

**COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP EXECUTIVE GROUP MINUTES - 14 OCTOBER
2015**

Present:

Councillor Terry (Chair)	Lead Councillor for Neighbourhoods, Reading Borough Council (RBC)
Councillor Gavin Anthony Brain	Lead Councillor for Children's Services and Families, RBC
James Hahn	Community Safety Manager, RBC
Jemma Graham	Chief Inspector, Thames Valley Police (TVP)
Jo Middlemass	Policy Development Officer, Police & Crime Commissioner's Office
Keith Stacey	Anti Social Behaviour Team Manager, RBC
Nigel Denning	Inspector, TVP
Sarah Gee	Youth Offending Service Manager, RBC
Simon McGurk	Head of Housing & Neighbourhoods, RBC
Simon Hill	Service Manager, Adult Social Care, RBC
	Committee Services, RBC

Apologies:

Councillor Page	Deputy Leader and Police & Crime Panel representative, RBC
Gabriel Amahwe	Head of Operations, Thames Valley Community Rehabilitation Company
Liz Harrison	Berkshire Magistrates' Bench
Melanie O'Rourke	Head of Adult Social Care, RBC
Natausha van Vliet	Head of Communities Development, Alana House
Nicola Webb	Asst Chief Officer, National Probation Office
Raj Bharkhada	Interim Head of Children's Social Care, RBC
Shona Morrison	Policy Manager, Police & Crime Commissioner's Office
Stan Gimour	Reading LPA Commander, TVP
Steven Beard / Pete Farmer	Royal Berkshire Fire & Rescue Service
Tina Heaford	Youth Engagement Service, RBC

1. MINUTES AND MATTER ARISING

The Minutes of the meeting held on 8 July 2015 were agreed as a correct record.

Further to Minute 2(2) of the previous meeting, it was reported that a gap analysis for services engaging with on-street sex workers would be carried out at the next strategic SWAG meeting.

Further to Minute 2(3) Anthony Brain would pick up the issue of VCS partners who could be involved in the hate crime challenge process.

Further to Minute 2(6) it was reported that the Drug and Alcohol group targets had now been signed off.

Further to Minute 5 it was reported that the violent crime problem solving group would be meeting in the next few days and could report back to a future meeting.

2. DELIVERY GROUP PERFORMANCE REPORTS

A performance report was circulated with the meeting agenda showing the targets for the Delivery Groups' priorities and, where available, performance information for

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2015/16 quarters 1 and 2. Members of the Delivery Group's gave updates at the meeting as follows:

Community-Based Crime

James Hahn gave an update on the Group's priorities of reducing on-street sex workers, begging and street drinking, and hate crime.

Town Centre

Keith Stacey reported that shoplifting offences continued to fall but that Violence against the person had risen, with no obvious pattern to the increase. As discussed at the previous meeting on 8 July 2015 (Minute 5 refers) a Violent Crime Problem-Solving Group had been set up, and the Chair requested that it report to the next meeting.

Domestic Abuse

It was noted that there had been a slight drop in MARAC referrals. The Chair noted that the Safelives recommended levels continued to be questioned, and that it would be helpful to clearly state that it was not expected to be able to reach the recommended level.

Drug and Alcohol

The Group's performance measures had now been agreed and signed off. One target was to reduce the number of drug-related deaths, and it was reported that a Sub-Group was meeting to examine this and that Council officers were attending the Coroner's Court in order to extract more detail on drug-related deaths.

Integrated Offender Management (IOM)

Anthony Brain noted that the 'Improved victim satisfaction and reduce re-offending on the IOM cohort participating in RJ intervention or other structured programmes' indicator was rated red, and said that he would ask the Delivery Group Chair to circulate comments.

AGREED:

- (1) That the performance reports be noted;
- (2) That the community-based crime group carry out a gap analysis for services engaging with on-street sex workers;
- (3) That Lorraine Briffit discuss VCS partners who could be involved in the hate crime challenge process;
- (4) That Wendy Fabbro look at possible opportunities to provide training for disabled people on recognising hate crime;
- (5) That the updated Domestic Abuse Strategy be approved and circulated to members of the Children's Trust and ACE Committee;

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- (6) That the Drug and Alcohol group targets be circulated to the CSP once agreed.

3. MENTAL HEALTH STREET TRIAGE PROJECT

James Hahn presented a briefing note on a pilot project by Thames Valley Police (TVP) in partnership with Berkshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust (BHFT) to provide a Street Triage service in Berkshire West (Wokingham, West Berkshire and Reading LA areas) providing dedicated mental health practitioners working alongside Police officers. The service would target incidents reported to Police where individuals appeared to be in immediate need of support for their mental ill health or following a mental health welfare/incident call to the police.

The note explained that the project had been running for 10 weeks (as of 1 October 2015) and over that period the Mental Health nurse had dealt with 70 incidents. The overwhelming feedback from both the NHS and TVP was that the project was proving effective and popular with workers and patients alike, and that there had been a reduction in the number of detentions under s136 of the Mental Health Act. To date there was no data to assess the impact of the project, but analytical work would be conducted at the end of October to review the first three months of the project. Nigel Denning asked that a breakdown of under/over 18s be included in the analysis if possible.

AGREED: That the report be noted.

4. STRATEGIC ASSESSMENT - EMERGING PRIORITIES

Anthony Brain submitted a report giving an update on the development of a Strategic Assessment, which would help identify priorities for a new three-year Community Safety Plan from 2016.

The report summarised the CSP's performance against the current priorities in the 2013-16 Community Safety Plan and the changes in focus during the period of the current plan. It also set out a new approach being used to identify new priorities, which would assess threat, harm and risk rather than simply the number of crimes recorded for different categories. Early findings from the developing Assessment were summarised, with some potential priority crime types that reflected these findings. Anthony noted that it was likely that burglary would no longer be included as a CSP priority, although it remained a police priority for Reading and the Thames Valley as a whole.

It was proposed that a draft of the Assessment be circulated in December 2015 for comment and then submitted for approval to the next meeting of the CSP. A workshop would be held with partners in January / February 2016 to agree the delivery groups for the new priorities.

Anthony also tabled the Reading Local Police Area (LPA) Control Strategy which set out local policing priorities and a new local command structure, and would help inform the Strategic Assessment.

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- (1) That the early findings and priorities be noted;
- (2) That the draft Strategic Assessment be submitted to the next meeting of the CSP for approval;
- (3) That the Reading LPA Control Strategy be noted.

5. READING YOUTH JUSTICE QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE REPORT

Nigel Denning submitted the Reading Youth Justice Quarterly Performance Report for 2015/16 Q1 (April to June).

Nigel explained that there had been good performance on reoffending over the previous few years but that there had been an increase in the latest figures to a reoffending rate of 42.6%, above the national average of 37.1%. He outlined possible reasons for this, which included the significant reduction in the overall number of young offenders, which had left a smaller and more challenging cohort. There were indications in the current 'live tracker' information that the reoffending rate in the next set of performance figures would be back below the national average, but if it continued to rise then the CSP would have to give the issue attention.

Nigel also noted that the number of first time entrants into the justice system continued to decrease, and that although there were a small number of custodial sentences anticipated later in the year, these were not connected to wider issues such as gang violence.

AGREED: That the report be noted.

6. POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONERS OFFICE UPDATE

Jemma Graham reported that it was Hate Crime Awareness week and that the PCC's office would be promoting the new reporting service, highlighting a different aspect of hate crime each day. She also reported that the new victims website was under construction and should be available by the end of the year.

AGREED: That the position be noted.

7. PREVENT

Clare Muir submitted a report giving an update on the implementation of the Prevent duty in Reading.

The report noted that the Uniting Reading (Prevent) Management Group continued to meet quarterly to consider wider Prevent issues. Since March 2015 the membership of the Management Group had been reviewed to widen representation to all the sectors in Reading covered by the Prevent Duty. The Management Group would consider its action plan at its next meeting in November 2015 and identify priorities. A government support package would be drawn from as appropriate.

AGREED: That the report be noted.

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8. OTHER BUSINESS

J Hahn reported that historical Domestic Abuse incidents were now being recorded and would be analysed.

A Brain reported that statistical information on current crime and disorder trends was needed for the Strategic Assessment.

The Chair reported on funding from the PCC's Office to Berkshire Women's Aid for two workers on complex needs would who link up with a mental health triage worker.

AGREED: That the position be noted.

9. DATES OF FUTURE MEETING

The remaining meetings for 2015/16 would take place on 13 January and 13 April 2016. It was noted that meetings for 2016/17 onwards should be moved back later to allow quarterly data to be reported in full.

AGREED: That meeting dates for 2016/17 be circulated in due course.

(The meeting commenced at 9.30 am and closed at 10.45 am)