can be incorporated into the document, possibly including Place Standard consultation results.**

Complete – Some perceptions data included and a plan to be developed for 2024 refresh to ensure capturing user voice and building this into the SIA. Stocktake to be done by JT across communities re surveys and consultation to see what can be included going forward.

- **JT to incorporate comparator / benchmarking information to show how Kirklees compares with other similar areas nationally.**
Complete - This has been included in the SIA where possible other areas to be incorporated in 2024 refresh to ensure comparability across all indicators and to be incorporated into the Partnership Plan Dashboards
- **CW to provide update on theme group positions as a standing item to the Board.**
Complete - This has been incorporated to areas covered at Board meetings – on the agenda.
- **CW to update contact details in light of changes in CCG.**
Complete
- **SDG to look at funding being received from WYCA, that has previously been ring fenced to various services.**
On-going - This was discussed at last SDG meeting – an overview of current spend allocation across the 3 areas (Community Safety, Substance Misuse & Youth Offending) was provided. Agreed to map out all funding against partnership plan themes to ensure appropriate spread.
- **The Communities Board will receive an annual update which will include a closer analysis of the impact of the ICF.**
Complete - Annual update incorporated into the forward plan of areas for the board to cover.
- **RG & AL to speak with Councillor Mather regarding speaking to some of the people from the Armed Forces group she works with**
On-going - Health colleagues to pick up.

Item 3: Communities Partnership Plan – Jacqui Theaker Chris Walsh

Updates on:

- **Strategic Intelligence Assessment – Key findings & implications for Partnership Plan**

JT – Provided an overview of the key findings from the refreshed SIA.

Repeat incidents involving crimes such as Domestic Abuse and Hate Crime are on the rise and more work is going to be completed to identify why this is happening. Domestic abuse is linked with deprivation, so it is possible that the cost-of-living crisis is feeding into this.

The SIA highlights the fluctuating trends across all 3 ASB categories and that overall crime levels are decreasing apart from 3 wards where it has increased. Overall crime levels indicate the Kirklees is a safe place to live.

In terms of resilient and inclusive communities – The SIA recognises the high number of individuals being supported across a range of programmes and the need to develop an overarching strategy, but we know that there is likely to be an increase in people needing support as government continues to disperse people from initial accommodation.

In regard to Hate Crime, we are looking at how the partnership can make an impact on this. However better recording methods may contribute to the increase in reports. There has been an increase in disability hate crime which has nearly doubled so we need to work closely with individuals to understand what issues are affecting them.

Road Safety incidents are reducing but perceptions do not reflect this. A deep dive on this was presented to scrutiny, in response localised issues were highlighted such as the ability to report speeding and the impact on cyclists and pedestrians.

In relation to drugs and alcohol the SOC profile highlights the wards with the most drug related offences. The partnership will be publishing their new strategy in 2023.

The work completed already in regard to Water Safety is highlighted within the refresh document.

JT added that in terms of what next, further analysis need to be undertaken to look at things at a place-based level to identify increases and decreases in issues and profiling these. As well as building the analyst network to work collaboratively on the next refresh and using modelling techniques which can be done but will take some time.

Questions and Comments

JGr – Commented that his analysts would be happy to help with the analysis. He added that the positive figures in terms of reduction in crime reflects the good work across the partnership. This work has meant that Police have had 400 more detections of crime this year than last. Some areas are struggling with outcomes for crimes such as robbery and burglary, but we have got some of the best detection rates in the country. Compared to 2019 we are the only force in West Yorkshire where crime rates have reduced. However, the serious incidents that we have had do have a severe impact on communities as they make them feel unsafe.

AC – In terms of road safety is there more that we can do, such as some areas are doing and using powers for moving traffic offences such as exceeding weight limits.

JR – In regard to Hate Crime, ASB and DA we have a panel looking at cases so that we can understand what is behind the repeat cases and we have started reaching out to the disability network to understand what kind of solutions there may be. Moving forward everything seems to look stable but looking at issues by place will help us understand what it is like for people to live in different areas.

MB – We do have the local SOC profile which looks at variance in crime by area so it would be interesting to compare analysis.

JG – Place focus is important, but we may need to look at some of the work that is already going on particularly the trauma informed work. As this data gives partners the ability to respond and helps to gives us a better picture. This is probably more helpful than trying to predict what might happen in the future.

EPH – When looking at data can we look for places where reports are not made at a level, we would expect them to be. Are their barriers for these communities to be able to report.

JR agreed and JGr – added that places where there is high crime are the places where under reporting happens.

Cllr P – Place-based lens is important as we have very different areas in very small geographical areas.

- **Partnership Plan – Theme Group Exceptions**

CW shared the report circulated with the papers which updated on the status of each theme group within the themes.

JG – Asked if we need to look at resources in terms of there being anything else we need from partners or is there anything partners need support with to ensure we have a true partnership approach to get this work done.

Cllr P – Suggested we should review this in the new year.

JR – We could do a piece of work looking at our structures and ask SDG members to look to see if any of the groups could be merged etc as there is a mixture of arrangements at the moment.

- **Forward Plan for Substantive items 2023/24**

Cllr P - All to think about what they would like to be discussed as substantive items over the next year.

ACTION - None

Item 4: Focus Item - Violence & Exploitation – Jo Richmond & WYP
Strategic Overview

JR – Introduced Karol and Richard from Yorkshire Mentoring which is a key partner in the work we do around violence.

The report circulated with the papers talks about the West Yorkshire definition of serious violence and the Serious Violence duty. The duty requires named authorities to share data and intelligence and have a strategy to tackle violence.

The latest SV Assessment highlights an increase in possession of weapons, but this may be due to targeted police activity, knife crime being back to pre-covid levels but also hospital admissions being reduced by 18% when compared to 2018/19. However, the evidence doesn't reflect the impact of a high-profile incident on an areas confidence and tensions caused and the media narrative around it. The report also details what we are doing and the governance structure. We are targeting resources where data tells us we will have the most impacts and we have action plans for our priority areas. In terms of resource, we have a number of short-term small funding streams which makes long-term planning difficult, but we do have mainstream resource. So, we do fund community projects, as well as work in education settings and early intervention with young people, as well as practical work such as visual audits and knife sweeps. We are also always looking for more partners to register with the PIP. The report also contains a summary of current interventions. We have also undertaken a stocktake of our activity to see what we are doing where and how we can bring together work. From the first stocktake there has been the development of a multiagency hub which will be based at the fire station starting in the next few weeks this will allow us to share information and intelligence and coordinate resources in a timely way that is intelligence led.

Richard and Karol – Yorkshire Mentoring

KT gave details of the 3 core interventions that Yorkshire Mentoring provide which are.

Primary schools - Happy Friendships Better Lives which focuses on relationship building. This has been offered to all Ashbrow schools, where there are also parents sessions for year 6 children's parents.

Wrong Look, Wrong Time, Wrong Place which is targeted at secondary school age pupils. This has been delivered to 1500-2000 students and they now have train the trainer sessions to deliver this resource. It looks at the wider impact of knife crime and is delivered in alternative provisions as well as mainstream schools.

Thirdly they deliver early intervention mentoring, in the community and in schools and colleges.

Richard gave an overview of a case study of a 16-year-old male he has been working with. The boy was being chased in fear of his life. He sought refuge at Northfield Hall and was returned back home to his mother. From this a referral was made to Yorkshire Mentoring. This incident was completely unexpected, and his mother knew of no reason why it had happened. Richard began working with the boy in December 22 from his work Richard has learnt that the boy had fallen in with the wrong crowd and he was chased due to his affiliations with this group. More recently there have been further incidents at his home with a group of young people attending his home and demanding that he comes outside. This has resulted in him having to take extra precautions when going to college and use taxis to ensure his safety in the area he lives in. The boy stated to Richard that he felt that he "was next" and was in genuine fear of his life. He also explained the wider implications for the whole family as the only way to guarantee his safety is to move out of the area, but the child's mother is an owner occupier, so this creates a number of challenges.

Marie Bulmer WYP shared a presentation on USG's and current Police operations relating to violence including Op Themis and the VAWG Delivery Plan.

She explained how Police have mapped the 4 the main OCG's in Huddersfield and the juvenile gangs or USG's that sit beneath them and how they are building up the intelligence on them. The young people are there for status and are wanting to be part of the older groups, so there is a need to breakdown this culture and cycle and this is where the partnership approach comes in. They have applied a scoring to each group based on the intelligence held they can allocate incidents to Precision or NPT Inspectors.

OP Themis came in after the murder in Manchester and that of Khari McLean and focuses on tackling peer on peer violence. It is structured around developing intelligence, safeguarding juveniles who are at risk from harm and working alongside L&D in custody.

As part of the VAWG Delivery Plan there are working groups set up based on the 3 pillars of building trust and confidence, relentless pursuit of perpetrators and creating safer places.

Questions and Comments

NM – Reassured by the Communities Partnership Boards interventions. Qualitative work is quite costly which is why partnership working is so important. She added that some agencies are better able to relate to young people and this work needs to be part of the curriculum.

AC – Asked how strong a handle have we got on young people who are not in employment, education, or training (NEETS), do we know how many we have and what can we do to help them.

JG - Lots of work has been done but we shouldn't underestimate how hard the work will be going forward.

ACTION – None

Item 5: AOB – All

None

Item 6: Date of the Next Meeting and Close of Meeting

22nd June 2023 1.00pm – Hybrid, Venue Huddersfield Town Hall Meeting Room 1