

SAFER HALTON PARTNERSHIP

At a meeting of the Safer Halton Partnership Tuesday, 17 November 2009 Karalius Suite, Stobart Stadium, Widnes

Present	M. Andrews	Community Safety
	S. Blackwell	Cheshire Police
	S. Boycott	Cheshire Police
	D. Cargill	Police Authority
	M. Cleworth	Cheshire Police
	A. Collins	Police Authority
	E. Crisp	Halton and St Helens PCT
	S. Eastwood	HBC Health and Community
	C. Edwards	Cheshire Probation
	S. Henshaw	Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service
	D. Houghton	HBC Policy and Partnerships
	D. Johnson	HBC Health and Community
	G. Jones	Youth Offending Team
	N. Mannion	Neighbourhood Management
	Cllr Osborne	HBC
	D. Parr	Chief Executive
	N. Sharpe	Halton Housing Trust
	C. Walsh	Halton & ST Helens PCT

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SHP9 WELCOME

Dwayne Johnson welcomed everybody to the meeting and introductions were made.

SHP10 APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received Norman Oldman, Councillor Wright, Chris Fraser and Gary Finchett.

SHP11 MATTERS ARISING - MINUTES FROM 15 09 09

The minutes of the meeting held on 15th September 2009 were agreed as a correct record, subject to one amendment being that Dwayne Johnson welcomed everybody to the meeting.

SHP12 PRESENTATION - COUNTER TERRORISM UNIT - TENSIONS FOR FAR RIGHT GROUPS IN HALTON

The Partnership received a presentation from DCI Martin Cleworth from Headquarters Counter Terrorism Unit which outlined the following:

- over the last six months the threat level of a terrorist attack had changed to severe;
- there was a growing area in domestic extremism which was governed under four Ps as follows – Prevent, Pursue, Protect and Prepare;
- there were various contest boards and one was in Cheshire;
- awareness was being promoted in areas such as right wing extremism, the growth status of the BNP and the English Defence League had taken route in Cheshire;
- there was a small group of right wing extremists in Halton who had been involved in a small amount of hate crime assaults;
- these had been flagged up to the Local Authorities and their registered social landlords in the appropriate area and the Police were monitoring the groups closely; and
- the Police were aware they were interacting in the community and were feeding intelligence back to the Police.

The Chair thanked Martin Cleworth for an informative presentation.

DAVID PARR IN THE CHAIR

SHP13 PRESENTATION - ALCOHOL DEVELOPMENTS

The Board received a presentation from Colette Walsh, Head of Alcohol Partnership and Commissioning for Halton and St. Helens PCT which outlined the following:

- the scale and extent of the problem;
- the Local Authority LAPE ranking as Halton was in one of the areas for having the highest levels of alcohol related harms;
- details of the harms caused by alcohol;
- the purpose of the Group which was providing a united response to tackle the harms;
- the Commissioning Cycle;
- the Strategy Department which was to tackle the causes, raise awareness, obtain appropriate help and

- routes to recovery;
- high impact changes;
- context for Commissioning Strategy Plans;
- free SP priorities for 2010/11;
- overview of the implementation approach and the key activities stage by stage;
- alcohol attributable factors; and
- next steps.

Arising from the presentation it was noted that the Strategy Programme Development was underway and work had begun on the CSP initiatives. The Partnership was advised that a single point of access for alcohol related harm was required.

The Partnership was informed of the proposals for well-being services which linked into mental health and alcohol problems where the Police could refer as well as GPs or patients themselves. It was noted that the model took a holistic approach to address the lifestyles and medical issues and how to sign post people to this tiered system. Partnership working would also be incorporated, for instance, Probation could screen and process patients and promote the benefits from the services that could be received. A chart was tabled at the meeting which lustrated the mental health/drugs/alcohol interconnectivity and the tiered provision within the stepped care model including the roles of the Core Team.

The Partnership were in full support of the new model.

The Chair thanked Colette Walsh for an informative presentation.

SHP14 DUAL DIAGNOSIS COMMISSIONING STRATEGY

The Board considered a report which set out the development of a Joint Dual Diagnosis Commissioning Strategy 2009 – 2012 for Halton and St. Helens.

It was reported that the strategy documented the current services already in place for people with both substance mis-use and mental health problems, with a view to identifying and analysing the gaps in services and any blockages to delivering a more integrated care pathway.

It was noted that a number of consultation meetings

with all stakeholders in both mental health and substance misuse services had taken place in early 2009. The Partnership considered a model of services that ensured whichever service an individual was referred for help, whether in substance misuse or mental health, they would experience the same care pathway. This designed to improve the care experience for people with dual diagnosis and reduce waiting times between services.

RESOLVED: That the draft Joint Dual Diagnosis Commissioning Strategy be agreed.

SHP15 PRESENTATION - YOT INSPECTION

The Board received a short presentation from Gareth Jones which set out the following:

- an inspection had been conducted recently which involved all the Youth Offending Teams (YOT) in the North West to take part in a trial for a new court case inspection which would be rolled out nationally.
- all 21 Youth Offending Teams were inspected between April and August for 2009.
- Halton had performed exceptionally well in the three main areas: -safeguarding, risk of harm to other people and risk of re-offending;
- the methodology for the inspection involved using 67 cases which was approximately a third of the current caseload.
- Halton's results were 85% for safeguarding, 8% for risk of harm to other people and 77% for risk of re-offending;
- this was an outstanding result when compared with other Youth Offending Teams which were scoring in their mid 50s.

It was reported that the overall assessment was very creditable in terms of what was being delivered to communities. The Chairman thanked everyone involved for the hard work given to achieve these results. In addition, it was noted that MS would circulate electronic copies of all the results for the North West inspection of Youth Offending Teams if required.

SHP16 TASK GROUP UPDATES

The Task Groups provided updates for the first quarter which were circulated and taken as read. In

particular, it was noted that:

- in relation to Performance management and the new style of reporting in order to gain consistency across all SSPs the information in this report was better populated than what was produced for the previous meeting. It was noted that the Strategic Needs Assessment was being revised and would be completed towards early next year;
- the importance of people providing performance information on time was stressed to the Partnership in order to produce the Performance Monitoring Report in line with the scheduled deadlines;
- arising from the discussion, the Partnership felt that the entire document complete with details could be attached as an appendix for information and only the items with exception could be brought to the Partnership. In response, it was noted that this style of reporting would be investigated;
- in relation to alcohol good performance was noted in terms of reducing alcohol related crime and licensed premises had a high visibility of policing presence. There were also more activities in the pipeline with the run up to Christmas and the night time economy;
- in relation to anti-social behaviour, progress made was well under target for this month; and
- with regard to Neighbourhood Management, the Community Payback Scheme had proved successful with Probationers working on landscaped areas. Once this pilot phase had been completed a report would be brought back to a future meeting. With regard to the Crime Action Group, the Partnership requested that an update of the changes of the Customer Service Team had implemented be brought back to a future meeting.

RESOLVED: That the Task Group updates be noted.

SHP17 LPSA2 REWARD GRANT

The Partnership received a report which outlined the expected level of reward grant from Local Public Service Agreement Round 2 (LPSA 2). It was reported that following a recommendation from the Halton Strategic Partnership

Board at their meeting in September, the Safer Halton Partnership were asked to consider how the reward grant could be used and to put forward proposals accordingly. Such proposals should be submitted to the Halton Policy and Partnership Team before 5th January 2010 and would be put to the Halton Strategic Partnership Board Chairs at their meeting on 13th January 2010 for discussion and to the HSPB for their consideration and formal approval of proposals in February 2010.

It was anticipated that the bids would be for more funding than was available, therefore bids that covered a number of key areas were more likely to be successful. Outlined in the report were targets ending in 2008 and the reward grant that was payable. In addition a table was considered which displayed the reward grant that was earned through the efforts of a number of partnerships, which were outlined for information.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

SHP18 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

At the close of the meeting the Partnership wished to note their thanks to Gary Finchett for his excellent contribution of work within the Safer Halton Partnership and wished him well for the future.

Meeting ended at 3.58 p.m.