

COMMUNITY SAFETY SUB OSC AGENDA

Tuesday, 4 April 2017 at 1.30 pm in the Bridges Room - Civic Centre

From the Chief Executive, Sheena Ramsey

Item	Business
1	Apologies
2	Minutes (Pages 3 - 8) The Committee are asked to approve the minutes of the last meeting held on 17 January 2017.
3	Reducing Re-offending Presentation by Martyn Strike, Director of Northumbria Community Rehabilitation Company Presentation by Karin O'Neill, Director of National Probation Service
4	Implementation of the Community Safety Board Strategic Priorities (Pages 9 - 16) Report of the Strategic Director, Communities and Environment
5	Progress Update - Preventing Violent Extremism (Pages 17 - 22) Report of the Strategic Director, Communities and Environment
6	Partnership Plan 2017/18 (Pages 23 - 48) Report of the Strategic Director, Communities and Environment
7	Annual Work Programme (Pages 49 - 56) Joint Report of the Chief Executive and Strategic Director, Corporate Services and Governance

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GATESHEAD METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

COMMUNITY SAFETY SUB OSC MEETING

Tuesday, 17 January 2017

PRESENT: Councillor P Dillon (Chair)

Councillor(s): P Craig, J McClurey and A Wheeler

APOLOGIES: Councillor(s): T Graham, S Dickie, K Dodds, H Haran and J Turnbull

CSS15 MINUTES

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the Community Safety Sub OSC held on 4 October 2016 were agreed as a correct record.

CSS16 DRUG AND ALCOHOL TREATMENT SERVICE - UPDATE

The Committee received a presentation from Jazz Chamley and Lindsey Richardson on the work of Evolve the Drug and Alcohol Treatment Service and Platform the young people's service.

RESOLVED – that the information be noted.

CSS17 DRUG RELATED DEATHS - PROGRESS UPDATE

The Committee received a report providing an update on the increase since 2012 of drug related deaths in Gateshead. This trend mirrors the national picture. The Drug Related Death (DRD) group in Gateshead have identified key themes which need to be addressed to help reduce the risks to individuals who are potentially at risk.

The Committee were advised that there has been a continued increase in terms of the number of deaths within Gateshead since 2012 with six reported in 2012 to 21 in 2016 (subject to post mortem).

As in previous years, the characteristics of the deceased remain similar – with the majority of deaths continuing to be male, white, aged 25-34 years. A number of other trends have also been identified:

- Living alone
- Single
- Unemployed
- In substance misuse treatment
- Using a cocktail of drugs
- Involvement with mental health services
- Previous overdoses

- Complex/chaotic lifestyle

There have been a number of key achievements in 2016 which have been implemented following the annual report 2015:-

Clinical audit of prescribing and shared care

The resulting analysis of factors contributing to the DRDs revealed a pattern of prescribing of high dosages of methadone and the use of other drugs such as Benzodiazapine, Gabapentin and Pregabalin.

Both nationally and locally, the successful completion rate of substance misuse treatment and recovery services has reduced. Gateshead's over 18's treatment service, Evolve, has slowly increasing numbers of successful completions, these are still lower than target. In light of the concerns it was agreed with key partners (including Public Health, Gateshead Evolve, CCG and Foundation Trust) that a clinical audit should be commissioned.

The purpose of this audit is to collect and interrogate the prescribing practices of the extensive 'Shared Care' arrangement for the treatment of substance misuse clients in Gateshead to fully understand the present picture. This clinical audit will then inform service development and future commissioning of the delivery service misuse services.

Naloxone

New legislation came into force in 2015 that enable Naloxone to be supplied to individuals by drug services without prescription, as a parenteral drug (similar to adrenaline) for saving a life in an emergency. The injection can be used in the community; either in the home or other non-medical setting by appropriate individuals for the complete or partial reversal of respiratory depression induced by opioids. Gateshead Evolve have begun to roll out take home Naloxone to service users and training sessions have been held for all partner organisations.

Since the roll out of take home naloxone kits in Gateshead, there have been 13 incidents where the kits have been replaced and potentially used in overdose situations. Over 450 kits have been distributed within Gateshead which include supported accommodation providers, hostel workers and carers. There has been minimal reluctance from the majority of providers in relation to naloxone kits however, there has been a small minority of providers that have refused to have kits on premises which is a concern and has been discussed.

Gateshead Evolve is the top performing CGL organisation for distributing Naloxone.

Changes to processes

Evolve have made a number of changes in their internal processes and how they work with external partners to prevent DRDs, examples include:

- Awareness raising with staff to ensure the re-engagement process is followed;
- Increased awareness with staff to ensure the closure process is understood and followed;

- Enhanced assertive outreach;
- Ensure there is a dedicated process in place to manage prison releases;
- Improved working relations with the Community Rehabilitation Company to ensure a more robust management of offenders; and
- Re-established links with other treatment services to ensure smarter management of service users

Overdose awareness

It was notable in a number of cases, where other people were present in the hours before the death, they did not know how to spot the signs of an overdose, in particular loud snoring. Treatment services and other partners embarked on an overdose awareness campaign which included training to professionals, family members and carers around the signs of overdose and what to do in that situation, the production of flyers to complement the training, and specific, regular overdose awareness/harm reduction advice days for service users.

Hospital liaison team

The DRD panel were concerned at the number of DRDs who had previously overdosed in the months prior to their death. As a result, Evolve have two dedicated workers who attend the QE Hospital on a daily basis. The workers visit ten wards, including A&E and actively engage with staff and look for anyone who has attended the hospital or been admitted with a substance misuse issue, including overdose. They will then engage with these patients, offer brief intervention and harm reduction advice, distribute Naloxone (if appropriate) and encourage referrals into the service.

To complement this Evolve are also looking at having their IT system available in the hospital so that staff can check details of patients to see if they are open to treatment and if so, make links and share information.

Regional Drug Related Death Group

The regional DRD group met in November 2016, the main role of this group is to share local intelligence, learning, best practice and policy.

Issues also discussed included the roll out of Naloxone across the region, data published by the Office of National Statistics on DRDs, imminent prison reforms and the resulting development work around referral pathways, treatment, harm reduction and implications of long term health conditions on older substance misusers.

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| RESOLVED - | i) | that the information be noted |
| | ii) | that the national and local increase in drug related deaths be noted |
| | iii) | that the committee agree to receive the findings of the audit and the annual report at a future OSC meeting. |

CSS18 DOMESTIC HOMICIDE REVIEW - PROGRESS UPDATE

The Committee received a report which provided an overview of Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHR) and provides an update on the DHRs currently being undertaken in

Gateshead as well as the national and regional context.

In the 5 years, since the statutory requirement for local areas to conduct a DHR was introduced, there have been more than 400+ DHRs carried out and completed throughout England and Wales.

Northumbria Police commissioned a Problem Profile in order to assess the key pre-cursors and drivers of DHRs within the local area (over the period 1 April 2011 to 30 September 2016). Key issues identified as part of this profile were:

- 51 homicides took place in the force area, of which 24 were deemed to be domestic related, and met the criteria for a DHR to be undertaken.
- There is a clear link between domestic homicide, population density and deprivation and is caused by a combination of social economic factors (such as employment, lifestyle and location) – of which these factors are more prevalent in urban locations.
- Similar to national trends, the risk of domestic homicide is much greater for females and the most common form of killing is stabbing.
- 32% of victims were subject to incidents of domestic abuse prior to the murder taking place, which may indicate the extent of under-reporting of domestic abuse incidents to the Police.
- 60% of perpetrators had previous convictions – many involving offences for violence and 29% had drug and/or alcohol markers attached.
- A combination of pre-cursor factors such as physical or mental health, relationship breakdown and financial problems (including unemployment) contributed to domestic homicides in Northumbria.

Within Gateshead, a total of 2 DHRs have been completed successfully:

- Adult A – was finalised in September 2011 which related to the death of a father from his son, and
- Adult B – was finalised in August 2016 which related to the murder of a female from her current partner

Neither DHR found any evidence that there was any serious risk to the victim prior to death that should have been acted upon by any of the agencies. Each DHR identified a number of recommendations for improved practice; however, recognised that none of these would have helped to prevent the homicide from occurring.

From a Gateshead perspective, as a result of the DHR's, we have implemented MASH (Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub) and MATAC (Multi-Agency Tasking and Co-ordination) models to help address some of these pre-cursor factors. By sharing timely information, in a multi-agency setting, partners and services are able to intervene at an earlier opportunity and provide additional specialist support (e.g. via the Serial Victims Pilot)

The documents relating to the DHRs have been submitted to the Home Office DHR Quality Assurance Panel which assesses the quality of the Reviews – both of which were deemed to be 'Adequate' with only minor amendments required. Upon completion these documents have been published, as per the national guidelines.

There are currently two current DHRs under investigation in Gateshead which are yet to be finalised:

- Adult C – relates to a homicide of a female in September 2015, which involved a French national and it is hoped the DHR will be concluded soon
- Adult D – related to the murder of a female that took place in October 2016. The first panel meeting is due to take place in January 2017.

The refresh guidance, published by the Home Office in December 2016 placed a greater emphasis on 'victim prominence' within the process (including further interaction with the victims' family members, friends and colleagues etc). It also includes an additional element, and states that where a victim takes their own life (through suicide) and the circumstances give rise to concern, for example it emerges that there was coercive controlling behaviour in the relationship, a DHR should be undertaken. Community Safety is currently drafting a process for when and how this should be completed, which will be shared with relevant Boards for endorsement in due course.

Gateshead Council has previously picked up the costs in relation to undertaking a DHR (which includes providing the co-ordination/administration elements of the process) with each DHR costing in region of £6-8k. An Options Paper has been produced for discussion at the Community Safety Board to outline areas that could be applied to minimise future costs and to seek partner contributions.

RESOLVED - i) that the information be noted
ii) that the OSC agreed to receive regular updates on Domestic Homicide Reviews

CSS19 DRAFT COMMUNITY SAFETY BOARD STRATEGIC PRIORITIES FOR 2017/18

The Committee received a report which provided an overview of the draft strategic priorities that are proposed by the Community Safety Board for 2017/18. The report forms part of the statutory consultation process to ensure that the Board is appropriately prioritising its future activity based on local needs prior to the production of the formal Partnership Plan.

Community Safety Board members met in November 2016 to identify their top priorities. This was followed by a practitioner event, during which a range of practitioners from a number of internal Council services and partner agencies came together to discuss their views on community safety related themes. As a result of this the following draft strategic priorities have been identified:

- Domestic and Sexual Abuse
- Anti-Social Behaviour (including Hate Crime)
- Substance Misuse
- Public Confidence (including Community Tensions)

As part of its statutory duty, the Community Safety Board is required to consult with the public on the draft strategic priorities to ensure that the issues identified are based on local residents' needs and includes consultation with:

- Partners and Council services represented on the Community Safety Board and its sub-groups
- The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner
- Community Safety Overview and Scrutiny Sub Committee
- Members of Communities Portfolio
- Portfolio Holder for Community Safety
- Local Councillors and residents; and
- Members signed up to the Council's ViewPoint

An online consultation will be made available via the Gateshead Council Consultation Portal and the link will be shared with OSC Members when the consultation is released in late January 2017.

The consultation will be available until March 2017, after which the results will be analysed and fed into the final Partnership Plan which will be presented to the Community Safety Board for approval in April 2017, and at a future Community Safety OSC Sub meeting for scrutiny.

- RESOLVED -
- i) that the information be noted
 - ii) that members agreed to participate in and promote the online consultation
 - iii) agreed to receive the partnership plan at a future meeting
 - iv) agreed to receive regular updates with regard to the action taken to address the strategic priorities

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TITLE OF REPORT: Community Safety Board – 6mth Progress Update

REPORT OF: Paul Dowling
Strategic Director – Communities and Environment

Summary

The Community Safety Board is required to provide Community Safety Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee (OSC) with an overview of the activities undertaken locally in the last twelve-months to address its strategic priorities (as outlined within the 2016/17 Partnership Plan).

1 Background

- 1.1 The Community Safety Board is a standalone themed partnership that has the legal obligation to address the key crime, disorder and substance misuse (drug and alcohol) issues that are impacting upon the Borough. The Board also has a statutory duty under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 to produce an annual intelligence-led Strategic Assessment and Partnership Plan.
- 1.2 As a reminder, the Partnership Plan brings together the analytical findings from the Strategic Assessment, along with the key activities undertaken by the Board in the previous 12 months to set out the strategic priorities that will be delivered upon in the forthcoming year.
- 1.3 The strategic priorities endorsed by the Board for 2016/17 were:
 - Prevent Crime, Re-offending and ASB
[Burglary Dwelling; Violence, Criminal Damage, Anti-Social Behaviour, Deliberate Secondary Fires and Focusing on High Demand Locations]
 - Protect and Support Vulnerable Victims and Persons
[Domestic and Sexual Abuse, Operation Encompass, Sexual Exploitation, Drug-related Deaths, Preventing Violent Extremism and Radicalisation and Hate Crime]
 - Addressing Key and Emerging Threats
[Novel Psychoactive Substances, Cyber-related Crime, Community Tensions and Cohesion, Serious and Organised Crime and Suicides]
 - Cross-cutting Issues
[FamiliesGateshead, Substance Misuse, Early Intervention/Prevention, Improving Community Confidence, Tackling Complex and Multiple Needs, Dual Diagnosis]

2 Current Performance

- 2.1 The level of recorded crime in Gateshead increased by 39% between April and February 2017 (an additional 4,495 crimes when compared to previous year). Similar to last year, the largest increases have been experienced in violence (up 56%; +1,670 crimes) – of which the vast majority were violence against the

person without injury (+1,335 crimes); while incidents of most serious violence have remained steady (92 crimes in total).

- 2.2 Incidents of shoplifting (up 58%; +678), criminal damage (up 24%; +601) and hate-related crime (up 45%; 59) have also seen significant increases; while vehicle, acquisitive and robbery-related crimes have increased marginally over the same period. Although increases have been recorded in most crime categories, there has been a reduction in burglary-related offences (down 11%; –127 crimes) and is the reduction throughout the whole of Northumbria.
- 2.3 Gateshead remains one of the best performing Community Safety Partnerships within its Most Similar Family Group of 15 CSPs; while the rate of crime (per 1,000 residents) continues to be lower than the average for the Northumbria Force area. National surveys to measure feelings of safety within an area show Northumbria to be the second highest performing area in the country.
- 2.4 The volume of anti-social behaviour reported to Northumbria Police has fallen by 6% (down 423 incidents). Reported incidents of youth-related ASB across the Borough have fallen by 8%, while there has been an 17% downturn in reported incidents of alcohol-related ASB (-102 incidents).
- 2.5 Perceptions of Gateshead residents remain positive: the proportion of residents surveyed as part of the Safer Communities Survey who state that they feel very or fairly safe in their area currently stands at 97%, on par with the Force average for this measure. In addition, 66% of people agreed that the police and council are dealing with the anti-social behaviour and crime issues that matter in their area.
- 2.6 Data provided by Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service suggests that the number of deliberate secondary fires attended in Gateshead has increased. During the period April – January 2017, there were 631 deliberate secondary fires attended, 165 more than at the same time in 2015/16. This represents an 35% increase in fires attended.

3 Strategic Priorities – Update

- 3.1 This section provides a snapshot of Community Safety activity that has taken place within Gateshead in recent months to support delivery of the strategic priorities for 2016/17:

Prevent Crime, Re-offending and ASB

- 3.2 Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs)
PSPOs were implemented as part of Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014. Three PSPOs – one covering the entire Borough (which has replaced the Designated Public Protection Orders), one covering Town Centre and one covering the Metro Centre Retail Park went live in early January 2017 and (following a series of public awareness campaigns) started to be enforced from 1 March 2017. Initial evidence suggests that the PSPOs have resulted in some reductions in complaints and problems being raised and a formal evaluation will take place in the near future.

3.3 Neighbourhood Tasking and Co-ordination

The new Tasking and Coordination model framework has been in existence for eight months and continued to work well with key partners still in attendance and multi-agency issues being discussed. The meeting is now chaired by the Chief Inspector (Partnerships) and all three Neighborhood Inspectors attend so that more strategic issues can be discussed and good practice from all three Policing areas can be shared.

Some key successes of the Neighbourhood Tasking and Co-ordination meetings in recent months have included:

- A proactive response to reduce the complaints in relation to motorcycle disorder
- A coordinated approach to problem solving through problem orientated policing (POP) plans
- Establishing a different way of communicating with new audiences – through operation WAYS (we asked, you said) and community safety events
- Enhanced working relationships and joined up work with key partners – such as Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service Phoenix Project.
- More community engagement work to inform the public about key issues.

3.4 Cardiff Model Data

The Cardiff Model is a nationally-recognised approach to sharing information between Accident and Emergency and Community Safety in relation to alcohol-related violence. Information has been collected in Gateshead since 2012 and has been identified an area of best practice by Balance, the regional Alcohol Office. We routinely share data with Licensing Team as well as neighbouring authorities to recognise patterns and trends. Data has been used to 'frequent flyers' into services and to help better respond to assessing risk of violence such as domestic abuse.

3.5 Phoenix Project

The Phoenix Project is a programme run by Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service that works with young people who have committed low levels of ASB (including setting fires) and/or are at risk of committing it. The first session worked with 9 individuals and provided a range of support to: change attitude and behaviour, instill confidence and self-esteem, discipline and self-discipline, team working and social skills as well as teaching young people the dangers of fire, fire setting and hoax calls. Positive outcomes were achieved by attendees – including 2 enrolling to become cadets. Due to the success of the project, we are planning a further session for later in the year.

3.6 Platform Outreach Project (POP)

Platform (under 18s drug and alcohol service in Gateshead), in partnership with Community Safety, established POP Project to help combat the youth disorder across the Borough, especially that caused by substances. The project, which will be run as a trial until the end of March 2017, has targeted hotspot locations within the Borough and provided 70+ young people with advice and support on substance misuse, anti-social behaviour, hate crime and sexual exploitation.

3.7 Youth ASB

The past six months have seen two main areas of youth ASB – in Leam Lane and Carr Hill. Substantive multi agency work has taken place over the last six months which has seen a reduction in ASB, including: additional Police and Fire patrols (including covert operations and mounted section patrols), residents meetings, dispersal notices as well as leaflet drops to affected residents and business.

3.8 Closure Order

We were successful in obtaining the first Closure Order for the Borough on a property where the tenant has continually sold drugs. The Order was obtained within days of a search warrant being executed which provided reassurance and protection to many scared local residents who had suffered disturbance, harassment and intimidation by visitors to this address. Substantial evidence has meant Gateshead Housing Company has been able to use the Absolute Grounds of Possession Power and as a result the tenant will lose their home and be evicted from the property.

3.9 ASB Complaints Log

A more proactive way of assessing ASB has been established and is working well to identify potential areas of concern earlier, with the intention of reducing their impact on the community. Daily scrutiny of police incidents enables the community safety team to build up a picture of what's going on in the area. This information is then shared on a weekly basis with neighbourhood policing teams who assess the areas over a period of time and if necessary, take action.

3.10 ASB Volunteers

New online training has been agreed for the next round of Anti-Social Behaviour volunteers, who offer a befriending type service to victims of Anti-Social Behaviour. Volunteers are given a 2 week period to complete the training before attending an induction where they will receive further information on the service, be introduced to key partners and be allocated their first case. The new training is currently being trialed with 3 volunteers prior to being rolled out.

Protect and Support Vulnerable Victims and Persons

3.11 Hate Crime Reporting – ARCH

Hate-related incidents reported to ARCH have continued to increase during 2016/17. There have been 350 incidents reported between April 2016 and February 2017. This is an increase of 34% when compared to same period last year, an additional 89 incidents. The majority of incidents reported continued to be racist incidents, accounting for 7 in 10 incidents reported during the period.

3.12 Hate Crime Strategy

In April 2016, Community Safety, in conjunction with partners, refreshed the local Hate Crime Strategy which includes actions linked with improving our local response to reporting hate crimes, management of cases and preventing issues through education. Some of the activity in recent months has included:

- *Show Racism the Red Card* – delivered 4 training sessions to 60 professionals in the community and voluntary service to provide them with an increased understanding of how to recognise racism, feel more confident

in challenging racism and gain a better understanding of how to report hate crime. Due to the success of these sessions, a further 8 sessions have been commissioned over the next 12 months

- *GemArts* – delivered a tailored art-based project in primary schools, creating an animation piece that explored heritage, history and culture of Traveler communities as well delivering Indian art, dance and culture sessions as an alternative way to challenge negative stereotypes relating to different faith communities.
- *Newcastle Community Voluntary Service* – in collaboration with Gateshead and Newcastle Council are developing a set of online resources that will enable community based workers and volunteers, across both local authority areas, to be able to confidently challenge extreme language, behaviour and attitudes to support community tension/cohesion, violent extremism and hate crime agendas. The project also includes a short qualitative study with local communities as well as training programme that will be delivered by the voluntary and community sector to raise awareness of hate crime and extremism.
- *Transgender Awareness* – Community Safety have commissioned four training sessions which will be facilitated by 'Be', a Transgender Support, Development and Campaigning Organisation. The sessions will raise awareness of the Transgender community and the issues they encounter. The first session took place in March 2017 and feedback has been positive

3.13 Domestic Abuse

The Independent Domestic Violence Advisor (IDVA) Service provides specialist support to individuals assessed as being at high risk of homicide or serious harm. In the first three-months of 2016/17, there were 961 separate referrals received relating to 468 individuals, 7.5% fewer than the same period in the previous year, and is in line with similar reductions experienced by the Police. The engagement rate for the period was 56% with a further 9% receiving initial advice but declining further support.

3.14 Perpetrators of Domestic Abuse

The Multi-Agency Tasking and Co-ordination (MATAC) approach to tackling perpetrators of domestic abuse continues to take place and the evaluation of clients from Gateshead has shown that following engagement with the process there is clear reduction recidivism levels.

3.15 Domestic Homicide Reviews

Community Safety has co-ordinated two DHRs (Domestic Homicide Reviews) in 2016/17 following domestic-related murders that took place within the Borough. It is expected that the findings of these Reviews will be published in the next three to six-months and will highlight a range of recommendations that will help to minimise the potential for future deaths. In addition, the DHR Framework for Gateshead has been updated following changes to national guidance published by the Home Office.

3.16 Domestic Abuse Training

Community Safety partners continue to be involved in the delivery a programme of training to professionals working in Gateshead around domestic abuse. The programme includes sessions on: domestic violence and abuse awareness;

honour-based violence and forced marriage; multi-agency risk assessment conference; responding to domestic violence; and, young people living with domestic violence.

3.17 Domestic Violence Support Advisors (DVSA) Project

A Domestic Violence Support Advisors (DVSA) Project has been rolled out in Gateshead, which offers specialist advice and support to victims immediately following a domestic abuse incident taking place. The service focuses on peak demand times, usually Friday, Saturday and Sunday evening and night (between 8pm to 4am) and, delivers targeted activity within hotspot locations. The project involves specialist domestic violence trained officers accompanying Police on patrols to domestic-related incidents.

3.18 Specialist Domestic Abuse Housing Provision

Housing Services, in partnership with Community Safety, has received funding from the DCLG to enhance and strengthen provision of, and access to, specialist accommodation/support for domestic violence victims with complex needs across Northumbria. Funding will be used to increase our capacity of dispersed and resettlement accommodation across the region as well as providing dedicated outreach provision designed to support complex/chaotic clients (estimated 200+ outreach and 80+ refuge clients across Northumbria).

3.19 Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub

A lot of work has continued to be developed in relation to the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub, which includes activity to improve our response to serial victims of domestic abuse as well as Operation Encompass, which is designed to provide support children and young people who witness and/or experience domestic abuse.

3.20 Preventing Violent Extremism

A separate report is presented to OSC on the work that has been undertaken linked with Preventing Violence Extremism.

Addressing Key and Emerging Threats

3.21 Drug-related Deaths

The Drug-related Death Panel meets on a quarterly basis to discuss cases and explore possible learning outcomes from all drug-related deaths that occur within the Borough. There has been a significant increase in drug related deaths in Gateshead over the past 2 years. In 2015, there were 17 deaths, in 2016, 22 deaths and so far in 2017, we have seen 2 deaths. An action plan has been produced outlining recommendations to minimise deaths in the longer term. Some of the activity that has been progress recently includes:

- **Clinical audit of prescribing and shared care** – designed to interrogate prescribing practices of the 'Shared Care' arrangements to inform service development and future commissioning of substance misuse services.
- **Naloxone** – Gateshead Evolve have begun to roll out take home Naloxone to service users and training sessions have been held for partner agencies, family members and carers – with 450+ kits issued. To date, there have been 20 incidents where the kits have been used (meaning potentially 20 lives saved).

- **Changes to processes** – a number of changes have been made to internal processes including: staff training on re-engagement and closure of cases; enhanced assertive outreach; dedicated process for prison releases; closer working between partners and the Community Rehabilitation Company to ensure more robust management of offenders; and closer links with other treatment services to ensure smarter management of service users.
- **Overdose training** – training sessions were provided to professionals, family members and carers around the signs of overdose and what to do in the situation.
- **Hospital Liaison** – work is being carried out to strengthen the response and support provided to those individuals presenting at Accident and Emergency suffering from overdose.

3.22 Training

A number of training sessions have taken place since April 2016 in conjunction with the Adult and Young Peoples Substance Misuse Services (Evolve and Platform) to provide practitioners in Gateshead with information on drug and alcohol awareness, overdose awareness as well as the emerging trend around New Psychoactive Substances (aka legal highs).

3.23 Diverting Offenders

There is limited provision in Gateshead available to offenders which would see them engaged in any sort of activity that would remove them from crime and ASB. Initial conversations are taking place with officers across the Council and external agencies which would look to fill this gap. This has included specific support for veterans, in conjunction with Community Rehabilitation Company and HMS Calliope. In addition, Fulfilling Lives Service User Consultation Group will be consulting with the street drinkers in the town centre in order to ascertain the reasons behind their offending and to identify measures that can put in place to minimise future issues/behaviour (and complements the Town Centre Public Space Protection Order outlined earlier).

Cross Cutting Issues

3.24 Substance Misuse Strategy

The Substance Misuse Strategy Group has held a number of sessions in order to finalise the Substance Misuse Strategy and Action Plan. The final draft of the Strategy will be presented to the Community Safety Board for endorsement in April 2017.

3.25 Safer Clubbing Campaign

Colleagues in Gateshead have worked with Safe Newcastle on a campaign which gives advice to students and clubbing population about how to remain safe when using substances (alcohol and / or drugs). Whilst Gateshead don't have a prominent clubbing scene, we do have the student accommodation in Trinity Square which houses just under 1000 students, Gateshead College and a number of licensed premises. The campaign comprises of a harm reduction leaflet, which has been made available to all students, a poster which will be displayed in licensed premises and personalised wrist bands which will monitor body temperature. Training and awareness is also taking place with licensed premises through Pub Watch meetings

3.26 Joint Alcohol Meeting

A joint meeting took place with Community Safety and Health and Wellbeing Board members to identify and agree on the key areas that both Boards will address relating to alcohol misuse.

3.27 Community Safety Board Development Session

Community Safety held a Development Session in October 2016 with Board members to help identify the potential priority areas and to consider current structures to ensure that it remained fit for purpose – with proposed changes to take effect from 1 April 2017 (including: frequency of meetings, attendance and greater accountability of partners).

3.28 Strategic Assessment

Community Safety have made some significant changes to the way in which the statutory Strategic Assessment is now completed – and is one of the first areas in the country to be use/develop the 'Management of Risk in Law Enforcement' (MoRiLE) approach.

4 Recommendation

4.1 Members are asked to:

- (i) Comment on the progress made in relation to the strategic priorities of the Community Safety Board;
- (ii) Continue to receive six-monthly Community Safety updates;
- (iii) Identify any issues/areas that OSC want to scrutinise in greater detail at a future meeting.

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TITLE OF REPORT: PREVENT Review – Progress Update

REPORT OF: Paul Dowling
Strategic Director, Communities and Environment

Summary

Community Safety Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee agreed that its review for 2015/16 would focus upon the Prevent agenda – which is one of four key elements of the national Counter Terrorism Strategy. Members received the Final Report in March 2016 which set out a number of recommendations to help build upon, and strengthen, our existing approach to Preventing Violent Extremism within Gateshead. This report provides an update on the work/activity that has taken place in order to implement the recommendations along with any further developments that have taken place – and builds upon the progress report submitted to Committee in October 2016.

1 Introduction

- 1.1 This report provides the Committee with an update on the work/activity that has taken place to address the recommendations outlined within the Final Report (of the review of Preventing Violent Extremism that was carried out in 2015/16) and builds upon the progress report submitted to Committee in October 2016.

2 Background / Context

- 2.1 As a brief reminder for members, the Final Report concluded that there were strongly co-ordinated multi-agency arrangements in place in Gateshead to meet the statutory responsibilities set out in the national Prevent Duty Guidance.
- 2.2 The Review identified no significant gaps but felt that a self-assessment should be undertaken on regular basis to ensure that we continue to have strong and robust processes in place to safeguard those at risk of being drawn into extremism (and to help demonstrate that, as a Council, we are proactive in addressing future challenge).

3 Progress against Recommendations

- 3.1 There were a total of 13 recommendations identified as part of the Review and these were aligned to the 3 themes identified in the national Prevent guidance: '*Leadership, Working in Partnership and Capabilities*'.
- 3.2 The following actions have been carried out relating to 'Leadership':

Undertake a robust self-assessment to ensure appropriate activity has been developed in relation to responsibilities outlined in Prevent Duty Guidance – and to remain proactive in addressing future challenges/issues.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">A self-assessment was carried out in October 2016 by Community Safety to ensure local activity meets national Prevent standards. |
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- The self-assessment is an ongoing process and will continue to be formally completed / updated annually (to ensure compliance with legislation and to address emerging or changing threats).
- Informal assessments are carried out on an ad-hoc basis by Community Safety, in conjunction with Special Branch, and/or following any international or national event(s), which may lead to increased concerns / tensions.
- The current self-assessment coupled with the findings outlined in the Counter Terrorism Local Profile (CTLP) has revealed no additional concerns or issues (to those identified as part of the OSC Review process).

Ensure all departments and/or services in Gateshead Council have a clear awareness of their role and responsibilities in complying with Section 26 of the Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015.

- Frontline practitioners in key services across the Council have received training in relation to 'Workshop to Raise Awareness of Prevent' and further sessions have been planned throughout the next 12 months.
- A Practice Guidance Note was produced to help officers understand the processes involved, should a Prevent referral be received, which includes details of SPOC within respective services.
- All referrals into the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub are assessed for potential extremism and discussions take place with Special Branch on a regular basis.
- The Counter Terrorism Local Profile (CTLP) has been shared with interim Chief Executive and a sanitised version will be provided to Community Safety Board to support ongoing development work. Briefings will be arranged for the new Chief Executive to take place in coming months.
- Train the Trainer Sessions have been rolled out to increase the number of practitioners (both from within the Council and partner agencies) so that are able to deliver accredited Home Office training in 2017/18. There are specialist trainers located across Communities and Environment and Care, Wellbeing and Learning.
- The local Community Tensions Framework continues to provide a mechanism for sharing of key issues across key Council services in a timely and effective manner. Stronger links have been made between Community Tensions Framework and Resilience and Emergency Planning.
- Training has taken place in a number of schools/colleges with Designated Safeguarding Leads to increase understanding of Prevent. Further work will be planned to take place with Governors.

Briefing sessions are arranged to ensure local Councillors understand about the nature of risk in their local area and the work being done to address any identified risks.

- A Members Seminar has been planned for Councillors relating to the Counter Terrorism Local Profile – which will provide Councillors with a greater understanding about the nature of risk in their local area and the work being done to address any identified risks.
- A Members Seminar session has also been arranged relating to Operation Griffin in April 2017, which is linked to Prevent, and provides details on the threat from terrorism to the UK, reporting and recognising signs of suspicious activity as well as guidance on what to do in the event of a terrorist incident taking place.
- The LGA and Centre for Public Scrutiny are in the process of producing guidance for Councillors in relation to Prevent/Counter Extremism – and have established a checklist for Councillors to help scrutinise the work undertaken by Local Authorities (which will be included as part of the Members Seminar that has been planned outlined above).
- The LGA Safer and Stronger Communities Board are currently looking to recruit a number of 'Elected Member Champions' for Prevent/Counter Extremism and a series of regional workshops are being planned.
- Members will continue to receive briefings, as necessary, following any national/local event that might cause for concern (e.g. demonstrations, increases in Syrian refugees, hate crime etc.).

Ensure Gateshead Council utilises its full authority and legitimacy to challenge narratives of radicalisers and extremists, puts forward positive alternatives and works closely with local communities to condemn activities of individuals who misrepresent extremist views.

- Earlier in the year, Council approved a motion relating to impact of hate crime, condemning all forms of hate crime and violent extremism.
- Work continues to take place with a range of partners to challenge narratives and negative views that impact on integration and cohesion (e.g. proactive approach to demonstrations/marches).
- A tailored session has been planned on hate crime and tension monitoring for Councillors, which will be delivered by Show Racism the Red Card.

Ensure strategic and operational links to relevant partnerships and Boards including: the Community Safety Board, the Local Safeguarding Children's Board, the Safeguarding Adults Board, Youth Crime Management Board and others, where necessary.

- Comprehensive guidance has been produced for Safeguarding Adults Board, which sets out the process undertaken by practitioners if a Prevent referral should be received.
- There are sections within the LSCB Procedures Manual that relate specifically to 'Safeguarding Children and Young people against Radicalisation and Violent Extremism'.
- Preventing Violent Extremism continues to be captured via the statutory Strategic Assessment process – and was identified as one of the top priorities for the Community Safety Board.
- Continue to liaise on a regular basis with Special Branch colleagues.

3.2 The following actions have been carried out relating to 'Working in Partnership':

Undertake a programme of targeted activity in order to challenge negative stereotypes (particularly with children and young people).

- Show Racism the Red Card have delivered a series of training sessions to local voluntary and community groups around hate crime awareness – which included elements of challenging stereotypes. Due to high demand, the training has been extended for 2017/18.
- Gem Arts delivered a programme of activity with children and young people designed to highlight the importance of integration and multi-cultural society.
- Gateshead Council, in collaboration with all Tyne and Wear local authorities, submitted a joint bid for Show Racism the Red Card to provide a targeted service to support young people who are expressing extreme and racist ideas and attitudes and who are vulnerable to radicalisation. SRtRC have created an outreach education service to support children and young people in mainstream and alternative educational provision – which will involve education for all pupils on extremism and radicalisation as well as targeted work for individuals that require a tailored / personalised intervention.
- Newcastle CVS, in collaboration with Gateshead and Newcastle CSPs, were successful in a funding bid to develop a set of online resources that will enable community based workers and volunteers, across both local authority areas, to be able to confidently challenge extreme language, behaviour and attitudes to support community tension/cohesion, violent extremism and hate crime agendas. The project will also include a short qualitative study with local communities as well as training programme that will be delivered by the voluntary and community sector to raise awareness of hate crime and extremism.
- A regional funding bid is being developed to increase the provision available to support those adults that do not reach thresholds for Prevent/Channel but still hold challenging views and beliefs that, in some cases, have been compounded by Brexit.
- A toolkit is being developed specifically for people with Learning Disabilities to help educate and challenge against negative stereotypes (including how to report hate/mate crime) as well as to help understand and recognise how their vulnerabilities could be exploited for extremism.

Greater dissemination of key messages contained within the CTLP (Counter Terrorism Local Profile) in order to raise the profile of the localised context to Prevent and to support the risk assessment process.

- Upon receipt of the Counter Terrorism Local Profile, we have refreshed local training to ensure it remains accurate – and updated in line with the national threat level and/or to include most up to date details of incidents.
- Further work is being prepared to highlight the incidents that have taken place within the region to demonstrate the impact that terrorism/extremism can have locally.

Continue to proactively share knowledge of possible community tensions across Council services and partner agencies to ensure all concerns can be reviewed, and actions to address issues can be implemented, in a timely and effective manner.

- The local Community Tensions Framework continues to provide a mechanism for sharing of key issues across key Council services in a timely and effective manner.
- Information is now routinely shared with neighbouring authorities, particular Newcastle – facilitated by Central Engagement Team at Northumbria Police.
- Community Safety is working with Resilience to ensure effective join-up between different strands – particularly in relation to the Community Tensions Framework. Initial conversations have also started to explore opportunities for WRAP/Operation Griffin training materials to be merged.

Formalise Gateshead Council processes in relation to Channel to ensure all Prevent referrals are reviewed in a consistent and structured way.

- Comprehensive guidance has been produced for Safeguarding Adults Board, which sets out the process undertaken by practitioners if a Prevent referral should be received.
- Referrals are triaged in the first instance, in collaboration with Special Branch, using the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH).

3.3 The following actions have been carried out relating to 'Capabilities' (including training and use of Council resources):

Continue to undertake training to upskill staff and ensure a plan is in place to train targeted staff and frontline practitioners.

- All training is included within the LSCB and is targeted towards frontline practitioners who are working with adults and children. 12 x 'formal' sessions have been planned in for 2017/18 – and an 'informal' timetable has been drawn up for Community Safety to attend specific departments and services Team Meetings so that we can target training to specific areas.
- WRAP training continues to take place on a regular basis throughout the year – and uptake of training remains very good – with 300+ individuals trained in 12 months.
- Special Branch has delivered Train the Trainer sessions in order to increase local capacity to deliver future WRAP training – and includes staff from both Council and partners.
- Bespoke training sessions have taken place with Designated Safeguarding Leads within schools and childcare providers.
- E-learning packages, developed by the Home Office, continue to be promoted with partners and Council staff.
- Discussions have taken place at a regional level to ensure training is consistently being delivered throughout Northumbria – and to explore opportunities for joint working.

Develop appropriate guidance and literature on the Prevent agenda.

- Gateshead Council has produced a short leaflet to raise awareness of the signs of Prevent which includes key contact details and warning signs.
- A document has been developed for health professionals in collaboration with Safeguarding Lead at QE Hospital.
- Discussions are taking place at the Regional Prevent Working Group to explore how this could be undertaken regionally – so that the messages relating to Prevent are consistent.

Consider wider elements of Prevent (e.g. ensuring that organisations who are currently contracted to work with/for the Council are not engaged in any extremist activity or disseminate extremist views).

- A regional piece of work has been commissioned to provide consistency across Northumbria in terms of a generic clause that could be included within commissioning contracts to increase uptake of Prevent training as well as a guidance document for commissioners. The first draft was completed in March 2017 and has been shared with relevant officers within Council.
- Further work needs to be undertaken with Council services (such as ICT) and this is similar trend across Northumbria.

6. Recommendations

6.1 The Committee is asked to:

- (i) Discuss and comment on the contents of the report;
- (ii) Agree to receive further updates in relation to the progress made against delivering the recommendations at future meeting;

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TITLE OF REPORT: Community Safety Board – Partnership Plan 2017/18

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Summary

This report provides Community Safety Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee with an overview of the Partnership Plan which provides details of the strategic priorities that have been identified by the Community Safety Board to deliver against throughout the next 12 months.

1 Introduction

- 1.1 This report provides Community Safety Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee with an overview of the Partnership Plan that has been produced by Community Safety Board for 2017/18.

2 Background

- 2.1 As a reminder for members, the Community Safety Board has a statutory duty under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 to produce an annual intelligence-led Strategic Assessment and Partnership Plan. The Strategic Assessment is a detailed analysis of key crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour issues within Gateshead in order to assist in identifying possible community safety priorities. Following a public consultation exercise a Partnership Plan is produced which sets out specific priorities the Board will focus upon in the forthcoming year.

3 Strategic Assessment

- 3.1 The tenth Strategic Assessment was completed in December 2016, in conjunction with identifying 4 broad strategic themes and a number of strategic priorities for the Community Safety Board to potentially address in 2017/18.
- 3.2 Members will recall that these were presented to Community Safety Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee in January 2017 for comments (as part of the statutory consultation) and included details of the revised process that we used within Gateshead – including the use of 'Management of Risk Management in Law Enforcement (MoRiLE) tools, which assessed the potential harm and risk of issues, and measured this against our partners' capacity and capability to respond as well as how we worked more collaboratively with Safe Newcastle.
- 3.3 The Assessment identified similar issues and problems to that found in previous years and showed that the activity undertaken by Community Safety partners remained appropriate and relevant.

4. Strategic Themes and Priorities

4.1 The strategic themes identified for 2017/18 are:

- Tackling Violence
- Combatting Anti-Social Behaviour
- Addressing Substance Misuse
- Improving Public Confidence

Theme 1: Tackling Violence

The key priorities that will be addressed under this theme are:

- Violent Crime
- Domestic Abuse
- Sexual Abuse

Theme 2: Combatting Anti-Social Behaviour

The key priorities that will be addressed under this theme are:

- Youth and adult-related ASB
- Prevent Violent Extremism and Radicalisation
- Hate Crime
- High Demand Locations – identified through Problem Solving
- Community Tensions

Theme 3: Addressing Substance Misuse

The key priorities that will be addressed under this theme are:

- Drugs (including Novel Psychoactive Substances)
- Alcohol
- Drug-related Deaths

Theme 4: Improving Public Confidence

The key priorities that will be addressed under this theme are:

- Improving Community Confidence in Services
- Community Cohesion and Engagement

4 Consultation

4.1 Public consultation is a statutory requirement in the development of strategic priorities (as set out in the Crime and Disorder Act 1998). The draft priorities were presented to relevant Portfolios, a number of resident and community groups as well as members of the public (via Gateshead Council's Consultation Portal, website and ViewPoint). In addition, presentations are planned to be delivered to the Diversity Forum and all Community Safety Sub-Groups as well as information being sent to services and officers linked with delivering the community safety agenda within Gateshead.

4.2 As at 20 March 2017, the Board has received a high volume of responses to the consultation (with in excess of 600+ residents responding). 65% of respondents to the consultation gave a priority weight to violent crime (including domestic and sexual abuse). Conversely, fewer respondents (8%) felt that the 'improving public confidence' theme was a priority. Yet, poor street lighting and environmental issues (such as fly-tipping, graffiti, dog-fouling and speeding) were identified as key concerns – all of which are visible incidents which directly impact on feelings of safety and perceptions of Council/Police to tackle issues.

5 Partnership Plan 2017/18

- 5.1 The draft Partnership Plan has been included as Appendix 1 and provides the headline details of some activity that has been undertaken over the last twelve-months to keep residents safe.
- 5.2 It highlights a range of landscape/context issues that will impact on the Board as well as a list of potential outcomes and/or performance measures that will be achieved. Differently to previous years, a section has been included which sets out specific activity/actions linked with each of the strategic themes and priorities as well as details of the demand on Community Safety services within the Borough.
- 5.3 Following the consultation period, the strategic priorities will be discussed and agreed at the Community Safety Board in April 2017 – and the Partnership Plan will be finalised and made publically available.
- 5.4 It is important to note that some of the strategic themes/priorities have strong links to work overseen by other statutory Boards (e.g. the Safeguarding Adults, Local Safeguarding Children and Health and Wellbeing Boards) and will require a co-ordinated approach to ensure actions are delivered collaboratively.

6 Community Safety Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee

- 6.1 The actions associated with the Partnership Plan will be formally scrutinised through the Community Safety Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee (as set out in the Local Government Act 2000 and associated regulations) and regular update reports will be presented to Committee for scrutiny over the next twelve-months (in line with the OSC Workplan for 2017/18).

7 Recommendations

- 7.1 The Committee is asked to:
- (i) Comment on report (and draft Partnership Plan set out in Appendix 1);
 - (ii) Identify if there are any specific themes, priorities and/or issues for future discussion, and
 - (iii) Agree to receive regular updates on actions undertaken in relation to the strategic priorities (as per the OSC Workplan 2017/18).

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**Gateshead Community
Safety Board**

PARTNERSHIP PLAN

2017/18

Working in partnership to make Gateshead a safer place to work, live and visit.



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Strategic Priorities 2017/18 – at a glance...

Gateshead Community Safety Board has identified the following strategic priorities for 2017/18:

(1) TACKLING VIOLENCE	(2) COMBATTING ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR	(3) ADDRESSING SUBSTANCE MISUSE	(4) IMPROVING PUBLIC CONFIDENCE
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Theme 1: TACKLING VIOLENCE

The key priorities that will be addressed under this theme are:

- Violent Crime
- Domestic Abuse
- Sexual Abuse

Theme 2: COMBATTING ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR (ASB)

The key priorities that will be addressed under this theme are:

- Youth and adult-related ASB
- High Demand Locations – identified through Problem Solving
- Community Tensions
- Hate Crime

Theme 3: ADDRESSING SUBSTANCE MISUSE

The key priorities that will be addressed under this theme are:

- Drugs
- Drug-related Deaths
- Alcohol

Theme 4: IMPROVING PUBLIC CONFIDENCE

The key priorities that will be addressed under this theme are:

- Improving Community Confidence in Services
- Community Cohesion and Engagement
- Prevent Violent Extremism and Radicalisation

Further details on why these themes/priorities are important, what we intend to address them, who is responsible for delivering activity to support delivery of the priorities as well as how we intend to measure our success have been set out in pages 14 through to 21.

Foreword

I am proud to report that Gateshead continues to be a safe place to work, live and visit. The latest Strategic Assessment shows that crime and disorder issues experienced within Gateshead remains significantly lower than the Northumbria and Most Similar Family Group average.

Overall, there has been a reduction in the number of crimes recorded in Gateshead by Northumbria Police in the last decade; while perceptions of crime and disorder within the Borough continues to be quite positive – with a high proportion of respondents to the Safer Communities Survey feeling very and/or fairly satisfied that the local Police and Council are tackling the key issues that matter within their neighbourhood. This is very encouraging.

Despite this excellent progress, Gateshead Community Safety Board – the multi-agency partnership responsible for reducing crime and disorder, substance misuse and re-offending within your Borough – acknowledges that we can always improve.

The Partnership Plan 2017/18 explains how, by working in partnership, we will: tackle crime and disorder, address anti-social behaviour, deal with substance misuse, work to protect young people and families and reduce re-offending in order to build a more reassured and cohesive community.

The Plan identifies a number of priorities for action (based upon the findings of the latest Strategic Assessment) and sets out our shared priorities that we deliver against in the next 12 months.

We recognise that we can only achieve our vision with your help. With your involvement, we will be more able to protect you and your property and hopefully make your neighbourhood an even safer place. As a result, over the next twelve-months, you can be assured that we will be in regular contact with many residents, businesses and other involved agencies – and are fully committed to informing and consulting with you about the key community safety issues that impact on your neighbourhood.

Through the strong multi-agency working that exists within Gateshead, I am assured the Partnership will continue to promote and encourage community cohesion – and I am confident by delivering the priorities outlined within this Plan, we will be able to bring neighbourhoods and communities' closer together making Gateshead an even stronger and safer place.

By combining appropriate enforcement action with preventative and educational work, I am certain that as a partnership we can address crime and disorder issues – and ultimately improve quality of life for all local residents, businesses and visitors.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge all of the hard work and efforts of partner agencies and internal Council services who on a daily basis contribute significantly to protecting and supporting Gateshead residents – and I look forward to replicating further successes in the next 12 months.



Councillor J McElroy

Chair of Gateshead Community Safety Board and Northumbria Police and Crime Panel

Demand for Community Safety Services in Gateshead

On an average day in Gateshead, there are...

- 158 separate incidents reported to the Police
- 43 crimes recorded by the Police
- Two road traffic collisions
- 5+ incidents of domestic abuse involving children
- 1,800+ individuals open to treatment services suffering from drug and alcohol misuse
- XXX admissions to hospital due to alcohol consumption
- XXX offenders being managed by National Probation Service
- XXX individuals reporting to the Council as homeless

On an average week in Gateshead, there are...

- 23 high-risk domestic abuse victims referred to the Council IDVA Service
- Nine burglaries to homes and twenty incidents of car crime
- Six hate crimes taking place
- 24 incidents of noise/neighbour disputes
- 11 deliberate secondary fires started
- 20 presentations to Accident and Emergency suffering assault-related injuries
- 40+ individuals presenting to Accident and Emergency more than 3 times a week
- 46 deliberate secondary fires reported to Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service
- 6 x drink driving cases heard at Gateshead Magistrates Court

On an average month in Gateshead, there are...

- 650+ offenders being managed by Northumbria Community Rehabilitation Company
- 380 incidents of domestic violence and 25 incidents of sexual violence reported to Police
- 153 reports of youth-related disorder
- 12 deliberate primary fires taking place
- 82 reports of littering, 64 reports of dog fouling and 23 reports of graffiti
- 2 deaths as a result of drug misuse
- 59 vulnerable clients supported via the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub
- 100+ ASB cases are opened/investigated by The Gateshead Housing Company

Last year in Gateshead, there were...

- 4,800+ Home Safety Checks carried out by Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service
- 51% increase in recorded crime – an additional 26 crimes for every 1,000 residents
- Almost 8,000 incidents of anti-social behaviour reported
- 7,300+ victims of crime – of which 44 individuals were victims 5+ times
- 4,100+ offenders
- 53% of calls to Police related to public safety/welfare
- 393 serial victims of domestic abuse (2+ different perpetrators)
- XXX young people supported via the Youth Offending Team (Prevention)

Snapshot of Community Safety Activity in 2016/17

Substance Misuse Strategy

A Substance Misuse Strategy and Action Plan has been produced which sets out the activity that will be undertaken to address drug and alcohol misuse within the Borough

Drug-related Deaths

Following a concern around an increase in DRDs, over 450 Naloxone kits have been distributed to supported accommodation providers, hostel workers and carers.

Hate Crime Awareness

Several training sessions were commissioned from Show Racism the Red Card and 'Be' (an LGBT organisation) to increase understanding of hate crime and its consequences

Supporting Vulnerable Adults

The Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) to has continued to provide additional support to vulnerable adults with multiple and complex needs

Preventing Violent Extremism

Continued to work in partnership with partners and communities to reduce the impact of community tensions and to raise profile of Preventing Extremism

Task and Finish Groups

Set-up Task and Finish Groups to tackle a range of issues affecting local residents (inc. motorcycle disorder, youth-related ASB, graffiti and community tensions)

Domestic Homicide Reviews

Commissioned several Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHRs) to review local practice to ensure robust and effective processes to safeguard local residents

ASB Tools and Powers

Implementation of the new ASB Tools and Powers (including the roll out of a number of Public Space Protection Orders across the Borough) and Problem Solving Training

Training and Development

Delivered and commissioned a range of training / development to staff to equip staff with necessary skill and knowledge to tackle community safety issues

Phoenix Project

Commissioned Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service to work with young people to change their attitude and behaviour in relation to setting deliberate fires and hoax calls

Platform – Outreach Work

Commissioned Platform to deliver outreach work within hotspot locations to offer advice and specialist intervention on drug and alcohol awareness to young people

CSB Structures

The Community Safety Board held a Development Session to realign its existing structures to ensure that it remained fit for purpose

Community Safety Funding

Successfully bid for national funding to increase local provision linked with domestic abuse, preventing violent extremism and hate crime agendas.

Domestic Violence Support and Advice (DVSA) Car

Supported the roll out of a bespoke project designed to respond in a timelier manner to protect victims of domestic abuse

Domestic Abuse Champions

Gateshead CSB has continued to train Domestic Abuse Champions across a range of Council services and partner agencies to raise profile of support available

Community Safety Strategies

Working with our partners, a range of multi-agency strategies have been produced and/or refreshed and implemented throughout the last 12 months

Bonfire Night

A partnership intelligence-led approach was taken to help minimise the impact of deliberate secondary fires within Gateshead in the lead up to Bonfire Night

Supporting ASB Victims

Commissioned an ASB Volunteer Scheme to provide help, guidance and support to victims of Anti-Social Behaviour and Hate Crime within Gateshead

Closure Order

Successful in obtaining our first Closure Order which provided reassurance and protection to local residents suffering from disturbance, harassment and intimidation

Task and Finish Groups

A range of time-limited Task and Finish Groups have been established to provide a co-ordinated multi-agency response combat anti-social behaviour in hotspot locations

Strategic Assessment Process

Fundamentally change the way in which we deliver the statutory multi-agency Strategic Assessment process and delivered a joint session in conjunction with Safe Newcastle

Introduction

What is Community Safety?

Community safety involves various organisations working together with local communities to tackle persistent crime and disorder issues that are adversely affecting the quality of life of local people within the Borough. From feeling secure in your home to feeling confident whilst out in your local neighbourhood, community safety continues to be one of the most important issues for residents living in Gateshead.

We are pleased to report that Gateshead continues to be one of the safest places to live, work and visit throughout the whole of Tyne and Wear. When compared to its Most Similar Family Groups across England and Wales, the Borough remains one of the best performing areas in relation to the vast majority of crime and disorder indicators. Satisfaction levels with Northumbria Police remain high; while the findings outlined within the Safer Communities Survey show that almost seven out of every ten respondents feel as though we are tackling issues effectively within their area.

Despite this success, in the last 12 months, Gateshead has experienced a rise in the number of crimes recorded by Northumbria Police. These increases are directly attributed to national changes in the way in which crime is now recorded by Police Forces; similarly, increased confidence in victims to come forward has resulted in an upturn in certain crime categories; while, greater emphasis to address vulnerability has resulted in changes to the way in which Community Safety partners operate.

You can be assured that all of our partner agencies are fully committed to tackling the community safety issues facing the Borough – and you can be confident that these agencies will continue to take timely and effective action to address these issues and at the earliest possible opportunity.

Our Vision...

The vision of the Gateshead Community Safety Board is for:

“Gateshead to remain a safer place to work, live and visit”

Context

What is the Community Safety Board?

The Community Safety Board is the local multi-agency partnership that has been established to tackle community safety issues within Gateshead. Along with other supporting partner agencies, some of the key organisations that make up the Community Safety Board include:

- Gateshead Metropolitan Borough Council
(Community Safety, Youth Offending, Licensing, Trading Standards and Public Health)
- Northumbria Police
- Northumbria Community Rehabilitation Company
- National Probation Service
- Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service
- Newcastle Gateshead Clinical Commissioning Group
- Gateshead Magistrates Court
- The Gateshead Housing Company
- Representatives from the Voluntary and Community Sector
(Newcastle VCS)

By working collectively together, these organisations have a greater impact on preventing crime and disorder – and develop more effective and sustainable solutions to better protect, support and empower local residents to feel safe and secure living within Gateshead.

What are the Community Safety Board duties?

The Board has a statutory obligation under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 to work in partnership to address issues linked with:

- crime and disorder
- anti-social behaviour
- behaviour adversely affecting the environment
- substance misuse (including both drug and alcohol misuse)
- reducing re-offending

The Community Safety Board meets on a quarterly basis and is supported by a range of operational Sub-Groups that deliver the actions identified with this Partnership Plan. These Sub-Groups include:

- Domestic Abuse Executive Forum
- Substance Misuse Sub-Group
- Time-limited Task and Finish Groups (including Domestic Homicide Reviews)

The Community Safety Board is required to produce a Partnership Plan every year to inform local residents of the areas that we intend to prioritise over the next twelve-months. The priorities are set following a rigorous intelligence-led assessment of key crime, disorder and substance misuse issues impacting upon the Borough – known as the Strategic Assessment – and involves consultation with local residents.

What is the Strategic Assessment?

The review of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 changed certain aspects of how crime and disorder is tackled by the Partnership. The legislative changes brought in by the Police and Justice Act 2006 no longer require us to conduct a Crime and Drugs Audit every three years, which in the past has determined the strategic priorities of the Community Safety, but instead we are now required to conduct yearly Strategic Assessments, which inform our strategic priorities set out in this Partnership Plan. A strategic assessment is a detailed study of crime and community safety and includes:

- Information from all of the statutory Responsible Authorities;
- Information from wider partners and services;
- Information from Overview and Scrutiny Committee considering crime and disorder matters;
- Information provided by the community (including perceptions surveys);
- Information contained within the previous Strategic Assessment and Partnership Plan, and
- Detailed horizon scanning to inform future and emerging trends.

The tenth Strategic Assessment was completed in December 2016 and the findings have been used to determine the strategic priorities for delivery in 2017/18. This year, the Community Safety Board agreed to undertake a joint process in collaboration with Safe Newcastle to help identify any similar areas for future collaboration and joint working. This included a joint workshop with key partner agencies to help identify the key issues affecting the Borough and to identify potential emerging and future threats to Community Safety activity. In addition, the Strategic Assessment consulted with local residents and community groups to ensure that the services we offer in Gateshead remain responsive to local needs.

What is the Partnership Plan?

The Partnership Plan is an agreed plan between all partners. It sets out the Boroughs priorities and how, in partnership, we plan to meet them and make the best use of resources available to us. This includes both general aims as well as more specific planned action, so we can be flexible to adapt to new legalisation, changing priorities, and good practice in the field of community safety. It also lists the targets by which we will measure our progress.

This Plan brings together partnership working on crime, disorder, substance misuse and reoffending in a single document. Although it is the Community Safety Board who has a statutory responsibility for delivering the actions outlined within this Partnership Plan, we recognise that we must work closely with other strategic partnerships and services to achieve our vision – particularly the Local Safeguarding Children’s Board, Safeguarding Adults Board and Health and Wellbeing Board.

National and Regional Landscape

Over the last few years, Government has introduced a number of significant national changes that have significantly impacted on the community safety landscape. Some of these changes include: the introduction of directly-elected Police and Crime Commissioners, the national reforms set out as part of the Transforming Rehabilitation agenda as well as publishing range of national strategies and policies linked with domestic abuse, anti-social behaviour, counter terrorism and crime prevention – all of which have altered the focus of the work delivered by community safety partners.

In the last few years, there continues to be a number of local organisational changes including: the merger of Northumbria Police Area Commands, changes to the operational delivery model of Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service and split in Probation Services – and we fully recognise that these changes will continue into take place in the coming future years.

Policing and community safety continues to change. Crime and the demand on services/resources is different. Online and cyber-crime are increasing and there is an emergence of complex and harmful crimes such as sexual exploitation and human trafficking; while incidents linked with vulnerability (e.g. mental health problems) are increasing and more victims are confidently reporting issues linked with domestic and sexual abuse. The impact of triggering Article 50 to exit the European Union will also need to be considered from a crime and disorder perspective. As a result, it is likely all of our partners will, at some point, have to re-shape and alter their working practices to be able to respond to this unprecedented change. Partnership working is crucial. It is important now more than ever to work collectively across all public services to ensure that we have the right resources and skills across the partnership to be able to successfully protect and support residents and victims from crime and disorder.

Finally, we also are mindful of the work undertaken at a regional perspective by the local Police and Crime Commissioner and bordering Community Safety Partnerships, and endeavour, where possible, to discuss and share how we can work effectively with these partners and services to help achieve a consistent approach to community safety work.

Consultation Responses

It is pleasing that in excess of **XXXX** local residents provided feedback on the themes and priorities and we made contact with a wide range of local community and voluntary groups and Council services to seek their views. The consultation process showed that the findings outlined within the Strategic Assessment were similar to the concerns expressed by respondents. However, a greater emphasis was placed on **burglary and theft-related offences as well as youth-related disorder. Environmental issues also were found to be an area of concern for local residents – particularly graffiti, fly-tipping and dog-fouling.**

Key issues highlighted within the consultation were:

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*** Gemma to produce from Consultation Responses (w/c 3 April)**

These areas will be considered as part of the operational Sub-Group work plans for 2017/18 to ensure that the work undertaken by the Board is directly influenced by the findings from the consultation phase. In addition, over the next twelve-months, the Board will be in regular contact with many residents, businesses and other involved agencies – and are fully committed to regularly informing and consulting about key community safety issues that impact on neighbourhoods.

Performance Monitoring and Governance

The Community Safety Board is responsible for delivering actions to address the strategic themes and priorities identified within this Partnership Plan. Regular reports will be submitted to the Board and will allow partners to challenge and scrutinise the work that has been undertaken.

Community Safety Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee

The actions associated with the Plan will also be formally scrutinised through the Community Safety Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee which was established in 2014/15 to ensure that the Board is delivering its necessary functions linked with crime and disorder, as set out in the Local Government Act 2000 and associated regulations.

Strategic Priorities 2017/18

To achieve our vision, Gateshead Community Safety Board has identified 4 strategic priorities that it will deliver against for 2017/18:

Theme 1: TACKLING VIOLENCE

The key priorities that will be addressed under this theme are:

- Violent Crime
- Domestic Abuse
- Sexual Abuse

Theme 2: COMBATTING ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR (ASB)

The key priorities that will be addressed under this theme are:

- Youth and adult-related ASB
- High Demand Locations – identified through Problem Solving
- Community Tensions
- Hate Crime

Theme 3: ADDRESSING SUBSTANCE MISUSE

The key priorities that will be addressed under this theme are:

- Drugs
- Drug-related Deaths
- Alcohol

Theme 4: IMPROVING PUBLIC CONFIDENCE

The key priorities that will be addressed under this theme are:

- Improving Community Confidence in Services
- Community Cohesion and Engagement
- Prevent Violent Extremism and Radicalisation

A full action plan will be produced by each of the operational Sub-Groups, which will set out the specific actions that will be undertaken under each of the priorities/themes identified above and will highlight what we want to achieve and what we are planning to do to meet those aims. It will also provide details of the performance measures that will be used to quantify our success and enable us to respond to changes in the community safety environment in a timely and effective manner. The Community Safety Board also recognises that some priorities identified have strong links to work overseen by other statutory Boards and will require a co-ordinated approach to ensure that actions are delivered.

It is important to recognise that the Community Safety Board has a number of statutory obligations and, although not listed as strategic priorities above, there continues to be a lot of work undertaken to ensure we comply with relevant legislation. For example, as a Board we have a responsibility to deliver activity linked with Preventing Violent Extremism, commission reviews into domestic-related homicides and deliver actions to help minimise Serious and Organised Crime within the Borough. A great deal of partnership activity takes place around these themes, as part of our core day-to-day business, and will continue to be delivered in 2017/18.

Theme 1: TACKLING VIOLENCE

Why is it important and what are the key challenges?

- 71% (+1,534) increase in violence against the person offences within Gateshead, placing increased demands on existing services.
- Northumbria has experienced the highest increase in levels of reported domestic and sexual abuse – with levels in Gateshead increasing significantly over the last few years.
- Despite significant levels of resource and activity, it remains a significantly under reported (with an estimated 1 in 4 women and 1 in 6 men purportedly suffering domestic violence).
- Significant increases in volume of domestic violence victims deemed high risk of homicide.
- Increases in repeat cases referred to MARAC and more than 1,400 children supported via Operation Encompass.
- Increased emphasis at both a national and regional level on tackling domestic violence.
- Emergence of an all-age Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub within Gateshead.
- Increased attendance at Accident and Emergency from those suffering from assault-related injuries.
- Wider implications of violence – including costs incurred by Community Safety partners, wider economy and impact on health and wellbeing.

What we will do?

- Produce a refreshed Domestic and Sexual Abuse Strategy and Action Plan that will set out the activities that will be undertaken locally within Gateshead – ensuring that the National Statement of Expectations are embedded.
- Work with the Police and Crime Commissioner to deliver activity to support national and regional Violence Against Women and Girls strategies and policies.
- Reintroduce and strengthen the multi-agency Domestic Abuse Executive Forum to review and monitor the strategic and operational response to domestic and sexual abuse.
- Improve reporting of domestic and sexual abuse – particularly within hard-to-reach and marginalised communities/groups.
- Implement findings outlined within Domestic Homicide Review Action Plan(s) and refresh local DHR Framework (following changes to national guidance).
- Work with Local Safeguarding Children's Board to educate, inform and challenge young people about healthy relationships, abuse and consent
- Raise public and staff awareness of domestic abuse and its impact on individuals/communities
- Prevent domestic and sexual abuse by challenging attitudes and behaviours

- Provide early identification and co-ordinated intervention to be able to protect and support victims in a timely manner
- Contribute and commit to the introduction of an all-age Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub to ensure a co-ordinated approach is taken to support victims of domestic abuse.
- Develop a detailed/accurate understanding of the different aspects of domestic and sexual abuse within the Borough to inform commissioning arrangements
- Continue to utilise the Troubled Families model to ensure that we deliver effective wrap-around support for the whole family.
- Work with local health services to strengthen local interventions to help identity violence and abuse at an earlier stage (e.g. health DV worker, IRIS model, A&E pilot).
- Ensure that adequate support and appropriate pathways are embedded to addressing Adolescent to Parent violence.
- Ensure that timely enforcement action is taken against perpetrators of domestic abuse – including providing support.
- Explore specific work (e.g. re-align resources to target risk groups, repeat/serial victims).
- Review existing training and produce a refreshed directory of suitable training (e.g. mental health, stalking and harassment, cyber-related incidents)
- Review use of DVPO/Ns to increase awareness and uptake locally.
- Further develop the Cardiff Model data and identify how this can be utilised locally.

Who is responsible?

- The Domestic Abuse Executive Forum is responsible for delivering actions linked with the 'Tackling Violence' strategic priority and is chaired by Gateshead Council (Public Health) on behalf of the Community Safety Board.

How will we measure our success?

- Rate/number of domestic/sexual-related incidents reported to Police and Council
- Percentage of repeats incidents/persons (referred to MARAC)
- Rate of violence against the person offences (including weapon-related incidents?)
- Number of MATAC referrals (perpetrators)
- Referrals /engagement with IDVA and/or MASH (including Operation Encompass referrals)
- Victim satisfaction (Police/Council)
- Number of individuals presenting at Accident and Emergency from assault-related injuries

Theme 2: COMBATTING ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

Why is it important and what are the key challenges?

- The Council and partners continue to receive a high volume of complaints relating to anti-social behaviour – ranging from nuisance and environmental-related issues through to calls concerning behaviour targeted towards specific persons/groups.
- Anti-social behaviour has fallen year-on-year – but still equates to almost 14% of all calls made to Northumbria Police.
- Anti-social behaviour can affect anyone and negatively influences public confidence.
- Tackling youth-related anti-social behaviour continues to be the top concern for local residents followed by rubbish or litter, dog fouling, speeding or dangerous driving and fly-tipping.
- Despite fewer partnership resources, resident expectations of how we respond to ASB remain the same, which may lead to an increase in calls for service where no action is taken.
- Rise in the number of ASB cases that involve complex needs and vulnerability – which are more difficult to address (e.g. mental health-related ASB).
- National and local increases in the number of hate crime incidents – with specific community groups known to be targeted – with significant underreporting.

What we will do?

- Work with partners to efficiently tackle the changing nature of anti-social behaviour in order to effectively meet the demands of local communities.
- Be intelligence-led and information driven to ensure resources are deployed through Tasking and Co-ordination into the right areas and the right time to combat ASB effectively.
- Ensure that timely and targeted enforcement action is taken against perpetrators of ASB.
- Tackle specific elements of ASB (e.g. youth disorder, graffiti – signal crimes etc).
- Work collectively in order to prevent/divert ASB and hate crime from occurring in first place.
- Review how we combat anti-social behaviour within the Borough through Vanguard in order to improve our response to ASB complaints.
- Review the implementation of ASB Legislation locally (e.g. Public Space Protection Order).
- Deliver awareness raising campaigns to demonstrate the impact of ASB and hate crime.
- Roll out further training for frontline staff and practitioners to increase awareness of the ASB Tools and Powers that are available.
- Work with partners to ensure that we are effectively capturing and addressing vulnerability and addressing the root cause/driver of the problem.

- Provide support to vulnerable and repeat victims of ASB and hate crime.
- Develop a campaign that sets out expectations (i.e. what we will and won't deliver on...?)
- Raise the profile of hate crime within local communities to increase the level of reporting within specific at-risk and hard-to-reach groups.
- Review current case management processes in relation to hate crime (ARCH) to ensure a consistent approach is provided to all cases – and ensure that refreshed training is provided to all users.
- Provide targeted education and support programmes to specific groups most at risk of victimisation to increase understanding of hate crime and how to report as well as projects designed to tackle perpetrator behaviour.

Who is responsible?

- The Crime, ASB and Confidence Group is responsible for delivering actions linked with the 'Combatting Anti-Social Behaviour' strategic priority and is chaired by Northumbria Police on behalf of the Community Safety Board.

How will we measure our success?

- % who agree that the Police and Council are dealing with the anti-social behaviour and crime issues that matter in their area
- % who think ASB is a very or fairly big problem in their neighbourhood
- Number of Police-recorded ASB incidents
- Number of Council-recorded ASB incidents
- Number of deliberate secondary fires recorded by Tyne and Wear Fire Service
- Number of hate crime cases reported to ARCH
- Victim satisfaction (Police/Council)

Theme 3: ADDRESSING SUBSTANCE MISUSE

Why is it important and what are the key challenges?

- Substance misuse continues to play an important influencing factor in crime and disorder issues – and is increasing (with a 44% rise in the crimes involving alcohol last year alone)
- Alcohol-related hospital admissions in Gateshead are the 3rd highest in England
- Deaths from alcohol continue to increase – more than 110 people died in 2015
- 17,598 alcohol-related Ambulance call outs in 2014/15 – with anecdotal evidence suggesting alcohol is responsible for up to 50% of all calls on a weekend.
- Rise in the number of presentations at Accident and Emergency for assault-related injuries
- North East continues to have the highest percentage of: adults regularly drinking over the recommended limits and binge drinkers throughout England.
- Significant increase in the number of drug-related deaths – both nationally and locally, which can have devastating impact on communities.
- Increase in complex cases (involving mental health, substance misuse and offending)
- Alcohol remains a contributory factor in many domestic-related fires
- Alcohol use is often linked parenting problems and dysfunctional families
- High proportion of cases of Missing and Sexually Exploited and Trafficked are linked with substance misuse
- Substance abuse leads to risk taking behaviour – particularly amongst children and young people.

What we will do?

- Produce a refreshed Substance Misuse Strategy and Action Plan that will set out the activities that will be undertaken locally within Gateshead to address drug and alcohol abuse.
- Work collectively with other Boards and statutory agencies to lobby Government for changes in legislation and to take proactive action to address drug and alcohol issues at a national level.
- Routinely review our local Drug and Alcohol Treatment services to ensure that those using substances receive the most appropriate and timely support.
- Support national and local communications, campaigns, and engagement work to increase understanding of the potential risks and issues generated by substance misuse.
- Continue to monitor and review all Drug-related Deaths and Overdoses that occur within Gateshead and take appropriate action to minimise the potential for future deaths.
- Tackle drug and alcohol misuse through targeted actions designed to reduce demand, restrict supply and build recovery

- Ensure that we continue to develop and implement robust systems and have procedures in place to support a positive and responsible alcohol trade.
- Ensure robust proactive licensing procedures to reduce the impact of alcohol related harm for the public.
- Challenge the culture and societal norms around alcohol use.
- Improve quality and increase access to low level interventions.
- Support local people to understand the true long term health impact of alcohol.
- Explore the possibilities of implementing a Gateshead levy.
- Support and champion the development of knowledgeable Health and Wellbeing services that promote and deliver prevention, sensible drinking and abstinence programmes.
- Implement approaches to modify risky behaviours amongst high prevalence or high risk groups.
- Improve the quality of data collection to understand the full impact of drugs and alcohol on crime, health, offending, reoffending and the community.
- Undertake robust offender management to those who have committed drug and alcohol-related crime, making best use of positive disposals/requirements.
- Roll out of substance misuse awareness and overdose awareness training for frontline staff, partner agencies, carers and family members.
- Tackle dual-diagnosis to ensure those who mental health and substance misuse issues receive the most appropriate and effective treatment.
- Increase the visibility of, and access to, a wide range of recovery communities across the borough – including facilitating peer support and mutual aid networks.

Who is responsible?

- The Substance Misuse Strategy Group is responsible for delivering actions linked with the 'Addressing Substance Misuse' strategic priority and is chaired by Gateshead Council (Public Health) on behalf of the Community Safety Board. Ad-hoc reports will be presented to Health and Wellbeing Board for information.

How will we measure our success?

- The Substance Misuse Strategy Group measures a broad range of indicators that are measured on a regular basis linked with drug and alcohol issues – of which the following indicators will be reported to the Community Safety Board: **Tbc**

Theme 4: IMPROVING PUBLIC CONFIDENCE

Why is it important and what are the key challenges?

- Improving public confidence and trust in services is crucial to increase reporting of crime and disorder issues and problems within the Borough.
- Perceptions of crime and disorder are not necessarily related to the volume/issues experienced within the Borough – and feelings of safety are often negatively influenced by external sources.
- Evidence shows that feelings of safety can have a direct impact on health and wellbeing – and increase vulnerability / susceptibility to victimisation.
- Increased community cohesion is a fundamental role to be able to achieve more together.
- As public sector resources diminish, we must work collectively to minimise the impact on local communities and residents.
- Recent changes in legislation, national policy and local issues linked with: Preventing Violent Extremism, Serious and Organised Crime, Community Cohesion and Social Integration.

What we will do?

- Proactively engage with local communities to build relationships and provide advice, education and guidance – in particular to vulnerable and marginalised groups.
- Work closer with the Voluntary and Community Sector to increase our knowledge and understanding of the resources available within Gateshead to support people and communities affected by community safety issues.
- Develop a Communications Framework to ensure that we have a co-ordinated approach to media/comms across all partner organisations, ensuring that we are proactively promoting positive messages about how the work undertaken by the Board.
- Continue to work with the Central Engagement Team at Northumbria Police to monitor and respond to Community Tensions
- Ensure that we work collaboratively with other themed partnerships/board on shared areas of concern to minimise duplication.
- Develop a series of personal safety and vulnerability campaigns (e.g. internet safety/cyber-crime, work with trading standards around doorstep crime/scams)
- Explore opportunities to support activity to improve community cohesion (and activities linked with the recent national review into integration).
- Proactively prevent people from being drawn into terrorism through continued delivery and awareness raising around extremism through WRAP

Who is responsible?

- All three Sub-Groups are responsible for delivering actions linked with the 'Improving Public Confidence' strategic priority – and will be expected to deliver a range of media campaigns and engagement activities to raise awareness of key issues and topics throughout the next 12 months.

How will we measure our success?

- % who say their neighbourhood has got better in last 12 months – Safer Communities Survey
- % who feel very or fairly safe living in their neighbourhood – Safer Communities Survey
- Number/rate of all crime
- Number of people attending WRAP (Workshop to Raise Awareness of Prevent)
- Number of press releases/media etc?
- Partner measures...?

Who to contact to find out more?

Further information can be found on Gateshead Council's website:

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TITLE OF REPORT: Annual Work Programme

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Summary

This report sets out the provisional work programme for the Community Safety Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee for the municipal year 2017/18.

Background

1. Every year each Overview and Scrutiny Committee draws up a work programme based on the Council's policy framework which is then agreed by the Council as part of the policy planning process
2. The Sub- Committee's work programme is a rolling programme which sets the agenda for its quarterly meetings. It is the means by which it can address the interests of the local community, focus on improving services and seek to reduce inequalities in service provision and access to services.
3. In May 2014 the Council agreed to establish the Communities and Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee with a Community Safety Sub – Committee to carry out the following functions on its behalf:-
 - to perform the Overview and Scrutiny role in relation to the safety of communities and people in the Borough, including the functions of the crime and disorder committee as set out in the Local Government Act 2000 and associated regulations.
4. The provisional work programme for this Sub – Committee for 2017-18 is attached. (Appendix 1) and has taken account of the following:-
 - Six-monthly performance reporting
 - Vision 2030, the Council Plan and partnership work generally
 - Current issues referred to Committees
 - Legislative provisions and guidance on the Councillor Call for Action
5. The Council has consulted partner organisations on the emerging themes for all OSCs for 2017-18 and partner feedback is attached at Appendix 2.

Recommendations

8. The Sub -Committee is asked to:-

- a) Endorse the Sub -Committee's provisional work programme for 2017/18 attached at Appendix 1, and refer it to Council on 8 June 2017 for agreement.
- b) Note that further reports will be brought to the Committee to identify any additional issues which the Committee may be asked to consider.

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Community Safety Sub OSC Work Programme 2017-18 (DRAFT)	
27 June 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Council Plan - Year End Assessment and Performance Delivery 2016-17 • Safer Gateshead Partnership Plan 2017-18 • Serious Violence and Domestic Homicide Progress Update • Overview of Probation Services(links between CRC/NPS and enforcement activity
17 Oct 2017 (5.30PM)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation of Safer Gateshead Priorities - progress update • Prevent - Update on Action Plan • Progress Update - Domestic Abuse including MATAC • Anti - Social Behaviour update - Impact of PSPO's and Vanguard Review
30 Jan 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress Update on Families Gateshead • Consultation on Strategic Assessment Priorities • Anti -Social Behaviour update - Tools and Powers / Tasking and Problem Solving • Hate Crime Update - Engagement with local communities/residents
27 March 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation of Safer Gateshead Priorities - end of year performance • Prevent - Update on Action Plan • Safer Gateshead Draft Priorities 2018-19 • Case Study - Impact of Alcohol on Community Safety

Issues to slot in:-

- Drug Related Deaths - Annual Report and Audit Findings
- Serious Violence and Domestic Homicide - Additional Progress Update
- Deliberate Fires

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Care, Health and Wellbeing OSC

Review Topic- Work to address harms caused by Tobacco

Links to

Vision 2030

Council Plan 2015-20

Director of Public Health Annual Report 2015-16

Case Study 1 – Health and Social Care System Wide Work Force Issues (to cover an overview of the current workforce position in Gateshead across the health and social care sector, along with details of system wide actions being undertaken to address the issues and an outline of the areas of risk / mitigation)

Links to

Vision 2030

Council Plan 2015-20

Case Study 2 - Hospital Admissions arising from Alcohol related Harm

Links to

Vision 2030

Council Plan 2015-20

Performance Issue – Target LW13 – Rate in Gateshead significantly higher than NE average and the England rate and provisional data indicates a rise in 2015-16 from 2014-15.

Partner Feedback

NHS Newcastle Gateshead CCG

The focus on alcohol, smoking and workforce is welcome, all of which are a huge area of concern for us all and we look forward supporting these areas with our local authority partners.

Tyne and Wear Fire Service

The Service is fully supportive of the emerging themes and priority issues identified and is able to provide information / evidence on the following areas:-

- What the Service can do to help “address harms caused by tobacco” and reduce “ hospital admissions arising from alcohol related harm”.
- How the Fire Service can become a ” health asset” as the Service is planning on developing its risk assessments to incorporate a total “ health and wellbeing assessment”

Corporate Resources OSC

It is proposed that this OSC focus on two Case Studies within its 2017-18 work programme as follows:-

Case Study 1 – Procurement of Goods and Services from Local Suppliers (to focus on how the Council procures locally)

Links to:-

Vision 2030

Council Plan 2015-20

Case Study 2 – Impact of Welfare Reform (in light of ongoing implementation of reforms and roll out of key areas such as Universal Credits)

Links to:-

Vision 2030

Council Plan 2015-20

Partner Feedback

NHS Newcastle Gateshead CCG

We support the OSC scrutinising the impact of Welfare Reform as this is an area which will / is having an impact on healthcare and its delivery.

DWP/ Job Centre Plus

Support the focus on the themes identified. May be able to contribute to the case study on welfare reform and would be pleased to be contacted to see if they can support this work.

CVS Newcastle

Overall the work programmes for the OSCs look comprehensive. On a specific note the issue of welfare reform is having a huge impact on the voluntary and community sector and the people that they support. They held an Open Forum last week on the issue with an excellent presentation from Alison Dunn, Citizens Advice. They could provide notes and information from this event to support consideration of this issue.

Economy, Environment and Culture Board

Supportive of the OSC scrutinising the impact of Welfare Reform.

Families OSC

Review Topic – Children on the Edge of Care (to focus on the needs of this group (toxic trio);evidence of the impact of neglect on life chances ;what the council and partners are currently doing; what the gaps are; what we need / are planning to do.)

Links to:-

Vision 2030

Council Plan 2015-20

Case Study 1 - Best Start in Life Outcome of Pilot Self -Assessment

Links to:-

Vision 2030

Council Plan 2015-20

Case Study 2– Early Help Strategy / Outcomes Framework / Performance Indicators

Links to:-

Vision 2030

Council Plan 2015-20

Communities and Place OSC

Review Topic – The Council and Partner’s Approach to Roads and Highways – to include:-

- road safety / road traffic accidents
- road and pavement repairs / funding
- bus lanes
- traffic congestion

(to focus on current position / challenges/ areas for future action)

Links to

Vision 2030

Council Plan 2015 – 20

Referral from Council – 22 Sept 2017 – Council asked Communities and Place as part of its work programme to review the work of all relevant agencies holding road safety responsibilities due to recent loss of life in road traffic accidents in Gateshead.

No Case study this year – Replaced with four progress update reports on:-

- Development and Extension of the Quality Bus Partnership
- Environmental Enforcement
- Future Direction of Leisure Services
- Housing Growth

Community Safety Sub OSC

Case Study – Impact of Alcohol on Community Safety

Links to:-

Vision 2030

Council Plan 2015-20

Partner Feedback

NHS Newcastle Gateshead CCG

The CCG is pleased to see the impact of alcohol in the community safety OSC work programme as this allows consideration of the influence of alcohol on the wider determinants of health.

Tyne and Wear Fire Service

The Service is fully supportive of the emerging themes and priority issues identified and is able to provide information / evidence on the following areas:-

- How the Fire Service can become a “health asset” as the Service is planning on developing its risk assessments to incorporate a total “health and wellbeing assessment”
- The Service is also heavily involved in tackling Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB). A good example is a project called the Phoenix Project which is a bespoke course which has been reintroduced within Gateshead to tackle specific ASB problems.

The Service would like the OSC to consider including scrutiny of “deliberate fires” as a priority issue for its work programme going forwards.

Corporate Parenting Sub OSC

Case Study – Performance / Planning / Safeguarding of Care Leavers

Links to:-

Vision 2030

Council Plan 2015-20

LSCB Annual Report and Plans