

COMMUNITY SAFETY SUB OSC AGENDA

Tuesday, 26 June 2018 at 10.00 am in the Bridges Room - Civic Centre

From the Chief Executive, Sheena Ramsey

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GATESHEAD METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

COMMUNITY SAFETY SUB OSC MEETING

Tuesday, 27 March 2018

PRESENT: Councillor N Weatherley (Chair)
Councillor(s): T Graham, S Dickie, J Turnbull and A Wheeler

IN ATTENDANCE: Councillor(s):

APOLOGIES: Councillor(s): K Dodds and S Hawkins

CSS47 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Sonya Hawkins and Councillor Kevin Dodds.

CSS48 MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting held on 30 January 2018 were agreed as a correct record.

CSS49 IMPLEMENTATION OF SAFER GATESHEAD PRIORITIES - END OF YEAR PERFORMANCE

The Committee received a report providing an update of the Community Safety Board End of Year Performance for 2017/2018.

It was noted that the Community Safety Board is a standalone themed partnership that has the legal obligation to address the key crime, disorder and substance misuse issues that impact upon the Borough. It was further stated that the Board also has a statutory duty under the Crime & Disorder Act 1998 to produce an annual intelligence led Strategic Assessment and Partnership Plan.

It was further highlighted from the report that the Partnership Plan complements the Strategic Assessment, bringing together the analytical findings from the Strategic Assessment and the key activities undertaken by the Board in the previous 12 months. The plan also sets out the strategic priorities that will be delivered upon in the forthcoming year. The priorities confirmed for 2017/18 were:

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

An overview of performance statistics was provided showing performance of crime and disorder within Gateshead from April 2017 to February 2018.

The Committee noted their concern in the rise of 62% in sexual offenses and the 103% rise in burglary dwelling. The Committee were advised that these rises are a likely result of the changes in the ways crimes are reported and categorised since previous years. It was further noted that the work of Operation Sanctuary had been successful in encouraging more victims of sexual offenses to report these crimes. The Committee felt that further clarity was required on these figures to establish whether the report showed real term rises or changes in reporting.

The Committee noted that it would be useful for an appropriate representative from the Police attend in future to clear any ambiguity over the figures presented within the report.

A summary of the progress made by the service to date was provided from the report noting key activities undertaken within the first six months of the year.

It was asked whether public confidence in the police taking action on incidents was a reason that antisocial behaviour is underreported. It was said that although incidents of ASB are decreasing the issue remains a Council priority,

A concern about reporting crime via the 101 service was noted by the Committee, it was felt that this service is often unfit for purpose with long call wait times. It was noted that the Police acknowledge these difficulties and that an additional service 'Your Northumbria' has been rolled out as an additional means of reporting incidents.

The Committee requested a follow up on this report at a later Committee to address the concerns raised at the meeting.

RESOLVED:

- (i) The Committee noted the progress made in relation to the strategic priorities of the Community Safety Board.
- (ii) The Committee agreed to receive a further progress update in six months addressing queries raised in the meeting.

CSS50 PREVENT - UPDATE ON ACTION PLAN

The Committee received a report 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. The report builds upon the previous progress reports submitted to Committee in 2017/2018.

It was noted from the report that members should be reminded that the final report concluded that there were multi-agency arrangements in place to meet the statutory responsibilities set out in the national Prevent Duty Guidance.

It was said that there were a total of 13 recommendations identified as part of the review that were aligned to the 3 themes identified in the national Prevent guidance:

- Leadership

- Working in Partnership
- Capabilities

From the report it was said for reassurance, work has progressed in relation to all of the recommendations and a self-assessment continues to be updated on a regular basis. A summary of work was provided with particular reference to the following:

- Frontline practitioners in key services across the Council continue to receive training in relation to 'Workshop to Raise Awareness of Prevent'.
- We have also developed an informal training session which can now be delivered to specific teams.
- Attended and presented at the launch of the Newcastle CVS 'Conversation not Confrontation' which contains tools for Voluntary and Community groups to challenge people expressing extreme views and ideas.
- Community Safety have delivered WRAP training to members of New Vision, a training group of individuals with a Learning Disability. New Vision are now developing an interactive version of the training which can then be delivered to a number of Learning Disability Groups across Gateshead, with particular focus on recognising and reporting any Prevent concerns.
- To comply with Prevent requirements, the Procurement and Legal Teams will now be amending the bespoke Terms and Conditions for Residential Homes and Home Care Providers to include a clause around adhering to the principles of Prevent. Clauses are already included in all other Terms and Conditions.
- We have established a multi-agency forum to allow us to identify what other statutory agencies are doing to meet their Prevent obligations. We have worked proactively with these agencies to develop a Prevent Strategy Group which will be made up of the Prevent Statutory Authorities and a number of other agencies, with a view to capturing where each agency is at in terms of meeting their Prevent requirements as well as focusing on developing a Gateshead Prevent Action Plan.

Further progress was detailed within the main report for the Committee's information.

It was noted that community feedback has highlighted that they dislike the use of the name 'Prevent' however it was advised that there are no plans to change this. A further update on the work of the team was requested for a future Committee.

RESOLVED:

- (i) The Committee noted the contents of the report.
- (ii) The Committee agreed to receive a progress update in relation to the progress made against delivering the recommendations at future meetings.

CSS51 SAFER GATESHEAD DRAFT PRIORITIES 2018/19

The Committee received a report providing an overview of the draft strategic priorities that have been identified for the Community Safety Board to deliver for 2018/19.

The Committee were advised that public consultation is a statutory requirement in developing the draft strategic priorities. It was noted that following agreement of the draft priorities by the Community Safety Board in January 2018 a series of activities has been undertaken by partners to encourage the public to provide feedback/

It was further noted from the report that following feedback from residents who were unable to complete last year's consultation, paper copies of the consultation have been made available. These have been distributed to community groups and individuals who have expressed an interest in taking part however the majority of engagement has been online.

A summary of the results received was presented highlighting that anti-social behaviour and environmental issues ranked at number 1. It was further noted that as at 7 March 2018 245 people had responded to the consultation.

From the report it was said that the results have been weighted and ranked. As can be seen from the table above, anti-social behaviour and environmental issues has the highest score and therefore is the current top priority that members of the public think the Community Safety Board should address in 2018/19. I was also noted that the weighting attributed to this priority as well as Substance Misuse, Disruption of Serious and Organised Crime and Domestic and Sexual Abuse account for 53% of the total scores allocated to the priorities.

RESOLVED:

- (i) The Committee noted the report and agreed to receive details of the final priorities for 2018 when approved by the Community Safety Board.

CSS52 CASE STUDY - IMPACT OF ALCOHOL ON COMMUNITY SAFETY

Peter Wright delivered a presentation to the Committee providing an overview of the impact of alcohol on Community Safety in Gateshead. It was noted from the presentation that Gateshead has the second highest rate in England for alcohol related hospital admissions according to the LAPE. It was further noted that the local prevalence estimates that the number of individuals in need of alcohol treatment is as high as 3,007 whereas the number in treatment in 2016/602 was only 602. It was stated that Blackpool are currently number one in England for alcohol related hospital admissions.

From the presentation the following key points were highlighted regarding alcohol treatment at Gateshead Partnership level 2017/2018:

- Alcohol is currently the second highest substance reported when clients present to drug treatment. 46.4% of all clients in treatment reported alcohol as either the main substance or one of the substances they were presenting to treatment for. (Clients can cite more than one substance when presenting to treatment)
- There are currently less clients in treatment citing alcohol as a reason for

treatment than for the same period in 2016/17

- As of quarter 3 2017/18 the rate of successful completions as a percentage of all in treatment for alcohol is 42%. This is an increase in the rate of completions compared to the same period last year (Q3 16/17 40.6%). This 17/18 value is significantly better than the North East (30.98%) and considered not significantly different to the England value of 39.9%
- As of quarter 3 2017/18 (period Jan 17 – Jun 17 representations up to December 17) have seen a reduction in the rate of clients who successfully leave treatment and then represent to treatment within 6 months from exit. The rate has decreased from 9% for the same period in 16/17 to only 5.8% for 2017/18. This rate is lower than but not significantly lower than the overall England representations value (8.8%)

The presentation showed a gap in statistics from June to July 2016, it was asked why this was – Peter Wright agreed to look into this and provide feedback at the next meeting.

The issue of the availability of cheap alcohol in supermarkets was noted – it was said that alcohol is now approximately 50% to buy now than it was in the 1970's. Further to this it was also noted that Scotland are trialling a minimum price per unit for alcohol sales and it is anticipated this will be rolled out across the UK in due course after the impact of this is assessed.

A summary of the Substance Misuse Strategy was provided to the Committee noting three key priorities which are to Reduce Demand, Restrict Supply and the Build Recovery. It was further noted from the presentation that several actions have been successful in tackling the impact of alcohol on Community Safety, these included:

- Successful representations made to the Licensing Committee
- Test Purchasing at several premises responding to intelligence
- Make Every Contact Count Programme
- The 'First Light' veterans support group
- Continuation of commitment to fund Balance
- Platform Outreach Project
- Train the Licensing Committee
- Represented at regional meetings

It was noted that the cost to the justice system for alcohol related incidents is £22billion – it was then asked whether the Government have identified that the tax applied to alcohol sales is in excess of these costs. It was said this information is not known.

A question was asked to officers as to whether licensing or planning powers could be used to restrict new and existing premises from selling alcohol. It was noted that licensing conditions can be imposed on applicants however planning are unable to impose restrictions as with the new fast food takeaway rules.

It was said that licensing rules are not there to protect the health of individuals but to ensure that alcohol is being sold appropriately and legally, it was also stated that background checks are now carried out on prospective license holders to see if they have held licenses previously and broken rules.

A case study was verbally presented by a former service user Mr Wear who advised the Committee about his involvement with Evolve. Mr Wear told of the difficulties faced by those trying to overcome alcohol addiction in a society where alcohol is extremely prevalent in all environments and even petrol garages and bowling allies. Mr Wear told of his relationship breakdowns with friends as a result of becoming sober and that he now focusses on his family. Mr Wear is now working for Evole as a peer mentor supporting others and placed emphasis that those engaging with services must do voluntarily. The Committee applauded Mr Wear's efforts and success and thanked him for attending.

It was noted that the results of the Care, Health & Wellbeing OSC investigation into the effects of alcohol abuse are to be brought to this Committee to discuss once finalised.

RESOLVED:

- (i) The Committee noted the contents of the report and presentation.
- (ii) Provided comment on the approaches taken locally to tackle alcohol misuse and its impact on community safety.
- (iii) Agreed to receive further updates at a future Committee.

CSS53 WORK PROGRAMME

The Committee received a report on the provisional annual work programme and agreed that further reports will be brought to future meetings to highlight current issues/identify any changes/additions to the programme.

RESOLVED:

- (i) The Committee noted the Work Programme.

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TITLE OF REPORT: **Constitution**

REPORT OF: **Sheena Ramsey, Chief Executive**

The constitution of the Sub-Committee and the appointment of the Chair and Vice Chair as approved by the Council for the 2018/19 municipal year is as follows:

Chair N Weatherley (C)
Vice Chair T Graham (VC)

Councillors S Dickie
 K Dodds
 H Haran
 J Turnbull
 A Wheeler
 P Craig
 J McClurey

Recommendation

The Sub-Committee is asked to note the information.

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TITLE OF REPORT: **Role and Remit**

REPORT OF: **Sheena Ramsey, Chief Executive
Mike Barker, Strategic Director,
Corporate Services and Governance**

Summary

The report sets out the remit and terms of reference of the Sub-Committee as previously agreed by the Cabinet and the Council.

Background

1. Article 6 of the Council's Constitution sets out the aims and objectives of the scrutiny function in Gateshead Council. In particular it should be an integral part of the Council's framework and a constructive process which works alongside other parts of the Council's structure, contributing towards policy development. Importantly it will enhance rather than duplicate activity and it will look to broader issues affecting local people rather than just internal Council issues.

Remit/ Terms of Reference

2. The Community Safety Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee is a Committee of the Communities and Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee and its remit/terms of reference is set out below:-
 - 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.
3. The legislation (Section 19 of the Police and Justice Act 2006) requires local authorities to establish a committee with power to review and scrutinise the decisions and actions of the responsible authorities on a Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership.
4. The role of the Committee is to act as the "critical friend" of the Partnership providing it with constructive challenge at a strategic level rather than an operational level. This role will involve:-

- considering the actions undertaken by the responsible bodies on the Partnership and
- making reports and recommendations to the local authority with regard to those functions
- responsibility for considering any Councillor Calls for Action (CCfA) in line with the Council's protocol.

5. The Sub-Committee may therefore:-

- Review decisions, holding decision makers to account
- Call-in executive decisions in accordance with the procedure set out in the Overview and Scrutiny Committee rules
- Contribute to the policy making process
- Carry out Policy reviews agreed as part of the service planning cycle
- Advise Cabinet as part of the Council's performance management system
- Have a role in scrutinising and developing the Council's Improvement Programme
- Examine the schedule of Decisions

Recommendation

6. The Sub-Committee is asked to note its remit and terms of reference.

Community Safety Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee

Council Plan – Year End Assessment of Delivery and Performance 2017/18

April 2018

Portfolio:

- Communities & Volunteering – Councillor L Green

Lead Officer: Paul Dowling, Strategic Director, Communities and Environment.

Support Officer: Anneliese Hutchinson, Service Director, Development, Transport and Public Protection

The committee undertakes scrutiny and review in relation to:

- Community Safety
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Summary

This report sets out performance for the year end 2016/17 in line with the Council's Performance Management Framework. The report's focus is those 'Strategic Outcome Indicators' (SOIs) that fall within the remit of the OSC Community Safety Sub-Committee.

Performance is measured using trend analysis from the data reported last year rather than annual targets, as Strategic Outcome Indicators have 5-year targets set. Where data is not available to report at this time, this is noted and the data will be reported at the six month interval 2018/2019.




This report also highlights key actions delivered within the last six months against the new Council Plan 2015-2020.

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| Delivery of the Council Plan 2015-2020 Strategic Outcome Indicators: Summary of Performance |
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Year End Performance 2017/2018

The performance for the strategic outcome indicators which are available to be reported are noted below. Please note that performance commentary included in the overview section uses the following keys.

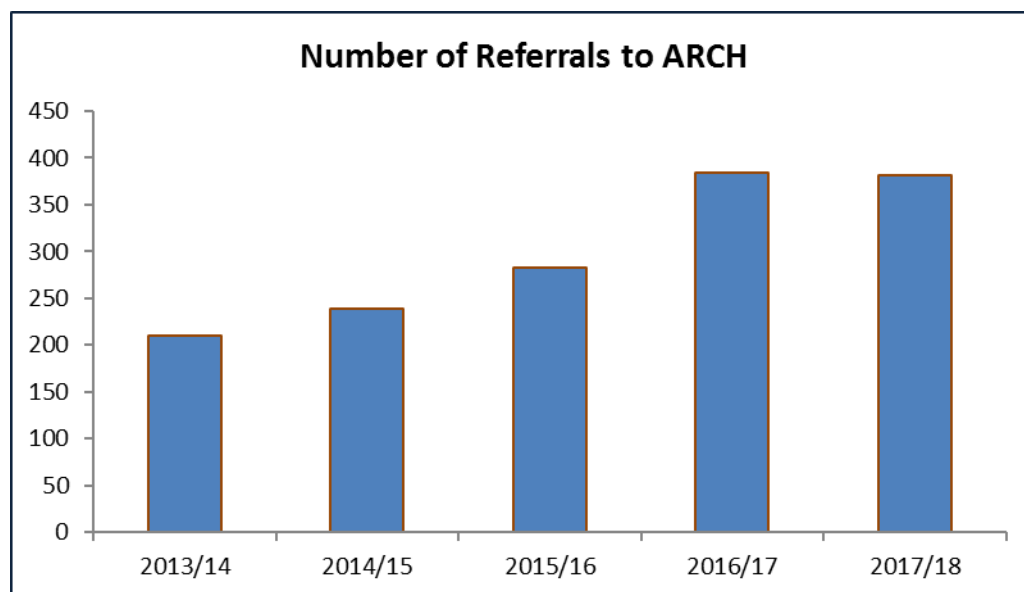
Performance Trend

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|  Decreasing | Performance has not improved from the year end result |
|  Maintaining | Performance has remained the same as year end result |
|  Improving | Performance has improved from year end result |

Performance against 2019/2020 Target

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|  Not yet achieved | 2020 target is not yet achieved |
|  Progressing towards target | Performance is progressing towards target and there is improvement from the last available result |
|  Achieving | 2020 target is being achieved |

LW27 – Referrals to ARCH
(Contributes to Live Well Gateshead)



Overview

2019 / 2020 Target
(to maintain and
track) = **282**

Performance Trend

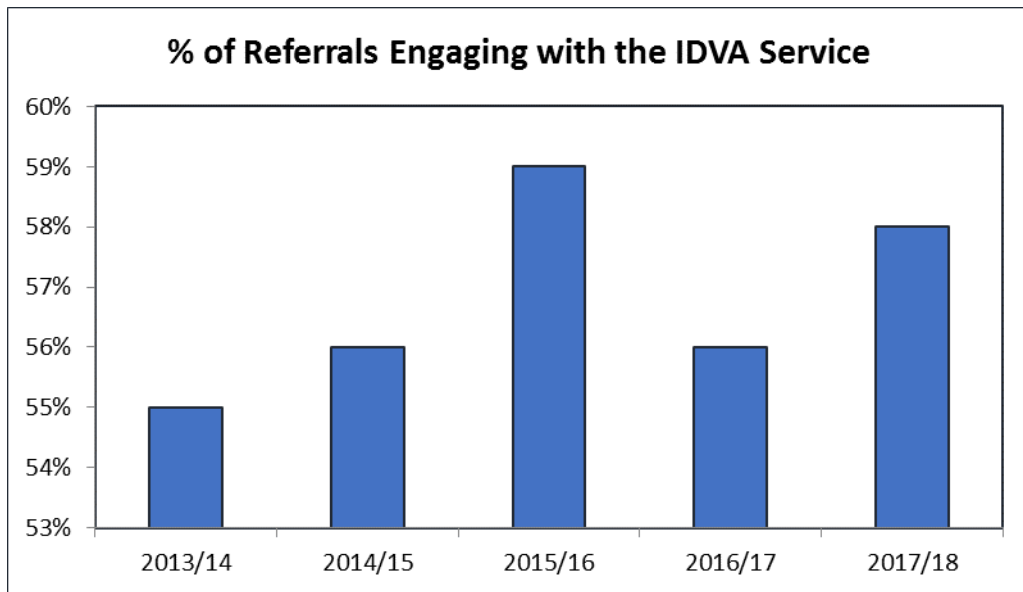


Performance
against 2019/2020
Target



Work continues to increase awareness of hate crime and, therefore, increase the number of referrals to the ARCH Hate Crime monitoring system. The target for this indicator was 282 referrals, which has been passed by a significant margin. There have been 382 referrals to ARCH in 2017/18, two fewer referrals than the previous year but 100 more than the target of 282 referrals.

LW28 – Percentage of high risk victims engaged with the Independent Domestic Violence Advisor (IDVA) service
(Contributes to Live Well Gateshead)



Overview

2019 / 2020 Target
(to maintain and track) = **59%**

Performance Trend

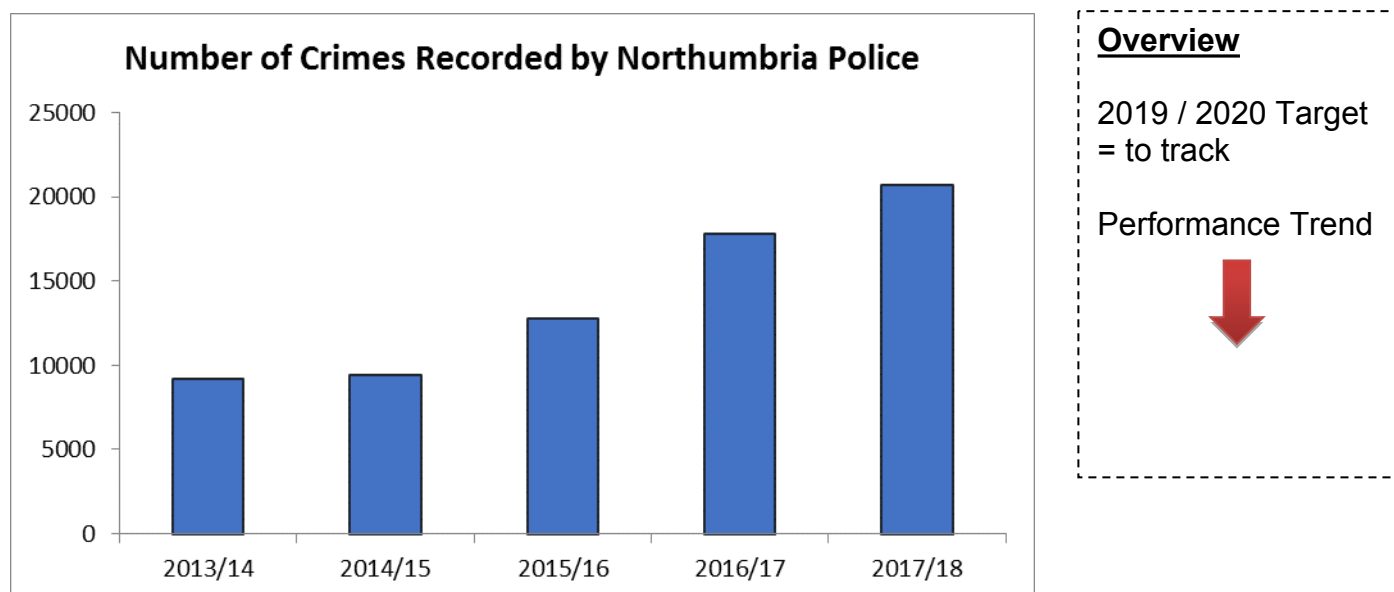


Performance
against 2019/2020
Target



The target for this indicator was to maintain performance of 59%. The engagement rate for 2017/18 is 58% for those the service has been able to contact. Referrals to the service, which deals with all high risk clients of domestic and sexual abuse, have increased in the last 12 months. There were 1,353 referrals received in 2017/18, compared to 1,255 in the previous 12 months. This represents an increase of 8% (+98 referrals).

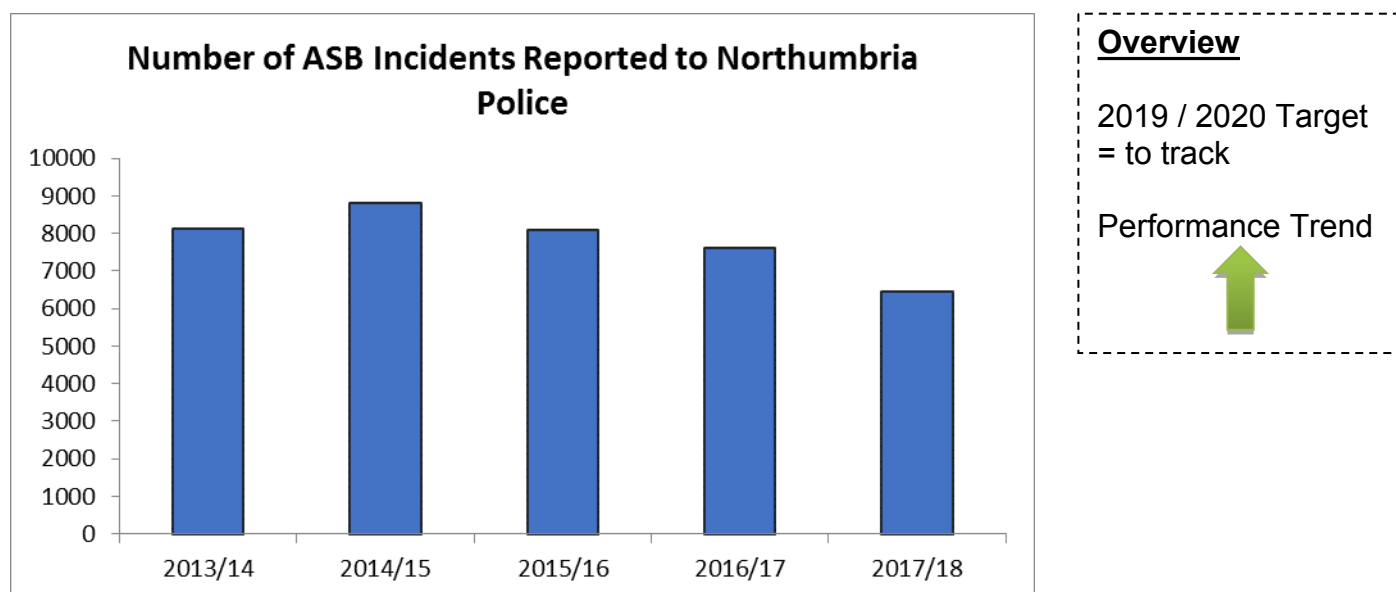
LW31 – Total recorded crime
(Contributes to Live Well Gateshead)



Although no target has been set for this indicator, performance has deteriorated when compared to the previous year. Data for 2017/18 shows that there has been a 16% increase in recorded crime in Gateshead compared to 2016/17. The increase can be, in part, attributed to national changes in the way in which crime is now recorded by police forces. Reports that were previously logged as incidents are now being recorded as crimes.

However, whilst the number of recorded crimes has increased, data shows that the rate of recorded crime (per 1,000 residents) is still relatively low in Gateshead. For the financial year 2017/18, there have been 102.802 recorded crimes in Gateshead per 1,000 residents. This is lower than the most similar family group average of 110.974.

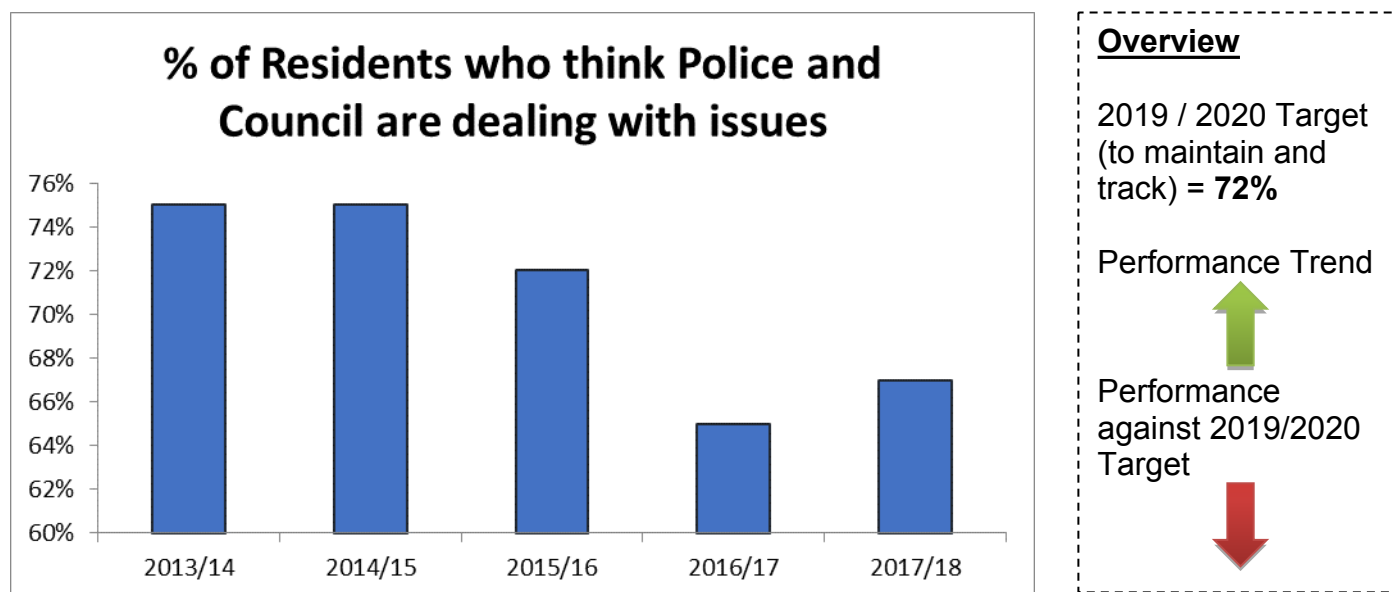
LW32 – Reported incidents of anti-social behaviour (ASB)
(Contributes to Live Well Gateshead)



Although no target has been set for this indicator, performance has improved when compared to the previous year. End of year figures shows that there has been a 15% reduction in the number of ASB incidents in Gateshead reported to Northumbria Police compared to 2016/17.

Whilst performance have improved, there still remain those areas which are susceptible to incidents of ASB, and partners are working together to identify and address the issues raised in order to improve the quality of life for all Gateshead residents.

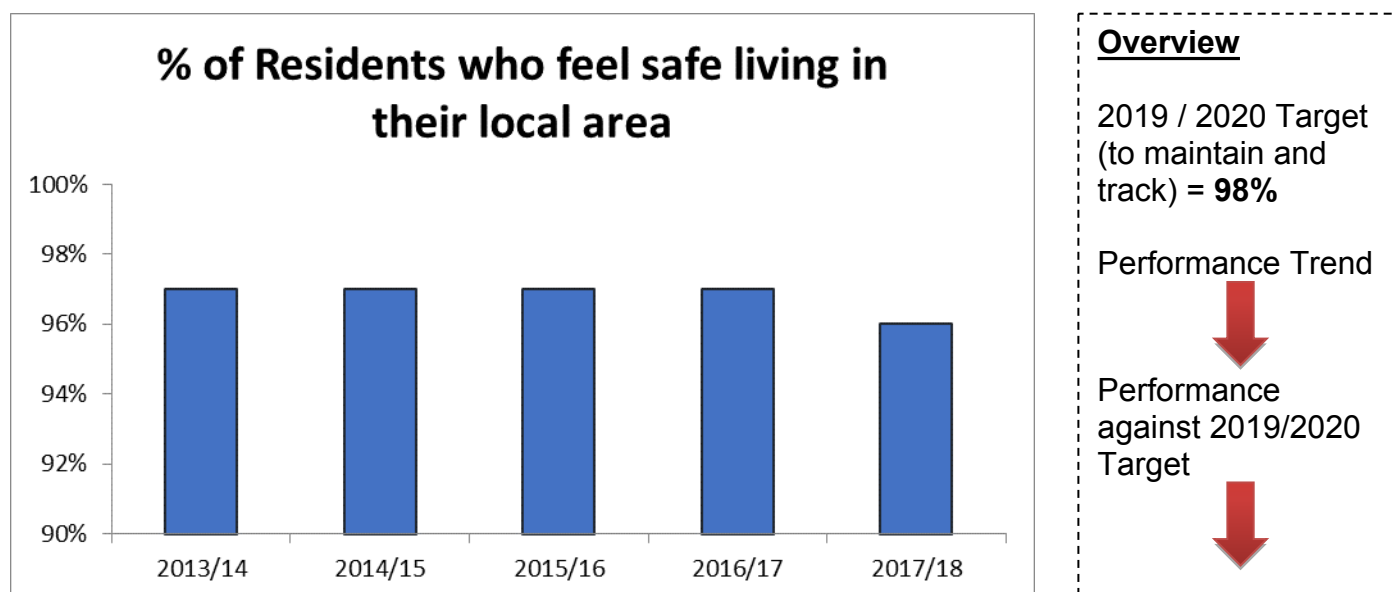
LW33 – Proportion of people who agree the police and council are dealing with the ASB and crime issues that matter
(Contributes to Live Well Gateshead)



The target for this indicator is to maintain the figure of 72% achieved in 2015/16. In total, 67% of respondents to the Safer Communities Survey agree that the police and council work together to address crime and ASB issues that matter. Performance has therefore deteriorated. Although disappointing, this is comparable to other area commands within the Northumbria Police force area that have also seen reductions in confidence. Furthermore, confidence has improved slightly in 2017/18 compared to 2016/17, when confidence was at 65%.

In Gateshead, a perceptions programme has been launched with key partners to address some of these perceptions, particularly in those ward areas where perceptions are significantly lower than the Gateshead average. This involves a series of bespoke engagement events targeting hard to reach communities to understand their concerns, enhance trust and confidence in services and build community resilience.

LW34 – Proportion of people who very or fairly safe living in their neighbourhood
(Contributes to Live Well Gateshead)



The target for this indicator is to maintain the figure of 98% achieved in 2015/16. In total, 96% of respondents to the Safer Communities Survey in 2107/18 feel very or fairly safe living in their neighbourhood. Performance has therefore deteriorated slightly. This slight deterioration is on par with the Northumbria Police force average, where feelings of safety have dropped slightly in the last 12 months. Despite this, it is still very positive that 96% of residents feel safe in their neighbourhood.

The perceptions programme, mentioned above in the commentary for LW33, will help address some of the issues that make people feel unsafe in their area.

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| Delivery of the Council Plan 2015-2020 Key Achievements & Areas for Improvement |
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This section provides key highlights of progress that has been made against the three shared outcomes within the Council Plan. It also provides actions that will be progressed within the next six months.

Achievements

LW27 – Increase the number of referrals to ARCH

- The launch of a workplace Hate Crime Champions network to increase awareness and support for victims of hate crime. To date, 30 people have signed up to the scheme
- The production of a DVD to raise awareness of hate crime and mate crime on public transport. The short film will be used as part of a training package for public transport workers and within local community groups.
- A Northumbria-wide hate crime conference which was held at Gateshead College. The day involved victims of hate crime sharing their stories to help shape and improve services in the future.
- Show Racism The Red Card was commissioned to run a series of education workshops to raise awareness of race equality and hate crime. Altogether, 2,000 pupils across 16 primary schools in the Borough participated in the workshops which focused on recognising and reporting hate crime.

LW28 – Domestic Abuse – the % of high risk referrals who have engaged with the Independent Domestic Advisor Service

- The initiation of an internal review of domestic abuse services and functions delivered by Gateshead Council, with the view to improving the response to victims. A new delivery model is being developed and will be implemented in 2018/19.
- Collaboration with other local authorities across Northumbria to secure funding for a number of domestic abuse-related projects (including A&E Health Advocates and Housing Outreach Worker)
- The commissioning of Deter Innovations to deliver a local perpetrator programme to allow a number of male offenders to access a 26 week course to challenge their offending behaviour.
- Producing a self-assessment against the Joint Targeted Area Inspections to help us prepare for and explore any gaps in our current service relating to domestic abuse should Gateshead be selected. Where necessary, any additional actions have been included within the domestic abuse action plan.

LW31 – Total recorded crime in Gateshead

- Implementing a range of activities to disrupt the day-to-day activities of those involved in organised crime and operating in Gateshead. This work has drawn in expertise from a range of partner organisations including: HMRC, DVSA, Environment Agency, Home Office (formally UK Border Force) and the Gangmaster and Labour Abuse Authority. Activity has included targeted raids on premises but also increased scrutiny by the regulatory teams of the Council.
- Routinely undertaking joint operations with partners, primarily Northumbria Police and the Council. These are often in depth targeted operations and include but are not limited to:
 - Operation Axel - a multi-agency disruption operation to tackle issues of environmental crime in the East of Gateshead.
 - Operation Axel Roads – Compliance and Enforcement in relation to the taxi trade and waste and scrap metal carriers and collectors.
 - Operation Dahoon – Disruption activity and safeguarding around human trafficking associated with identified sites in Gateshead.
 - Operation Kes - Investigation in relation to rental properties and identified individuals involved with this business activity.
- In the last six months, the number of prosecutions taken by the Council has increased. This is reflective of targeted work across a range of areas and includes, but is not limited to, Housing, Trading Standards, waste-related crime, Planning and Highways enforcement.

LW32 – Reported instances of anti-social behaviour

- Training in the region of 100 officers (council and police) to increase awareness and use of the tools and powers available to tackle anti-social behaviour. This has resulted in a number of individuals being served with injunctions, premises being closed and criminal behaviour orders being served, all in an effort to curb anti-social individuals.
- The delivery of the Phoenix Project with Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service, working with young men who were at risk of offending. In delivering this project, we have diverted young people from becoming involved in anti-social behaviour.
- The launch of an ASB volunteer service to support vulnerable victims of anti-social behaviour. As at March 2018, eight volunteers have completed the online training and are providing support to 10 victims of ASB. Service satisfaction is a key part of the learning process, with victims being contacted during the service and after the case has been closed. Latest figures show that 80% are completely satisfied with the service they are receiving.

Areas for Improvement / Future Focus

LW27 – Increase the number of referrals to ARCH

- The remains work to be done with certain community groups to raise awareness of the importance of reporting hate crime. Over the next few months, partners will work with these groups to identify barriers to reporting and put measures in place to overcome these.
- Following the success of the 2017 hate crime conference, partners will aim to build on this and host a range of activities during Hate Crime Awareness Week 2018.

- A “Speed Faithing” event is to be held in Gateshead in July. This will be the first time an event of this kind has been held in Gateshead and will involve representatives from seven different faiths: Islam, Sikhism, Roman Catholicism, Baha’I, Judaism, Church of England and Zoroastrian. To date there are 35 delegates signed up to the event, with the remaining 15 places expected to be booked in the coming weeks.

LW28 – Domestic Abuse – the % of high risk referrals who have engaged with the Independent Domestic Advisor Service

- Complete the internal review of domestic abuse services in the Council and implement any recommendations that arise from this.
- Implement any recommendations that arise from the Domestic Homicide Review for Adult D.
- Working in conjunction with Commissioning and Office for the Police and Crime Commissioner, consideration is to be given to the approach to Perpetrator Programmes across Northumbria, including seeking additional funding for future delivery of the programmes.

LW31 – Total recorded crime in Gateshead

- Through the ASB, Crime and Confidence group, identify crime trends and issues to help residents and business prevent themselves from becoming victims of crime.
- Northumbria Police has recently relaunched its Integrated Offender Management (IOM) programme. In embedding this process into everyday working practices, it is hoped that the offending behaviour of the most prolific offenders will be addressed, preventing them from re-offending in future.

LW32 – Reported instances of anti-social behaviour

- The process for dealing with youth-related anti-social behaviour is to be revised by partners to ensure that it is fit for purpose in light of the changes to services within the Council.
- Undertake a review of how ASB is tackled across Gateshead. This will involve all council services, The Gateshead Housing Company and Northumbria Police and will aim to provide a more joined up approach to tackling ASB in Gateshead.

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TITLE OF REPORT: Community Safety Board – Partnership Plan 2018/19

REPORT OF: Paul Dowling
Strategic Director – Communities and Environment

Summary

This report provides Community Safety Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee with a copy of the statutory Partnership Plan for Gateshead Community Safety Board, which provides details of the strategic priorities identified for the next 12 months.

1 Introduction

- 1.1 This report provides Community Safety Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee with a copy of the statutory Partnership Plan that has been produced on behalf of the Community Safety Board in Gateshead for delivery in 2018/19.

2 Background

- 2.1 The Sub-Committee received a report outlining the draft strategic priorities, as part of the statutory consultation, at the meeting in March 2018. This report will build upon that report and seeks the views of Sub-Committee to help improve and enhance the Plan and to ensure that it appropriately reflected local needs.
- 2.2 As a reminder, 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 an analysis of the key crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour issues taking place within the Borough to assist in identifying possible community safety strategic priorities. Following a public consultation exercise, a Partnership Plan is produced which sets out and agrees the specific priorities that the Board will focus upon in the forthcoming year.

3. Strategic Priorities

- 3.1 The four strategic themes confirmed for 2018/19 are:

PRIORITY: Anti-Social Behaviour & Environmental Crime

Tackling issues of anti-social behaviour and environmental crime continues to be one of the biggest areas of concern identified by our residents.

PRIORITY: Domestic Abuse

Domestic abuse continues to increase year-on-year and the effect that it has on individuals, their families, their children and wider society is profound.

PRIORITY: Mental Health

The impact of mental health on community safety issues is far-reaching – and is an influencing factor in crime and disorder, re-offending and victimisation.

PRIORITY: Restricting Supply – Drug Misuse

We know that drug misuse causes significant problems for local communities – and recognise that we need to do more to be able to restrict its supply.

- 3.2 In addition, there are also five thematic workstreams/areas which the Board will monitor during 2018/19. These include:

MONITOR: Hate Crime and Tension Monitoring

We will continue to raise awareness of hate crime and provide relevant support/guidance to victims as well as monitoring local tensions to ensure we engender cohesive and integrated communities.

MONITOR: Preventing Violent Extremism (Terrorism)

The threat of terrorism continues to be ever-present and we will continue to promote amongst our partners and to engage/safeguard vulnerable persons who have the potential to be drawn into this area.

MONITOR: Serious and Organised Crime (Disruption)

We will persist in preventing people getting involved in serious and organised crime activity, strengthen our protection/response to it as well as continuing to work collectively to pursue and disrupting the criminals behind it.

MONITOR: Repeat Victimisation and Vulnerability

We need to ensure that we have services in place that will help us to tackle repeat victimisation and vulnerable clients.

MONITOR: Reducing Re-offending

We know that a small proportion of offenders tend to generate a disproportionate level of crime and disorder. We will continue to work collectively to provide appropriate support/enforcement to change behaviour and divert offenders.

4 Partnership Plan 2018/19

- 4.1 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.
- 4.2 It highlights a range of landscape/context issues that has the potential to impact on the Board, details some of the demand on Community Safety services within the Borough as well as setting out how we intend to monitor the delivery of the Partnership Plan over the next 12 months.

- 4.3 It is important to note 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. The final Partnership Plan will be submitted to these respective Boards for consideration.

5 Northumbria Police and Crime Plan 2017-20

- 5.1 As a reminder, the Community Safety Board, has a statutory duty to have "due regard to the priorities set out within the local Police and Crime Plan 2017-20, produced by the Police and Crime Commissioner. To provide reassurance, when developing the Partnership Plan, we have tried, where possible, to ensure we replicate similar themes to those identified in the Commissioner's Plan. The themes will also feature as part of the various action plans that will be produced to help translate our strategic priorities into operational delivery.

6 Next Steps

- 6.1 The Partnership Plan was circulated to Community Safety Board in May 2018 – seeking retrospective endorsement at the meeting scheduled for July 2018. It will also be submitted to Gateshead Council Cabinet for approval in July 2018. Once agreed, the Board is statutorily required to "publish the Partnership Plan within the local area, bringing it to the attention of as many different groups or persons within the area, as is reasonable".
- 6.2 Similar to previous years, copies will be available electronically via Council and partner agencies website and hardcopies will also be circulated to key statutory stakeholders (including Police and Crime Commissioner) for information.

7 Community Safety Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee

- 7.1 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 linked to each of the strategic themes (in line with the OSC Workplan 2018/19).

8 Recommendations

- 8.1 The Committee is asked to:
- (i) Agree to receive regular updates on actions undertaken in relation to the strategic priorities (as per the OSC Workplan 2018/19).

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* Appendix 1 – Partnership Plan 2018/19

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Gateshead Community Safety Board

PARTNERSHIP PLAN

2018/19



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Strategic Priorities for 2018/19 – at a glance...

We have identified the following four themes that will be prioritised for 2018/19:

PRIORITY: Anti-Social Behaviour & Environmental Crime

Tackling issues of anti-social behaviour and environmental crime continues to be one of the biggest areas of concern identified by residents.

PRIORITY: Domestic Abuse

Domestic abuse continues to increase year-on-year and the effect that it has on individuals, their families, their children and wider society is profound.

PRIORITY: Mental Health

The impact of mental health on community safety issues is far-reaching – and is an influencing factor in crime and disorder, re-offending and victimisation.

PRIORITY: Restricting Supply – Drug Misuse

We know drug misuse causing significant problems for local communities – and recognise that we need to do more to be able to restrict its supply.

Thematic Areas for Monitoring

There are also several thematic areas which the Board will monitor for 2018/19:

MONITOR: Hate Crime and Tension Monitoring

We will continue to raise awareness of hate crime and provide relevant support/guidance to victims as well as monitoring local tensions to ensure we engender cohesive and integrated communities.

MONITOR: Preventing Violent Extremism (Terrorism)

The threat of terrorism continues to be ever-present and we will continue to promote amongst our partners and to engage/safeguard vulnerable persons who have the potential to be drawn into this area.

MONITOR: Serious and Organised Crime (Disruption)

We will persist in preventing people getting involved in serious and organised crime activity, strengthen our protection/response to it as well as continuing to work collectively to pursue and disrupting the criminals behind it.

MONITOR: Repeat Victimisation and Vulnerability

We need to ensure that we have services in place that will help us to tackle repeat victimisation and vulnerable clients.

MONITOR: Reducing Re-offending

We know that a small proportion of offenders generate a disproportionate level of crime and disorder. We will continue to work collectively to provide appropriate support/enforcement to change behaviour and divert offenders.

Foreword



Councillor Angela Douglas

Chair of the Gateshead Community Safety Board

I am proud to present the Community Safety Board Partnership Plan 2018/19 – which sets out the key priorities that partners will focus on over the next 12 months to help ensure Gateshead remains a safe place to live, work and visit for everyone. These are the strategic priorities where we feel we can collectively make the most difference and achieve positive outcomes for local individuals, families and communities.

We know the devastating impact that crime and disorder can have, if left unchecked, and we are fully committed to working together to address any problems affecting the Borough. We recognise that we cannot do this alone – we are all part of the solution. We must be able to work together in order to achieve a collective social response to community safety issues.

We have carried out a great deal of work over the last year – too much to credit here – but it ranges from: creating innovative World Café events designed to challenge local perceptions of crime and disorder, through to taking robust enforcement action to address complex anti-social behaviour problems through to implementing several initiatives to help better support victims of domestic abuse, just to name a few...

I'm reminded daily of how the Council, Police and its partners work together to keep residents safe and I truly believe we have a proactive and progressive partnership within Gateshead. I am proud that the Borough remains to be one of the safest places across the whole of Tyne and Wear – with a significant reduction in the levels of recorded crime over the past decade – and yet, you can be assured that we will not stop there.

We know more can, and will, be done to ensure people are safe and feel safe in their homes, neighbourhoods and communities – and by putting residents at the heart of everything we do, I am more than confident that, as a Partnership, we can fight for an even better future for Gateshead, making it a place where everyone can thrive.

The landscape in which Community Safety operates continues to evolve – and in the coming months, we can expect big changes to the domestic abuse agenda, increased focus around serious and organised crime as well as further movement linked to activities that we carry out around Preventing Extremism. It is now more than ever, at a time where resources are constantly reducing, where we need to be able to rely on our existing Partnership structures, share our resources and support one another to ensure we are effective at tackling the key community safety priorities set out within this Plan.

Finally, working collaboratively with our communities is an essential ingredient to help us to continue to evolve and make further improvements – and we look forward to working with you throughout the year to continue to make Gateshead even safer.

Community safety is a key priority...

...by putting people and families at the heart of everything we do, we are confident we can work together and fight for a better future for Gateshead, making it a place where everyone can thrive.

Demand for Community Safety Services in Gateshead

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

- 168 separate incidents reported to the Police
- 54 crimes recorded by the Police
- Two road traffic collisions
- Seven incidents of domestic abuse involving children
- 1,800+ individuals open to treatment services suffering from drug and alcohol misuse
- 5 admissions to hospital due to alcohol consumption
- 40 offenders with have face to face contact with the National Probation Service
- 10 individuals reporting to the Council as homeless

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

- 24 high-risk domestic abuse victims referred to the Council IDVA Service
- 13 burglaries to homes and 20 incidents of car crime
- Eight hate crimes taking place
- 59 incidents of noise/neighbour disputes
- 18 deliberate secondary fires attended by Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service
- 18 presentations to Accident and Emergency suffering assault-related injuries
- 40+ individuals presenting to Accident and Emergency more than 3 times a week
- 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
- 392 incidents of domestic violence reported to Police
- 137 reports of youth-related disorder
- 11 deliberate primary fires taking place
- 194 reports of littering, 42 reports of dog fouling and 39 reports of graffiti
- One death as a result of drug misuse
- 69 vulnerable clients supported via the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub
- 100+ ASB cases are opened 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
- 26% increase in recorded crime – an additional 18 crimes for every 1,000 residents
- Just over 7,000 incidents of anti-social behaviour reported
- 8,900+ victims identified – of which 171 individuals were victims 5 or more times
- 5,300+ offenders
- 53% of calls to Police related to public safety/welfare
- 393 serial victims of domestic abuse (2+ different perpetrators)
- 125 young people supported via the Youth Offending Team

Background and Context

The Community Safety Board is the statutory Community Safety Partnership responsible for tackling crime and disorder, combating substance misuse and reducing re-offending within Gateshead. The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 and subsequent legislation placed a statutory duty on local Community Safety Partnerships to:

- Produce an annual Joint Strategic Assessment;
- Prepare and implement a Community Safety Partnership Plan;
- Co-ordinate Domestic Homicide Reviews.

Along with other supporting partner agencies, some of the key organisations/services that make up the Community Safety Board include:

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| ⊕ Gateshead Council | ⊕ Tyne & Wear Fire & Rescue Service |
| ⊕ Northumbria Police | ⊕ NewcastleGateshead Clinical Commissioning Group |
| ⊕ Northumbria Community Rehabilitation Company | ⊕ The Gateshead Housing Company |
| ⊕ National Probation Service | ⊕ Voluntary and Community Sector |

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 residents to feel safe and secure living within Gateshead.

Reporting Arrangements

The Community Safety Board reports directly into the local Gateshead Strategic Partnership – and provides regular reports to the Health and Wellbeing Board, representing the links between crime, community safety and overall health and wellbeing.

We also work closely with other strategic groups including the Adults/Children Safeguarding Boards and Youth Crime Management Board. This ensures that where joint priorities are identified, work is undertaken collaboratively to ensure the best possible outcomes for and with local people and communities.

This plan aligns with the themes outlined in the local Police and Crime Plan for Northumbria produced by Dame Vera Baird QC, the Police and Crime Commissioner for Northumbria, as well as the priorities set out within our partners respective strategies and business plans to ensure we are all working towards a collective vision to achieving best possible outcomes for, and in partnership with, our communities.

Key activity/achievements in 2017/18

This section provides a snapshot of some of the key activities that have been carried out by Community Safety partners in relation to the strategic priorities identified in 2017/18:

ADDRESSING SUBSTANCE MISUSE

The key priorities addressed under this theme were:

- ⊕ Drugs; Drug-related Deaths; and Alcohol
- Produced multi-agency Substance Misuse Strategy/Action Plan setting out our ambitious plans to eliminate substance misuse within Gateshead.
- Formally established a Complex Case Panel which seeks to provide support to those who are vulnerable, at risk of harm and involved with multiple services.
- Re-established formal networks and processes to share intelligence/information to help reduce the supply of drugs across Gateshead and Newcastle.
- Implemented activity in response to identified learning points around Drug-related Deaths.
- Delivered actions to tackle drug litter and discarded needles being left in public places.
- Commissioned a review into the local Shared Care Prescribing arrangements across GP Practices and Treatment Services leading to a revised model of delivery.
- Consulted with residents and professionals on the re-commissioning of a new integrated Drug and Alcohol Treatment Service.
- Successful representations made to Licensing Committee resulting in licence revocations for underage alcohol sales at several premises.

TACKLING VIOLENCE

The key priorities addressed under this theme were:

- ⊕ Violent Crime; Domestic Abuse; and Sexual Violence
- Our Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) designed to protect vulnerable adults living within the Borough has continues to operate
- Creation of a DA Health Advocate role to increased support to victims of domestic abuse presenting at Accident and Emergency.
- Support for the Domestic Violence, Support and Advice (DVSA) car designed to provide guidance to victims at an earlier stage (immediately following an incident).
- Drafted a local Domestic Abuse Strategy and Action Plan for the Borough.
- Development of a dedicated resource to support serial/repeat victims of domestic abuse.
- Commissioned a Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) to identify the recommendations and lessons learnt to further improve current practice following a domestic-related murder.
- Secured funding to increase specialist accommodation provision within Gateshead
- Commissioned a series of sessions to raise awareness of specialist areas including Forced Marriage and Honour-based Violence, Stalking and Harassment and Cyber-enabled.
- The local Multi Agency Tasking and Co-ordination Group continues to take place to address offending behaviour of perpetrators of domestic abuse.
- Commissioned training to improve knowledge around Adolescent to Parent Violence.

COMBATTING ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR (ASB)

The key priorities addressed under this theme were:

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

- Trained approximately 100 Police and Council officers to increase awareness of the ASB Tools and Powers available leading to more effective use across the Borough.
- Organised and hosted a Problem-Solving event to showcase best practice examples of how we have collaboratively tackled issues for residents and communities.
- Reviewed our approach to managing Youth-related ASB and instigated a new process.
- Established an ASB Volunteer Service to support victims of ASB and hate crime.
- Adopted new approaches to the allocation of operational partnership resources.
- Implemented several Public Space Protection Orders across the Borough.
- Co-ordinated and hosted the Regional Hate Crime Conference to cascade best practice in relation to hate crime and tension monitoring.
- Northumbria Central Community Engagement Team continues to go from strength to strength and enhances our reach and contact with local communities.
- Several operations to disrupt the day-to-day activities of those involved in serious and organised crime in Gateshead including:
 - **Op Axel** – multi-agency disruption operation to tackle environmental crime;
 - **Op Axel Roads** – compliance and enforcement activity around taxi trade, waste and scrap metal carriers;
 - **Op Dahoon** – disruption activity and safeguarding around human trafficking;
 - **Op Rigsby** – specific investigation linked to private sectors/rental properties.

IMPROVING PUBLIC CONFIDENCE

The key priorities addressed under this theme were:

⊕ Improving Community Confidence in Services; Community Cohesion; and Engagement

- Developed a series of bespoke World Café engagement events targeting hard-to-reach communities to understand their concerns, enhance trust and confidence in services and build community resilience – generating lots of fantastic ideas to keep people safe.
- Established a Communications Group to proactively tackle perceptions of crime, ASB and feelings of safety – which included:
 - Increasing our social-media presence on forums such as Facebook and Twitter to ensure we communicate with those who don't use the usual networks.
 - Continuing to actively promote via Council News and other media platforms details of multi-agency activities and crime prevention advice.
 - Supported the launch of the Community Messaging App ('your Northumbria')
- Increased engagement with community/voluntary sector (including providing support for newly established Neighbourhood Watch groups across the Borough).
- Consulted with a significant number of residents on community safety issues – helping to formulate the strategic priorities identified for next year.

Emerging Issues

The Strategic Assessment is a statutory requirement which is carried out annually with a view to providing an evidence base on which to inform the CSP's strategic plan and priorities. The emerging issues from the Strategic Assessment for 2017 are:

| *** National Context *** | | | |
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| Increased threat / potential for cyber-enabled crimes . | Rise in the number of Human Trafficking and Modern-Day Slavery | Threats of terrorism – continues to be at Severe ('an attack is highly likely') | Sexual Exploitation – and the associated risks linked with community tensions and cohesion . |
| Civil emergencies – the impact on resources. | The scale of serious and organised crime – and the influence this has on a range of crime and community safety issues. | Potential threats linked with public order . | Ongoing austerity measures – resulting in fewer resources. |

| *** Regional Context *** | | | |
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| Northumbria Police and Crime Commissioner – Police and Crime Plan | The ongoing regional developments linked with devolution process | Refresh of National and Regional VAWG and Domestic Abuse Strategy | Increased emergence of issues (inc. Modern Day Slavery, County Lines etc) |
| Ongoing (and potential future) changes to partner agencies structures/remits | Ongoing and emerging changes in Community Safety (including wider Policy) landscape | Fewer Budgets and Resources Available to local public and voluntary sector organisations | Potential changes to the way in which Preventing Violent Extremism is managed (Dovetail) |

| *** Local Context *** | | | |
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| Notable increase in recorded in anti-social behaviour (ASB) and crime within Borough | Sharp increase in the number of drug-related deaths and discarded drug litter | Negative perceptions of crime and disorder amongst residents (single confidence measure) | Limited diversionary activities for young people committing ASB |
| Continued complex and multiple needs impacting on service demand | Fewer Budgets and Resources Available | Re-establishment of Integrated Offender Management | Increases in deliberate fires (linked to both youth disorder and fly-tipping) |

Setting Our Priorities for 2018/19

The shared priorities, agreed by the Community Safety Board, for the coming period are:

- ⊕ **Anti-Social Behaviour & Environmental Crime**
- ⊕ **Domestic Abuse**
- ⊕ **Mental Health**
- ⊕ **Restricting Supply – Drug Misuse**

There are also several thematic areas which the Board will monitor:

- ⊕ **Hate Crime and Tension Monitoring**
- ⊕ **Preventing Violent Extremism (Terrorism)**
- ⊕ **Serious and Organised Crime (Disruption)**
- ⊕ **Repeat Victimisation and Vulnerability**
- ⊕ **Reducing Re-offending**

These priorities are based on information from the statutory Strategic Assessment coupled with consultation with representatives from agencies across the partnership and the public to focus activity on what safety issues matter most to communities in the Borough.

Public Consultation

We consulted residents and communities on the potential strategic priorities for this year – and we were really pleased to have received more than **530** separate responses – all of which have been used to help shape the Community Safety priorities.

Some of the key findings from the consultation:

- Greater level of priority placed on tackling anti-social behaviour and environmental crime – particularly signal crimes such as graffiti, fly-tipping and dog-fouling – with almost half feeling that these are big problems affecting their local area.
- 70% of respondents said they feel very or fairly-safe in their neighbourhood;
- Respondents were more positive when asked how much of a problem crime is – with just over a third (36%) feeling crime is a big problem in their neighbourhood.
- Almost half of respondents agree the Police and Council work together to deal with the issues that matter in their neighbourhood.
- Several locations have been identified by respondents as areas where there have been specific community safety problems/issues.

Monitoring the Delivery of Our Plan

Delivering our priorities

Gateshead Community Safety Board has overall responsibility for the delivery of this Plan but will require support and joint working with other statutory boards and partnership arenas.

To ensure delivery of the partnership priorities, a series of time-limited Task and Finish and/or formal Sub-Groups will be formed during 2018/19 and will be responsible for translating the strategic priorities into operational delivery/actions.

All priorities will have a nominated Lead Officer and actions will be time bound to ensure impact can be monitored and measured. This will be accompanied by a performance and delivery dashboard, where performance against outcomes and key metrics can be assessed and reported into the Board, as necessary.

Resources

Public services are going through an unprecedented time of austerity measures and, coupled with rising expectations of residents and communities, means that now more so than ever, the Partnership will have to hold individual agencies to account for the collective delivery of the priorities outlined within this Plan.

At a time when resources continue to shrink, it is essential all available resources are applied in the most efficient and effective manner to achieve the best outcomes for local people and communities. This challenge cannot be underestimated due to the organisational pressures the public sector faces over the coming period.

Communications and Engagement

Communication and engagement are essential components of a successful partnership. A Development Session was held with representatives from across the partnership, including the voluntary and community sector, to inform the development of the Strategic Assessment and Partnership Plan.

Running alongside the Partnership Plan, we will continue to develop and further strengthen our Communication and Engagement Plan to describe how stakeholders from across the partnership and wider public can be engaged in the delivery of Community Safety priorities.

Review

The Partnership Plan will continue to be reviewed annually to ensure any emerging trends from the Strategic Assessment can be factored into future years' delivery plan.

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Community Safety Overview and Scrutiny Sub Committee 26 June 2018

Crime and Disorder Update – Period 1st April – 31st May 2018

Report of Chief Inspector Karl Wilson

Summary

This report provides the Gateshead Community Safety OSC Committee with an overview of crime and disorder in Gateshead.

1.0 CRIME AND DISORDER UPDATE

1.1

| 1st April 2018 to 31st May 2018 vs 2017/18 Daily average | Central | | | | Gateshead | | | | Newcastle | | | |
|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|
| | 2018-19 YTD | 2017/18 DA | Variance | | 2018-19 YTD | 2017/18 DA | Variance | | 2018-19 YTD | 2017/18 DA | Variance | |
| Total crime | 11,548 | 10,228 | + 1320 | (+13%) | 3,807 | 3,448 | + 359 | (+10%) | 7,741 | 6,780 | + 961 | (+14%) |
| Violence against the person | 3,349 | 2,820 | + 529 | (+19%) | 1,154 | 972 | + 182 | (+19%) | 2,195 | 1,847 | + 348 | (+19%) |
| Violence against the person - With injury | 907 | 855 | + 52 | (+6%) | 270 | 265 | + 5 | (+2%) | 637 | 590 | + 47 | (+8%) |
| Most serious violence against the person | 70 | 55 | + 15 | (+26%) | 15 | 17 | - 2 | (-11%) | 55 | 39 | + 16 | (+42%) |
| Less serious violence against the person | 837 | 800 | + 37 | (+5%) | 255 | 248 | + 7 | (+3%) | 582 | 551 | + 31 | (+6%) |
| Violence against the person - Without injury | 2,442 | 1,965 | + 477 | (+24%) | 884 | 707 | + 177 | (+25%) | 1,558 | 1,257 | + 301 | (+24%) |
| Other violence | 231 | 150 | + 81 | (+54%) | 68 | 49 | + 19 | (+38%) | 163 | 101 | + 62 | (+62%) |
| Harassment & assault | 2,211 | 1,815 | + 396 | (+22%) | 816 | 658 | + 158 | (+24%) | 1,395 | 1,157 | + 238 | (+21%) |
| Assault without injury | 1,366 | 1,117 | + 249 | (+22%) | 470 | 362 | + 108 | (+30%) | 896 | 755 | + 141 | (+19%) |
| Harassment (Inc stalking) | 845 | 698 | + 147 | (+21%) | 346 | 296 | + 50 | (+17%) | 499 | 401 | + 98 | (+24%) |
| Robbery | 66 | 69 | - 3 | (-4%) | 14 | 20 | - 6 | (-31%) | 52 | 49 | + 3 | (+7%) |
| Robbery - Business | 30 | 11 | + 19 | (+180%) | 12 | 2 | + 10 | (+498%) | 18 | 9 | + 9 | (+107%) |
| Robbery - Personal | 36 | 58 | - 22 | (-38%) | 2 | 18 | - 16 | (-89%) | 34 | 40 | - 6 | (-15%) |
| Sexual offences | 383 | 319 | + 64 | (+20%) | 105 | 109 | - 4 | (-4%) | 278 | 210 | + 68 | (+32%) |
| Serious sexual offences | 335 | 267 | + 68 | (+26%) | 88 | 85 | + 3 | (+3%) | 247 | 181 | + 66 | (+36%) |
| Rape | 159 | 127 | + 32 | (+26%) | 43 | 41 | + 2 | (+5%) | 116 | 86 | + 30 | (+35%) |
| Other serious sexual offences | 176 | 140 | + 36 | (+26%) | 45 | 44 | + 1 | (+1%) | 131 | 95 | + 36 | (+37%) |
| Other sexual offences | 48 | 53 | - 5 | (-9%) | 17 | 24 | - 7 | (-29%) | 31 | 29 | + 2 | (+8%) |
| Vehicle crime | 550 | 545 | + 5 | (+1%) | 217 | 215 | + 2 | (+1%) | 333 | 331 | + 2 | (+1%) |
| Vehicle interference | 51 | 74 | - 23 | (-31%) | 22 | 28 | - 6 | (-23%) | 29 | 45 | - 16 | (-36%) |
| TFMV | 379 | 372 | + 7 | (+2%) | 162 | 154 | + 8 | (+5%) | 217 | 218 | - 1 | (-0%) |
| TWOC | 120 | 100 | + 20 | (+20%) | 33 | 32 | + 1 | (+3%) | 87 | 68 | + 19 | (+29%) |
| Criminal damage | 1,648 | 1,539 | + 109 | (+7%) | 595 | 584 | + 11 | (+2%) | 1,053 | 956 | + 97 | (+10%) |
| Criminal damage - Vehicle | 587 | 508 | + 79 | (+15%) | 224 | 186 | + 38 | (+21%) | 363 | 323 | + 40 | (+12%) |
| Criminal damage - Dwelling | 494 | 452 | + 42 | (+9%) | 176 | 191 | - 15 | (-8%) | 318 | 262 | + 56 | (+21%) |
| Criminal damage - Other than dwelling | 132 | 144 | - 12 | (-8%) | 48 | 42 | + 6 | (+14%) | 84 | 102 | - 18 | (-18%) |
| Criminal damage - Other | 435 | 434 | + 1 | (+0%) | 147 | 165 | - 18 | (-11%) | 288 | 269 | + 19 | (+7%) |
| Burglary | 619 | 628 | - 9 | (-1%) | 235 | 236 | - 1 | (-1%) | 384 | 392 | - 8 | (-2%) |
| Burglary - residential | 353 | 440 | - 87 | (-20%) | 131 | 165 | - 34 | (-21%) | 222 | 275 | - 53 | (-19%) |
| Burglary - Business and Community | 266 | 188 | + 78 | (+42%) | 104 | 71 | + 33 | (+47%) | 162 | 117 | + 45 | (+39%) |
| Theft and handling | 2,814 | 2,586 | + 228 | (+9%) | 735 | 745 | - 10 | (-1%) | 2,079 | 1,842 | + 237 | (+13%) |
| Shoplifting | 1,171 | 1,101 | + 70 | (+6%) | 261 | 312 | - 51 | (-16%) | 910 | 789 | + 121 | (+15%) |
| Theft from the person | 203 | 153 | + 50 | (+32%) | 43 | 24 | + 19 | (+81%) | 160 | 130 | + 30 | (+23%) |
| Theft of a pedal cycle | 174 | 189 | - 15 | (-8%) | 17 | 31 | - 14 | (-45%) | 157 | 158 | - 1 | (-0%) |
| Other theft and handling | 1,266 | 1,143 | + 123 | (+11%) | 414 | 379 | + 35 | (+9%) | 852 | 765 | + 87 | (+11%) |
| Drug crime | 302 | 251 | + 51 | (+20%) | 79 | 62 | + 17 | (+28%) | 223 | 189 | + 34 | (+18%) |
| Fraud and forgery | 57 | 23 | + 34 | (+151%) | 15 | 8 | + 7 | (+95%) | 42 | 15 | + 27 | (+179%) |
| Public disorder | 1,595 | 1,334 | + 261 | (+20%) | 591 | 453 | + 138 | (+31%) | 1,004 | 882 | + 122 | (+14%) |
| Miscellaneous crime | 165 | 113 | + 52 | (+46%) | 67 | 44 | + 23 | (+52%) | 98 | 69 | + 29 | (+42%) |

The headline figures show that;

- The previous increases in recorded crime in the last 2 years, 2016/17 +33% and 2017/18 +20% are now reducing as predicted. This years increase of total recorded crime in Gateshead +10% being similar to the increases across the Force of +10% .
- The increase in Violence against the Person offences +25% are attributable to offences without any injury which are a result of improved recording practices and the majority of these offences are linked to anti-social behaviour.
- In 2017/18 Gateshead saw a significant increase in recorded sexual offences. During this period there has been a reduction in offences (-4%) well below the Force increase of +24%.
- There has been a reduction in Residential Burglary Dwelling offences (-21%).
- There has been a slight increase in ASB incidents (3%).

2.0 POLICING OPERATIONS

Over the next 3 months local policing operations will focus on ASB, Burglary Dwelling, and theft from motor vehicles.

- Operation Crimson will be a multi-agency response to the predicted increases in ASB linked to lighter nights and school holidays. This will be a borough wide operation focusing on hotspots, also providing diversionary services and educational inputs.
- Social Media messaging campaign regarding vehicle crime in the Low Fell and Birtley areas.
- Lighter nights campaign focused in Bensham and Shipcote to prevent burglary by means of entering unlocked properties. Officers delivering prevention messages, checking doors and challenging householders.
- Gateshead Town Centre continues to be a focus around a cohort of people who cause public order issues. Options to address causes of behaviour (drink/drugs) being utilised to prevent further offending.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

Members are asked to note the contents of this report.



**COMMUNITY SAFETY SUB
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY
COMMITTEE
26 June 2018**

TITLE OF REPORT: Drug-related Deaths and Shared Care Audit

REPORT OF: Alice Wiseman, Director of Public Health

Summary

The purpose of this report is to update Community Safety Sub OSC on the current position in Gateshead in respect of drug-related deaths and the action being taken to address this.

Background

National issues

Local authority commissioners are responsible for meeting the drug and alcohol treatment and care needs of their populations through their commissioning of high quality services. Treatment for drug (and alcohol) misuse in adults, and prevention and reducing harm from drug misuse in adults, are non-prescribed functions of the currently ring-fenced Public Health Grant and categories for which Public Health is accountable to central government to report financial spend.

Investing in effective prevention, treatment and recovery interventions is essential to tackle the harm that drugs can cause, help users overcome their dependency, reduce involvement in crime, sustain their recovery, and enable them to make a positive contribution to their family and community.

Planning is key to addressing the harms, costs and burden on public services from drug misuse. Successful plans will be based on the assessment of local needs and community assets, and will reflect evidence of what is known to work in addressing the root causes and wider determinants of drug dependence.

Effective local systems are those that provide welcoming, easy to access, flexible services that cater for the needs of a broad range of people and their different drug problems. They raise recovery-orientated ambitions and facilitate the progress of service users toward their recovery goals, while continuing to protect them from the risks of drug misuse. They will encourage service users to complete their treatment as appropriate and when safe to do so.

Drug misuse has a wide impact on individual users and the wider society. Drug misuse and dependency can lead to a range of harms for the user including: poor

physical and mental health, unemployment, homelessness, family breakdown, criminal activity and death. A drug misuse death is defined as a death where:

- The underlying cause is drug use or dependence;
- The underlying cause is drug poisoning and where any of the substances controlled under the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 are involved.

Deaths involving opioids (such as heroin) account for the majority of drug poisoning deaths. Heroin related deaths in England and Wales have more than doubled since 2012 to the highest number since records began 20 years ago. Deaths also arise from misuse of other illegal substances including cocaine and new psychoactive substances (NPS), as well as from the misuse of prescription medication. Alcohol is also mentioned in around a third of drug misuse deaths annually in England.

Research suggests that drug-related deaths (DRDs) are preventable and many areas, including Gateshead, operate a DRD review process including a multi-agency DRD panel that carries out inquiries into each death where drugs are suspected to be a direct cause of death. The panel looks to establish whether there are lessons to be learnt from cases about the way in which local professionals and agencies work, and to make recommendations on both clinical practice and non-clinical policy and practice to reduce the risk of DRDs in the future. The process is recognised as an important component in preventing further DRDs.

Local issues

The main adult substance misuse services commissioned locally comprise Evolve (who provide specialist treatment and psychosocial support), GPs (who deliver shared care) and Oaktrees (a quasi-residential 12-step recovery programme).

Gateshead's DRD panel has been in operation in some form since 2002; it meets quarterly and is chaired by a Consultant in Public Health. Each year the Panel prepares a report on local DRDs that is presented to the Community Safety Board, and presented for information to the Safeguarding Adults and Health & Wellbeing Boards.

In 2012 there were 6 DRDs in Gateshead. By 2016 this had risen to 19, and in the period 2014-16 Gateshead had the 6th highest rate of drug-related deaths in England. The number fell back to 12 in 2017, but already in 2018 there have been 15 deaths.

The 2016 annual report records that the Gateshead picture follows the national trend in terms of an increase in the number of deaths, gender and primary substance. The report records that:

- In terms of demographic factors all but one of the 19 deaths were males, and 12 were between 19 and 34 years of age with the oldest being 54. Seven people lived with family or friends, and in five of these cases at least one

member of the family was in the house when the person died. Nine people lived alone and of these nine, six died alone. Three people were homeless, and all but one were unemployed.

- Opioids (such as heroin) accounted for the majority of drug deaths (16) or were present in the system. Fifteen deaths involved opioids and diazepam. Prescription medications (Pregabalin and Gabapentin) were present in nine deaths in small amounts, a small number also had traces of over-the-counter medication. NPS accounted for the one female death. Alcohol was present in half of the deaths, which is higher than the national average.
- 14 people were open or known to the adult drug and alcohol service (Evolve), 10 were currently in treatment, four were previously known. Five were not known to the drug and alcohol service, one of whom was prescribed by their GP (not in shared care).
- 13 of the 19 cases had some form of mental health condition or had previously attempted suicide (though note deaths from suicide are not included in the DRD figures, even where the deceased is a known user).

A similar analysis will be included in the 2017 annual report, which has not yet been published. Overall there were 12 deaths and our analysis to date shows that:

- There were 8 males and 4 females, with ages ranging from 31-50;
- Most were known to treatment services, and most of those were still in treatment at the time of death;
- The majority were long term drug users and known to use multiple substances;
- Majority were known to multiple services and were known to have some sort of mental health condition – anxiety, depression.

Our analysis to date of the deaths in 2018 suggests common factors include:

- Most of the deaths are of men, aged 30-46;
- Most were long-term users;
- Most involve multiple substances including prescription and illegal drugs, as well as alcohol; and
- Cocaine is emerging as a factor.

Progress To Date

In order to reduce the risk of deaths amongst substance misusers, a number of actions have been taken:

- Naloxone is now routinely issued to those dependent on opioids. Naloxone is an injectable medication that acts rapidly to block the effects of opioids, especially in overdose;
- In 2017, the Public Health team undertook a review and audit of substance misuse services, focused on shared care, with the outcome reported to the Health and Wellbeing Board in October. In the light of the review, the Council

has developed a revised model for local substance misuse services, and the procurement process for this is currently in progress;

- Immediate action was taken (in 2017) in respect of safety issues concerning the prescribing of methadone in high strength forms (10mg/1ml), given the increased risk it poses if supervised doses find their way into communities and the rise in drug related deaths locally and regionally. Public Health met with the CCG and wrote to GPs to highlight this issue and remove this option for prescribing from the formulary;
- The pathway of care was also amended to ensure all new service users commence their treatment with Evolve, initiating and stabilising on their opioid substitution treatment before being referred back to their local GP;
- For complex service users, such as those also requiring prescriptions for Gabapentin and Pregabalin, GPs must also consult with Evolve and refer where required. This was to help address the issue of inadvertent prescribing of 'abusable' medication e.g. Gabapentin, Benzodiazepines and Pregabalin;
- The completion of the Gateshead Substance Misuse Strategy and the resulting action plans has galvanised multi-agency working by the following shared objectives:
 - Reduce demand/Prevention across the life course
 - Reduce supply/Protection and responsibility
 - Build recovery/Health and wellbeing services
- The Dual Diagnosis/Needs group has been established to address issues of substance misuse and mental health;
- Continued development of referral pathways within the Criminal Justice System (including prisons);
- The DRD panel organised a workshop to be held in early June to examine in more depth the factors behind the apparent rise in deaths in 2018.

Proposal

OSC is asked to note the position with regard to drug-related deaths in Gateshead and to note the actions being taken to address this issue.

Recommendation

It is recommended that OSC notes this report, and receives an update later in the year.

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22 May 2018

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| TITLE OF REPORT: | Annual Work Programme |
| REPORT OF: | Sheena Ramsey, Chief Executive Mike Barker, Strategic Director, Corporate Services and Governance |

Summary

This report sets out the provisional work programme for the Community Safety Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee for the municipal year 2018/19.

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 2018-19 is attached. (Appendix 1) and has taken account of the following:-
 - Six-monthly performance reporting
 - The Thrive Agenda and the Council Plan and partnership work generally
 - Current issues referred to Committees
 - Legislative provisions and guidance on the Councillor Call for Action
5. This year, as part of changes piloted to ensure the continued effectiveness of Overview and Scrutiny in Gateshead there has been enhanced engagement and involvement with OSC members in shaping the focus of the work of specific OSCs via a specific work programme event. At that event, councillors had regard to the key issues/challenges/legislative changes affecting the work of the Council within the forthcoming twelve months which fall within the remits of each specific OSC and the five pledges under the Thrive agenda:-
 - Put people and families at the heart of everything that we do

- Tackle inequality so people have a fair chance
 - Support our communities to support themselves and each other
 - Invest in our economy to provide sustainable opportunities for employment, innovation and growth across the borough
 - Work together and fight for a better future for Gateshead.
6. The Council has consulted partner organisations on the emerging themes for all OSCs for 2018-19.

Recommendations

8. The Sub -Committee is asked to
- a) Endorse the Sub -Committee's provisional work programme for 2018/19 attached at Appendix 1, and refer it to Council on 24 May 2018 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 2018-19 | |
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| 26 June 2018 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Constitution • Role and Remit • The Council Plan – Year End Assessment and Performance Delivery 2017-18/Five Year Targets • Safer Gateshead Partnership Plan 2018-19 • Crime and Disorder Performance • Drug Related Deaths – Annual Report and Audit Findings • Work Programme |
| 16 Oct 2018 – 5.30pm | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation of Safer Gateshead Priorities – progress update • Prevent – Progress update on Action Plan • Progress Update – Domestic Abuse Review • Counter Terrorism Local Profile/WRAP Training • 101 Performance / Your Northumbria • Work Programme |
| 29 Jan 2019 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Council Plan – performance • Progress Update on Families Gateshead • Consultation on Strategic Assessment Priorities • Reducing Supply of Drugs • Serious Violence and Domestic Homicide – Progress Update • Approach to encouraging the reporting of discrimination/hate crimes • Approach to educating communities / raising awareness of differences amongst individuals / race/cultures • Work Programme |
| 26 March 2019 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation of Safer Gateshead Priorities – end of year performance • Prevent – End of Year Performance / Update on Action Plan • Safer Gateshead Draft Priorities 2019-20 • 101 Performance/Your Northumbria - Progress Update • Work Programme |

Issues to slot in:-

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