

COMMUNITY SAFETY BOARD

22 APRIL 2016

PRESENT:

Responsible Authority Members/Representative

Cllr Gary Haley (Chair)	-	Cabinet Office, Gateshead Council
Steve Anderson	-	Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue
Richie Jackson	-	Northumbria Police
Martyn Strike	-	Northumbria CRC
Liz Hogg	-	DV Forum/HMCTS
Mary Burns	-	Newcastle Gateshead CCG

Partners/Officers

Julie Crichton	-	Care, Wellbeing and Learning
Susan Butler	-	Gateshead YOT/FIT
Michael Robson	-	Northumbria Police
Peter Wright	-	Communities and Environment
Joy Evans	-	Public Health
Adam Lindridge	-	Care, Wellbeing and Learning
Nicola Johnson	-	Care, Wellbeing and Learning
Helen Conway	-	Corporate Services and Governance

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Esther Ward, Karen O'Neil, Chris Piercy and Alice Wiseman.

2. MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting held on 4 March 2016 were agreed as a correct record with the amendment that Liz Hogg be amended to Karen O'Neil under item 9 'Domestic Homicide Review'

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 the action log is up to date.

5. PARTNER UPDATES

Northumbria CRC Update – the Board were advised that the CRC continues to look for a suitable property as there is an agreement that the CRC will leave its current premises by 30 June 2016.

The CRC will have reduced its staffing levels from over 250 down to 160 by the end of April 2016. This will continue to create challenges as the CRC move forward. The middle management numbers have been reduced by around 50%. The CRC will continue to attend all partnership commitments to the level it has done so previously.

The CRC continues to support the MASH initiative in Gateshead and discussions are continuing to further develop the partnership working in this important area of multi-agency practice.

National Probation Service – the Board were advised that as part of the NPS estates strategy, the Blaydon Probation office has closed and local delivery unit staff are now based at the Gateshead Office where all offender appointments will be held. This will represent a change for offender reporting to the single site from across the borough.

Northumbria Police – the Board received an update of the policing summary for March/April 2016 for Gateshead Central, Gateshead East, Gateshead South and Inner and Outer West.

Public Health – the Board were advised on developments in the drug and drug and alcohol treatment service and an update on the Public Health England Licensing Pilot (Gateshead is a pilot site).

Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue – the Board were advised of the End of Year Commentary for the Gateshead district which was split into:-

- Injuries from Accidental Dwelling Fires Service Performance 2015/16
- Primary Fires Involving Road Vehicles District Performance 2015/16
- Accidental Kitchen Fires in Dwellings Service Performance 2015/16
- Accidental Non Kitchen Fires in Dwellings Service Performance 2015/16
- Number of Deliberate Secondary Fires Service Performance 2015/16
- Number of False Alarm Calls due to Automatic Fire Alarms from Non-Domestic Premises District Performance 2015/16 and
- Total Number of False Alarm Calls due to Automatic Fire Alarms, either by person responding the an alarm actuated by Fire Detection Equipment or Fixed Firefighting Equipment from Domestic Premises – District Performance 2015/16

Youth Offending Team – the Board received the Quarter 4 Performance for January to March 2016 and the Families Gateshead progress report to date.

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

6. ASB, CRIME AND CONFIDENCE SUB GROUP UPDATE

The Board received a report updating 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 resident's confidence and quality of life.

The following areas of work were identified and an update was presented to the Board:-

- Changes to Gateshead Neighbourhood Policing Teams
- Safer Neighborhood's Review
- Gateshead ASB Policy
- Public Space Protection Orders
- Graffiti
- Partnership Events – ASB Training
- ASB Volunteers Project

- 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.

Steve Gilbert, the Integrated Offender Management (IOM) Manager from the Community Rehabilitation Company has been appointed as Vice Chair of the Substance Misuse Sub-Group.

At the last meeting, a discussion took place around the future role of the Sub-Group to ensure that it remains fit for purpose. Representatives suggested that the Sub-Group focuses on the following issues:

- Remain responsible for delivery/strategic implementation of the Substance Misuse Strategy and Action Plan.
- Have oversight of the Drug-Related Death (DRD) Group and delivery of the subsequent Misuse Strategy and Action Plan (as per lessons learnt/recommendations outlined within the DRD Annual Report).
- Receive updates from partners about what they are doing and/or planning to tackle substance misuse within Gateshead.
- Review and critically analyse performance data in relation to treatment services (for both the adult and young people's service).
- Develop activity to proactively change drinking culture – particularly with

regards to supermarkets.

- Have oversight of the HALO (Health as a Licensing Objective) Project that is currently being piloted within Gateshead.
- Receive information relating to alcohol and drug-related crime figures and alcohol-related/attributional hospital admissions data.
- Be responsive to media and communication issues – including developing a range of engagement strategies/plans throughout the year.
- Have oversight of the Cardiff Model data, working closely with Accident and Emergency and other health institutions.
- Receive updates from Balance, the regional Alcohol Office, in respect of campaigns, lobbying, Alcohol champions and Crime and Disorder Groups

To date in 2016, there have been five potential DRD's which the DRD Panel are looking into. These deaths will not be classed as actual DRDs until post mortems are received from the Coroner's office.

To date in 2016, there have been three suicides which the DRD Panel are exploring in greater detail to identify and lessons learnt.

Training sessions for frontline professionals on Novel Psychoactive Substances (NPS) are ongoing during April and May 2016. The Government have announced the Psychoactive Substances Act, which was due to come into effect on 6 April 2016, has been postponed, further information will be provided to partners in due course.

Staff from Community Safety met with the Lead Consultant at the QE Hospital to discuss Cardiff Model data following a significant dip in the number (and quality) of assault questionnaires being completed by Accident and Emergency staff.

A number of actions have been taken forward following the meeting which should see an improvement in the data collected:

- Revised, shortened questionnaire
- Appointment of a Cardiff Data Champion in A&E
- Regular training sessions with staff
- Posters and flyers for A&E highlighting the scheme and to promote the usefulness of the data

Since the roll out of take home naloxone kits in Gateshead there has been one incident where the kit has been used – and a potential drug-related death subsequently prevented.

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)
- Independent Domestic Violence Adviser Service
- Ofsted Inspection
- National Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy
- OPCC Training Standard

RESOLVED -

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

9. TASK AND FINISH GROUPS UPDATE – YOUTH RELATED ASB AND MOTORCYCLE ASB

The Board were provided with an update in relation to the time-limited Task and Finish groups which were set up in March 2016 to look at Youth related ASB and Motorcycle ASB.

The Motorcycle ASB Task and Finish Group is chaired by Inspector Darren Sweeny, with representations from Community Safety, Communications, Transport Strategy and The Gateshead Housing Company.

To date, the following actions have taken place:

- Hotspot maps using analytical data and complaints received have allowed partners to direct resources to the most affected areas;
- Visits to hotspots have taken place;
- An action plan for each site has been drawn up which considers measures that could deter offenders and reassure the public – such as signage, access controls/traffic calming measures;
- Leaflets have been delivered to households in and around the affected areas. The leaflets encourage residents to report any issues relating to motorcycle ASB to Police, including details of offenders;
- Land in the west and inner west areas where problems have been reported has been identified as private land and the owners contacted for action in conjunction with Police and Transport Strategy;
- The Gateshead Housing Company will be targeting tenants in areas identified as hotspots to encourage the reporting of suspected individuals involved in this type of ASB and also warning anyone involved of the possible consequences for their tenancies;

- Members of the public have sent photographs to the Community Safety Team of individuals caught riding motorbikes illegally. These images were circulated by NPT internally leading to identification and enforcement action which is currently ongoing;
- Transport Strategy and Neighbourhood Policing (NPT) are looking at joint action to be undertaken at weekends to apprehend further perpetrators;
- The Community Safety Team will alert NPT of problem locations on a daily basis – NPT will then visit the areas in their problem response van;
- A press release has been issued which details how the Community Safety Partnership are tackling the issue and reassuring the public of action being taken to maintain public safety;
- NPT currently have action underway in relation to a number of identified individuals suspected of being involved in Motorcycle ASB, and
- Repeat offenders of Motorcycle ASB will be referred to the ASB Panel for potential formal action.

Next steps include, identifying approximately £2k of funding to enable partners to erect further signage in hotspot areas. The Communications team will look at promoting the effective partnership work undertaken and resulting enforcement action. Work will continue to take place throughout the lighter nights/summer period – when motorcycle complaints peak. An evaluation of this project will be undertaken in six months' time.

The Youth-related ASB Task and Finish Group is chaired by Inspector Mick Robson, with representation from Community Safety, Youth Services, Youth Offending, Education Gateshead, Private Sector Housing, Volunteers, The Gateshead Housing Company, Youth Assembly and Platform Gateshead.

Currently, there is very limited youth provision available (detached and facilities) to engage young people who are hanging around on the street. Upon reviewing complaints received by partners in relation to youth-related ASB, there are several areas across Gateshead where large groups (in one location in excess of 40) are congregating and often causing ASB. The Group is looking at developing an approach on how partners respond to youth-related ASB across Gateshead.

As a short-term way forward, when complaints of youth-related ASB are received by all partners and Council services, they will alert the NPT Inspector who will then task Police to visit the area and assess the problem within 24 hours of it being referred.

If there is deemed to be an ASB-related problem in the area, the issue will be referred to the most relevant multi-agency meeting for further action (e.g. Neighbourhood Tasking).

If there is not an ASB problem in the area, NPT will provide feedback to the original agency or complainant and work with them to devise a way forward.

It is hoped that this approach should mean a more reactive and rapid response to complaints and a proper real time assessment of a situation. It should also provide the original agency or complainant with timelier updates and reassurance that activity is taking place in direct response to the complaint.

The Board were advised that the lack of youth provision and facilities in Gateshead may result in an increase in complaints to services and Councillors and a possible increase in people feeling unsafe due to young people congregating. Through identifying hotspot locations for youth-related ASB through the agreed actions it is hoped that the police can be more proactive in tasking resources into key areas. In addition, a 'process map' is currently being developed, which includes what is currently available for young people and will be shared with Board members for information.

- RESOLVED -
- i) that the information be noted
 - ii) that consideration be given to see if the funding for signage could be met through the Community Safety Board's budget
 - iii) that further updates from both Task and Finish Groups be provided to future meetings

10. TASK AND FINISH GROUP – DOMESTIC HOMICIDE REVIEW

The Board received an update in relation to the time-limited Task and Finish Groups that were established in relation to Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHRs).

Update – Adult B

In January 2015, the Board agreed to undertake a Domestic Homicide Review in relation to Adult B, which ended in February 2016. The Board received details of the Overview Report and Action Plan pertaining to this DHR at the last Board meeting on 2 March 2016 and, pending some minor adjustments raised by colleagues from the National Probation Service, it was agreed to submit these documents to Home Office DHR Quality Assurance Panel for approval. These were submitted and a final decision outcome is expected on Wednesday 22 June 2016.

Update – Adult C

In September 2015, the Board agreed to undertake a Domestic Homicide Review in relation to Adult C. The DHR Panel met for the first time in early December 2015 to set the Terms of Reference and Scope of the Review. Information was also sourced from partners and Council services in respect of any interaction with victim and/or perpetrator, within a two-year period prior to the death – which revealed the victim and perpetrator were not known to a significant number of services. Final

chronologies have been requested by the Chair and a further meeting has been arranged to take place in May 2016.

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

11. COMMUNITY SAFETY BOARD PARTNERSHIP PLAN 2016/2017

The Board received a report seeking the endorsement of the Partnership Plan 2016/17 which provides details of the strategic themes and priorities that have been identified for the Community Safety Board to deliver against throughout the next 12 months.

The Community Safety Board has a statutory duty under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 to produce an annual intelligence-led Strategic Assessment and Partnership Plan. The Strategic Assessment is a detailed analysis of key crime, disorder and anti-social behavior issues within Gateshead in order to assist in setting future community safety priorities for the Board. The Partnership Plan brings together these findings and sets out the strategic priorities that the Board will focus upon in the forthcoming year.

The current strategic priorities for 2015/16 are:

- Tackling Crime and ASB
- Addressing Re-offending
- Protecting Vulnerable Groups
- Addressing the Drivers of Crime and Disorder

The Strategic Themes and Priorities identified for 2016/17 are:-

- Prevent Crime, Re-offending and ASB
- Protect and Support Vulnerable Victims and Persons
- Addressing Key and Emerging Threats and a number of cross cutting issues that were found to impact on all of the above themes and portfolios and include:
 - FamiliesGateshead Programme
 - Early Intervention and Prevention
 - Improving Community Confidence in Services
 - Tackling Complex and Multiple Needs
 - Substance Misuse (Drugs and Alcohol)
 - Dual Diagnosis and Mental Health

The actions associated with the Partnership Plan will be formally scrutinised through the Community Safety Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee that was established in 2014/15 to ensure the Board is delivering its necessary functions linked with crime and disorder.

- RESOLVED -
- i) that the information be noted
 - ii) that the Partnership Plan for 2016/17 be endorsed
 - iii) that regular updates on activity undertaken and progress made towards achieving the strategic themes and priorities be reported to future meetings of the Board

12. HATE CRIME UPDATE (INCLUDING PLAN 2016/17)

The Board received the refreshed Gateshead Hate Crime Plan 2016/17 along with an update in relation to the work carried out by the local Hate Crime and Tension Monitoring Group within Gateshead.

The Hate Crime Plan identifies three strategic themes for delivery in 2016/17. These include:

- Reporting Hate Crime
- Case Management, and
- Prevention through Education

A multi-agency Action Plan has also been developed on behalf of the Board to help deliver the themes outlined within the Hate Crime Plan. The Action Plan is to be monitored and reviewed on an annual basis and will be reported to the Board as part of the ASB, Crime and Confidence Sub-Group Update.

The Terms of Reference for the Hate Crime and Tensions Monitoring Group has been refreshed. Partner agencies and internal Council services attending the group have since recognised that due to the good partnership working that exists couple with the improved changes to case management through ARCH that the process is no longer fit for purpose. As a result, the Group has changed its focus and, in recent months, has moved away from discussing all cases and focuses on identifying possible tensions and cohesion issues (linked with hate crime and wider incidents). The Group will still have oversight of all hate crime issues within the Borough and will be responsible for the delivery.

Acting Sergeant David Burton from the Central Community Engagement in Northumbria Police has been appointed as the Chair of the Hate Crime and Tensions Monitoring Group and the membership of the Group has been refreshed to ensure that the most appropriate representation from partners, services and voluntary sector organisations are present.

Show Racism the Red Card and GemArts have committed deliver work within the Borough in 2016/17. This includes roll out of training sessions to frontline professionals as well as delivering a school and community based arts project that will promote and explore cultural diversity within Gateshead.

Safe Newcastle, the administrator of the ARCH Hate Crime Recording System across Northumbria, has agreed no financial contribution will be required from Gateshead Community Safety Board for its use for 2016/17. Discussions will take place with representatives from Safe Newcastle through the next 12 months to ascertain if a future payment is required beyond 2016/17 (and a future options report will be submitted to the Board, as necessary)

RESOLVED - i) that the information be noted
 ii) that the draft Hate Crime Plan 2016/17 be approved
 iii) that future updates on Hate Crime be submitted in due course

13. OPERATION ENCOMPASS/MASH EVALUATION

The Board received a presentation and progress update on Operation Encompass and the evaluation of the MASH.

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

14. DRUG RELATED DEATH ANNUAL REPORT 2015

The Board received the Drug-related Death (DRD) Annual Report for 2015.

The report provides:

- An overview of drug-related deaths nationally;
- The Gateshead drug-related deaths process;
- Gateshead drug-related deaths in numbers;
- Key themes arising from the deaths; and
- Key actions and recommendations for 2016/17

RESOLVED - i) that the information be noted
 ii) that further updates on the actions outlined within the Annual Report be reported to future meetings of the Board

15. MULTI AGENCY PUBLIC PROTECTION ARRANGEMENTS (MAPPA)

The Board received the latest MAPPA Annual Report and local statistics regarding referrals to MAPPA. An update regarding Strategic MAPPA Board representation, MAPPA training and any current issues with attendance or participation in local Level 2 and Level 3 MAPPA meetings were also highlighted to the Board.

Whilst any agency can refer cases into MAPPA, across Northumbria, referrals are made in the main by Police, National Probation Service, NTW NHS and YOT. The South of Tyne breakdown of referrals and screening panel decision were also provided to Committee.

The current list of single points of contact identified by each agency were presented to the Board. Senior Managers from individual agencies are asked to review their organisation representation to ensure that staff with the correct level of authority are invited to attend. Updates on representatives and their contact details should be sent to: NENPS.northandsouthoftyne.MAPPA@probation.gsi.gov.uk

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

16. INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS

The Board received the following items for information:-

- CSB Work Plan 2016/17
- CSB Action Log 2016/17
- OSC Minutes – 22 March 2016
- Final Community Safety Sub OSC Report on Prevent Duty
- Letter from Police and Crime Commissioner

17. CONSULTATION ITEMS

There were no consultation items to report.

18. PROGRAMME OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The Board were advised that the programme of future meetings had been agreed with the Chair.

Date	Time	Room
Friday 1 July 2016	10.00 am – 12 noon	Whickham Room
Friday 16 September 2016	10.00 am – 12 noon	Whickham Room
Friday 11 November 2016	10.00 am – 12 noon	Blaydon Room
Friday 27 January 2017	10.00 am – 12 noon	Whickham Room

19. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Friday 1 July 2016 at 10.00 am in the Whickham Room, Civic Centre