

COMMUNITY SAFETY BOARD

4 MARCH 2016

PRESENT:

Responsible Authority Members/Representative

Cllr Gary Haley (Chair)	-	Cabinet Office, Gateshead Council
Steve Anderson	-	Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue
Barrie Joyce	-	Northumbria Police
Karin O'Neil	-	NPS
Liz Hogg	-	DV Forum
Mary Burns	-	Newcastle Gateshead CCG

Partners/Officers

Mark Warcup	-	Chair, Domestic Homicide Review
Julie Crichton	-	Safer Communities
Gemma Thompson	-	Safer Communities
Neil Bouch	-	The Gateshead Housing Company
Joy Evans	-	Public Health
Adam Lindridge	-	Care, Wellbeing and Learning
Helen Conway	-	Corporate Services and Governance

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Ritchie Jackson, Steve Hails, Dave Escott, Martyn Strike, Val Hall, Susan Butler, Alice Wiseman, Chris Piercy and Esther Ward.

2. MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting held on 30 October 2015 were agreed as a correct record.

3. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

4. CSB ACTION LOG - OUTSTANDING ACTIONS

Adam Lindridge reported that all outstanding actions had now been completed and he is in the process of setting up a task and finish group and will email partners for nominations.

5. PARTNER UPDATES

Northumbria Police - the Board received an update of the policing summary for January/February 2016 for Gateshead Central, Gateshead East, Gateshead South and Inner and Outer West.

Public Health - the Board received an update on the drug and alcohol treatment service activity and policy updates. Members of the Board were invited the official opening of the new Gateshead Evolve premises on 23 March 2016, an official invitation will follow separately.

The Gateshead Housing Company - the Board received an update on housing issues including updates on:-

- Recent Government announcements and the impact of Council housing
- Savings proposals
- Reallocation of Housing Functions
- Partnership Activity

Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service Update - the Board received an update on recent activity within the borough from the Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service.

Northumbria CRC Update - the Board received an update from the CRC and in particular that the CRC will remain in their Gateshead premises until 30 June 2016.

Families Gateshead Update - Phase 2 - the Board received an update on the progress to date on phase 2 of the national Troubled Families Programme and performance data,

Youth Offending Team (YOT) Performance Quarter 3 (2015/2016) - the Board received the performance report for quarter 3, in line with the reports provided to the Youth Justice Board on a quarterly basis.

RESOLVED -

- i) that the information be noted
- ii) that further updates will be provided to future meetings of the Board

6. CRIME, CONFIDENCE AND ASB SUB GROUP

Board members received an update on the work of the ASB, Crime and Confidence Sub-Group. The Sub-Group is responsible for developing proactive, intelligence led approaches to reducing crime and ASB in Gateshead in order to improve residents' confidence and quality of life.

The following areas of work were identified:-

- Safer Neighbourhoods - review
- Northumbria PCC - Supporting Victims Fund 2016-17
- Public Space Protection Order - Bensham
- Operation Forager
- Hate Crime Strategy
- Problem Solving Training
- Youth ASB and Disorder
- Task and Finish Groups and
- Beat the burglar

RESOLVED - i) that the information be noted
 ii) that further updates be provided to future meetings of
 the Board

7. SUBSTANCE MISUSE SUB-GROUP UPDATE

The Board received an update on the work of the Substance Misuse Sub Group.

The following areas of work were reported:-

- Terms of reference of the sub-group
- Substance Misuse Strategy Development
- Drug Related Deaths 2015
- Novel Psychoactive Substances (NPS)
- Drugs Management Protocol
- Take Home Naloxone, and
- Public Health England National Alcohol Licensing Project

The Board were advised that a separate report on Drug Related Deaths will be brought to a future meeting of the Board.

RESOLVED - i) that the information be noted
 ii) that further updates be provided to future meetings of
 the Board

8. DOMESTIC ABUSE EXECUTIVE FORUM GROUP UPDATE

The Board received an update on the work of the Domestic Abuse Executive Forum Group.

The following areas of work were reported:-

- General overview of the Forum
- Multi Agency Tasking and Co-ordination (MATAC)
- Domestic Violence Statistics
- Domestic Violence Champions

- White Ribbon Event 2015
- Multi Agency Training on Domestic Abuse
- Coercive Control Guidance
- Stranger Stalking Consultation
- Future Developments

RESOLVED -

- i) that the information be noted
- ii) that further updates will be provided to future meetings of the Board

9. DOMESTIC HOMICIDE REVIEW

The Board were provided with a comprehensive update in relation to the Domestic Homicide Review of Adult C that has recently been completed in Gateshead and seeks necessary approvals from the CSB to submit the Overview Report and supporting documents to the Home Office Quality Assurance Panel.

The final Overview Report has been completed, which brings together and draws overall conclusions from the information and analysis contained within the Individual Management Reviews. Its sets out partner involvement with the victim and perpetrator and identifies a range of national, local and individual recommendations.

The DHR Panel concluded that the homicide could not have been predicted or prevented because it was not known that the couple were or had an intimate relationship - and even if agencies had known, the perpetrator would have most likely have been considered of low-risk violence to others in a domestic setting. The victim was found to be a repeat victim of domestic abuse and the MARAC procedures had all been used effectively.

The full DHR Overview Report and supporting documents were also provided to Board members for information.

Upon receiving the Overview Report and supporting documents in relation to a DHR, the Community Safety Board is required to:

- agree the content of the Overview Report and Executive Summary for publication, ensuring that it is fully anonymised (apart from including the names of the Review Panel Chair and members);
- make arrangements to provide feedback to staff, family members and the media, as appropriate;
- endorse the Overview Report and supporting documents;
- submit a copy of the Overview Report and supporting documents to the Home Office Quality Assurance Panel for approval, and
- ensure the documents are not published until clearance has been received from the Home Office Quality Assurance Panel.

Liz Hogg and Mark Warcup agreed to meet up separately outside of the Board and make some minor amendments to the document.

The Board were also updated the work is still ongoing in relation to the DHR into S Garba and as soon as the information has been received an update will be given to the Board.

- RESOLVED -
- i) that the information be noted
 - ii) that the submission of the report to the next Home Office Quality Assurance Panel be agreed
 - iii) that further updates be provided to a future meeting of the Board in relation to the progress made by partners against the local recommendations

10. CRIME TREND PROJECTIONS - IQUANTA

The Board received an overview of the latest crime and disorder performance obtained from iQuanta to support the Strategic Assessment process and to also assist in the preparation of the draft strategic priorities for the partnership to consider in 2016/17.

iQuanta is a Home Office analysis reporting tool that provides up-to-date data and information on a range of Policing and Community safety performance issues. Five charts have been used to help compare the statistics: volume of crime, most similar family groups, Northumbria average, 12 month projections and significant change.

iQuanta monitors crime trends in Gateshead over a three year period and provides direct comparisons with the previous/current quarters, YTD and 12 month performance periods.

Peer comparisons in iQuanta are made using Most Similar Family Groups (MSFGs), which provide a benchmark for comparison of crime rates and other indicators with similar areas elsewhere in England and Wales.

MSFGs are calculated using socio-demographic and geographic variables which is strongly linked to crime, fear of crime or disorder.

In Gateshead, we are compared with the following 14 MSFGs:

- Cleveland - Stockton-on-Tees
- Durham - Darlington
- Greater Manchester - Bolton
- Gwent - Newport
- Humberside - North East Lincolnshire
- Kent - Thanet
- Lincolnshire - Lincoln

- Merseyside - Wirral
- Northumbria - North Tyneside
- Northumbria - Sunderland
- South Yorkshire - Sheffield
- Staffordshire - Stoke-on-Trent
- Suffolk - Ipswich
- West Yorkshire - Bradford

RESOLVED - i) that the information be noted
 ii) that further updates be provided to a future meeting
 of the Board

11. PARTNERSHIP STRATEGIC ASSESSMENT

The Board received a presentation and report on performance, key findings and horizon scanning in relation to the performance framework for 2016/17.

The increases in reported crime and disorder highlighted within the Strategic Assessment heightens the need for a more robust Performance Management Framework to help drive Community Safety Board activity in 2016/17.

Although the majority of measures do remain fairly similar to those measured in previous years - these have been scaled back to include only those indicators that can drive performance and have been guided by the initial findings outlined within the Strategic Assessment.

It is hoped that the indicators provide a good indication of performance across each of the strategic priorities and will enable the Board to proactively task sub-groups to address areas/issues that warrant increased action/attention.

The layout and scope of the latest Framework will be different to previous years to try and provide a greater variety of data and information for the Board to interrogate and scrutinise. This will include direct comparisons, where possible, with our Most Similar Family Groups as well as our comparative performance across Northumbria and the region. Efforts have also been made to predict future performance based on 3, 6 and 12 month seasonal trends (for crime and perception indicators) as well as identifying any statistically significant outliers.

It is proposed that, where possible, each sub-group will be allocated relevant performance indicators and will report to the Board, on a quarterly basis.

- RESOLVED -
- i) that the information be noted
 - ii) that each sub-group will be allocated relevant performance indicators to report to the Board on a Quarterly basis
 - iii) that further reports will be brought to future meetings of the Board

12. GATESHEAD COUNCIL - DOMESTIC ABUSE REVIEW

The Board were advised that Alison Elliott is leading on this following on from the case study in 2012-2013 by the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee. A single referral pathway is being developed with workshops currently being arranged and set up for partners to attend.

Invitations and further details will be provided to partners in due course.

- RESOLVED -
- i) that the information be noted
 - ii) that further reports will be brought to future meetings of the Board

13. MULTI AGENCY SAFEGUARDING HUB (MASH)

The Board received a report which provided a comprehensive update in relation to Multi Agency Safeguarding Huh (MASH) that has been established by Gateshead Council and Northumbria Police in collaboration with a range of partner agencies in order to support and protect vulnerable adults within the Borough. The report also included a brief update in relation to Operation Encompass as well as a summary of the evaluation undertaken by Newcastle University.

RESOLVED - that the information be noted.

14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There were no items of any other business raised,

15 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on **Friday 22 April 2016 at 10.00 am** at Gateshead Civic Centre.