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SAFER HALTON PARTNERSHIP

At a meeting of the Safer Halton Partnership Wednesday, 15 May 2013 at The Board Room - Municipal Building, Widnes

Present	S. Bell	Public Health
	J. Bucknall	Integrated Commissioning Manager
	M. Cleworth	Cheshire Police
	J. Davidson	Cheshire Probation Service
	J. Duff	Faith Representative
	D. Gordon	Community Safety
	A. Jones	Democratic Services
	Cllr Osborne	HBC
	D. Parr	Chief Executive
	N. Sharpe	Halton Housing Trust
	E Sutton-Thompson	Policy & Resources
	A. Waller	Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service
	D. Walton	Trading Standards
	J. Williams	Commissioning - Learning Disability, Autism and Transition

Action

SHP65 WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

David Parr welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made around the table.

Apologies had been received from Dave Cargill, Dwayne Johnson, Mike Andrews, Sarah Boycott, Lorraine Crane, Neil Ellwood, Gareth Jones and Linda Smallthwaite.

SHP66 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 18 February 2013 were agreed as a correct record.

SHP67 TASK GROUP UPDATES

The following Task Group Updates were received:

- a) Alcohol Harm Reduction Group – 979 licensed premises were visited in quarter 4. Noticeably higher drunken ASB in Widnes than in Runcorn. An incident at the Chambers in Runcorn involving the door staff was under investigation. In the meantime the door staff in question

had been removed and a new door company had been appointed. Noise complaints had been received from residents regarding the Fiddlers Three, noise levels were being monitored by Environmental Health who had also received complaints.

- b) Quarterly Alcohol Update – Progress on the Alcohol Action Plan was presented. This had been developed within the scope of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy using a set of core principles and was a 'live document'. Comments from the Partnership were invited on this.

Alcohol Related Harm data from 2008/9, 2009/10, 2010/11, 2011/12 and 2012/13 was presented to show comparisons. Debate took place over the low numbers of young people presenting in Accident and Emergency (A&E) and the problems encountered with their referral pathways. It was suggested to invite the Alcohol Liaison Nurses to a meeting of the SHP so that they could provide an insight to the Partnership from a front line perspective. Simon Bell would approach the PCT regarding this.

David Parr advised the Partnership of the Council's intentions with regards to a 'minimum pricing policy' on alcohol; this was discussed by the group. It was noted that the Partnership supports this Policy and would support a proposal to take this to full Council for ratification.

- c) Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) – Overall ASB for Halton had decreased, with a 20% reduction in Runcorn but a 1% increase in Widnes. Youth related ASB had increased this quarter due to an increase of 17% in Widnes; but there was a 27% reduction in Runcorn. It was hoped that local processes being used in Runcorn could be replicated in Widnes. The group discussed a recent joint operation that took place between the Police and Halton Housing Trust as an example of agencies working well together to produce positive outcomes.
- d) ASB Victim & Witness Service Impact Report – The report assessed the impact that the Victim and Witness Service had on Police demand / calls for service; identified gaps in service use location of residence and minority groups; and assessed feedback from service users.
- e) Domestic Abuse – Tracey Coffey had taken over the Chair position of the Halton Domestic Abuse Forum

(HDAF). A pilot perpetrator program was currently under development and funding was available to deliver a 26 week programme for 8 male perpetrators. The Home Office had amended the definition of Domestic Abuse to (a) include 16 and 17 year olds as victims of domestic abuse and (b) has spelt out that controlling and coercive behaviour is also domestic abuse.

- f) Substance Misuse – An unannounced inspection by the Care Quality Commission (CQC) on 21 February 2013 deemed the service fully compliant. The Recovery Event that took place on 26 April 2013 was a success and provided positive feedback for the service. This feedback would be used to make service improvements in the future.

Unemployment was still an issue for those that had recovered or were recovering from drug dependency. Work was planned with the NW National Treatment Agency (Public Health England), the Department of Works and Pensions and CRI, to increase joint working with a view to increase the number of former or current drug users accessing employment. It was noted that the Drug Strategy and Action Plan (2013) would be consulted upon in the coming weeks and be formally presented to the Partnership in September.

Councillor Osborne praised the services available in Halton for victims of domestic abuse and for those who required access to substance misuse services.

- g) Navigate Offender Management – *Prolific priority offenders* had seen a 78% reduction in convictions. *Repeat offenders* had seen a 28% reduction in convictions. There were 200 fewer offences than would have been without the scheme.
- h) Partnership Tasking & Coordination – Bechers and Upton Green Estates still proved to be problematic. This was complicated by the reluctance of people in the area to name individuals involved. A longer term approach was being considered by Partner agencies. The Gathurst Court area had the highest incidence of ASB currently. Evidence gathering for potential ASBO's was underway and ongoing.

It was noted that PC Mick Gill was the Halton Schools Liaison Officer and that Riverside College was included within his remit. Wade Deacon and Saints Peter and Paul had their own schools based officers.

- i) Hate Crime – Figures only up very slightly. It was noted that no reports were made via the Third Party Reporting Centres. The Halton traveller transit site was being expanded.

RESOLVED: That

1. The updates be noted; and
2. The Partnership supports the Council's proposal to introduce a minimum pricing policy on alcohol.

SHP68 POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER

It was noted that there were presently no updates to report.

SHP69 POLICE CRIME PANEL

In the absence of Dave Cargill, David Parr provided the following update on the Police Crime Panel (PCP). It was confirmed that the Panel would consist thirteen members: 5 Labour Members, 5 Conservative Members and 3 Independent Members.

A draft protocol document was being drawn up and a full meeting of the Panel was planned for the end of June 2013, where a Chairman would be elected.

Councillor Osborne, also a Member of the PCP stated that he was involved in arranging a public meeting in the near future and would share the details of this when known.

SHP70 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

The following items were provided for information:

- a) Blue Lamp Report – Runcorn
- b) Blue Lamp Report - Widnes

Meeting ended at 4.00 p.m.